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Senior candidates for Homecoming Queen at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School were from left to right; Madi Stenzel, Lydia Lindenfelser, Katie Knutson and Alyssa Damm.



Senior candidates for Homecoming King at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School were from left to right; Sawyer Engberg, John West, Luke Burgess and Hunter Churness.



Homecoming Coronationa was held on Monday, September 28, at the Clerabrook-Gonvick School. Selected for King and Queen were Hunter Churness and Lydia Lindenfelser. The royal court are standing from left to right: Junior attendants, Spencer Reed and Carlie Bergerson; Sophomore attendants Brent Weems and Tamara Skinaway and Freshmand attendants Alexis Ballard and Ethan Dorman.



King and Queen were Hunter Churness and Lydia Lindenfelser for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Homecoming.



2014 Clearbrook-Gonvick High School King and Queen were at Homecoming activities to crown the new couple.

Renae Bakke is back at Clearbrook-Gonvick

Editors Note: Questions were given to all the new staff members at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School so that residents can be introduced to them. Following is Renae Bakke's response.

My husband, David, and I are lifelong residents of the Gonvick and Berner areas. We have two sons, a daughter, daughters-in-law and five adorable granddaughters. I have many wonderful memories of being a "Berner-ite" and living in a old two story home with a balcony, located between the United Lutheran Church, Berner Store and Winsor Town Hall.

I attended and graduated from the Gonvick-Trail School. I was a day care provider and then a paraprofessional when my sons were young. It was during this time that my Mom, Eunice Petterson, who also worked in the school, began encouraging me to become a teacher. One way she went about this was to enlist some of her friends, who were teachers here, to encourage me as well. I went to college and graduated from Bemidji State University in 2000. I was very fortunate to have two long term substitute teaching assignments in our

school district my first year out of college. I was then offered the Early Childhood Special Education teaching position in the Fall of 2001 and remained in that role for thirteen years. During the 2014-2015 school year I was the Kindergarten - Third Grade Special Education teacher at the Mahnomen Elementary School. All of these opportunities have been a great blessing to me and I have enjoyed meeting so many wonderful students, families and colleagues.

I love living in the country and still being close to the wonderful small towns of this area. I like to be outdoors and enjoy walking on trails with our dogs and the cats that decide to run along with us. I like to plant a garden each year but never take time to weed it. It amazes me how plants still grow! I think discovering each unique gourd, miniature pumpkin and ornamental corn cob is like unwrapping a present!

This is my first year as the Clearbrook-Gonvick DCD Special Education teacher for some Kindergarten to 12th grade students. I appreciate the

Bakke...
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Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning offers Day Trip

One of the programs offered by Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning is a day trip that will take participants to The Concordia Language Villages north of Bemidji On Thursday October 29.

A passport will be issued and the bus (Bemidji Bus Lines) will leave from Bagley at 9:30 am and will return around 3pm.

Tour will include stops at the Norwegian, French, German, Swedish, Korean, Russian (and more!) villages at the Concordia Language Camps north of Bemidji. The bus has air conditioning, bathroom and

reclining seats.

The cost is \$30, which includes the bus ride a passport to al of villages on the trip, and a specially prepared lunch. This is your chance to travel the world on a tankful of gas!

If interested call Tamara 218-694-2856 (evenings) for more details. Reservations are required and \$30 must be paid by Wednesday, October 21st. Make checks payable to NELL and send to NELL TRIP P.O. Box 585, Bagley, MN 55621 or pay at a NELL program. Please include a phone number or email so details can be sent to you prior to the trip.



The moon passed through Earth's shadow on Sunday, Sept. 27, in a dazzling total lunar eclipse during a perigee full moon, better known as a blood moon on Sept. 27, 2015. Supermoons occur when the moon reaches its full phase near the satellite's closest approach to Earth, and appears abnormally large and bright as a result. The last supermoon eclipse occurred in 1982, and the next won't take place until 2033. This series of pictures was taken by Dick Richards in downtown Gonvick.

BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Thurs. Oct. 8 - Tater Tot Hotdish or Wild Rice Hotdish, WG Bread, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Fri. Oct. 9 - Ham Patty on a bun, Potato Smiles, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Mon. Oct. 12 - Asian Chicken, WG Rice, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Tues. Oct. 13 - Build a burger, Baked Beans, Tri Tater, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Wed. Oct. 14 - Dunkers with Sauce, Corn, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday- Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

Tuesday- Biscuit w/Gravy, Tri Tater, Fruit, Juice and Milk

Wednesday- Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

Thursday- Pancakes, French toast or Waffles, Sausage, Fruit, Juice and Milk

Friday- Breakfast Roll, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

Cereal w/ Muffin Choice available daily as a 2nd choice option.

