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Required housing inspections not done since 2005

Local HUD program in jeopardy of shutting down

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on Oct. 20, with the Clearwater County Housing Authority being the first item on the agenda.

Clearwater County Housing Authority Board Chairman Joy Walberg and Housing Authority Board member Kent Barcus were present to seek monetary support from the county commissioners if they are unable to find a temporary solution in the face of current County Housing Authority Director Tom Derby's resignation.

Walberg and Barcus informed the County Commissioners that an emergency meeting of the County Housing Authority was held on Oct. 19 with Executive Director Laura Straw of Bemidji's Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) in attendance. They reported that at this emergency meeting Straw obtained paperwork and a confidentiality agreement regarding Clearwater County Housing Authority.

After reviewing the paperwork, Walberg and Barcus said that Director Straw told the Housing Authority Board that public housing is losing money. According to Walberg and Barcus, Straw said she discovered that the last time any inspections were done of the Clearwater County housing was in 2005.

Walberg and Barcus informed the County Board that HUD Director Tom Derby, who

is a certified inspector, admitted to the Clearwater County Housing Board and Director Straw that the required inspections had not been completed, although the box was checked on paperwork that the inspections had been done. Upon questioning by the Clearwater Housing Authority, Director Derby told them they did not have the funding to do the inspections, according to Barcus and Walberg.

Barcus and Walberg indicated that HUD could come in and shut the Housing Authority down. The last resort is for HUD to step in, they told the commissioners.

Barcus reported that HUD requires each unit to be inspected annually. There are 70 units in Clearwater County that need to be inspected, and he reported that Straw said they must be done. He said that they did not think initially there would be any problems in securing a new director for Clearwater County.

Walberg said that their board did not know Derby wasn't doing the needed inspections. They thought that everything was going fine and that all audits passed without issues.

The Clearwater County HRA program is expected to end if no resolution to its oversight can be found. This puts 70 families who live in the units in jeopardy who count on this program.

Walberg said their best option at this time would be for Clearwater County to contract with Bemidji for a certain amount of time to do the overseeing of the Clearwater County Housing Authority on a temporary basis, and become compliant with needed inspections.

The inspections and other expenses to bring Clearwater County current would take some time -- reportedly "a good year" -- and money. It is suggested that the funding for this would be within the present finances of the local Housing Authority, especially with the inclusion of the director's current salary.

Walberg also said they would need to find someone to be trained for Clearwater County in order to do the inspections.

Commissioner Dean Newland restated his concerns mentioned at last week's Board meeting that he does not want to see Clearwater County Housing Authority become an extension of the Beltrami County HRA.

Commissioner John Nelson stated that it is premature for Clearwater County to put any money into this situation, and that they do need the temporary help of the Bemidji HRA.

Commissioner Nelson suggested they also work with the Headwaters Regional Development Commission.

Both Housing Authority board members present indicated they know little or nothing about the responsibilities of the HUD director and program, and were completely caught off guard about the resignation of the current director, which was announced in July.

They have been unsuccessfully seeking a qualified person to take the job since then. And they are also seeking a resolution to the issues raised above.

Lakeland Public TV to have Clearbrook Depot episode

The late Randy Berger takes us on a tour of his adolescent home, the historic Clearbrook Depot where his father, Russell Berger was the Depot Agent in 1961. The episode was taped by Lakeland Public TV for its Common Ground showing on Channel 9. Scott Knudson, Lakeland Public TV Common Ground producer was in Clearbrook during the All-School Reunion his summer doing the taping.

Knudson has decided to create two episodes about the Clearbrook Depot. The first one will be aired November 19th at 7:00 pm and focus on the interview with the late Randy Berger.

Randy Berger passed away late in the summer of 2015. Earlier that spring he gave a tour of his childhood home, The Historic Clearbrook Depot, lending insights into life above the depot in the early 1960s. Come along with Randy as he reminisces of his father's responsibilities & tasks at the bustling business; at the time, it was the center of commerce for Clearbrook. This episode is dedicated to the loving memory of Randy Berger.

Scott Knudson says the second episode will include other interviews and be aired next year in an hour long program.

About Lakeland Public Television's Legacy Productions

Funding from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment is making it possible for the six public television stations of the Minnesota Public Television Association (MPTA), to make an impact across Minnesota.

Lakeland Public Television is the only television station providing local service in north central Minnesota. LPTV produces a wide array of local content in high definition for approximately 383,500 individuals over an estimated 7,500 square miles in northern and central Minnesota who view the station either off-air (antenna), via cable or via satellite. Another 773,200 individuals south of LPTV's primary market have the ability to receive its signal via direct broadcast satellite.



The Gully Coop celebrated October Coop month on Friday, October 23 with treats and eats.

They were serving a little lunch from 10 am to 3 pm in the afternoon.

In Store specials were also offered to the customers who came in for the annual event.

Above, Nancy Schmit helps Russ Crawford, Manager of the Gully Coop.

To the left, Pete and Bev Anderson were ready to sit down with their lunch.

Commissioners encourage use of Bemidji services to keep local HUD going

By Karen Edelbach

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on October 20, 2015, with County Housing Authority being the first item on the agenda.

Clearwater County HUD Board Chairman Joy Walberg and Board member Kent Barcus were present to seek monetary support of the County Commissioners if they are unable to find a temporary solution in the face of current County HUD Director Tom Derby's resignation as of Oct. 31.

Commissioner John Nelson stated that it is premature for Clearwater County to put any money into this situation, and that they need the temporary help of the Bemidji HRA, as well as Headwaters Regional Housing Board.

In reviewing the paperwork, it was reported that the last time any inspections were done of the Clearwater County housing was in 2005.

HUD Director Tom Derby, who is a certified inspector, admitted that the required inspections had not been done, although the box was checked on paperwork that the inspections had been done. Upon questioning, it was reported that Director Derby said they did not have the funding to do the inspections.

Clearwater Board Chairman Walberg said that their board did not know Derby wasn't doing the needed inspections. (See related article.)

Northwest Service Cooperative presentation was given by Dan Weir and other personnel. They said the cooperative is self-funded. They explained the present and expected medical insur-

ance program the cooperative has developed, the process of shopping for healthcare, and the expected spike in cost of services, especially specialty medicines in the coming years. While there used to be a "fee for service", that has changed to "quality of care".

The Director Bruce Jensen thanked Clearwater County for their participation in the past, since early 2000. Mr. Weir asked that they be allowed to bid on the contract for future programs.

Commissioner John Nelson told them that the County is now part owner in Prime West, a regional program, and that the County is considering that also at this time.

Kathy Rasch from Soil and Water Conservation District reported that equipment used for Aquatic Invasive Species inspections in summer had now been returned to the coun-

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Veteran's Day Program November 11

There will be a Veteran's Day program on Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m. The program will be held at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

The Clearbrook American Legion and Auxiliary will be responsible for the program.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick band and choir will be performing during the program.

Veterans will be honored and everyone is welcome.



A citation had been issued by the Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Chief Dan Gazelka on the condition of the old laundromat in Gonvick. Since the citation was issued to owner Richard Dollins, a strong wind came through and took the building down on the neighbors property.

