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The Thorbeck-Imle family being presented with the Century Farm award at the Clearwater County Fair. The Imle family from left to right: Paul, Kathy, Sarah, Peter and Tracy.

One Hundred Years of Family at the Thorbeck-Imle Farm

By Bonnie Kirchman
for the Leader-Record

Three Clearwater County farms were recognized as Century Farms for 2019. One of these, the Thorbeck-Imle Farm, is located to the east of Gonvick. The story of this Century Farm is a classic immigrant tale, similar to many stories of families settling in Clearwater County. An interesting piece of the farm's story, and one that sets it apart from many others, is the fact that the first member of the family to own the farm was a woman. Synneva Thorbeck purchased the farm from the original homesteader and created a home and a living for herself and her children.

Kathy Imle is one of Synneva's grandchildren. Kathy wrote the following history of Synneva and her farm. Many of Kathy's relatives who met at the farm this past spring to honor their grandmother's life added their input to the story too.

"In February 1918, Synneva Eri Thorbeck, an immigrant from Laerdal, Norway, had five children and was pregnant with her sixth when her husband Georg Thorbecke, a German immigrant, died suddenly of influenza. At the time, they were farming with horses on rented land in Church's Ferry, North Dakota. After putting the crop in that spring and taking it out in the fall, Synneva moved to Gonvick, Minnesota, to be near her brother David Erie, who had immigrated to America earlier. She traveled by train with her children, all their belongings, a horse and a colt.

After spending a year living in town, the young widow bought a small farm south and east of the village that had only a traditional two-story farmhouse and a log settler's cabin. Her two oldest children, Dave and Ray, ages twelve and ten, helped her make the decision, favoring the proximity to town and the creek that ran through the property. By now, Synneva had dropped the Germanic "e" on Thorbecke because it led to incorrect pronunciation. Likewise, the Norwegian surname Eri had been Anglicized to the more recognizable Erie.

To help her farm, Synneva hired the tall, rugged Norwegian bachelor who lived across the road, Oscar Graftaas. Not surprisingly, they soon mar-



Synneva Thorbeck purchased the farm from the original homesteader.

ried and had two more sons. Despite no formal education, Oscar built the barn and all the outbuildings, several of which remain. Together they ran the small farm, consisting of cows, horses, swine, chickens, and crops. A huge garden and colorful flowers were also standard. According to family lore, when a passerby in town asked Oscar which of the eight children were his, he replied, "All of them." He was a kind, hard-working man, who loved to knit, favored Synneva's sugar cookies and was on the crew that built Highway 92.

In the decades that followed, the farm became headquarters for many family reunions with aunts, uncles, cousins and family friends, all posing for the de rigueur photo. During World War II, sons Ray and George served in Europe and the Pacific respectively. Daughter Clara, the best cook in the family, operated the iconic Felix Café in Gonvick; son Ray became president of the student body at Concordia College; son Dave owned the Standard Oil station in Bagley and later the Gonvick Elevator; Anne, George and Oscar graduated from the University of Minnesota and went on to successful careers in education and ag-related businesses. The Graftaas boys, Orville and Gordon, headed for Spokane, Washington, and Kansas City.

Big Oscar, as he was called by the family, died in 1953. Synneva, having left Norway in 1904 at age 22, never imagined that she would return to her homeland or see her family again, as was the case with most emigrants. In the 1950's, however, with the advent of transatlantic air travel, she was able to make the trip twice. What a thrill that must have been for her and her siblings in Laerdal.

After living on the farm for fifty years, Synneva sold it to Little Oscar, the youngest of the Thorbeck children. In 1969,

she moved to town where she could more readily participate in church activities, visit with friends, and play whist. Over the years Oscar and his wife Dorothy hosted many gatherings of family and friends on "The Farm," especially when relatives from Norway would visit. The farmyard has also been the scene of several family weddings. Additions and improvements were made along the way, including turning the chicken coop into a "man cave" and remodeling the kitchen. To accommodate the many guests, a large dining room designed by their nephew Dewey Thorbeck, a Yale educated architect, was added on the south side of the house and was featured in Better Homes and Gardens magazine in 1987. (Grandma Synneva famously referred to Yale as Jail.)

In 2004, the farm was purchased by Oscar and Dorothy's daughter Kathy and her husband Paul Imle, who are the current occupants. New structures and more remodeling, including raising the roof, have been completed during their ownership. The Thorbeck Farm still stands with fresh paint and careful maintenance as a beautiful example of a historic family farm so typical to rural America in the twentieth century."

The Century Farm program honors farms that have been owned continuously by family members for at least 100 years, are at least 50 acres in size and are currently involved in farming. As part of the honor, the family will receive a commemorative sign for their farm. They will also receive a certificate signed by the president of the Minnesota State Fair, the president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau, and Tim Walz, the governor of Minnesota. In 2019, 136 farms are receiving the honor. Since the program began in 1976, 10,500 Minnesota farms have been recognized as Century Farms.

Much has certainly changed since Synneva Thorbeck first came to Clearwater County as a young woman with six children relying on herself alone. Although changes have been made to the house and farm she bought, it has remained "home" for the Thorbeck family for 100 years.



Curt Meyer, WSN civil engineer updated council on several issues

By Bonnie Kirchman
for the Leader-Record

City projects for 2020 were among the topics covered at the August 12th meeting of the Clearbrook City Council. Curt Meyer, civil engineer with WSN, was present and updated the council on several issues.

"We're just about there," Curt said of the near completion of the water tower project. A walk-through will be scheduled with city representatives before final payment is made. It was also noted during the meeting that the outside of the water tower will be painted later, as part of the larger water and sewer project.

Plans for the water and sewer project are in the approval state. At the September meeting, Curt will discuss issues regarding phasing of the project with council members. Due to the 2-year length of the project, there will be some flexibility in timing various aspects of the project. Scheduling concerns, such as the All-School Reunion, will be included in the phasing discussions.

Zach Thoma, engineer with Karvakko, was present to update the council on the progress of the trail project, also set to start in 2020. The plan is to submit the project memorandum in November. Zach will return at the September meeting to get the go-ahead to proceed from the council.

The Clearbrook City police responded to 61 calls in July, according to Police Chief Dan Gazelka. Many of the calls were for suspicious activities. Descriptions of people and vehicles during these calls have been helpful for the police. Gazelka is researching new vehicles for the department, as one will be needed in 2020. He is currently looking at 3 vehicles, with a price range from \$26,500 to \$36,500. Gazelka is also writing two separate grants which, if received, will help cover the costs of the new vehicle.

Chief Gazelka is also writing grants for back pay under the COPS program. The program had been halted, but has now resumed. A new officer will be replacing Matt Stiehm, who has moved into a full-time position with White Earth. Stiehm will continue to work for the Clearbrook department every other weekend. The change will not impact the department's budget.

Other issues Gazelka is currently working on include notifying a resident whose garage was damaged by fire. The structure needs to be removed as soon as possible. Gazelka will also start work on an ordinance specifying where trucks can park in the city.

Fire Chief Adam Krog informed the council that state laws regarding the type of class B foam they use have been changed. Its use will be illegal starting in 2020, and if used now, the department would be required to report the use and do cleanup. The department has a total of about 550 gallons of the foam in the truck and the fire hall, with a value of approximately \$20,000. Enbridge will pay for disposal of the foam.

In July, the fire department responded to six medical calls, two motor vehicle accidents, and two false alarms. They also put out one small fire. So far in August, the department has been called for two motor vehicle accidents, two medical calls, and one false alarm.

Other fire department issues include the resignation of member Jon Dahlke, who is moving outside of Clearbrook, bringing the number of members to nineteen. The department is getting quotes for new lights in the office and rest room as well as a new outlet for the new extractor and dryer. A fall fund raiser banquet is being planned for Saturday, October 26th.

Robin Proffit, Kloster Park Manager, reported on maintenance and repairs for the park. Fence repair work is in progress. Five loads of Agrilime are expected to be delivered soon. Ross Faldet has been asked to build a shed on the park property as a project for his high school shop classes.

Pool Manager Kayla Walberg presented a repair plan that was recommended by the pool service company. The cost of the repairs would be approximately \$20,000 and would include repairs to the kiddie pool. Fund raising for financing of the repairs has begun and the need for more fund raising was discussed. Possible changes to the 2020 swimming lesson schedule to include an evening session was brought up to the council. The pool is scheduled to close on Sunday, August 18th.

Joy Walberg, liquor store manager, updated the council on activities scheduled at the bar. A Build-A-Burger fundraiser for the swimming pool will take place on Friday, August 16th from 4:30 to 7:00. The proceeds from the meat raffle on August 24th will go to the fair. The last Thursday of August will be a Vikings Night with food specials to celebrate the last preseason game. On September 7th, bingo will resume.

The new window at the bar has been installed at a cost of \$493.00. New bar stools have arrived and the old ones will be sold. A change in credit card sale processing has been suggested to reduce costs to the bar.

Fire Drill delays Courthouse business

Some areas to expect tax changes in 2020 including Bagley down and Gonvick up

By Karen Edelbach
A little excitement was in the air prior to the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners meeting on August 13, 2019. The building was evacuated due to a fire drill sounding.

As people waited outside of the building by the back door to return, Hutch Hutchens, who is County Safety Coordinator, reminded the group that the place intended for them to meet is at the Elementary School parking lot. He also said before anyone should go back into the building there would be a heads up to let them know it was "All Clear" to return, which soon came from the voice of John Nelson. He said this is the only fire drill he could

remember in his 19 years at the Courthouse.

In the business of the day, Engineer Dan Sauvé opened four bids for the replacement of the bridge over Hier Creek. He later brought news that the bid will be awarded to Gladen Construction of LaPorte, Minn. for their bid of \$106,100, which received Board approval.

He reported that a grant in the amount of \$94,683 for helping to the fund bridge replacement project came at the last minute.

The Board accepted the quote of Vogts Dirt Service to crush and stockpile approximately 6,000 cubic yards of Class 1 aggregate in the Spike Dam pit at a price not to exceed \$24,800.

He received approval for payment of Highway Department bills in the amount of \$38,033.

Assessor Jamie Freeman explained the recent utility values received in July.

"They are fairly normal, except for the pipe line," she stated. "They are down \$51 million for Minnesota pipe line and Enbridge combined."

Chairman John Nelson pointed out that in other years there had been depreciation.