School News

Clearbrook-Gonvick Weekly Announcements Week of October 5, 2015!!

Check out our new web site! Same address: www.clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Book Fair: October 5, 6, 7 in the Library. See complete info below

Youth Firearms Safety Class at Bagley HS on October

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

3rd at 9:00am running until approximately 1:00 pm. It will be for students that have completed the online course. <http://www.huntercourse.com/usa/minnesota/>

The course will take approximately 8-10 hours and upon completion there will be a fee charged (\$24.95) by the online vendor and then he will print a voucher to bring to the class on October 3rd. Please register for the class with CO Tim Gray at, tim.gray@state.mn.us Do not bring firearms to the class, we will provide them.

Classroom Drivers Education: Begins October 21. See web site for more information. Located under Community Education or Parents.

Youth Connection will begin on October 6. Students need a signed permission slip to ride the bus from the school to Youth Connection. 6th grade students will get a copy from their teacher and 7th-9th can pick up a copy from Debbie in the office. See other details below.

Saturday Night Challenge begins October 24. Details below.

COUNSELORS CORNER:

Our Counselor is Kim Cousins. Her hours will be 7:45-3:45 Tuesday & Thursday & 8:00-12:00 on Wednesdays.

Seniors: Scholarship opportunities will be listed in the weekly bulletin and on the new school web page. The list will also be on the Clearbrook-Gonvick Scholarship Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ClearbrookGonvickscholarships>

Paper applications will be available just outside the Counselor's office. If you have questions, see the CGHS counselor. Newly added scholarships are in large print. Older ones will remain in small print and then will remain on Face-

book only.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

HOME EVENTS ARE BOLD:

Fri, Oct 2: V FB vs WAO @ CG @ 7:00. Homecoming Game

Mon, Oct 5: JV & JH FB @ WAO (Warren) at 3:30. Bus leaves at 1:30.

Tue, Oct 6: V,JV,C,JH VB vs RLCC @ 5:00

Thur, Oct 8: V FB @ Stephen-Argyle at 7:00. Bus leaves at 3:15

Fri, Oct 9: V,JV VB @ Laporte at 6:00. Bus leaves at

Mon, Oct 12: V,JV,C VB vs Pine River-Backus at 4:30.

Tue, Oct 20: V,JV,C VB vs Nevis at 5:00.

ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parents: Please check your lunch accounts regularly so you can keep up to date. You can find the links to check your account and to pay on the school web site (see address above) under District-Food Services.

iIMPACT meets every Tues-

day at 8:00 am in Mrs. Kjolhaug's room. All 7th-12th welcome!

Youth Connection: Tuesday's, 3:00-5:00 for 6th-9th graders at CWLC in Clearbrook

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

Please turn in all BoxTops, Campbells Labels for Education UPC's, Loaves for Learning UPC's, ink cartridges, cell phones for recycling.

Join us on Facebook! Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Education is on Facebook!

Monster Book Fair

Monday, Oct. 5 9am-3pm; Tuesday, Oct. 6 8:30am-6pm; Wednesday, Oct. 7 8:30am-3pm.

Youth Connection year begins!

Tuesday, Oct. 6 3pm-5pm for 6th-9th grade. Games, food, art projects. Rock Wall/Elementary Course open 4pm-5pm. NO cost to participate. Clear Waters Life Center in Clearbrook.

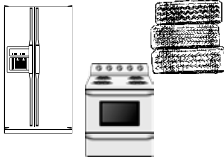
Saturday Night Challenge

Saturday, Oct. 24 7pm-9pm, 7th grade through adults. Clear Waters Life Center, Clearbrook.

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SPOTLIGHT

On
Support Staff
Lowell Bjerke, Head Custodian



Lowell Bjerke has worked at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School district for 22 years. He is married to Margaret and they have six children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren between the two of them. Lowell was born and raised in the area.

Why did you decide to work at the school? I was looking for a full time job in the Clearbrook area.

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? After graduation, I went to Detroit Lakes Technical College for welding. I worked at Clearbrook Lumber for 13 years, then Lakehead Pipeline before coming to the Clearbrook-Gonvick School District.

What is your favorite part of your job? Working with the staff and children

What is the biggest challenge of your job? The hardest part of my job is keeping everything running smoothly.

