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Career Night was held on November 12, 2015 at the Clearbrook-Gonvick school along with conferences. About 15 schools, military and businesses were represented. Many parents and students stopped by to visit and pick up information.

Top photo has Kendehl Ballard with Brad Jones from Itasca Community College forestry department. She is taking a core sample out of a tree trunk to determine the age of the tree. Bottom photo is Scott Wilson with Clearwater Energy Group with two students Katherine Knutson and Jayna Tronnes filling out information sheets. Guidance Counselor, Kim Cousins, greeted everyone at the Career Day event.



Watch out Santa is coming

Santa Claus Day is coming December 5

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making their appearance in Gonvick on Saturday, December 5. Children 0 to 12 can come to the old school gym (Clear Waters Life Center) in Gonvick for games, treats and to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. Doors open

from 1:30 to 2:30.

Coffee and goodies will be served at the Gonvick Community Center with a chance to win a turkey. Sign up will be at the center starting at 2:00 p.m. with drawing at 3:00 p.m.

There will be a goodie walk and donations of cookies or snacks are welcome. They can be brought to the school on

Friday night when the event is being set up or in the morning before Santa gets there.

Clearbrook Santa Claus Day set for December 5

\$1,200 in Trade Bucks will be drawn this year for those attending the Clearbrook Santa Claus Day festivities, which is set for Saturday, December 5th. You will be able to register to win at four locations, North Country Hardware, Bakken's, Y92 and the Clearbrook/Leonard Senior Center (you must be 18 years and older, one winner per person for each drawing). Drawings will be held for 3-\$100 winners, 12-\$50 winners and 12-\$25 winners starting at 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. (You must be present to win). The trade Bucks can be redeemed at any Clearbrook business and will have a December 31, 2015 deadline to be used.

The Annual Clearwater Quilt Show will be held at the Roxy Theater from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with beautiful quilts on display, vendors, refreshments, drawings and a quilt raffle. Admission is free.

A "Free" Santa Claus Christmas lunch will be held at the Clearbrook/Leonard Senior Center from 11:00 a.m. to

Santa Claus...

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Unorganized Township Meeting held

Board hears update about County Housing Authority

By Karen Edelbach
Kent Barcus and Cheryl Grover of the County Housing Authority (HA) Board brought an update for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners on Nov. 17 as to the next step in managing the business of the HA.

Mr. Barcus reported that HUD Supervisor Lucia Carson and Anthony Landecker, representative for Clearwater County, will be coming to meet with Board members next week. Ms. Carson confirmed there is not any funding available beyond which they (HUD) have provided to fund the program for the past 35 years.

They will be here in an advisory capacity only, and said that it is the responsibility of the local HA Board to manage this program. They are expecting the supervisor to provide them with the needed ability to acquire the HUD funds and enable them to send the checks out for December.

Barcus said that Laura Straw of the Bemidji HRA told him that they need to have a plan and recommended they put a budget together to move the HA forward.

A suggestion received was to find someone to come in and manage the program.

"We have 75 renters and 75 landlords," Ms. Grover said, also mentioning their computer and software need to be upgraded, and the secretary should also learn the needed programs. The Commissioners

were in agreement with this.

"HUD has to approve everything, but," she said, "we have a plan."

County Engineer Dan Sauvé received authorization for final payment to Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance of Thief River Falls for work on behalf of Clearwater County. The total value of the work certified is \$180,288.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson received authorization to pay the submitted invoices of \$43,707 from the County Revenue Fund, and \$55,998 from Nursing Service.

A resolution endorsing revisions to the Minnesota County Program Aid (CPA) formula was approved by the commissioners. Paulson said the purpose of the resolution is so no counties lose their program, and it helps to resolve that problem with a funding increase of \$40 million. Clearwater County's share is \$742,916, he said.

Neal Illies asked for confirmation that this meant they are agreeing to a new formula, which Paulson confirmed. Illies said some of the other counties are concerned about the new formula.

The resolution states that the revised CPA formula benefits all Minnesota counties by reducing volatility and ensuring a fair distribution of CPA.

Paulson brought applications for the 2016 seasonal beer and wine licenses for Itasca State Park, and 2016 on

sale liquor and Sunday sale licenses for Fireside Grill, which were approved.

Unorganized Township:

Prior to the regular county board meeting, Commissioner Dean Newland called the Unorganized Township board meeting to order.

There was only one order of business. Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson brought that item which was the application for the 2016 seasonal beer and wine license for Douglas Lodge in Itasca State Park. The commissioners approved the application, and the Unorganized Township Board meeting was closed.