"I talked with the Department of Revenue. The rate went from 9.5 to 12.4%, which I think is quite an increase."

Commissioners wanted to know how the tax might be split up. Ms. Freeman distributed a chart for Preliminary 2019 NTC

The plan will be looked into and discussed at a later date.

Mark Snobl represented the utilities and maintenance department, reporting on current projects. The fire hydrants on highway 92 and the high school will be repaired on August 15th. Wind caused damage to fans in the gym and at the dugouts in July. The plumbing at the Roxy is deteriorating. Mark will obtain bids to repair a leaking valve at the Roxy, a major plumbing issue now. Upgrading the electric service at all campsites to 50 amps was discussed. Bids will be obtained before a decision is made on the change.

Measurements have been made and the new fishing pier will be delivered in late August according to council member Gary Prosser. Jag Signs of Bagley will make the signs for the pier area.

The council gave city clerk Lucie Thompson the go-ahead to begin the process of replacing the office server and computers. The current system uses Windows 7 and will not be supported after this year. A new printer lease is available that would provide more printing options at a lower price.

Lucie has prepared the new building ordinance regarding roof pitch and off-street parking requirements as well as minimum square footage for new residences. The ordinance will be available for the first reading at the September council meeting.

A motion was made and passed to raise the prices for land sold by the city. Currently, the price is twenty cents per square foot. The new price will be one dollar per square foot.

The Little Library box made by members of the Jack Pine Pals 4-H Club will be placed by the new picnic shelter and playground.

Mayor Dylan Goudge presented information to the council on "Respect Minnesota", a pledge to honor and respect all people and all opinions, especially during discussions on contentious issues. Respecting both freedom of speech and personal safety are emphasized. Respect Minnesota is looking for community and local government support. The support would involve adding the city's name to the list of those who pledge and being aware of these concerns when discussing ideas.

Monthly claims of \$335,409.55 and additional claims of \$122,711.45 were approved. North Country monthly claims of \$400.36 were approved with Shawn Johnson abstaining. Gustafson and Goudge monthly claims of \$200.00 were approved with Dylan Goudge abstaining.

for taxes payable in 2020. The greatest difference anticipated is the Commercial/Industrial area, going from 4% to 7%, with a slight increase in Agricultural to 24%. While Bagley residential market sales went down slightly, Gonvick residential increased slightly.

"It is important that the public understand that this increase in tax is not due to County spending. This is good for us in the long run, because we won't have to pay back as much," Chairman Nelson said.

SWCD Lori Buell and Briel Prokosch reported that the Mississippi Headwaters Board is continuing with the AIS Social Media & Article Campaign. The total budget is almost \$75,000.

There is again \$15,000 available in a grant to use for the campaign, and five of eight counties are now doing this. Clearwater County did not participate last year because Board members would rather see the money spent locally, or for an additional inspector.

Chairman Nelson wanted to know if there are benefits or results shown from spending this money. Soil & Water responded that they do get the information out their through this campaign. "We used some for Aerial Imagery the last year."

A motion to receive the funds this year failed.

Commissioners...
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Community Calendar

ATTENTION ALL BOWLERS:

There will be a Bowling Association meeting on August 26th, 2019 at the American Legion in Bagley beginning at 6:00 PM. League meetings will take place after the association meeting. All interested bowlers please plan to attend. Bowlers are needed for the Monday night women's league also for the Thursday night mixed league. For more information you can contact Sue Knutson at 218-766-1050 or Doug Anderson at the Bowl Inn 694-6175.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., Aug. 21 - Country Steak, Country Gravy, Whole Potatoes, Squash, Pudding, Bread and Milk.
Thurs., Aug. 22 - 3 oz. Roast Turkey, 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sc. Garnish Cake, 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Fri., Aug. 23 - Lasagna, Corn, Dessert, Bread and Milk.
Mon., Aug. 26 - Chicken Chow Mein, Rice/Chow Mein Noodles, Oriental Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges, Cookie and 8 oz. Low Fat Milk.
Tues., Aug. 27 - Pepper Steak, Boiled Potatoes, Peas, Apricot, Bread and Milk.
Wed., Aug. 28 - EVENING MEAL, BBQ Chicken, Potatoes, Green Beans, Pudding, 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.

Coffee with the Chief
Daniel Gazelka
Clearbrook-Gonvick

"On 8-7-19, a Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Officer and a Clearwater County Deputy responded to a call of a possible assault with people yelling in Gonvick. Spoke with individuals involved and concluded no criminal element was present, no charges were filed."

"On 8-5-19, a Clearbrook-Gonvick officer responded to a call in Clearbrook for an alleged fugitive in town. Warrant was confirmed to be active, however the officer was unable to locate the subject in question."

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Bagley class schedule: Monday afternoons, 12:30 to 2:30 PM, and Thursday mornings, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the ALP Building on Park Ave., across from TEAM.

Clearbrook class schedule: Tuesday evenings, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, and Wednesday afternoons, 12:30 to 3:00 PM on the second floor of the Clear Waters Life Center.

What to expect? Your first two or three class sessions will be used for assessments and setting your goals. Your study will focus only in those areas that are necessary to reach your goal. You have options in where and when you study: during classroom hours only or a hybrid where you come to class once or twice a week and study at home via distance learning (online). The length of time needed to achieve your goal will depend on your assessment results and the time that you devote to study.

More questions? Drop in during class time at either location or call Sherry during classroom hours at Bagley, 218-694-3268, or at Clear Waters Life Center, 218-776-2789.

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POT LUCK SUPPER AND FUND RAISER
Thursday September 5th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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Volunteers Needed to Support Your Local LSS Meals Service at the Senior Center in Clearbrook

- 1. Volunteers:** We welcome Meals on Wheels delivery and packing of the Meals on Wheels. Helping with the cooking in the kitchen always looking for extra set of hands!
- 2. Be a Member of our Senior Center and County Meals Council:** Help advise our service on friend and fund raising, outreach, and referrals.
- 3. Group Volunteering:** Gather your group to assemble Meals with supplies we order in, or deliver Meals as a group.
- 4. Sponsor Meals on Wheels for a Week:** We will put your logo and name on the paper sacks our diners' milk and dessert are packed in.
- 5. Donate Gift Cards:** We can use gift cards at grocery

stores to make local purchases as needed for the LSS Meal service.

6. Come in to eat! Simply coming to eat and bringing others helps our service. Adults up to 59 years pay \$8.00, Adults 60+ can complete a registration and make a contribution of \$4.00 or more.



Church News

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Bagley 218-694-6416
Pastor:
Fr. John Melkies Suvakeen
Terri D, Parish sec.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Call for weekday Mass times.

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Sun., Aug. 18 - 9:00am Worship/ Communion; 10:00am Coffee Hour; Service Group 5 will meet in fireside room after Worship Service
Our Savior's
Thurs., Aug. 15 - 6:00pm Church Council
Sun., Aug. 18 - 10:30 am Coffee Hour; 11:00 am Worship/Communion.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., Aug. 21 - 7:30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Thurs., Aug. 22 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Prayer.
Sun., Aug. 25 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Mission Sunday.
Future Events: Sept. 8th - Rally Day Sunday!!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Thurs. Aug. 21 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Sat. Aug. 24 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sun. Aug. 25 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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Shop-at-the-Top: The weather is changing and with it the selection of clothing. You will find lightweight jackets, hoodies, fleeces, and cardigans. Lots of dishes & other household items. Hours: M-F, 10:00 to 4:00, and Sat., 10:00 to 12:00
Restore It! Furniture Shop: Clearbrook location only. 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.

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

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Wed. Aug. 21 - 8:00 am Men's lectionary Bible study, 9:30 am Women's Bible study, 7:00 pm Samhold Council Meeting
Sun. Aug. 25 - 10:30 am Worship/Baptism
Schedule at United:
Sun. Aug. 25- 9:00 AM Worship/Fellowship.

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Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
* Wednesdays - Care groups in various homes

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Aug. 21: 7:00 p.m. Oak Park Ladies Aid.
Sat, Aug. 24: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Aug. 25: 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, Aug. 21: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Aug. 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Aug. 27: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Aug. 28: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Aug. 25: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 p.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
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Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Aug. 25: 10:00 a.m. Worship

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Gonvick School 7th * 8th Grade Graduated 1955 & 1956 Reunion First Row: Iola Hushagen, Barbara Sisson, Marilyn Johnson, Mrs. McKercker (teacher), Patty Patnude, Shirley Hinden, Gloria Olson, Patty Strand, Marcia Halverson and Ramona Austin, _____. Second Row: Elaine Pederson, Darlene Gunelius, Jean Hendrickson, Beverly Tangen, Jane Clemenson, Gloria Pederson, Beverly Erie, _____, Jeanette Brooks and Maxine Lien. Third Row: Virgil Prestby, _____, Norman Dyrdahl, Donald Sorenson, _____, Stan Graftaas and Lowell Bremseth.



Poultry Project Awards: Hannah Johnshoy, Isabella Warmbold, Ryan Bodensteiner, Brett Berg.



Swine Awards: Back Row: Kara Bowman, Jacob Anderson, Caleb Petterson, Front Row: Peyton Berg, Nataly Stout, Nora Stout.

Nell trip to Lindbergh house & museum

Northern Exposure to Life-long Learning will be hosting a bus trip to the Lindbergh House and Museum in Little Falls on Tuesday October 1st.

Charles "Lucky Lindy" Lindbergh is best known as an international hero for completing the first solo, nonstop flight between New York City and Paris. Lucky Lindy's legend began at his childhood home in Little Falls, Minnesota. We will learn about his world-changing life through museum exhibits, events, and guided tours through the house. Participants will get a close-up look at the life of Charles Lindbergh, view model planes, historic flight footage, interactive exhibits, and even take a simulated test drive of the Spirit of St. Louis. We'll tour his boyhood home, a 1906 house furnished with original Lindbergh family objects — including the piano that survived a fire and many other personal items.

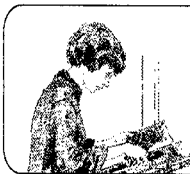
Bus will leave from Bagley at 8 am and return around 6pm.

Cost of the day-long trip is \$55.00 which includes all tick-

ets, bus and lunch. Reserve your seat by September 16. Send check, payable to NELL, to NELL TRIP PO Box 585, Bagley MN 56621. Include address and email so trip details can be sent to you.