Auditors to present Report at November meeting

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School board was informed at their regular meeting on October 19 that the auditors would be at the November meeting to present their report.

Superintendent Wayne Olson stated that they are moving out of Statutory Operating Debt and into a positive balance. The meeting is set for Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. When the fund balance builds up they will have to transfer some money to other accounts. They want the general fund to be in good shape first.

Other items from Olson
The December board meeting will have the Truth in Taxation meeting.

Superintendent Olson also informed the board that they would be having an on-site Title audit meeting. A checklist of 40 pages will have to be done. This is to make sure that all things are being done in the Title program.

The district received a \$10,500 rebate from the co-op. They were one of nine schools that received the money.

The school received a new salad bar for the lunchroom courtesy of Peatland Reds from Trail. The company also donated a new one as well to Red Lake County Central School.

Olson has received eight applications for Lori Wollmans position in the office. They were to start interviews on October 22. There were a variety of backgrounds and they were going to select 3 or 4 to start the interviews.

Principal Jeff Burgess report

They have run two fire drills and two lockdown drills so far this year. Five have to be done by the end of the year.

They are in the process of hiring half time para for Kindergarten and moving the last year of help to the fourth grade.

They have finished the NWEA testing. It is not state required but they like to do it in the fall and then in the spring to see how the classes are going.

November 9th is the anticipated start date for the tutoring for the Native American Education. The district received a grant to pay for the program. Marilyn Johnson will lead the new program.

A Teacher-In Service will be held November 6th with training on Synergy.

Veterans Day program will be on November 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Conferences and career fair will be held on November 12. Conferences from 1 to 7:30 p.m. Career Fair from 5 to 7. Taco in

a bag night will also be held.

Spotlight on Education

Sarah Goudge and Elliot Dickey presented the River Watch program that students are involved in through the Red Lake Watershed District. The team will go out several times during the year to monitor water quality in ten different sites. The watershed uses the information to make policy decisions. The program had been dropped and is now being picked up again this year.

Consent Calendar

Bills, treasurer's report and electronic transfers were approved. Some of the payments include Stein's Bus Service LLC \$46,599.23; Hill River Electric \$12,667.46; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$10,881.92; Marco \$7,704.65; Clearbrook Community Oil \$5,836.29; Land O Lakes \$2,061.43; Garden Valley Telephone Company \$1,522.82 and North Country Hardware \$1,365.74.

Old business

Career night at Clearbrook-Gonvick

Kim Cousins, the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Counselor has organized a Career Night at the school. You are invited to talk with college, university, business and military representatives in the Commons area of the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School on November 12 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Representatives from the University of North Dakota, Bemidji State University, Northland Technical and Com-

Kim Anderson the school agriculture teacher is developing a long term plan on what to do with the school forest located north of Clearbrook.

A date has been set up on November 2 to review the information that was obtained at the Listening Sessions.

New business

They approved the resignation of Lori Wollman from the office.

They approve the hiring of Marilyn Johnson Native American Education Coordinator

They approved the assurance of Compliance for the Commissioner of Education

They approved the purchase of the lowest bid from Clearbrook Plumbing and Heating for a new water softener for \$5,800.

Weather related information will be going into the paper. See page 3.

Sale of old equipment with several items from the shop was approved.

munity College, Northwest Technical College, Itasca Community College, Red Lake Nation College, Oak Hills Christian College, Koch Pipeline, Gustafson and Goudge, DigiKey, Clearwater-Polk Electric, Marines, Army and National Guard will be there to answer any questions.

It will also be held the same night as conference for the school and the kitchen will also be serving Tacos in the bag night.

Lions Halloween Party and Haunted House

The Gonvick Lions Club will be sponsoring a Halloween Party and Haunted House on Sat., Oct. 31. The games for the younger children will from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Clear Waters Life Center (old school gym) and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Haunted House, (the Legion Cabin) for the older children.

In order for this event to continue we need the help from our community. We need *Cash Donations, *Prizes, and *Baked Goods. If you would like to donate one of these items, or all three, that would be great! Baked goods (divided into 1/2 doz.) may be brought in the day of the 31st to the old school in Gonvick. Prizes for different age groups may be dropped off with Kim Solberg, Priscilla Johnson or Misty Larson.

Cash donations may be mailed to the following address: Kim Solberg, 16137 500th St., Gonvick, MN 56644.

Any questions, please call Kim at 218-556-4802.

-Submitted



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 1

Don't forget to set your clock back.

Community Calendar

To the Residents of Clover Township

The regular meeting will be held Nov. 2nd (Monday), 2015 at 5:00 pm at Clover Town Hall.

Joel Wraa, Clerk R31C

Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle Winners

Oct. 17 - Greg Vallhaber, Kelliher, \$20
Oct. 18 - Shirley Colligan, Bagley, \$20
Oct. 19 - Jackson Gerbracht, Bagley, \$20
Oct. 20 - Tom Weber, Trail, \$20
Oct. 21 - Tammy Carroll, Fosston, \$20
Oct. 22 - Reva Anderson, Bagley, \$20
Oct. 23 - Dennis Thoness, Vining, \$20

Commissioners...

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The Natural Resources Block Grant agreement was approved by the Commissioners.

Ms. Rasch said an update for the Commissioners regarding other activities by the SWCD will be coming soon.

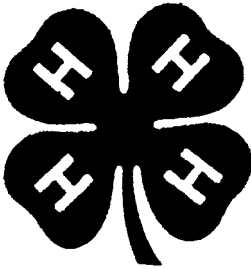
CVSO Harry Hutchens, III gave the Quarterly Report for July 1 to Sept. 30 and reported that everything is going well.

County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$158,550 from the County Revenue Fund, and \$26,543 from Nursing Service.

Commissioners present at the meeting were Daniel Stenseng, Dean Newland, John Nelson, Neal Illies and Arlen Syverson.

LEON RAMBLERS FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!!

Join us for a Game/Potluck Night!



We have several new families joining us this year! Let's welcome them and get to know each other better!! Please join us for a short November meeting at 4 pm. With a potluck and games to follow! **BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY.** We will do group games or bring card/board games to share!

Plates, utensil and drinks will be provided.

If you have questions about the fun evening, please call or text Amy Berg, (home) 218-776-2495; (cell) 218-209-9545

SUN., NOV. 1, 2015, 4:00 pm, in the Clearbrook Community Center Gym (old school)

As we come near the holidays, let's think of our communities. Please bring a item to donate to the Food Shelf.

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES ... PLEASE JOIN US!



Trever Solberg of Gonvick took part in the Youth Hunting season. He was very excited to get his very first deer.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center

October 20, 2015
Lloyd Engen, President called the meeting to order.

Secretaries' report was read. Treasurer's report was read. Both were approved.

There will be a Halloween Party on October 30th, 11:30 noon. Dress in costumes. Prize will be given.

Quilter's Guild donated a quilt to be raffled off to raise money for the nutrition board. Drawing will be at Christmas time. Lloyd Engen was reelected president.

Sheriff Darin Halverson was speaker and talked about Code Red in Clearwater County. This is for disasters. Everyone in the county should be getting this on your phone.

Barbara Kjolhaug won the lunch tickets. Polly Holm, Betty Johnson, Nancy Goudge served lunch.