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

Gerald Drydahl Memorial races

December 19-20, 2015

The United States Country Snowmobile Racing Association is again sponsoring the Gerald Drydahl Memorial Pine Lake 200. The two day event will be December 19-20 on Pine Lake south of Gonvick. The race headquarters will be Sportsmans Bar on Pine Lake.

Racing will start at 9:00 a.m. each day.

Participants can register online at usxrcing.com by December 18 at 8:00 p.m.

On site registration at Sportsman's Bar, Friday, December 18 from 4 to 7 pm.

Audit report given to Clearbrook-Gonvick board

Brian Opsahl with Brady Martz Certified Public Accountants from Grand Forks presented the audit report at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 16. The situation of the district is on the right track. The key financial position increased by \$697,944 over the prior year from current year activity. Overall, the actual revenues in the Statement of Activities were \$6,268,921 and expenses were \$5,570,977. The General Fund revenues and other financing sources were more than General Fund expenditures by \$301,381. This was due to local and county revenues being higher than expected.

One item mentioned by Opsahl was the size and budget constraints limiting the number of personnel within the accounting department. He recommended a plan of action, 1. Review and approval of journal entries by superintendent, 2. Board approves checks 3. Superintendent periodically reviews bank statement before turning it over to the business office for reconciliation.

Spotlight on Education
Andy Anderson, Behavior Interventionist for the district explained his duties to the board. He works with behavior referrals. He tries to have them do something positive for the

school or the community. He enters and tracks attendance. Prepares truancy reports and attends court hearings. There is nothing major in the school at this time. This is his second school year. He and his wife have a 4 year old daughter and they live in Bagley.

Principals Report

Jeff Burgess reported that conferences were higher than normal attendance. They served about 260 at the dinner. The career fair went well.

The Impact 20/20 with area colleges provided information on a variety of subjects. All 9-12 students took part.

The Native American Position stated last week with the 4th, 5th and 6th. Six kids are being helped after school with transportation provided. They are still identifying students of needs.

They had a meeting with bus drivers to come up with common expectations for bus-sing. They need to have consistency in rules. Students were brought in for their opinion. The key issues are food and drink on the bus.

Staff development focused on curriculum mapping for K to 12 so that everyone knows what is being done. Staff had synergy training that went well.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Wayne Olson stated that a donation check for \$5,000 will be put into the car fund. This will be for next year when Ross Faldet starts the car project again in the shop class. The new water softener parts are in and will be done shortly. Cost will be obtained for a custodial closet and new sealing for the park-

ing lot.

The district received \$500 for the items that were up for bids. They received more than if they would have received scrap metal money for them.

The school board association meeting is set for January 14 and 15.

January and February meeting dates were set for January 25 and February 23 due to conflicts with national holidays.

Consent calendar was approved for electronic transfers, treasurer's report and bills. Some of the bills included: Marco-Cisco Equipment Lease \$55,204.70; Stein's Bus Service LLC \$49,827.90; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$22,147.50; Marco \$7,907.31; Community Oil Co. \$6,077.98; Brady, Martz and Associate \$2,400.00; Anderson Disposal \$1,809.70; Garden Valley Telephone Co. \$1,523.32; City of Clearbrook \$1,444.74.

Old business

Review of Special meeting on Listening Sessions: They were 1. Curriculum, programs, opportunities, more attractive offerings, 2. Lack/use of technology 3. Improve communication 4. Teacher 5. Fear of Losing District 6. School Counselor (full-time) 7. Student Assistance 8. Maintain positive student involvement, behavior and attitude 9. Facilities.

New business

They approved the hiring of LeeAnn Vettleson as Finance Director to replace Lori Wollman. She will be taking more training in the future.

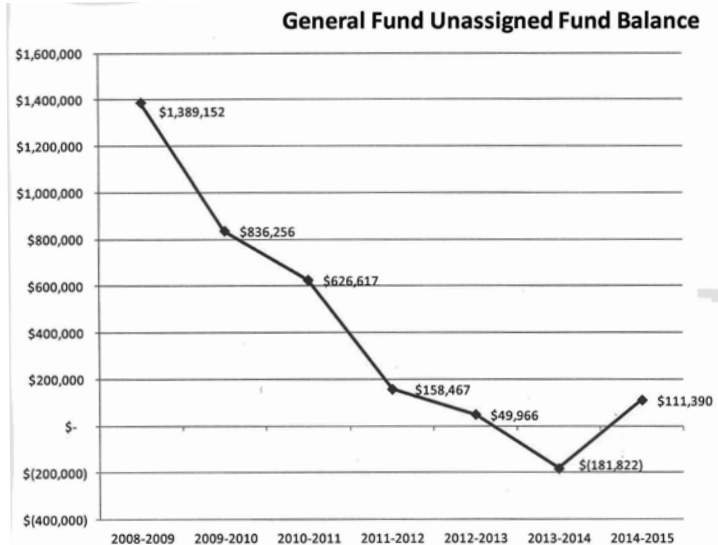
Approved the hiring of Paul

School board...