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There will be a Backpack/School Supply Drive and Distribution at Country Faith Church at 46125 – 149th Ave, Clearbrook (from Clearbrook, 1 mile south, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6) on Thursday, August 22nd, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5:45pm.) FREE Backpacks and school supplies will be available for families who could use a little help with this school expense. If this is something that could help your family, please come. If you have questions, would like to donate supplies, or would like to receive supplies but are unable to come that night, please call: Country Faith Church 218-776-3367. Backpacks & supplies are given on a first come-first serve basis, so please try and make it to the event.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Gonvick Lions Club is planning a fundraiser for Sunday, September 1. The fishing contest will be held from noon to 3 pm with prizes to be given away. There will be a build a burger from noon to 3 under the newly built pavilion.

They are looking for a part time cook at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. If you are wondering what to do with your spare time. That would be a good place.

Rummage sales this weekend at the Gonvick Community Center and at the Calloways' in Clearbrook get you out of the house.

Joke Time

A Norwegian strolled into the Grand Hotel in Oslo and asked for a room. Clerk: Sorry... no more rooms available.

Norwegian: If King Olaf came in, would you have room for him?

Clerk: Why, certainly.

Norwegian: Vell, he ain't coming, so give me his room.

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.

We take passport pictures. Call 218-487-5225 to set up an

appointment. They can be made while you wait

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Obituaries in the Canary are also put on our website for you to see. Go online at trico-canary.com. They are free and updated as they come into our office.

Senator Utke's DHS Update

Senator Paul J. Utke (02, R). Senator Paul J. Utke. 95 University Avenue W. Minnesota Senate Bldg, Room 3403. St. Paul, MN 55155 651-296-9651.

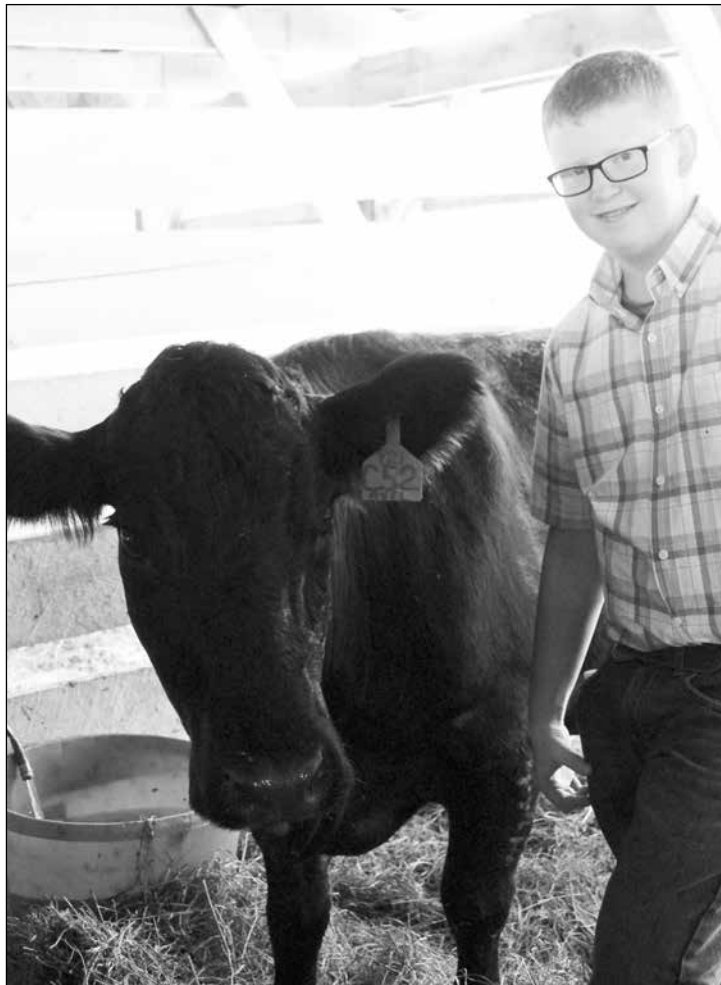
I was at the capitol this week to participate in a joint hearing of the Senate's Health and Human Services committees investigating the ongoing turmoil occurring in the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Unfortunately, during that hearing, DHS failed to provide details Minnesotans deserve during these concerning times at the state's biggest agency. DHS officials gave no clear explanation provided for why several of the agency's top officials recently resigned or how they made \$25 million in overpayments to Minnesota tribes for Medicaid services. Furthermore, the agency did not provide an update on the investigation into DHS Inspector General Carolyn Ham and her role in allowing widespread childcare fraud to take place nor any new information on the depth of child care fraud in general.

The continued turmoil and lack of information from the Walz administration and DHS regarding these issues should concern all Minnesotans. Transparency should be a staple of all functioning governments and Minnesotans have been waiting for months to hear how these issues occurred and what is being done to solve them. Unfortunately, the public continues to be shut out, and DHS officials have not shown the slightest interest in letting us in.

Minnesota taxpayers deserve better, they deserve a government that will tell them the truth and one that aggressively investigates to get to the bottom of fraud and abuse. It should be as non-partisan of an issue as there is. Unfortunately, this administration is not going that route so the Senate will continue to pursue reform and investigate to shine a light on this ongoing waste, fraud, and abuse of Minnesota taxpayer dollars.

As details emerge, I will continue to provide you updates on what is being done, and additional steps we plan to take during the 2020 session.



Jacob Anderson and his Grand Champion at the Clearwater County Fair. By the way the name is Corrinne.

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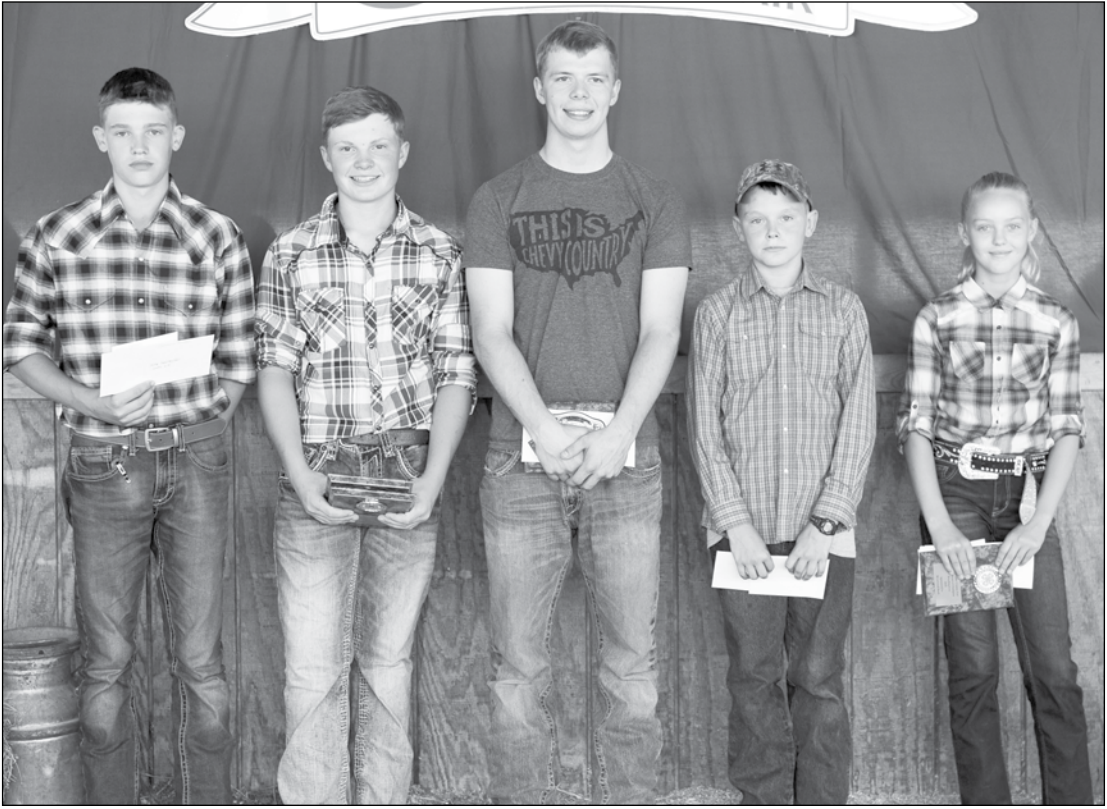
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Sheep Awards: Cameron Broden, Kyle Bowman, Caleb Petterson, Treyton Broden, Emma Fawver.



Horse Project Awards: Back Row: Katrina Evenwoll, Trey Netland, Rachael Okeson, Sarah Reichert, Elizabeth Grandbois, Brooke Haman, Kylie Evenwoll, Gage Gunderson, Front Row: Courtney Lietz, Evelyn Warmbold, Charlie Phillips.



Dairy Project Awards: Tucker Coombs.

Dog Project Awards:

(Not pictured)
Nataly Stout, Peyton Berg, Colton Larson, Isabella Warmbold, Sarah Reichert, Zalee Lucken, Kimberly Verke, Kara Maruska, Brennen Roepke, Bryce Haugen, Matthew Rankin, Daniel Rankin



General Project Awards: Back row: Elinor Davies, Hannah Johnshoy, Sarah Reichert, Kyle Bowman, Nora Stout, Kara Bowman, Nataly Stout, Isaiah Tramm, Jacob Anderson, Rose Java, Mackenzie Dahl, Payton Bennett Middle row: Chloe Marsh, Evelyn Warmbold, Kaden Bowman, Izack Girtz, Bella Dahl, Micah Tramm, Adriana Marsh, Brett Berg, Ivan Marsh, Lexi Cloose, Front row: Lydia Ramsrud, Peyton Berg, Corryn Lundberg.

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Animal Science Interview Champions: Back Row: Kyle Bowman, Rose Java, Caleb Petterson, Kara Bowman, Jackson Kaiser, Remington Aufforth, Nataly Stout, Cameron Broden, Nora Stout, Isabella Warmbold, Katrina Evenwoll, Adrianna Marsh Front Row: Hannah Johnshoy, Tucker Coombs, Kayla Johnshoy, Peyton Berg, Matthew Rankin, Brett Berg, Ivan Marsh, Kaden Bowman, Evelyn Warmbold.

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Peyton Berg, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Grand Champion Market Steer: Bagley Livestock.



Nora Stout, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Reserve Champion Market Steer: Clearbrook Elevator.