What do you do when you are working? I spend time with my family, ride motorcycle, and work on my classic cars.

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? This community is a nice place to

work and live.

Any other favorites you would like to share? I enjoy visiting with friends and relatives and being a grandparent!

And now a little about Lowell Bjerke from the staff and students.

Why do you think Lowell decided to work at school? "He knows so much about everything and he can use his vast knowledge." "Loves to be around people/kids." "He likes kids." "His wife doesn't give him enough "fixing" to do at home to keep him busy. :)" "He likes to be around people" "To earn some money" "I think Lowell decided to work here because our school is cleaner than Bagley's" "Because he likes to work with the school." "Because he like to be around kids."

What do you think Lowell does when he is not working here at school? "Works on his cars" "Works on cars and other projects." "He spends his time working on his house & repairing cars (usually mine!)." "He also enjoys car shows." "Working on cars." "Works on cars." "He works on cars" "Hunting" "Watching TV or hanging out with Nieces and Nephews" "He is working on cars." "He works on cars a lot doing paint jobs and working under the hood."

What do you think Lowell was like in High School? "He was a normal student."

"I think he was kind and sweet...but REALLY adventurous when it came to cars & driving." "Motor Head" "Hands-on...Good Friend/Helpful" "Very quiet" "Wore a leather jacket, had a motorcycle...the quiet rebel." "He was probably a sweetheart!" "I think he had a mullet." "He probably had a mullet, wore a football jersey and dated the hottest girl." "I think he was good in the shop classes."

What is one great thing about Lowell? "He works hard." "Always willing to get something done for you when you ask." "He always finds time to do anything he's asked to do & he always does it with a smile." "Approachable. You can talk to him about anything." "He is always incredibly helpful and friendly." "He is quick to help when asked." "He smiles ALL the time!" "Lowell is always friendly." "He is always here to let me into school if I forget some homework." "He cleans like a pro"

If Lowell did not work here at school, what job do you think he would have? Why? "Fixing cars because he loves them." "Working on cars or anything that would allow him to help people, because he really seems to enjoy helping others." "Own an automotive/autobody shop." "He would work with the pit crew in NASCAR" "Service Manager. Talented mechanically... yet good with people." "He would be a forklift or crane operator because he kind of looks like someone who would do this kind of work." "I think he would be a nice child's therapist, because he is nice and really knows how to talk to people." "He would be a autobody tech because he likes them." "I think he would restore cars for a living."

If you could send Lowell on a vacation to anywhere in the world, where would you send him? WHY? "Indy 500" "Detroit, MI. Automobile capital of the world. He'll think he's in heaven!" "Daytona" "Alaska" "I would send him to Norway. Maybe he would like it." "I would send him to LA so he could shop for the best cleaning supplies." "I would send him to Cuba because of all the old cars." "To Alaska because he likes the outdoors."

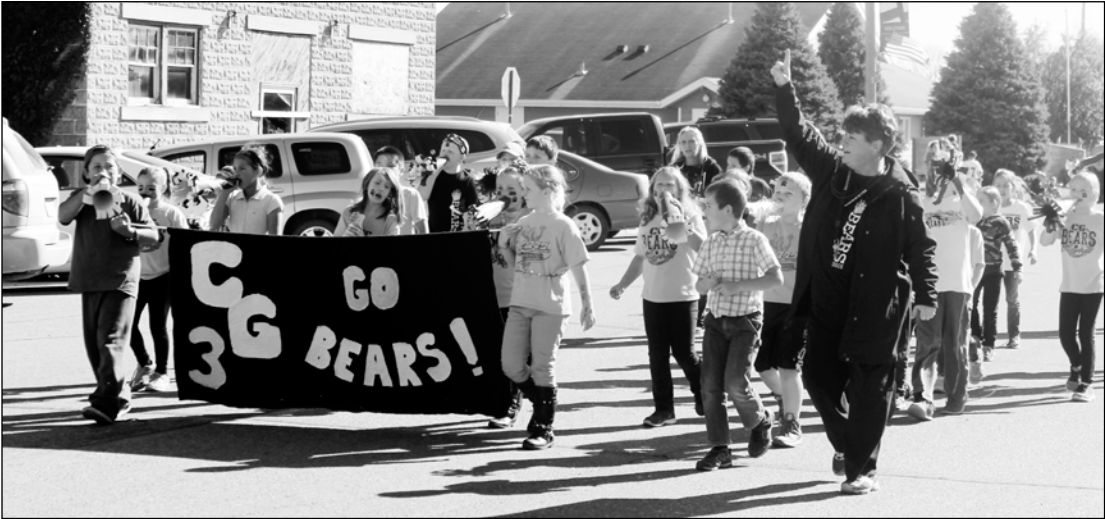
What is one thing Lowell ALWAYS says? "YES" "you betcha" "Have a good day!" "Good morning!" "You Bet" "No problem" "Hi." "I've got it covered" "How's it going?"