Tamara will be at the center on November.

Submitted, Beverly Charles

Pastor Bob

In a devotional I read recently the author tells this true story about a friend of hers: Carol, went shopping for a dress and was trying on a dress when a robber walked into the store and demanded that everyone in the store lie on the floor while he robbed the place. When Carol walked out of the dressing room and saw everyone on the floor she became terrified but when Thomas Mitchel demanded that she take off her clothes and lie on the floor she had enough. She told Thomas, "In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to leave me alone." Thomas felt a strange warming and discovered that he could not do any more harm. The police came and arrested him and he was sent to prison. A year later he wrote Carol and told her how God has changed him and how he regretted his actions in the store. He hoped that Carol could forgive him even though he knew he needed to pay the price for his actions he felt he could become a better person even in prison.

Sometimes, when Christians talk about being "saved," they talk about being saved from the eternal consequences of sin. They talk about heaven and h-e-double toothpicks. But when God saves us, God saves from sin and the consequences of sin. God frees us from the power of sin, and of course, frees us from the consequences of sin. (Prison and other forms of punishment can be looked at as "pruning" bad behavior, thoughts, or feelings but through God punishment can be a means of new life). Sin means missing the mark. When God saves us God saves us from always missing the mark! Sometimes we do get it exactly right!

How do we allow God to help us not miss the mark? In America, we know what we need to do to get things right. We prioritize. That's right. We put first things first. William Covey uses the illustration of putting large rocks in a container first and then filling in around them with smaller rocks to demonstrate how much the container could hold if you put the first things first! The bible, our faith traditions, Christians of all stripes, all agree we need to put God first and then everything else will fall in line. But what about those times when the conflict does not seem to be between God and something else? What about those times when it seems to be between two things unrelated to God? Martin Luther described sin with the Latin phrase, incurvatus in se, meaning "curved in on oneself." Because we are misshapen by turning in on ourselves we cannot live our lives by putting God first.

In sports, one of the expectations is that people try to do their best. Often sports involve shaping our bodies into the best possible condition. There is that additional expectation that athletes should try to get better even when their best seems good enough. We rely on competition to help us get better and to have something to measure ourselves against. The very worst of sports allows incurvatus in se to motivate people rather than all the good values that sports can teach and instill. The worst of sports fixates on winning at all costs (if you ain't cheating you ain't trying) However, during Special Olympics competitors often will help each other. They understand competition and the desire to do their best but they also understand that everyone is in it all together. God's grace trumps the pursuit of perfection. God's grace trumps winning the race at the cost of leaving someone behind. Peter Marty calls this "blue ribbon grace" in his book the anatomy of grace.

May your experience "blue ribbon grace sometime soon in your life...thanks.

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Pastor Robert Kirchman



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Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed. Oct. 28 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Thurs. Oct. 29 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Prayer at Summerfield Apt. 6:30 p.m. Solid Rock Bible Study at Elim.
Sat. Oct. 31 - 9:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Breakfast at Tammy Palum's
Sun. Nov. 1 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6
Senior Pastor Larry Dorman
Associate Pastor Jim Binder
Youth Pastor Troy Churness
Children's Minister Nikki Ubert
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept 7-May 17) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Youth Night (check church website for dates)
Every Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
*Wednesdays: Care groups in various homes

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Clearbrook
Wed. Oct. 28 - 6:30 p.m. Awana
Thurs. Oct. 29: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer meeting at church.
Sat., Oct. 31 - 7:00 am Men's prayer breakfast.
Sun., Nov. 1: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:45 morning worship. 12:00 pm.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Thurs. Oct. 29 - Ham boiled dinner with cabbage, potatoes, carrots, fruit salad, breadstick, bar and milk.
Fri. Oct. 30 - **Halloween Party** - BBQ meatballs, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, lemon sponge cake and milk
Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up. The suggested donation for the meal is \$4.00.

Gonvick American Legion #304 Bingo
Bingo canceled for this Thursday, October 29 The Halloween party is being set up.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Clearbrook Location:
MAIN OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday, 256 2nd Ave. SW, 218-776-2789

Cardio Fitness: M-F, 6:30 - 7:30 AM. Use Gathering Place (south) entrance. Drop-ins welcome. **FREE!**

Shop-at-the-Top: Open M-F, 10 - 4, and Sat., 10-3. Last minute Halloween costumes still available, \$2.00 each.

The Most Excellent Way: Recovery support group, 7:00 PM, Thursday. Second floor.

Youth Connection: For grades 6 - 9, Tues., Oct. 27, 3-5 PM. **FREE.** Bring a friend.

Gonvick Location: 226 Elm St., 218-487-5290

Create It! Gallery: Open M-W-F, 9 to 4, Sat., 9-noon. Original work by local artists on consignment.

Senior Connection: Openings in adult day services. Hours: M-W-F, 10-3. Professional staff; home-like atmosphere.

Restore It! Furniture Shop: Open M-W-F, 9 to 4, Sat., 9 - noon. Donations accepted during business hours. Use north entrance. Custom refinishing available.

Senior Exercise: 11-11:30. M-W-F. Drop-ins welcome. **FREE.**

Create It! Community Art Studios: Open Mondays, 1-5 PM, with mentors. New members welcome.

Be sure check our web site: www.clearwaterslife.org or Facebook pages for more information.

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SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Oct. 28 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 10:30 AM Crafts & Laughs; 6-7 PM Divine Drama; 7-7:30 PM Confirmation.
Sun., Nov. 1: 9:30 AM Sunday school; 10:30 AM Worship Service, **UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**

55070 149th Ave., Gonvick (218) 487-5308
Wed. Oct. 28 - 2:00 p.m. WN-ALC meets. Hostess: Phyllis Wagner

Sun. Nov. 1 9:00 AM Worship Service; 10:00 AM Sunday School. 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. United Men's Annual Pancake Supper.

REDEEMER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
Church Location: Corner of Hwy. 2 & Red Lake Ave. SW Bagley, MN
Pastor Linden B. Wendzel
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, Clearbrook
Wed. Oct. 28 & Nov. 28 6:30 pm Choir Practice; 7:30 pm Handbell Practice.
Sun. Nov. 1 9:00am Worship All Saints Day, 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour;
Mon. Nov. 2 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meets

Joint
Wed. Oct. 28 & Nov. 4 6:00pm Confirmation

Thurs. Nov. 5 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Our Savior's, Leonard
Sun. Nov. 1 11:00am Worship/ All Saints Day, 9:45 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Coffee Hour., lunch provided after service.

Mon. Nov. 2 - 4:45pm Congregational Life Committee meets in the fellowship hall

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Clearbrook Branch
305 Lake Ave. E.
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Sunday School: 11:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Priesthood/Relief Society: 12:10-1:00 p.m.; Young Women's: 12:10-1:00 p.m.; Primary: 11:20 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed. Oct. 28: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat. Oct. 31: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation.
Sun. Nov. 1: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS. 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park (C). 6:30 p.m. Nazareth Ladies Aid.

Wed. Nov. 4: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed. Oct. 28: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu. Oct. 29: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.

Fri. Oct. 30: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.
Sat. Oct. 31: Halleluiah Night at Bethel.