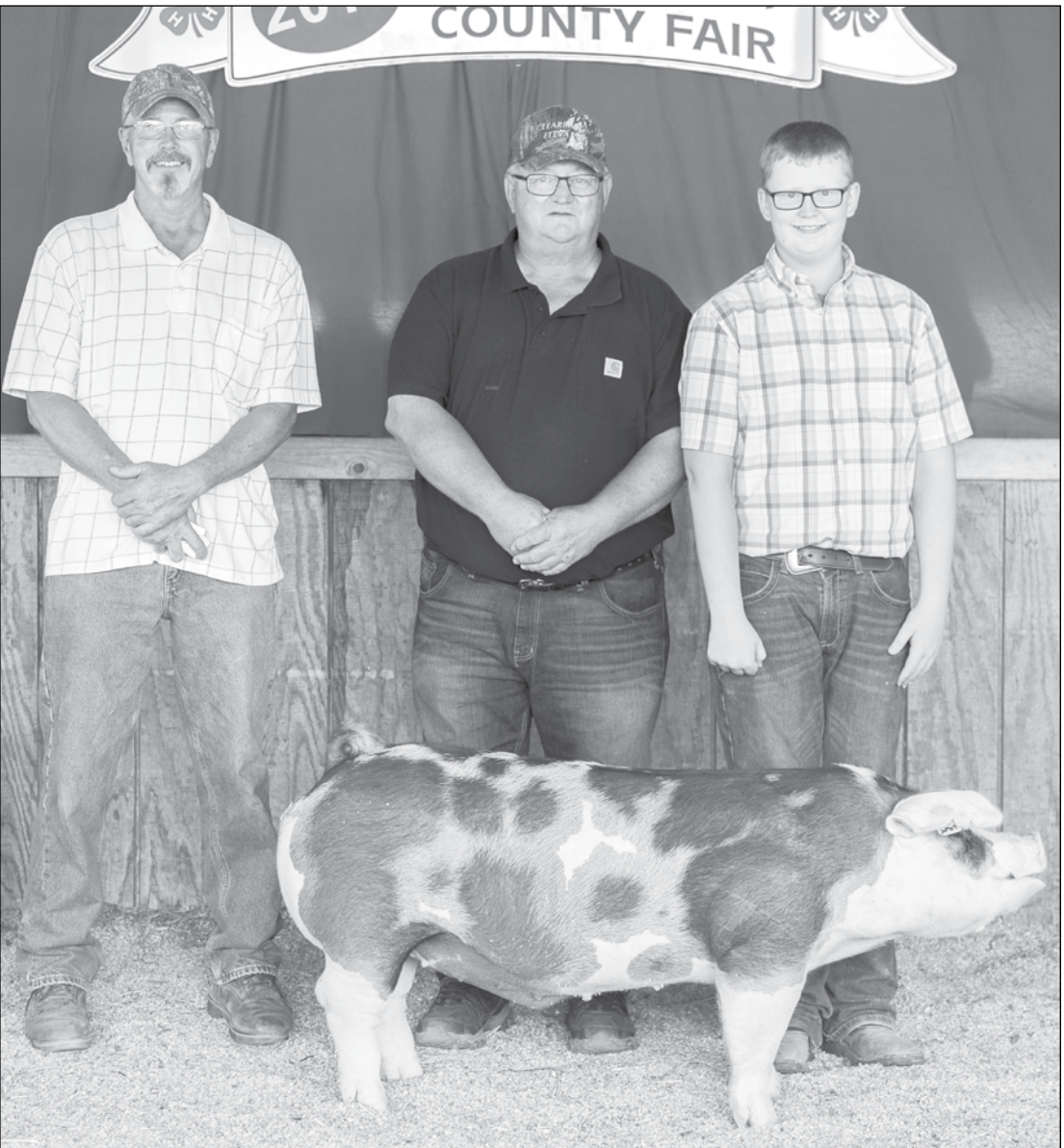
Nataly Stout, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Grand Champion Market Heifer: Bemidji Co-op.



Paul Ramsrud, Woodside Workers 4-H Club, Reserve Champion Market Heifer: First National Bank.



Ryan Bodensteiner, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Grand Champion Market Chickens: Cornerstone Vet.



Jacob Anderson, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Grand Champion Market Barrow: Clearbrook Elevator.



Brett Berg, Jack Pine Pals 4-H Club, Grand Champion Market Turkeys: Ag Country Farm Credit Services.



Brett Berg, Jack Pine Pals 4-H Club, Reserve Champion Market Ducks: Buyers Club.

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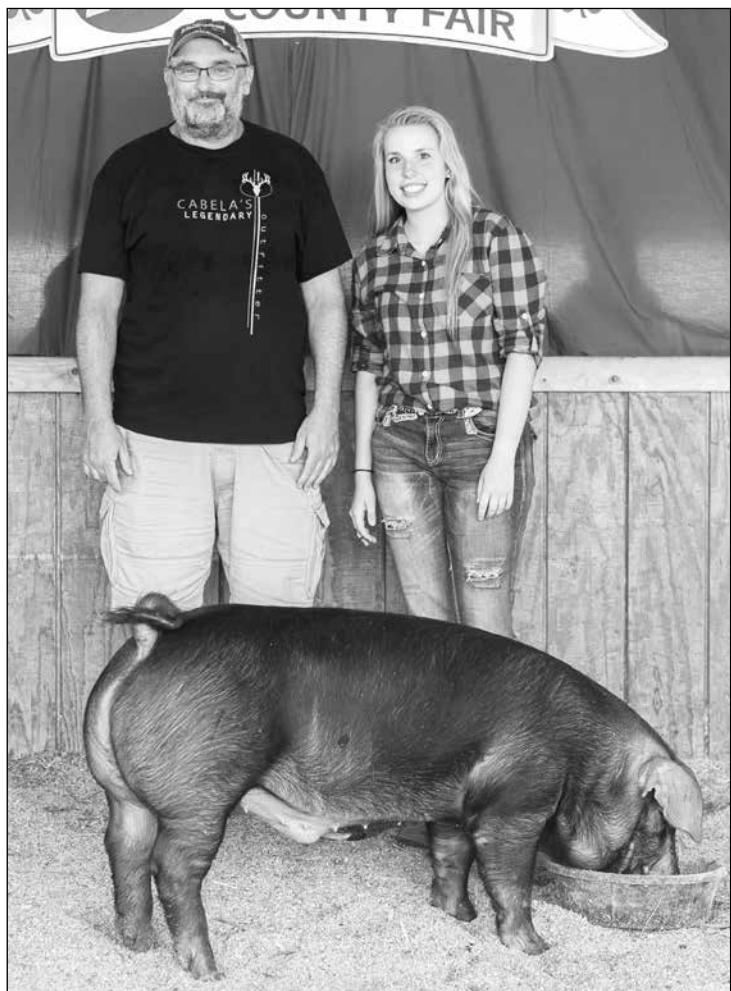
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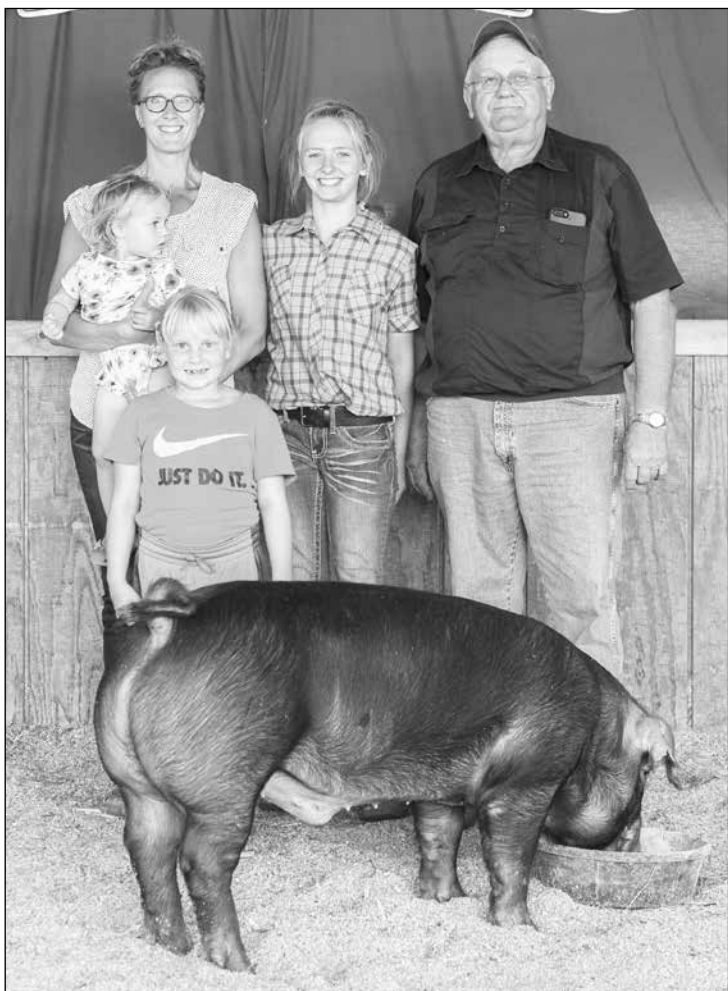
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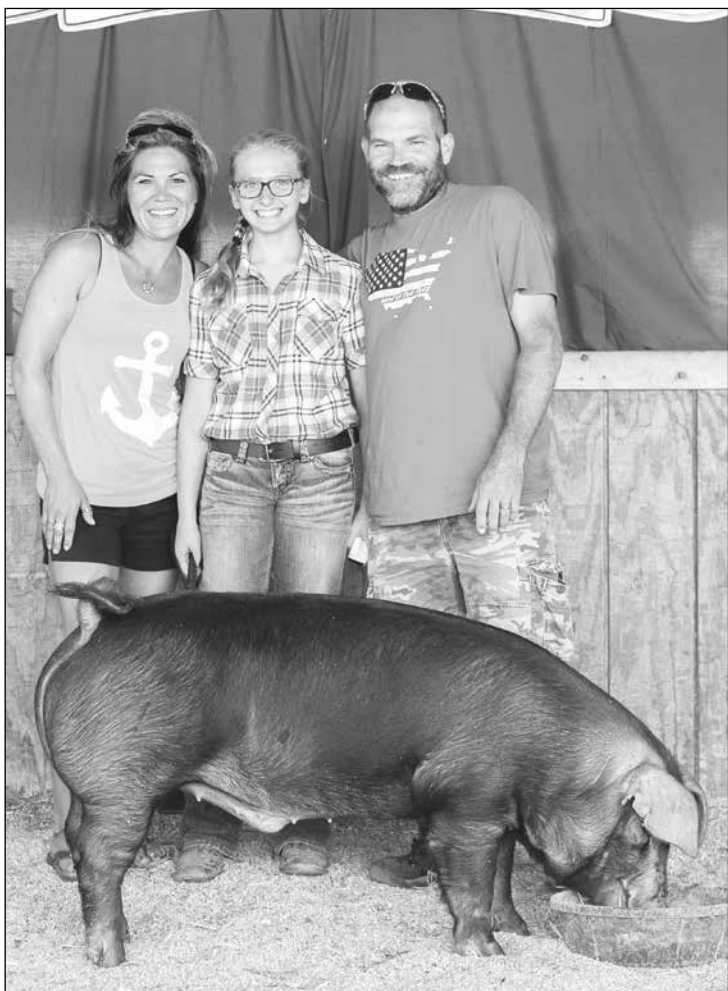
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Kara Bowman, Jack Pine Pals 4-H Club, Grand Champion Market Gilt: Lindfors Agency.