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Homecoming Parade 2015



Heli Harni was an exchange student at Gonvick-Trail High School and stayed with our family. She is now a Curator at the Helsinki Art Museum HAM. The latest exhibition that she has been working on is of Ai Weiwei. He is a Chinese contemporary artist, active in sculpture, installation, architecture, curating, photography, film, and cultural. He was one of the consultants on the Beijing National Stadium for the 2008 Olympics in China. He is a political activist and is critical of the Chinese Governments stance on democracy and human rights. He was jailed for 81 days following his arrest at the Beijing Capital International Airport without any charges being filed. He is shown with Heli's mother Lena on the left, Heli, Ai seated with one other unidentified person.



Jay and Kim Solberg with Jay's 454 pound pumpkin. It suffered hail damage during the August storm but it kept growing until the Gonvick Pumpkin Day activities. Misty Larson was the winner of the size of the pumpkin before it was weighed.

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Samhold - United Youth Group would like to thank the Gonvick Lions Club for their donation to our Youth Shoot. Pictured above: Back row: (l-r) Pastor Kris Snyder, Bailey Klema, Kaylee Faldet, Emma Dorman, Kayla Ehlers, Ethan Buer. Front Row (l-r) Tamara Skinaway, Cassie Faldet, Katryna Eck, Caden Eck, Ethan Dorman, Wyatt Anderson, and Wyatt Buer. At right: Ben Buer, Youth Group Committee Member, and Chris Eck, Gonvick Lions Club member.



Ashley Eckman, a Junior at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School, is riding in a Polaris Ranger driven by Renae Bakke, Special Ed Teacher at the school.



2nd grade Bear Cubs marching in the parade for Homecoming.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Tips on Winter Feeding

Hay loss and feed waste are inevitable components of most livestock production systems.

Waste, however, is a fuzzy term when considering the movement of nutrients on a farm. Many livestock owners may not consider hay wasted during feeding as true waste, but rather, a simple transfer of nutrients to another area. When a producer routinely feeds rolled-out bales, an economist may consider some of the hay as "wasted", while a soil scientist may see it as simple movement of nutrients from one place to another. So waste is a relative term.

Hay waste studies at NDSU, the University of Minnesota and Michigan State University discovered that cows fed processed (then windrowed) bales consumed more hay and had a 16-pound weight gain advantage during a 60-day feeding period compared with cows fed rolled-out bales. In addition, the amount of wasted hay was slightly greater for rolled-out bales than processed bales. However, an economic analysis showed the cost of feeding was greater when using a bale processor compared with rolling out bales for feeding.

This is not to say bale processors or TMR mixers are not a wise investment. Their value is often very evident when it comes to feeding a variety of feeds with vastly different forage quality. For example, if you have CRP hay, beet pulp (or corn silage) and high-quality second cutting alfalfa, the mixer is the clear tool to blend and feed forages in an efficient manner. Feeding each separately, in an efficient manner, is nearly impossible.

Feeding bales in a hay ring resulted in less waste compared with rolling bales out on the ground, according to the

research. In addition, feeding processed hay in a bunk resulted in less waste than feeding processed hay on the ground.

In all cases, the hay intake was similar, about 26 pounds of hay on a dry-matter basis. The average waste for either of the ground feeding methods was about 18 percent, whereas the average waste from feeding in some type of structure was about 5 percent.

Tapered-cone hay rings also have shown promise when compared with other types of hay feeders. Based on the research, cows eating from a tapered-cone ring wasted fewer pounds of hay but had similar hay intake compared with those eating from traditional hay rings, hay trailers or hay cradles. Authors of one report recommend that bales fed through a tapered-cone ring wasted fewer pounds of hay but had similar hay intake compared with those eating from traditional hay rings, hay trailers or hay cradles. Authors of one report recommend that bales fed through a tapered-cone ring wasted fewer pounds of hay but had similar hay intake compared with those eating from traditional hay rings, hay trailers or hay cradles.