Sun. Nov. 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Mon. Nov. 2: 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting.

Tue. Nov. 3: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed. Nov. 4: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun. Nov. 1: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun. Nov. 1: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Today In Banking

Some "Straight Talk" On Banking Today ... That Can Make Banking Better For You...



The Northern State Bank will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Halloween is this Saturday. Oct. 31!
Please drive carefully and watch out for the Trick or Treaters!

As your local independent bank, we believe it's important to reinvest our customers' deposits locally.

When you save and invest with us, we put your money back to work in our area. We make auto loans, personal loans, home loans, business loans and agricultural loans, to name just a few.

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

Clearbrook-Gonvick Sixth Grade Bridge Engineers

The Clearbrook-Gonvick sixth-grade minds have been busy getting molded into the minds of engineers. Their first engineering challenge was to build a bridge. Students started with research on bridge structures, compression, tension, and types of bridges. Research, along with their prior knowledge, aided them in then designing, and finally in building their bridges. Once their research and designs were complete, they were set loose with tools to start building!

There were two requirements the students had to meet for their bridges. The first was that it needed to be twelve

inches long. Next, they had to have a hole in the bottom center of their bridge that was one inch wide in order to test the strength. After that, they were free to decide what they wanted their bridges to look like. Some students grabbed rulers and calculators right away to work it out mathematically. Other students took a different approach by just diving in and building.

After much hard work and excitement, the day that they had been waiting for arrived; they could finally test their bridges! With a Structural Analysis Tester, we were able to watch their hard work break! Students sat anxiously watching each bridge get tested while counting the pounds of pressure being applied to the bridge. The bridge that held the most, holding eleven pounds of pressure, be-

longed to McKenzie Weems and Isaac Christianson! All of the bridges had a unique structure and looked great!

Now that the fun is over, students are busy analyzing their data. On Thursday and Friday we worked in the computer lab learning how to make a graph on Google Spreadsheets. Students are also required to write a paragraph on what worked best with their design and what they would change for next time.

And now a few words from the students...

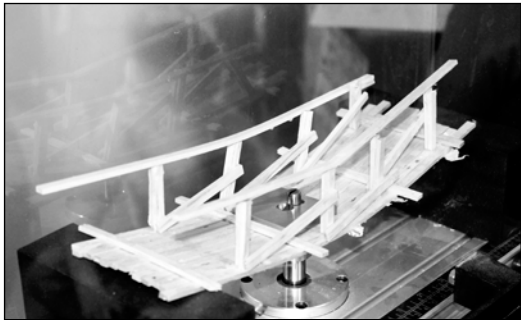
"I learned that the more beams and support, the better," Jordan Colsen

"The structure of the bridge has a big part of how much weight it can hold," Kaylee Westrum

"That if you build a bridge, you must have the full measurements," Jayden Bergerson

"Support is the main idea of the bridge," Kelsey Johnson

Stay tuned to find out what those sixth grade minds will be working on next!



- Example bridge



Mrs. Bagaason's Class at Clearbrook-Gonvick: Left to Right: Gryphon Riley, Callie Sumner, Kasey Mason, Dana Melby, Kyle Gerlofs, Isaac Spears, Annabell Phillips, Ted Tollefson, Danielle Faldet, Bianca Sather, Lane Cadreau, Aiden Churness, John DeVries, Kaylee Westrum McKenzie Weems, Kelsey Johnson, JaynaTronnes. Front: Isaac Christianson. Not pictured: RiLee Torgeson.



Mrs Nordlund's Clearbrook-Gonvick Class: Back Row: Samarah Brown, Ellan Engen, Shayla Baker, Evan Peldo, Jordan Colsen, Isaiah Risland, Sam Wishard, Jayden Bergerson, Brian Walser, Middle Row: Justyce Auginash, Maci Wagner, Jensen Engberg, Keenan Jones, Jesse Bjerke, Brett Vettleson, Front Row: Malaina Hartwig, Emma Lindenfesler, Casey Hughes.

Report from School Superintendent

By Wayne Olson, Clearbrook-Gonvick District #2311

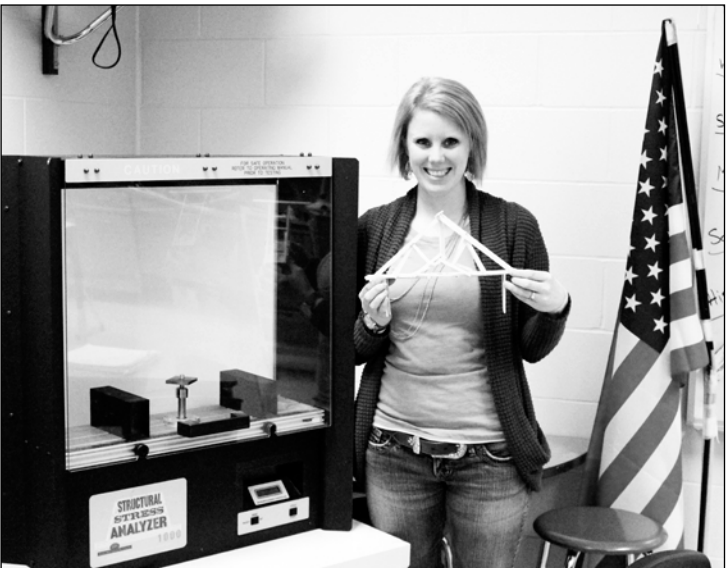
No matter how much we hope; we know we are going to have severe weather again this winter. Based on the assumption that cold temperatures, high winds and heavy snow will come eventually this school year, I want to assure everyone that Clearbrook-Gonvick School is ready to respond, as needed, when severe weather occurs.

When weather conditions begin to turn adverse, many factors are considered in determining whether to keep school

open, delay the school opening, or close school for a day or have an early out.

1.Road conditions are checked,
2.temperature and wind chill charts are monitored closely, and
3. weather forecasts and radar will be watched closely for our area.

If a decision is made to cancel school or adjust the school schedule, an School Reach alert is sent out to parents who have signed up for this in the Office,



Mrs. Nordland, 6th grade science teacher standing next to the Structural Analyzer use to test the bridges

radio and television stations will be called with that information. Please do not call the radio or television stations, as this ties up their phone lines. Some weather conditions, such as fog, are much harder to predict and react to. Clearbrook-Gonvick Public School will respect your parental decision, if you choose to keep your child home until weather conditions improve.

Listed below are the general procedures we will follow at Clearbrook-Gonvick:

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK PROCEDURES FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. All school closings, delayed starting times, and early dismissal will be announced. Listen/watch to the following media outlets, additionally if you have signed up for the School Reach alert notices these will be sent to you as soon as a decision is made. If you have not signed up and desire to do so, contact Debbie at 776-3112 for further information. Parents and pupils are urged to listen to one of these stations daily, but especially when the weather is inclement. These stations KBUN 1450 AM/101 FM; KTRF 1230AM; KKQC 1480 AM/96.7 FM; WBJI 98.3 FM; KKAQ 1460 AM; KXJB Channel 4; KVLV Channel 11 will be notified of the closing of schools as soon after 6 a.m. as possible. Hearing no announcement, parents and students should assume that the school would be in session.