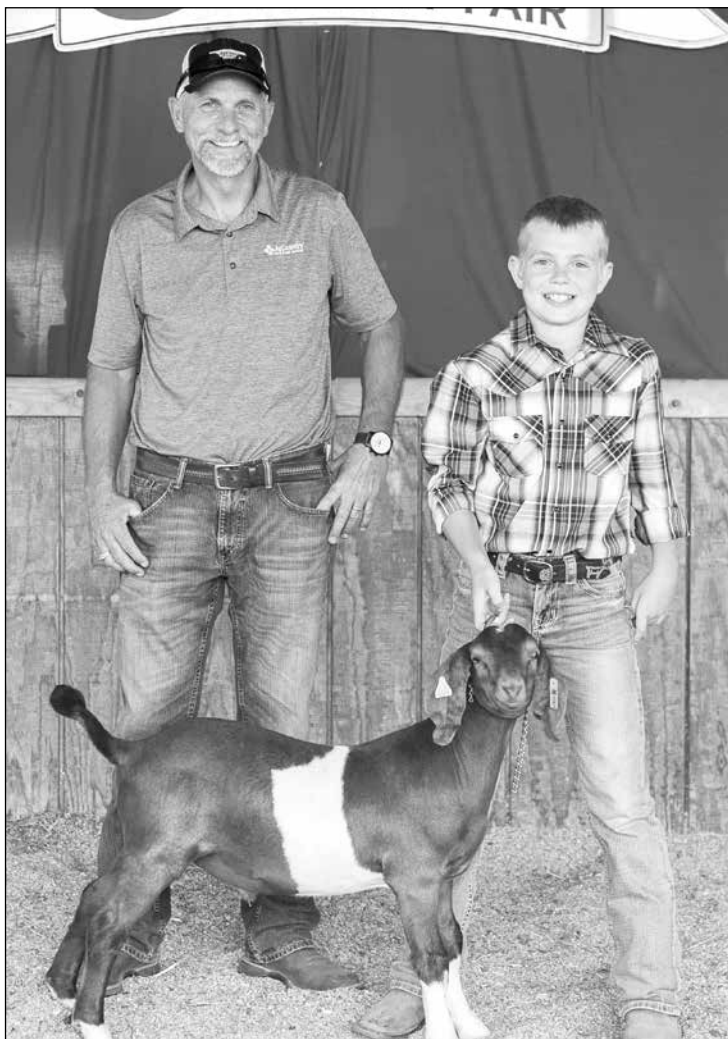
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Nataly Stout, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Reserve Champion Market Barrow: Headwaters Meats.



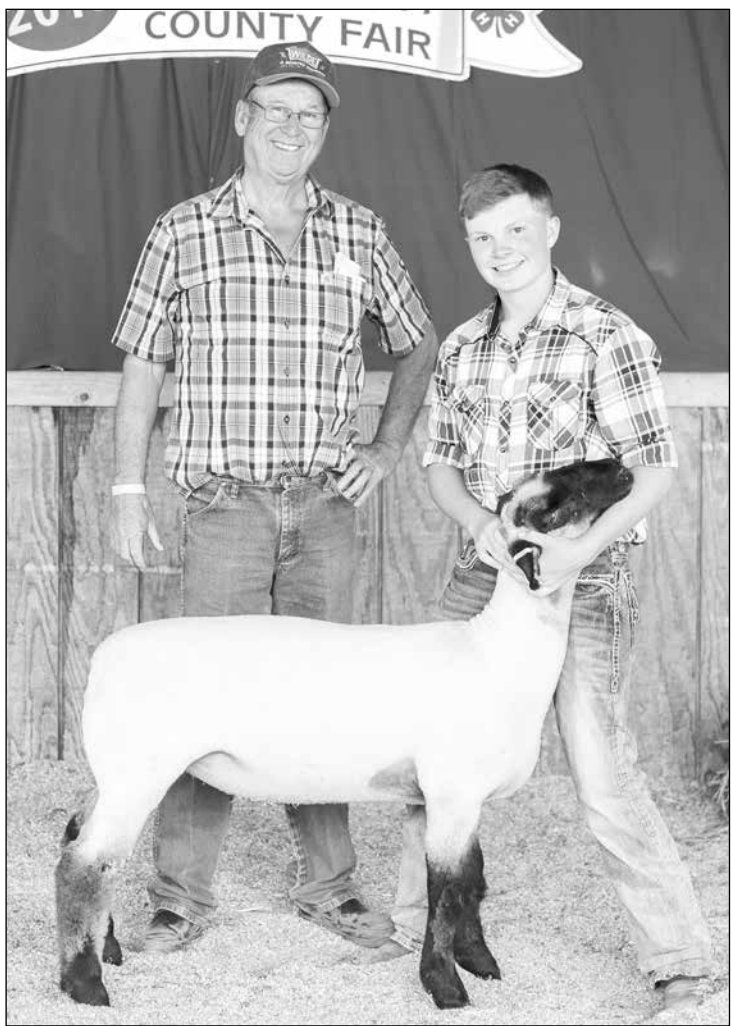
Jackson Kaiser, Woodside Workers 4-H Club, Grand Champion Market Goat: Bagley Co-op Association.



Charlie Kaiser, Woodside Workers 4-H Club, Reserve Champion Market Goat: Ag Country Farm Credit Services.



Kaden Bowman, Jack Pine Pals 4-H Club, Reserve Champion Market Chickens: North Central Feed Products.



Kyle Bowman, Jack Pine Pals 4-H Club, Grand Champion Market Lamb: Wilde Angus Ranch.



Caleb Petterson, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Reserve Champion Market Lamb: Gully Tri-coop.



Vern Wittenburg and Dale Halverson at their booth at the Clearwater County Fair.



Caroline Machlitt sweeping up the swine barn at the Clearwater County Fair.