Net wrap should be removed before feeding forages because cattle may eat it. A study at NDSU conducted on several hay bale-binding materials found that the three types of net wrapping and the biodegradable twine had not disappeared 14 days after cattle ate hay with those wrappings. However, more than 70 percent of the sisal twine they evaluated did disappear during that 14-day period.

"Because none of the plastic products disappeared during our study interval, the potential exists for these products to build up in the rumen through time and possibly lead to associated complications," says NDSU Extension Service beef cattle specialist Carl Dahlen,

one of the researchers. "Whether complications occur as a result of net wrap consumed likely is based on the volume of the product consumed and the ability of the plastic particles to move through the digestive tract."

For example, a recent case submitted to the NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory was diagnosed as acute bloat associated with excessive net wrap ingestion.

In a case from South Dakota, a month-old calf was found with a large net wrap obstruction. The calf was seen chewing on it, then later regurgitating milk after nursing. The calf was taken to Iowa State University for an exam with a scope revealed the obstruction in the calf's esophagus was a section of net wrap and food particles.

Removing net wrap can be time-consuming, but the cost of removal is easily justified considering the potential cost of losing an animal by ingesting twine -- not to mention the hassle and additional labor in dealing with plastic twine during manure removal.

The various methods of feeding hay can be very simple or more complex and capital intensive. What works best on your operation will depend on herd size, variety of feeds and your individual needs.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or at stordahl@umn.edu. This information was provided by NDSU Extension Service.

STORY TO SHARE!

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

Now hear this...

by Harry Hutchens,
Clearwater
County Veterans
Service Officer

VA HEALTH CARE/ CLAIMS PROCESSING:

The VA Health Administration (VHA) is separate from the VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) which processes and delivers Service Connected Disability, VA Pension, Education, Home Loan Guaranty, etc. benefits. Clients of a County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) have the opportunity to maintain real time contact with the CVSO as every mail and phone call correspondence is received by the veteran from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). CVSO's have access to VA Health Care System (VA HCS) Eligibility and service providers, as well as VBA screens to view VBA claims history and real-time progress. The CVSO has constant contact and cooperation with the Veterans Service Organizations (American Legion, DAV, VFW, etc.) representatives, called Veteran Service Officers (VSO's), elected by the veteran to represent the veteran's VBA claim to the VA. CVSO's are also have the ability to contact the VA Regional Office (VBA) and VA Health Care (VA HCS) providers. CVSO's are accredited by VA's Office of the General Counsel, and are required to re-certify annually in specific education areas and proficiencies. The CVSO is your local direct link to prompt and substantive replies to all veteran benefits issues.

VETERANS HAND SALUTE: This is a continuing special request to local school principals, school events and school sports program coordinators. When your school's students and staff and the public are gathered together and the program includes the presentation of and tribute to The American Flag, please inform the audiences of the "Veterans Hand Salute" when the American Flag is presented by a color guard, and when the National Anthem played. Specifically, Veterans may render the military salute in the same manner as active duty service members in uniform during the raising, lowering or passing of The American Flag, and the playing of the National Anthem. For the Pledge of Allegiance, men not in uniform should remove any non-religious head-dress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.

I welcome your own personal comments. Constructive feedback on your own behalf (not anonymous) to our Commissioners is also a valuable gauge of how this office can better serve all veterans and their beneficiaries. Office(218)694-6618/ Cell(218)556-5340 Hutch.



Hudson Olson, took home this fire engine that was donated by Clearwater Coating at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day.



Bo Burgess of Gully, was the first winner of one of the bikes that was given away during Gonvick Pumpkin Day. The bike was donated by Clearwater Energy Group.



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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Gonvick American Legion will be having their monthly walleye on Saturday, October 10 at the legion cabin in Gonvick.

The Gonvick LINK Site, of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library, is open on Monday from 9 to 11, Wednesday from 3 to 5 and Thursday from 4 to 7.

Joke time...

Billy's father picked him up from school. Billy had tried out for the school play that day and

his dad was anxious to find out how it went.

Excitedly, Billy replied, "Dad, I got a part! I play a man who's been married for twenty years."

"That's great, son," said his dad. "Keep up the good work and before you know it they'll give you a speaking part."

Ole said last Sunday that if you plant a 2 x 4 in the ground it will grow...



Kjersti Snyder of Gonvick won this bike at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day. It was donated by the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee Committee.