2. There are also times when schools are closed earlier than the regular time. If an adult will not be at home, arrangements should be made so that young children have an appropriate place to go. Please call the School Office before inclement weather begins, if you do not want your children going home when we have these inclement conditions. Please do not wait until the last minute. You will need to specify instructions on where to send your child (ren), household, address and bus number when you call into the Office.

3. All school activities will not be held when school is closed due to inclement weather.

4. All after-school activities will be canceled when school is dismissed early because of inclement weather. If school is closed because of /or because of the threat of inclement weather, we cannot in good conscious have our students out with school activities.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Thurs. Oct. 29 - Meat and Cheese Subs, Sun Chips, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk

Fri. Oct. 30 - Mummy Dogs, Oven Fries, Halloween Treat, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk

Mon. Nov. 2 - Chicken Sandwich, Potato Bites, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk

Tues. Nov. 3 - Soft Shell Tacos, Black Bean Salsa, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. and Milk

Wed. Nov. 4 - Stuffed Crust Pizza, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Cookie and 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

FFA Haunted House: Friday, October 30th, On the Stage, 1:30 - 2:45

Career Night: November 12, 2015 from 5:00-7:00.

WE SCARE HUNGER/ BRING IT TO THE BOX CAMPAIGN...BRING A FOOD ITEM TO THE BOX in the commons and if you have any extra blankets, pillow cases, towels, shampoo or body wash that you are not utilizing... please feel free to drop them off as well. 100% of food donations will go to Clearwater County Food Shelf and the other items will be brought to a homeless shelter.

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/CLGscholarship>.

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Board of Commissioners proceedings
Unorganized Township Meeting

Chairperson Newland called the Unorganized Township Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Illies, Syverson and Nelson present. Also present was Auditor Al Paulson.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Agenda.

Al Paulson presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the 2016 Unorganized Township budget as on file.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to adjourn the Unorganized Township meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Dated: October 13, 2015

Dean Newland, Chairman

Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator

Board of Commissioners'

The September meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on September 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Stenseng presiding and Commissioners Illies, Syverson, Nelson and Newland present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Agenda.

Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the Minutes for the month of August with corrections.

Environmental Services – Dan Hecht presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve costs associated with construction of an unloading ramp at the demolition landfill as follows: Hanson Silo Company for product, delivery and installation of concrete "T" panels in the amount of \$6,840.00, per order quote #00004341, Site Prep by local contractor up to \$1,500.00 to be paid from account #399-6364 (Recycling) and adjust the 2015 budget for #399-6364 by that amount.

Ayes: Syverson, Newland and Stenseng Nays: Illies and Nelson

There was a discussion on the budget.

Sheriff –Darin Halverson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clearwater County Sheriff to purchase LETG jail management software in the amount of \$14,698 and to be paid out of the software development subsidiary account.

Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clearwater County Sheriff to accept and sign the 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$14,868.

By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clearwater County Sheriff to accept and sign the 2015 Minnesota OHV/ATV grant for state fiscal years 2016-2017 in the amount of \$12,726.

Veterans Service Officer – Harry Hutchens presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, the County Veterans Service Office enter into the annual subscription to Ancestry.com, Library Edition, for the period September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016, at the annual, discounted rate of \$2,050.00. This product has been approved as an expenditure within the FY 2016 Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs CVSO Operational Improvement Grant contract guidelines for its added value to the office as a powerful military and civilian information research tool.

Auditor-Treasurer – Emily McDougall, Auditor Clerk, presented the bills and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$87,186.76 for the County Revenue Fund and \$36,543.21 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approves step increase of Steve Faldet at Step 9 of Range 19 effective September 1, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approves step increase of Jamie Freeman at Step 8 of Range 22 effective September 1, 2015.

Commissioner Nelson discussed an

amendment to be made to the Prime West Joint Powers Agreement.

Public Hearing – County Ditch 2 – A Public Hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. for Reestablishment of Drainage System Records of County Ditch 2. Present for this hearing were: Engineer, Dan Sauvé, Attorney, Richard Molin. Private Citizens present were: Wesley Luggar, Fred Halverson, Alfred Sether, Calvin Larson, Tammy Hanse, Mike Smith and Barbara Janssens.

Dan Sauvé explained the original records found and findings from aerial maps, testimonies of citizens and looking at the actual ditch. The public that spoke on the location of the ditch were Calvin Larson, Wesley Luggar and Alfred Sether. Mike Smith stated that he would like to retain some water on his property for water fowl. Commissioner Syverson also discussed the location of the ditch and concerns with beaver dams on the river next to the end of the ditch.

Engineer – Dan Sauvé presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Resolution to reestablish and correct drainage system records of CD 2, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to authorize the County Highway Department to clean out the Main Ditch of County Ditch 2 from Station 172 to the outlet using County forces and equipment. The work shall be paid out of the County Ditch 2 funds.

Dan presented the bills, financial statement and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to adopt the revised Beaver and Muskrat Control Policy dated September 8, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to authorize the advertisement for a Heavy Equipment Operator for the County Highway Department.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to accept the Engineer's Certificate of Performance for SP 088070-039, SP 015-070-006, SP 057-070-007, SP 060-070-008, SP 063-070-003, and SP 068-070-003: District 2 County Edge Line Rumble Stripe, to accept said completed project for and on behalf of the County, and to authorize final payment to AAA Stripping.

Open – There is an AMC Fall Policy Committee Meeting Conference on September 17th and 18th. Commissioners Nelson, Illies and Newland plan to attend.

Recess – The meeting recessed at 11:02 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2015.

September 15, 2015
Reconvene –The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2015 with Chairman Stenseng presiding and all Commissioners present.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Agenda.

US Fish & Wildlife – Lynn Sebek, Neil Powers and Danielle Kepford were present to discuss wetland easement requests. The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve 3 wetland easements on file.

Dan Sauvé expressed concerns with a county road washing out because of beaver problems on one of these easements. Neil Powers stated that the landowner still can remove beaver dams on these easements.

Land Department – Bruce Cox and Dan Sauvé discussed the property in Leonard that is for sale. Bid opening is set for September 17th at 3:30 p.m.

Bruce presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to pass resolution fixing terms and conditions for land sale and approving the list of lands and appraisals on file.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to authorize the purchase of a new pressure tank for the County Park water system from Neill's Plumbing and Heating for \$1,370.63.

Environmental Service – Dan Hecht presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Resolution for the establishment of a market price for solid waste management tax purposes.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to amend the following motion approved and dated September 8, 2015: To approve costs associated with construction of an unloading ramp at the demolition landfill as follows: Hanson Silo Company for product, delivery and installation of concrete "T" panels in the amount of \$6,840.00, per order quote #00004341, site prep by local contractor up to \$1,500.00 to be paid from account #399-6364 (Recycling) and adjust #399-6364 by that amount.

Amend as follows: replace references

to account #399-6364 with account #399-6305.

Dan also discussed some township dump site improvements needed. He handed out information on a compactor purchase that he plans to bring to the next Board meeting.