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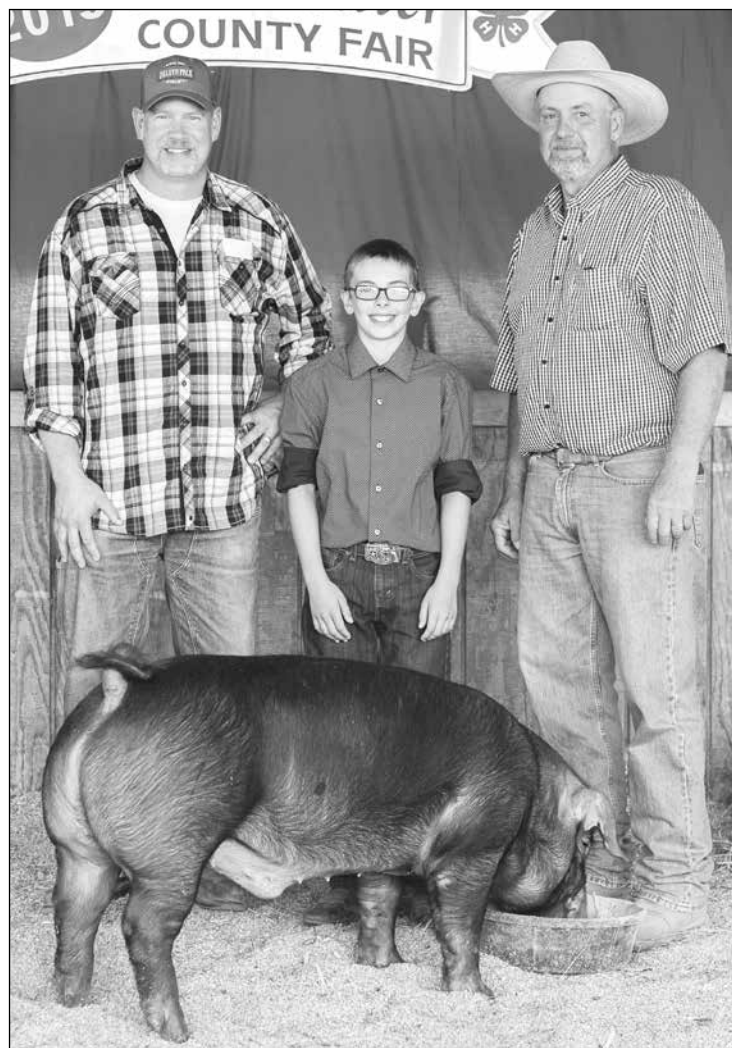
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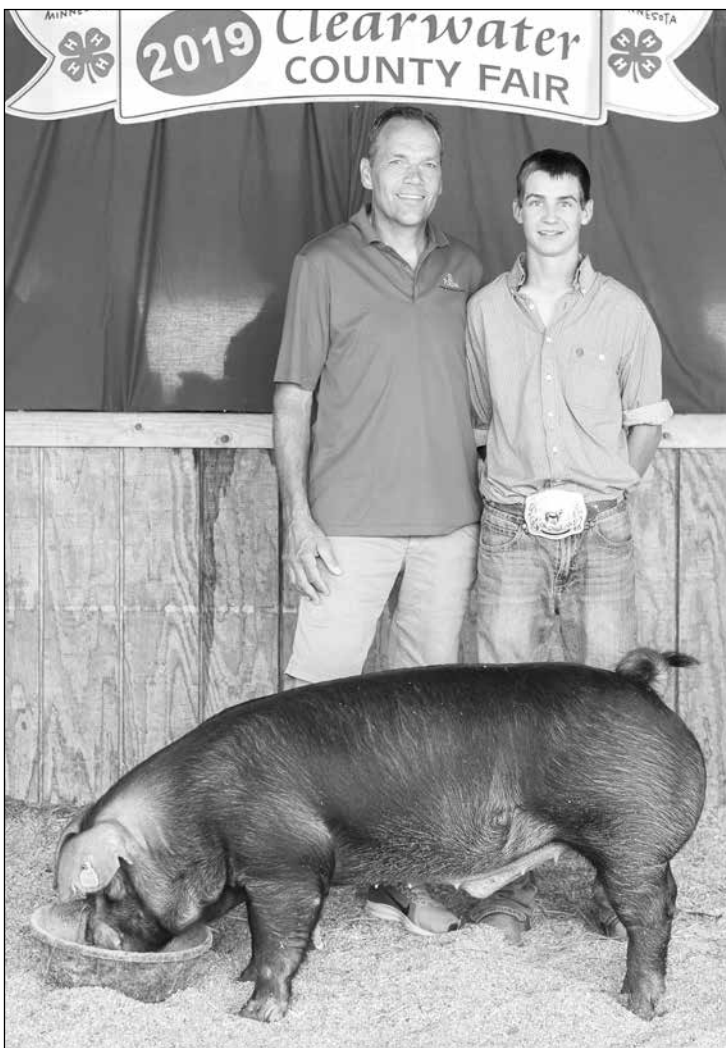
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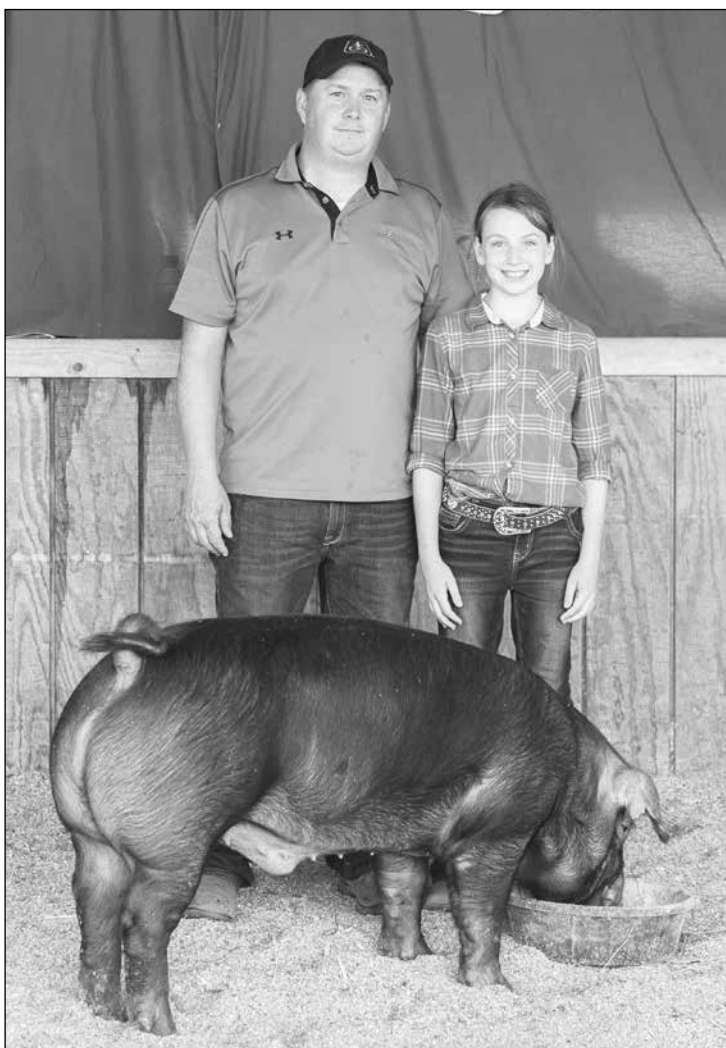
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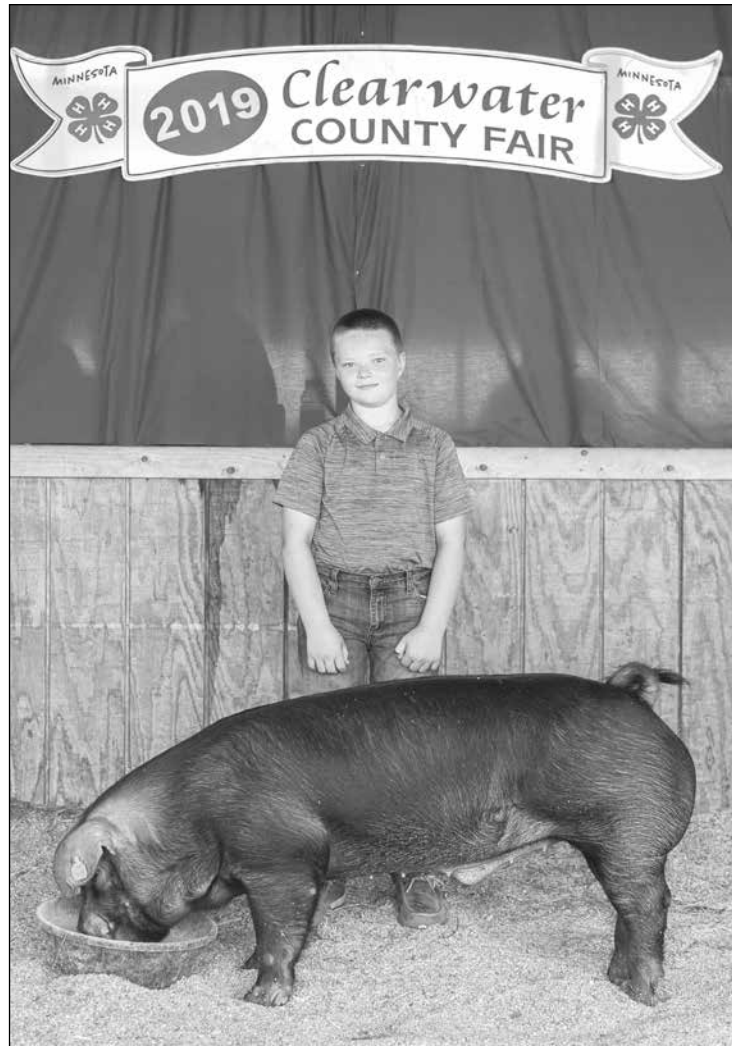
Matthew Rankin, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Gilt: Buyers Club.



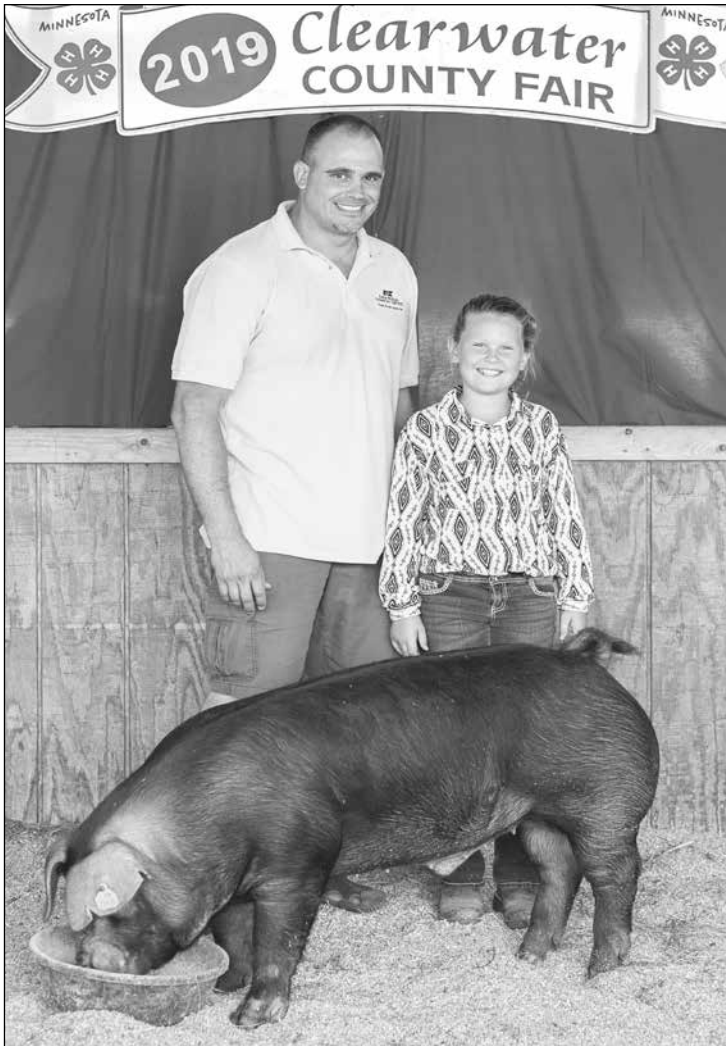
Remington Aufforth, Independent 4-H Member, Blue Ribbon Barrow: Lakes Area Co-op.



Amelia Machlitt, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Barrow: Hobe Seed Sales.



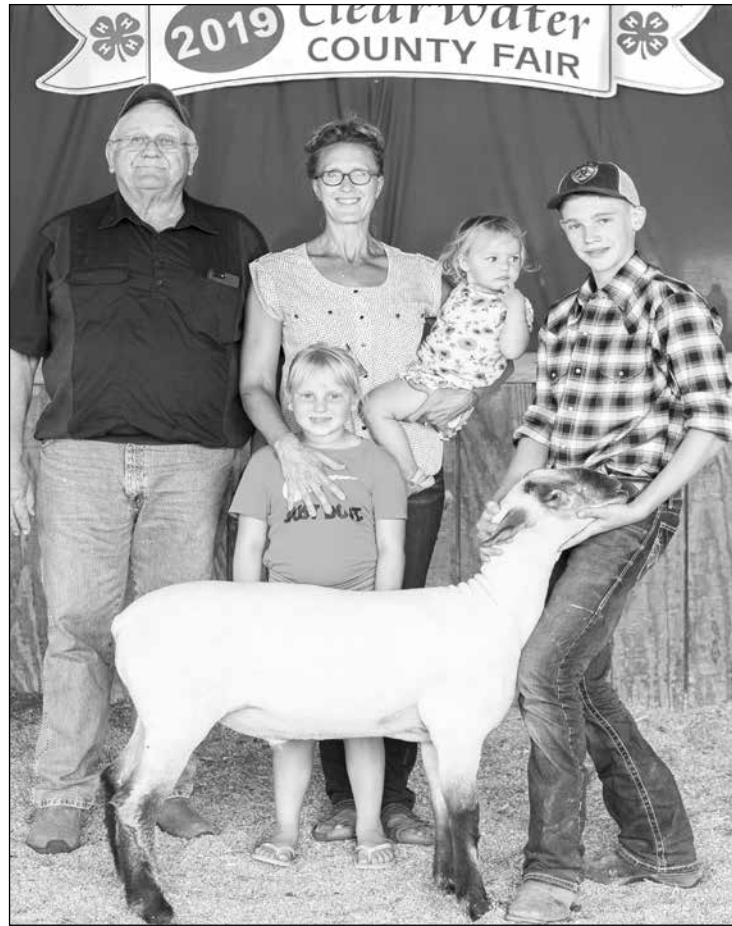
Bryce Haugen, Woodside Workers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Barrow: Winger Livestock.