Oliver Svendsen, won a bike during the Gonvick Pumpkin Day. With him is his mother Lori and brother Victor. The bike was donated by the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee.



Linda Quern was the recipient of the annual Schmunk award that is given to one who does a great deal to keep the Gonvick Pumpkin Day going. June Schmunk presented the award with Bob Edevold.

It's Your Money and We Want You to Have it

By Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman

With an estimated one in 20 Minnesotans having unclaimed property worth more than \$100, the Minnesota Commerce Department was busy at this year's Great Minnesota Get-Together helping fairgoers find their missing money.

We even had special assistance from our new Missing Money Man mascot. Although this caped crusader couldn't hand out cash on a stick, he did offer fairgoers the opportunity to discover potential lost treasures by searching for their names on a database of unclaimed property turned over to the state.

With our help, Minnesotans have found lost bank accounts, payroll checks never cashed, tax refunds never delivered, life insurance benefits never known and stock proceeds never received. In just the past two years, we returned nearly \$68 million.

While Missing Money Man may seem a bit light-hearted, he serves a serious purpose as a symbol of the Commerce Department's commitment to reuniting Minnesotans with their missing money.

This financial lost-and-found service goes to the heart of our agency's consumer protection mission. Each year the Commerce Department receives millions of dollars in unclaimed property from businesses that have lost contact with their owners. When turned over to the state, we are responsible for safeguarding these funds until claimed by the rightful owners or heirs.

During the past four years, we have pursued a comprehensive strategy to connect more Minnesotans with their missing money.

First, we have made it easier for Minnesotans to get their missing money by upgrading technology and overhauling procedures to create a more streamlined, consumer-friendly claims process.

The numbers are significant. We have reduced the claim time from as much as 90 days down to as little as 48 hours.

This last fiscal year, Commerce paid nearly 20,000 claims, more than triple the 6,377 claims four years ago.

Second, Commerce has worked more closely with businesses to work harder to return unclaimed money to Minnesotans and improve compliance with Minnesota laws about reporting and transferring unclaimed property in their possession.

For example, we found a troubling pattern in which many life insurance companies failed to pay up when their policyholders died, making virtually no effort to locate beneficiaries.

So far, the Commerce Department has reached settlements with six major life insurers, resulting in more than \$30 million in overdue benefits being paid directly to Minnesotans, with millions more turned over to the state as unclaimed property.

Third, despite a limited budget, we have enhanced public outreach to Minnesotans with creative approaches like the State Fair and a Good Morning America TV segment at the Mall of America.

We want more Minnesotans to know that it's easy for them to do their own search for unclaimed property at the MissingMoney.com website. It takes only seconds to type in a name and see what might be there for you or your family.

Building on the success we have already achieved, we know we can do more to get missing money in the hands of Minnesotans.

That's why we worked with Rep. Joe Atkins and Sen. Jim Metzen, supporting their proposal to boost publicity and expand outreach efforts to find Minnesotans who have unclaimed property. While this legislation didn't pass, it highlights a real need.

We will ask the legislature to reconsider this proposal and go even further by significantly increasing the resources available to Commerce so we can redouble our efforts to return unclaimed property to Minnesotans.

With modest additional resources, Commerce can carry out a statewide public education campaign to more effectively inform Minnesotans about their missing money, using both traditional and new media. Commerce can identify and reach out to more Minnesotans who have significant amounts of unclaimed property. And we can help businesses locate unclaimed property owners, avoiding the need to transfer these funds to the state in the first place.

The Commerce Department is here to help and make things easier for both consumers and businesses. As our Missing Money Man told fairgoers, "It's your money and we want you to have it!"

Mike Rothman is the Minnesota Commerce Commissioner.

From Our Files



Homecoming pictures from our files. On the left King and Queen Kevin Prosser and Lois Sundbom Rydeen. On the right Queen Karen Faldet Oftelie.



Anna Erickson took home the bike that was donated by the Brian Graftaas Family at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day.



Gary Elmer Erickson took home this bike from the Gonvick Pumpkin Day activities. The bike was donated by the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee Committee.



Rhianna VanDyke of Bemidji took home this bike from the Gonvick Pumpkin Day activities. The bike was donated by Clearwater Energy Group.



Taylor Bjerke won this bike donated by Northern Bait and Convenience at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day.



Brooke Martin won this bike at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day. It was donated by the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee Committee.



Trace VanDyke won this bike donated by Clearwater Energy Group at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day.