Sheriff –Darin Halverson presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clearwater County Sheriff to accept a donation of a 1995 Lund boat, 1995 ShoreLand'r trailer and a 50hp four stroke Mercury outboard motor from Koch Pipeline.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson and Bob Murray presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to accept the proposal

FUND	GROSS LEVY	CPA	NET LEVY BASE
Revenue	4,409,212	441,647	3,967,565
Reg. Lib.	95,725	9,588	86,137
DHS, SS	808,565	80,990	727,575
DHS, IM	512,443	51,329	461,114
Road & Bridge	1,166,000	116,792	1,049,208
SWM	425,000	42,570	382,430
Totals	7,416,945	742,916	6,674,029

This is an increase of 3.82% from 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to re-appoint Julie Sundquist to the Clearwater County Social Services Board for the period of July 6, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Hoffman, Phillip & Knutson – Colleen Hoffman was present to give the Audit report for 2014.

Commissioner Newland absent at 2:35 p.m.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills and the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$103,522.40 for the County Revenue Fund and \$4,929.01 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Recess – The meeting recessed at 2:52 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 2015.

September 29, 2015
Reconvene –The meeting reconvened with Chairman Stenseng presiding and all Commissioners present.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Agenda with additions.

Nursing Service – Marissa Hetland presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, CCNS to hire Kathy Boe as Home Health Aide/ Homemaker. Temporary Casual position lasting 2-4 months at Step 9 Home Health Aide and Homemaker.

Environmental Service – Dan Hecht presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to accept Quote #15174 from American Service Corp., for a refurbished Sani-Tech 20hp refuse compactor in the amount of \$48,950.00 and approve installation of 3-phase electrical service based on the estimate of \$26,712.50 from Clearwater-Polk Electric, along with associated electrical work by local contractor of approximately \$5,000.00, for a total project cost of approximately \$80,662.50. The 2015 budget will be increased by \$50,000 in account #392-6615 and \$30,000 in account #392-6305 to pay for this project. Approval of this equipment purchase is subject to a physical inspection of the equipment.

Ayes: Stenseng, Newland and Syverson Nays: Nelson and Illies

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved the schedule of hours worked, on file, for monthly cost of the \$3,250 CDHP (Consumer Driven Health Plan), with deductible of \$3,250/6,500, to all eligible Clearwater County employees and the cost of Single and Family for retirees and COBRA members, effective January 1, 2016. These calculations should not be construed to establish a precedent nor will it establish a past practice for the future.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved the Health Insurance rates for 2016 on file.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County

Legal Notice

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Imle at 7:03 p.m.
Declaration of Quorum - Members present: Tom Stenzel, Ben Machlitt, Corey Petterson (called away at 7:03 p.m.), James Galloway, Tracy Imle; Absent: Jeff Westrum, Richard Hetland. Also present: Superintendent Wayne Olson, Principal Jeff Burgess, 4 staff members, 1 community member.

4 Community Comments – Request for Superintendent to put articles in the paper.

5 Spotlight on Education – John Lavin spoke regarding student council. Homecoming is coming up next week. The coronation will be on Monday afternoon. There will be pep fests on Thursday & Friday. The parade will be in Gonvick around 2:30 p.m. Mr. Lavin thanked Richard Hetland & Tom Stenzel for installing the faucets that allow water bottles to be filled from the existing fountain, as well as Gonvick Diamond Jubilee and Lions Club for their donations. The Big Bear Little Bear program, matching high school students with elementary students should start next month.

6 Approval of Agenda – MMS Machlitt/Stenzel to approve agenda as amended. MCU

7 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – MMS Stenzel/ Machlitt to approve minutes as presented from August 17th and August 24th meetings. MCU

8 Informational Items

8.1 Principal Report – Principal Burgess reviewed his report, which included the PLC structure. Per quarter, each PLC will meet 5 times for instruction, 2 meetings for curriculums/standards, 1 meeting for data, and 1 meeting for focus groups. This year will concentrate on small groups, rather than large group meetings. 35% of the teacher & principals evaluations come from how students perform on state

of KLD Surveying for the surveying services to remonument Public Land Survey System corners in Dudley, Holst and Eddy Townships. Fee requested for providing the services related to locating, positioning and documenting PLSS corners is \$137,350.00. Funding for this proposal would be \$63,000 from Surveying, \$50,000.00 from Recorders Technology and \$24,350 from the County Park Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve for truth-in-taxation purposes the Departmental Budgets under the County Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2016, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the 2016 Levy for Truth-in-Taxation purposes as follows (Option #2):

Board of Commissioners approved the schedule of hours worked, on file, for monthly cost of the VEBA Health Plan #832, with deductible of \$2,250/\$4,500 family, to all eligible Clearwater County employees and the cost of Single and Family VEBA Plan #832 for retirees and COBRA members, effective January 1, 2016. These calculations should not be construed to establish a precedent nor will it establish a past practice for the future.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved the schedule of hours worked on file, for monthly cost of Health Insurance to all eligible Clearwater County employees and the cost of Single and Family Health Insurance for retirees and COBRA members. Effective January 1, 2016. These calculations should not be construed to establish a precedent nor will it establish a past practice for the future.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved the schedule of hours worked on file, for monthly cost of the 2016 Minimum Value Plan, with deductible of \$6,350/12,700 VEBA/HSA, to all eligible Clearwater County employees and the cost of Single and Family for retirees and COBRA members, effective January 1, 2016. These calculations should not be construed to establish a precedent nor will it establish a past practice for the future.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved the Health Insurance rates for 2016 on file.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved Clearwater County's continued participation in the Northwest Service Cooperative Wellness Pilot Program for 2016 and authorized the Board Chair to sign such agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to transfer funds of \$50,000.00 to Rural Signing, \$30,000.00 to Software Development, \$75,000.00 to Building and Grounds and \$30,000.00 to Equipment from County Revenue.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the amended Joint Powers Agreement with Prime West Health and Clearwater County.

Chairman Stenseng absent at 9:32 a.m. Commissioner Illies presided over the meeting.

Recess/Reconvene – Unorganized Township meeting – The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. for the Unorganized Township meeting. Minutes are attached.

Open – Bruce Cox discussed a letter to be sent by the Board to Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Commissioner Illies discussed a hospital grant.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Dated: October 13, 2015

Daniel C. Stenseng, Chairman

Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator

plan.

8.2 Superintendent Report – 8.2.1 Dust Collection System Update – The system is pretty much up & running. The air quality has improved a great deal. There is a part that needed to be reordered, as it was the wrong size. However, the system should be completely installed shortly.

8.2.2 Audit Report Progress – The auditors are finishing up. They will be here in either October or November to give their report.

8.2.3 Student Enrollment – The enrollment is roughly the same as the beginning of last year.

Additional Info – Supt. Olson passed out and discussed the ACT report regarding last year's scores. Supt. Olson discussed the levy sheet workshop he attended and noted that the number he calculated was approximately \$1165. We contacted Ehlers. Our official levy number is \$1165, due to the state's calculation of student weights. Although the number is different, we will receive roughly the same amount of money.

8.3 Committee Reports
8.3.1.1 – Negotiation – There was a proposal presented by the teachers at the meeting on August 26th.