Charlie Phillips, Woodside Workers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Gilt: Adam Broden Agency.



Aubrey Riewer, Woodside Workers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Gilt: Lindfors Agency.



Cameron Broden, Woodside Workers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Market Lamb: B & M Supply.



Emma Fawver, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Market Lamb: Gully Tri-coop.



Adriana Marsh, Jack Pine Pals 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Market Ducks: Cornerstone Vet.



Brett Berg, Jack Pine Pals 4-H Club, Grand Champion Market Ducks: Rhodes Feed and Garden.

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office

Weekly Activity

City of Bagley - Total 15

08/11/19 00:50 Suspicious Activity, 05:55 Alarm, 09:53 Medical, 14:10 Assault, 14:26 Medical, 08/12/19 11:05 Medical, 11:58 Motor Vehicle Crash, 08/13/19 03:32 Alarm, 08:45 Medical, 16:45 Warrant Arrest, 08/14/19 19:50 Medical, 21:55 Traffic Stop, 08/15/19 09:43 Transport, 08/16/19 14:21, 08/17/19 18:49 911 Hang Up

City of Clearbrook - Total 1

08/12/19 06:58 Death Notification

08/12/19 10:35 Medical

08/14/19 11:23 Welfare Check, 20:39 Suspicious Activity

08/15/19 19:31 THEFT

08/16/19 15:54 Medical, 18:28 ASSIST

City of Gonvick - Total 1

08/14/19 11:23 Medical

City of Leonard - Total 1

08/14/19 21:08 Traffic Stop

City of Shevlin - Total 3

08/17/19 07:44 Traffic Stop, 19:12 Officer

08/12/19 13:53 ATV Complaint

08/13/19 18:34 Disturbance

08/15/19 21:55 Juvenile Misc

Copley - Total 5

08/11/19 03:42 Domestic, 08/12/19 13:44 Court Order Violation, 08/15/19 16:22 ASSIST, 23:21 Animal Related, 08/16/19 19:31 Medical

Dudley - Total 3

08/16/19 09:14 Animal Related

08/16/19 21:07 Suspicious Activity

08/17/19 21:15 Animal Related

Eddy - Total 2

08/12/19 12:57 Alarm

08/17/19 06:30 Alarm

Falk - Total 3

08/14/19 18:05 Animal Related

08/16/19 07:31 Crimes Against Family, 07:35 Crimes Against Family

Holst - Total 5

08/12/19 04:18 Burglary

08/14/19 10:46 911 Hang Up

08/16/19 10:40 Traffic Stop

08/17/19 08:42 Medical, 19:09 Civil Complaint

Itasca - Total 5

08/12/19 11:02 Trespass

08/15/19 17:13 Warrant Arrest

08/16/19 20:09 Officer Detail

08/17/19 07:44 Traffic Stop, 19:12 Officer

Detail

Itasca State Park - Total 3

08/12/19 15:15 Suicide Related

08/13/19 12:24 Vehicle Lock Out

08/15/19 15:48 911 Hang Up

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LaPraire - Total 2

08/15/19 00:42 Assault, 08:05 Assault

LaPraire N - Total 7

08/11/19 09:14 Transport (Welfare/Civil), 22:56 Assault

08/13/19 12:59 Traffic Complaint

08/14/19 09:05 Suspicious Activity

08/15/19 21:38 Property Damage

08/17/19 13:11 Suspicious Activity, 19:28 Suspicious Activity

LaPraire S - Total 1

08/11/19 10:08 Medical

Leon - Total 2

08/12/19 10:51 Medical

08/13/19 18:17 Medical

Long Lost Lake - Total 1

08/14/19 08:30 Traffic Stop

Minerva - Total 3

08/15/19 01:28 Motor Vehicle Theft, 08/17/19 07:19 Traffic Stop, 08:02 Traffic Stop

Moose Creek - Total 1

08/11/19 12:59 Domestic

Nora - Total 3

08/11/19 11:10 Traffic Complaint

08/14/19 19:26 Traffic Complaint

08/15/19 19:00 Welfare Check

Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2

08/14/19 07:08 911 Hang Up

08/16/19 09:06 Transport (Welfare/Civil)

Pine Lake - Total 1

08/17/19 08:25 Suspicious Activity

Popple - Total 4

08/11/19 23:22 Animal Related

08/14/19 18:11 Medical

08/16/19 14:08 Suspicious Activity

08/16/19 21:01 Suspicious Activity

Rice - Total 4

08/11/19 17:34 Domestic

08/13/19 06:31 Animal Related

08/15/19 09:16 Motorist Assist

08/17/19 18:28 Traffic Stop

Shevlin - Total 6

08/11/19 06:51 Animal Related

08/13/19 23:50 Disturbance

08/15/19 17:45 Welfare Check

08/17/19 15:05 Traffic Stop, 15:49 Traffic Stop, 15:58 Traffic Stop

Sinclair - Total 1

08/15/19 13:09 Medical

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08/16/19 22:02 Traffic Stop

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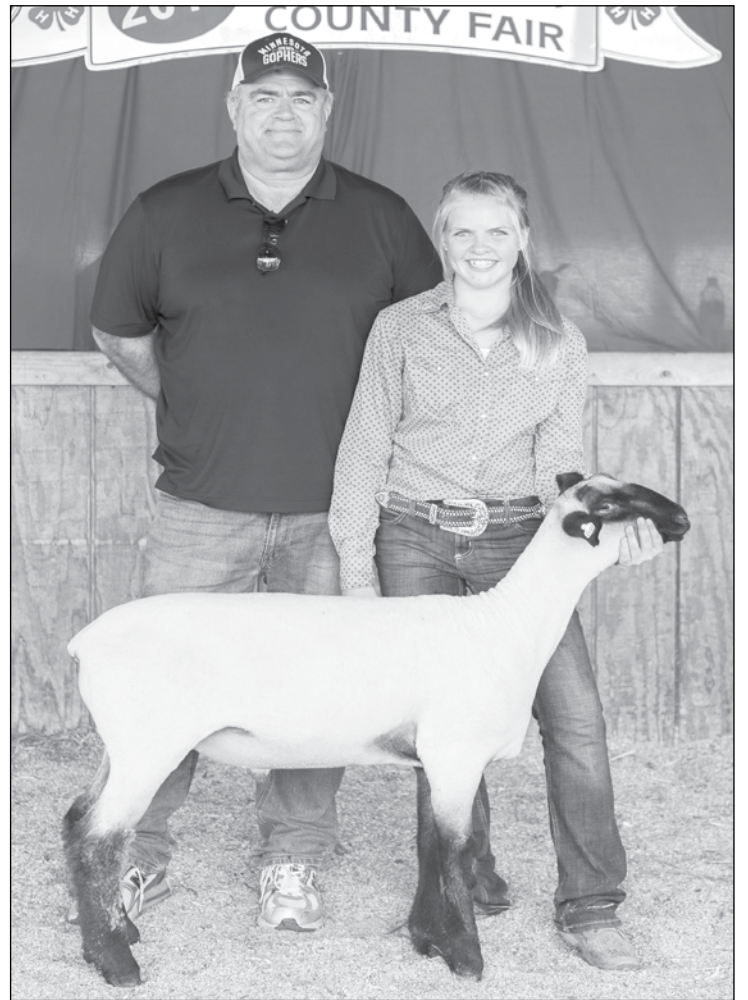
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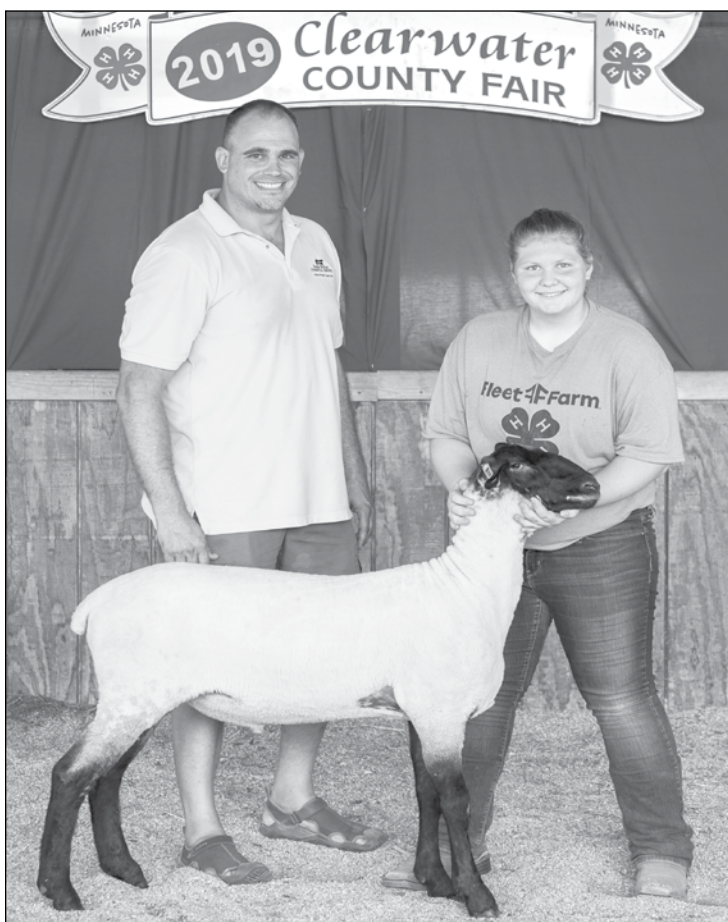
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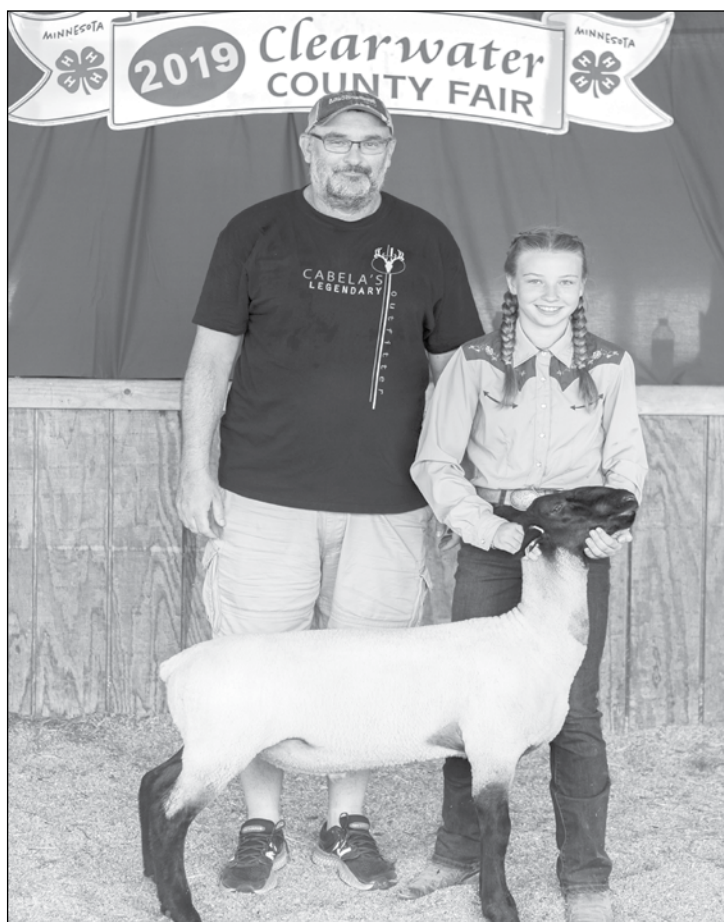
Evelyn Warmbold, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Market Lamb: Cornerstone Vet.