Courtney Severson with her daughter Ila Severson who was one of the bike winners at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day. The bike was donated by Gonvick Diamond Jubilee.



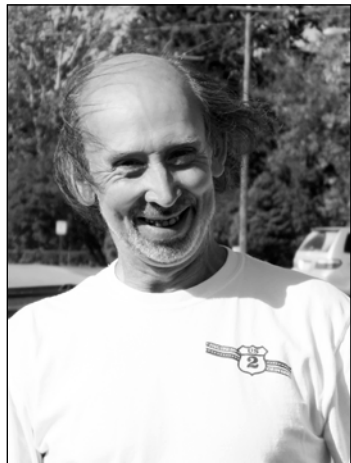
Ava Erickson was the winner of the bike donated by Clearwater Energy Group at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day.



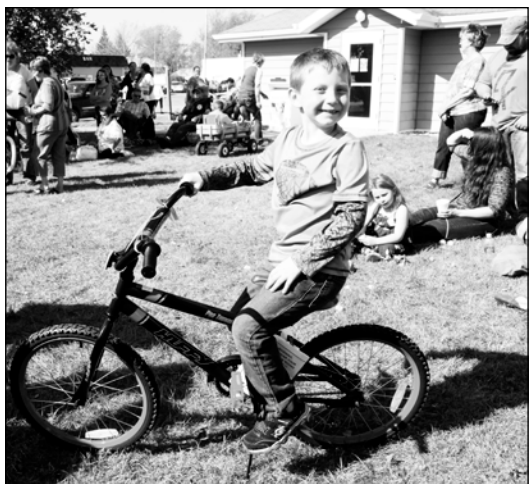
The Gonvick Fire Department was selling their hamburgers and hotdogs at the annual Gonvick Pumpkin Day.



Registering and getting the cars lined up for the annual Gonvick Pumpkin Day Car show were Devin Aakre, Stacy Halvorson, Dan Sundquist and Corrine Richards. No entry fee is charged for the annual event.



Wes Kaupang provided the music and the sound system for the annual Gonvick Pumpkin Day.



Above: Tahlen Kramer won this bike donated by the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee Committee at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day. Left: Presley Westrum of Leonard won this bike donated by Clearwater Energy Group at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day.

Columbus Day
MONDAY,
OCTOBER 12

Columbus Day is a U.S. holiday that commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the New World on October 12, 1492. It was unofficially celebrated in a number of cities and states as early as the 18th century but did not become a federal holiday until the 1937. For many, the holiday is a way of both honoring Columbus' achievements and celebrating Italian-American heritage. Throughout its history, Columbus Day and the man who inspired it have generated controversy, and many alternatives to the holiday have appeared in recent years.

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Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears honored their parents at a recent football game. Seniors shown above are Luke Burgess #3 with his parents Lori and Bob Burgess and Sawyer Engberg #2 with his parents Lesly and John Engberg.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears honored their parents at a recent football game. Seniors who honored their parents are #74 Gideon Ysen with his parents Amand and Chad Ysen and #33 Hunter Churness with his parents Andrea and Troy Churness.



The youngsters are getting into the growing of pumpkins and the top winners from left to right: Emma Owens, McKinley Watne, Harper Watne, Laci Wagner and the Kumpula Family. These were the top winners in that division at the annual Gonvick Pumpkin Day.



Madeline English was the winner of the Peoples Choice Award that was voted on by the public at the annual Gonvick Pumpkin Day. She is in her car with her trophy. She watched the other car owners as they were wiping down their cars and she was busy wiping her car with wipes. She also received \$57.00 which was paid by those who voted for all the cars.

Devin Lambert’s Australia trip for Down Under Sports

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Devin Lambert, a senior from Red Lake County Central, left July 7th to be a participant in the Down Under Sports Tournament for track and field in Australia. Lambert was one of the six selected to represent Minnesota. He spent seven days in Australia and three days in Hawaii and most of his trip he stayed at the Gold Coast near

Brisbane. He later returned to the United States on July 16th. The Stampede newspaper asked Lambert about his trip. When asked how he placed in the meet he said, “I did five events, but only placed in one. I did the 110 M, 300 M and 400 M hurdles, and also ran the 200 and 400 M races. I made it to the finals in the 110 M hurdles and got eighth place.” Lambert also stated, “It was a very memorable experience