9 Consent Calendar – MMS Stenzel/Machlitt to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented
Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:

62791 - 62793/Wires
Payroll Checks
0029256/0029277 - 0029279
September Bills
Voucher Numbers: 44949 - 45047
Check Numbers: 62832 - 62894
Total Payroll/Expense Checks
Approved: \$2,243,924.64

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

10 Old Business
10.1 Third Reading of Policies to be Updated – MMS Galloway/ Machlitt to approve Policies to be updated

10.2 Review of Listening Session, Next Steps – Supt. Olson presented summaries regarding information obtained at listening sessions. He suggested that a special meeting be held to discuss the points, narrow the focus and prioritize. This would be a non-business meeting, and no decisions would be made. Board members should send Supt. Olson available dates, so that a meeting can be held between now

and the next board meeting.

11 New Business
11.1 Personnel –

11.1.1 Approve hiring – Tasha Bakke – MMS Machlitt/Stenzel to approve contract for Tasha Bakke Kitchen Para. MCU

11.1.2 Approve hiring – Charmaine Baanco – MMS Galloway/ Machlitt to approve contract for Charmaine Baanco SPED Para. MCU

11.1.3 Approve resignation – Tom Goebel – MMS Galloway/Stenzel to approve resignation of Tom Goebel Kitchen Para. MCU

11.1.4 Approval of FMLA Leave for Frankie Scalzo – MMS Stenzel/ Galloway to approve FMLA Leave for Frankie Scalzo. MCU.

11.1.5 Approval of Gwen Eck as Long Term Sub – MMS Stenzel/ Machlitt to approve Gwen Eck as a long-term sub. MCU.

11.2 Approve Preliminary Levy Certification at Maximum – MMS Galloway/Stenzel to approve the Levy 15, Pay 16 at the max for the 2015-2016 school year. MCU

11.3 World's Best Workforce Report – Supt. Olson reviewed the World's Best Workforce report. MMS Stenzel/Galloway to approve as the District's World's Best Workforce Report. MCU

11.4 School Forest Possible Restrictions – Supt. Olson discussed the amount of land the school district owns. We currently have a school forest of 360 acres, a lot in Clearbrook, and land outside of Gonvick. Supt. Olson advised that our insurance company advised we post the land regarding hunting and trapping. Discussion was held & it was decided we should form a committee to determine the best usage for the land. The board directed Supt. Olson to investigate the situation with the lot in Clearbrook.

11.5 Approval of the Nursing Contract with Clearwater County – MMS Machlitt/Galloway to approve the nursing contract with Clearwater County. MCU.

12 Action Items for July Meeting

12.1 –

12.2 –

13 Adjournment – MMS Galloway/Machlitt to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Yes–Machlitt, Galloway, Imle No–Stenzel. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

Special Board Meeting to Review Listening Sessions: TBA

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. R31C



By Corrine Richards

Don't forget Daylight Saving time ends this Saturday night. You get an extra hour to do what you want. Set your clocks back one hour.

On Sunday, November 1 the men of United Lutheran Church at Berner will be serving their annual pancake supper from 4:30-7PM. See the men cook.

A reminder that there will be no bingo at the Gonvick Legion this Thursday night. The building has been reserved so that the Gonvick Lions Club can get ready for the Halloween party.

The Gonvick Lions Club will be having a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 31. There will be a party for the younger ones at the old school gym, (Clear Waters Life Center) and the Haunted House at the Gonvick Legion.

More Halloween Parties are planned. Sanford Bagley will be hosting its annual Halloween event. Haunted Hallways from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. It will be at the back entrance of the Sanford Hospital.

The Sweet Treat Shelter with Trick or Treat will be held at Farm by the Lake at 17797 366th Street in Bagley from 5 to 7 p.m. The free event is sponsored by local business places and they will be handing out candy at the picnic shelter. Costume Contest at 6 p.m. for ages 0-5 and 6 to 10.

Sunday November 1 starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Clearbrook Community Center Gym the Leon Ramblers 4H will be having a Family Fun Night. There will be a potluck and games for the whole family. If you have questions about the fun evening, please call or text Amy Berg, (home)



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears honored their parents at a recent football game. Managers who honored their parents were from left to right: Logan Westrum with his parents Krysten and Jeff Westrum, Kyle Gerlofs and his parents Jalina and Jon Gerlofs and Aiden Churness with his parents Travis and Dani Churness.



Horticultural award winners from left to right: Sally Shearer, June Ward, Maggie Schwegman, Steve Mortensen and Sharon Kuechenmeister.

MSHS 12th District “Crystal Leaf” horticultural awards

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society 12th District awarded their annual Crystal Leaf Awards at their fall meeting on October 17, 2015, in Shevlin, MN.

Area individuals are awarded a Crystal Leaf and Certificate for their contributions to “advancing the knowledge, science and appreciation of horticulture within the communities in our district.” Garden clubs in the district select an individual to be recognized in their community and give the award jointly with the MSHS 12th District.

Bemidji – Maggie Schwegman – Beltrami County Master Gardener and Editor of “The Root” for 12th Dist. Members – reorganized and revitalized the Bemidji Garden Club as president in 2006 – dedicated to the support of horticultural activities and projects in Bemidji and encouraged many others to get involved in horticulture.

Blackduck – Sharon Kuechenmeister – Registered Nurse that has shared her heart with the garden club – including beautification of the Wayside Rest area, the Information Booth, Veterans’ Memorial, Senior Center and downtown flower pots. She is committed to the team spirit in planning, planting and maintaining these flowered works of art.

Cass Lake – Steve Mortensen – Director of Fisheries, Wildlife and Plants with the Leech Lake Reservation Dept. of Resource Management – coordinated the bluebird project by building and placing hundreds of houses with the help of 4-H & community members. He has also produced educational videos featuring endangered wildlife and plant species.

Park Rapids – Sally Shearer -- Master Gardener -- has been a crucial volunteer for numerous local horticultural projects. She has dedicated years of serving the community as Hubbard County Program Coordinator providing education to the home grower and small farmer – with a focus on sustainable farming, nutrition and water quality.

Shevlin – June Ward – dedicated to improving and sharing horticulture as a garden club member for 20 years, attends 12th Dist. Meetings, helps with annual Flower Show and for years has been the Superintendent of the Produce Dept. at the Clearwater County Fair.

Regional Ag News
Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Beef Pastures Benefit from Legumes

As the grazing season ends, it's a good time to evaluate your pastures and make plans for next year. Last winter was hard on perennial forage crops and coupled with this year's rather dry finish, your pastures may need a tune-up. Now is a good time to consider your options for the next grazing season.

Forage legume species such as red or white clover, birdsfoot trefoil, and alfalfa are important plant contributors to productivity and quality of beef pastures. Most notable among the many characteristics of forage legumes is their ability to fix nitrogen in a symbiotic partnership with the rhizobia bacteria that colonize root nodules of host legume plants. This partnership reduces the need for adding nitrogen fertilizer to pastures when legumes comprise at least 30 – 40% of the stand, reducing or eliminating need for nitrogen fertilizer applications.

Legumes provide many other benefits to pasture systems. Pastures that include legumes are more adaptable and productive in response to variable soil conditions, weather, insects/disease pests, weeds and other environmental stressors. For example, alfalfa, with its deep taproot, in combination with cool-season grasses, can provide increased pasture resiliency during dry summer periods.