Kennedy Riewer, Woodside Workers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Market Lamb: First National Bank.



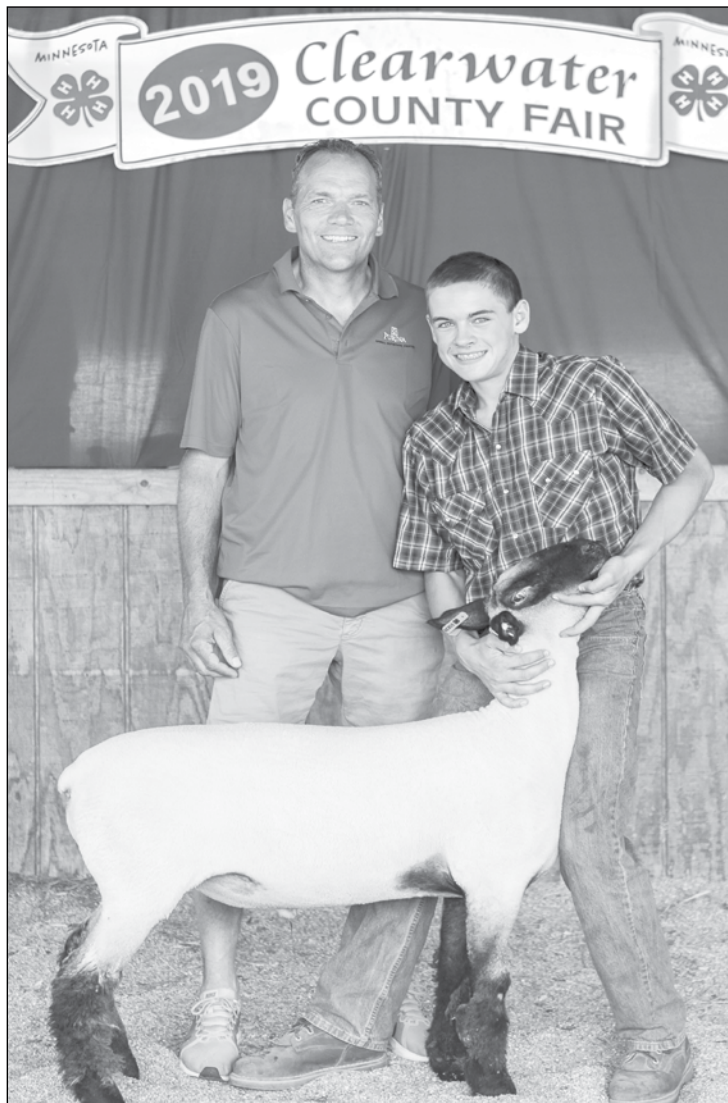
Hannah Johnshoy, Jack Pine Pals 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Market Lamb: Adam Broden Agency.



Isabella Warmbold, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Market Lamb: Lindfors Agency.



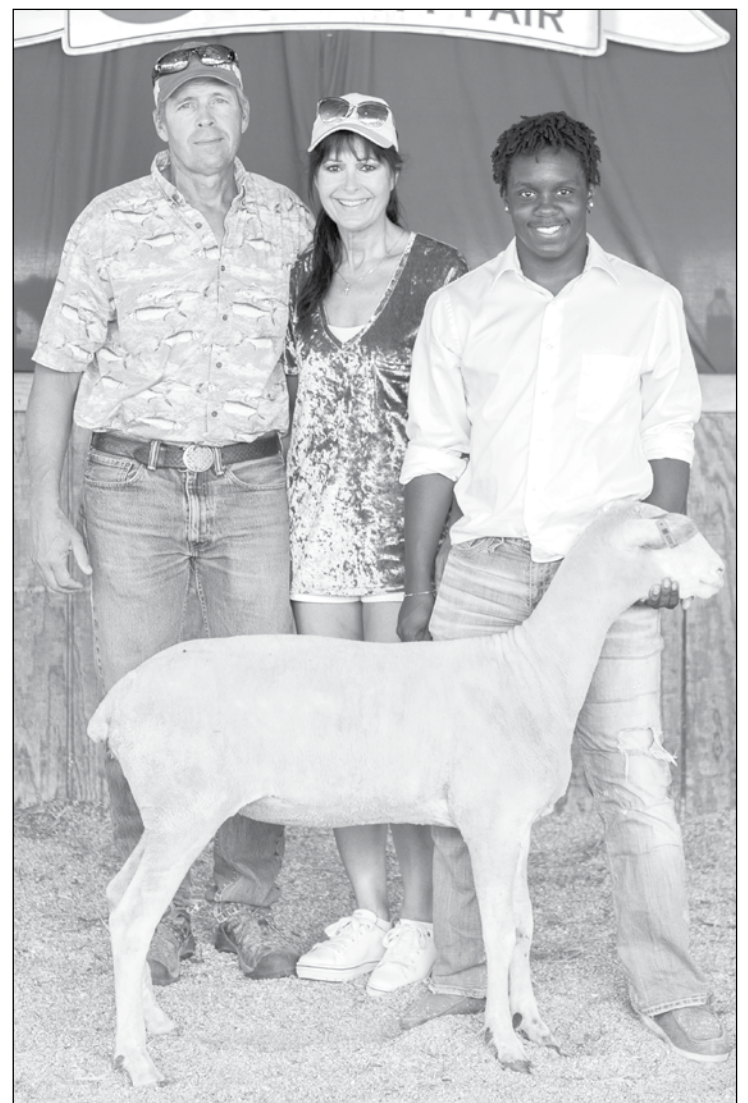
Rose Java, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Market Goat: Clearbrook Elevator.



Garrett Riewer, Woodside Workers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Market Lamb: Lakes Area Co-op.



Treyton Broden, Woodside Workers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Market Lamb: Farm Credit Services.



Obadiah Hammer, Leon Ramblers 4-H Club, Blue Ribbon Market Lamb: Cornerstone Vet.

Commissioners...

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"There is a rumor that it will be made available State wide," Soil & Water said.

The Commissioners agreed that this made more sense.

Rob Belanger, Director and Stephanie McKnight, Nursing Manager received approval for matching funds from the County in the amount of \$42,000 to be used toward a project moving physical therapy from the clinic to Sanford Hospital in Bagley. This will come out of the Medical Facilities Management account.

They thanked the Board members for coming on the recent tour of the Hospital

improvements. Commissioner Mark Larson thought it was good for everyone concerned. Commissioner Mark Titera said he hadn't been there in years and that it had changed a lot.

Sheriff Darin Halverson received authorization from the Board to purchase two Panasonic Toughbook computers in the amount of \$6,102. Funds for this purchase will come from the handgun permit account.

Commissioner Neal Illies noted the expenditure of about \$20,000 for replacement of cameras in the Sheriff Department and jail, which had previously been approved.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht informed

the Board that he recently received the Solid Waste Facility Permit needed for continued operation of the Demolition Landfill. Total cost for the permit process, which started in July of 2017, for survey and engineering fees (not including in-house staff time) was \$25,496, spread out over that time. The permit is valid from July 30, 2019 through July 30, 2029.

A discussion about needed expansion at the landfill, and how to possibly bypass of some products to Fosston such as PVC that are now dumped there, resulted in the plan to hold a work session before the next meeting with Dan Hecht to discuss concerns the Board members have.

CVSO received approval that the County resolve to enter into Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct the County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program for fiscal year 2020.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson brought a motion that was approved for the contract between Clearwater County and the Courthouse Local 320 Union effective Jan. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2021, authorizing salary schedule increases as follows: New scale and .50% increase for 2019, 2.50% increase for 2020 and 2021.

A step increase was approved

for Marissa Hetland, Nursing Director to Step 10, Range 26, which is \$44.82 per hour, effective May 1.

Information was received that minimum local Library Support for 2020 required by the County is \$70,560. This caused the Commissioners to question whether or not the expenditure is equivalent to the services received.

The Auditor-Treasurer was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$187,160 for the County Revenue Fund and \$39,561 for the Nursing Service Fund.

All Commissioners were present at the meeting: John Nelson, Neal Illies, Dean New-

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