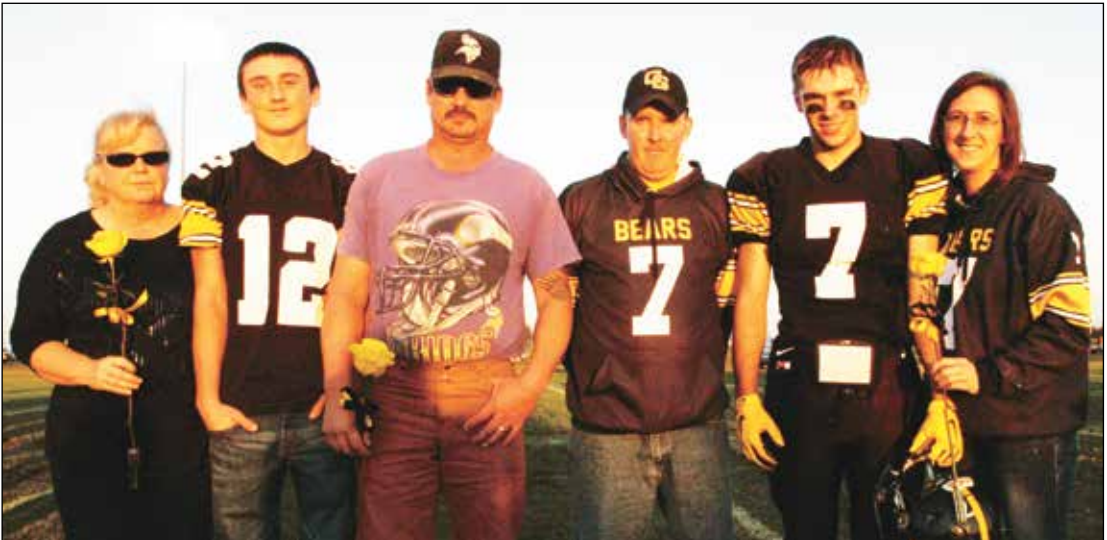
Nineteen pumpkins entered in the weigh-off

Younger members of the area were tending and growing their pumpkins for the annual Gonvick Pumpkin Day. Each participant was given a medal and money. The top winners received a plaque, medal and money.
Emma Owens of Grand Rapids took the record with her 499 pound pumpkin followed by: McKinley Watne 194; Harper Watne, 176 Laci Wagner, 174, Kumpula Kids 163, Faith Gunning 160, Grace Gunning 159, Haven Beckett 158, Sienna Flateland 151, Lexi Wagner 144, Kari Shamp 136, Cora Herden 115, Hailee Hanson 96, Ariana Hanson 84, Tia Wickham and Jordan Carlson tied at 79, Haily Martine 77, Brian, Bianca and Brody Sather 62 and Aleaxxa Martine 46.

and I made a lot of new friends. Another random fact of my trip was that I was terrified of our hotel room! I am scared of heights and we happened to be staying on the 30th floor, and there was a massive floor to ceiling window by my bed so that didn’t help.”
Some additional things Lambert did while on his trip were snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef, seeing Australia wildlife, surfing in Hawaii, exploring the city in Australia, taking a helicopter ride, and going to see Pearl Harbor. He also said snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef was his favorite thing he did on the entire trip.
Down Under Sports began in 1989 when George O’Scanlon of New Zealand started the Down Under Bowl for his love of American football. Later on the Down Under Hoops Classic and the Down Under International games were created. Athletes from around the world are selected to compete in the sport they excel in.
Down Under Sports mission “is to promote the growth, development, and self-esteem of the individual athlete through sport; to raise the level of awareness and competition to the benefit of both the host country and participating athlete; to forge friendships that bridge the gap of both distance and time, through mutual competition that promotes health and sportsmanship.”



Devin Lambert competing in hurdles while in Australia.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears honored their parents at a recent football game. Seniors with their parents are #12 Eric Baanrud with his parents Betty and Jeremy Baanrud and #7 Sam Lavin with his parents Sarah and Matt Lavin.



There were many who attended the Gonvick Pumpkin Day activities.



Standing by the car that had the most votes at the Gonvick Car Show that was held during Pumpkin Day in Gonvick were Lyn Turene and Gretchen Beito. The 1933 Ford Coupe belongs to Bob Prosser of Hallock.



Adrianna Sundquist and Kandi Momerak were dressed for Pumpkin Day in Gonvick. They waited on everyone at Kandi’s Kitchen during the annual September event.



The largest pumpkin at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day weighed 857 pounds. Jaime and Jason Bjerke had their two month old son Rhett sitting in one of the pumpkins.

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