Legumes help maintain more consistent forage quality and production for grazing animal diets over the season, and dilute the negative impacts of anti-quality and/or palatability factors of companion grasses. The net effect is that legumes can contribute significantly to improved beef production from pastures.

Legumes also provide other environmental benefits, serving as a pollen and nectar source for honeybees, and providing food and habitat benefits for other wildlife. Legumes have long been known for their contributions to improve soil quality and reduce erosion as part of a productive perennial cropland or pasture system on the landscape.

Improving legume content of pastures need not be difficult. With a goal of 30 – 40% legume content, first determine which legume species are desirable for your location by consultation with local Extension or natural resources conservation staff.

Consider that you may want different legume and grass species in mixtures across the farm, depending on soil variations and other production criteria.

Next, soil fertility needs should be assessed for pastures based on current soil tests and tailored for optimal forage legume production. For most pastures, legumes will express good growth when soil pH is at least 6.0 (or above). Amending soil pH with lime or wood ash aids in addressing the higher calcium and magnesium requirements of legumes. Phosphorus levels should be at 15 ppm or higher (measured as Bray P1), and potassium levels should be maintained at 120 ppm (or above) for most legume-based pastures. Addition of other soil nutrients such as sulfur and boron may also be needed in some areas to support good legume stands. Consult with your local Extension office for additional information on soil testing guidelines for pastures.

There are several methods for introducing legumes into pastures. Ideally, legumes are included in the seeding mix of newly established pastures, but frost seeding (broadcasting seed on frozen ground during late winter freeze/thaw events) and direct seeding with a no-till drill are also common methods of introducing legumes into established grass stands. Information on seeding

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Yvonne Hetland and Nancy Schmit were busy serving a little lunch to those to come for the Gully Coop Appreciation.



Dean and Dianne Godtland.



Albert and Shirley Graftaas .

Gully Coop Appreciation



Norris Hendrickon and Floyd Bergerson on the way to their table to enjoy the treats from the Gully Tri-Coop.



David and Darlene Rindahl.

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Do Your Part and Utilize Clearwater County's Recycling Bins! They are conveniently located by the Fairgrounds (south end by Highway Dept. Building) and in Clearbrook by the Highway Dept. Building.

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by Harry Hutchens,
Clearwater
County Veterans
Service Officer

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOLS VETERANS DAY PROGRAM: The annual Clearbrook-Gonvick School Veterans Day Program, presented by the Clearbrook American Legion Auxiliary, will be held on Wednesday, November 11th at 1:00 PM in the high school gym. All community members and veterans are invited to attend. Complimentary coffee and dessert will be provided for visiting veterans and their families immediately following the program. Guest Speakers for this year's program will be three local veterans who will describe how their Active Duty military experience modeled them to be the citizens they are today: Paula Boomgaarden,

Dylan Goudge and Dan Gazelka. Veterans are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the program to register for the Roll Call during the program.

BAGLEY HIGH SCHOOL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM: will be held on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11th, at 9:30 in the morning. All local veterans are invited to attend. A complimentary lunch will be provided for visiting veterans and their families immediately following the program. The guest speaker will be local Korean War Veteran Leonard Stinar. Veterans are asked to arrive at least by 9:15 that morning to be registered for Roll Call during the program. The Bagley High School contact is Mr. Perry Nelson. The American Legion Post 16 of Bagley will be providing Color Guard services.

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LUTE: 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/Text (218)556-5340.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Clearwater County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 8:00 pm in the Commissioner's Room at the Clearwater County Courthouse. All Shareholders are encouraged to attend. Persons wishing to purchase a membership share for \$5.00 should contact Allen Paulson, Manager, before Nov. 5, 2015.

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Knife collector sells at Minot's Annual Hostfest

Norsk Hostfest is an annual festival held each year in Minot, North Dakota. It is North America's largest Scandinavian festival. The event is so big, they hold it at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds.

There are literally tens of thousands of people in attendance each year, and the number just continues to grow.

The proud heritage of Scandinavia is alive and for sale at Hostfest. You can purchase unique and fascinating items, some that you may not find anywhere else. The Marketplace offers everything from jewelry to furniture. You can even buy a Viking helmet!

So why is it so special to local knife collector and dealer Richard Moen and his wife Rita from the McIntosh/Winger area? Last year, was the first year they were at the event as vendors.

This is not an easy task, and there is a lot that goes on before you can be a vendor at Hostfest.

But the knives that Richard and Rita collect and sell are as unique as most of the items for sale. They have a huge connection with the people who attend Norsk Hostfest, as they collect Scandinavian knives of all kinds.

This year they also carried

Icelandic knives as well. They also carried a modern line of knives from Norway called Helle knives that start around \$65 upwards to \$220. These knives are best known because

the television show Survivor-man carries a Helle knife.

To learn more about Richard and Rita Moen's knives, you can email them at dyrkehaug@yahoo.com.



Richard Moen at Hostfest in Minot, ND, where he sold knives, old and new, from many different heritages., mostly of Scandinavian countries.

MN Cold Weather Rule is now in effect

Bills can pile up just like snow. But the Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in winter.

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from Oct. 15 to April 15. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility cannot disconnect your residential electric service during the winter if the customer meets the following requirement:

(1) utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;

(2) the customer has declared inability to pay on forms provided by the utility (Note: Customers receiving "any form of public assistance," including energy assistance, are deemed to have qualified for inability to pay status);

(3) the household income of the customer is less than 50 percent of the state median income level, as documented by the customer to the utility; and

(4) the customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance.

The State Department of Human Services recommends you call the county in which

you live.

If you know you're going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please contact City

Clerk at 218.563.3043 to try and work out a payment schedule. We'll try to help.



Carlee Whalen's First Hunt

Carlee Whalen of Oklee, shot her first deer during the youth season. She was using the rifle her Great Uncle Dave Olson of Red Lake Falls, MN made for her. Carlee's dog went down with one clean shot, as her dad, Terry Whalen and her best friend Marissa Thomas watched. Carlee is the grand daughter of Tim and Linda Whalen, of Oklee and Jr. and Audrey Olsson, of Mentor.



4 generations in the Hansen family from McIntosh. Pictured: (l-r) Dad: Casey Hansen, Baby: Ethan Michael Hansen, Great Grandpa: Kenny Hansen and Grandpa: Mike Hansen.

From Our Files



Clearwater County 4-H Ambassadors Left to right: Mary Isackson Atriallno, Marie Tibbetts Chandler, Karen Hanson Erickson, Margie McCollum McCormick, Allen Paulson, Sherry Rydeen Rettmann, Susan Johnson Sandland, Kathy Nordlund Brandt.

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rates, recommended varieties, availability of no-till drills, agronomic and pasture management information for pastures is available at your local Extension office. Also, if you have applied any herbicides to your pasture in the past few years, be sure to check the replant restrictions.

Results from pasture improvement and introduction of legumes will be most successfully realized under a managed grazing system.

For beef producers, research suggests that a grazing system that includes multiple pad-

docks can provide management flexibility to optimize utilization of improved legume pastures and increase profits.

For more information, con-

tact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Source: Dr. Rhonda Gildersleeve, UW Extension Grazing Specialist.

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