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Helping in the food line at the annual lutefisk and meatball supper at the Clearbrook American Legion from left to right: Bill Stoller, Marlin Langseth, Matt Anderson, Duane Johnson, Frank Bergh and Margie Johnson. With all the butter and goodies, "det smakte så god" is what everyone was saying.



Graph presented by Brady Martz representative showing the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. The highest number is \$1,389,152 in the 2008-2009 school year. The lowest point is the \$(181,822) in the red in the 2013-2014 school year to the last one showing a positive of \$111,390 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Community
Calendar

To the
Residents of
Clover Township

The regular meeting will be held at 5 pm, Monday, 7th of December, 2015 at the Clover Town Hall.
Joel Wraa, Clerk



Happy 40th
Anniversary
Rich & Debbie
11/15/75

Christmas
Decorating

Gonvick American Legion Post #304 and Auxiliary will be decorating the cabin for Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 9:00 am. Our Christmas Party will be held at the Dec. 8th meeting.
More details in next week's paper.

School board

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Nelson Boy's Junior High Basketball Coach
Approved the hiring of Lin-

da Berg ½ time Para Approved the audit report as presented by Brady Martz

Next special meeting will be on December 9 with the regular meeting on December 21.

Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Expenditures - Governmental Funds

The District's final budget for the general fund anticipated that revenues would exceed expenditures by \$169,932, the actual results for the year show revenues and other financing sources in excess of expenditures by \$301,281.
The top chart shows 2015 and the one below the 2014.

2015				
	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	Fund Balance Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$ 4,997,966	\$ 4,700,846	\$ 4,261	\$ 301,381
Food Service Fund	301,136	303,065	-	(1,929)
Community Service Fund	142,169	162,381	-	(20,212)
Debt Service Fund	811,949	823,233	-	(11,284)
Scholarship Fund	9,780	15,250	-	(5,470)
Total	\$ 6,263,000	\$ 6,004,775	\$ 4,261	\$ 262,486

2014				
	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	Fund Balance Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$ 4,883,205	\$ 5,401,297	\$ 260,205	\$ (257,887)
Food Service Fund	302,390	305,976	-	(3,586)
Community Service Fund	189,584	209,898	-	(20,314)
Debt Service Fund	833,036	825,901	-	7,135
Scholarship Fund	5,764	8,000	-	(2,236)
Total	\$ 6,213,979	\$ 6,751,072	\$ 260,205	\$ (276,888)

Today In Banking

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



The Joy Of Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving tradition began at Plymouth Colony in the autumn of 1621. After a successful corn harvest, Governor William Bradford declared a three-day celebration of thanksgiving and prayer. The colonists thanked God for the year's blessings.

"Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful to him and bless his name." —Psalm 100:4

As we look forward to the Thanksgiving meal and a special time with family and friends, we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

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The Northern State Bank will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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Salvation Army
Kettles are out again

Once again the holidays are approaching fast and you will see the red Salvation Army Kettles in the Galen's Supermarket and Kubiak's Family Foods grocery stores. There will be some countertop kettles in various businesses throughout Clearwater County as well. These are to raise funds for the Clearwater County Unit of the Salvation Army.
The Clearwater County Unit is part of the Northern Division of the Salvation Army. The money raised during this kettle campaign is used to set the budget for the next fiscal year. Therefore, the more money we raise, the higher our budget. Clearwater County's budget for this year is \$2,600. Our largest project is for school

Who Dat?



Who was looking like Minnie Pearl for Halloween this year. This person is well known in the area.

supplies for disadvantaged children. This past August we were able to distribute over 150 backpacks filled with supplies. That was down about 50 from the year before as our funding was down.
The remaining portion of our budget goes for emergency food, clothing and cleaning/hygiene supplies. For a person to be eligible for the school supplies or other assistance, they must demonstrate that they are a resident of Clearwater County. Individuals are referred to the Salvation Army through the county Human Services, law enforcement, local churches and other organizations. Because of our limited funds, the assistance we give for food, etc. is generally limited to \$25-\$50 depending on family size. The assistance is in the form of vouchers to Clearwater county businesses, so the funds raised in the kettles stay in our county. During our last fiscal year the Clearwater County unit was able to assist 29 individuals from 14 families with emergency funds and we provided some snacks and supplies for children to the sheriff's office.
Please consider helping us by making a donation in the kettles. Only the funds raised during the kettle campaign and deposited into our local account stay in Clearwater County. You may have personally received fundraising form letters from the Salvation Army stating Clearwater County on them. Please note that if you respond and mail your donation to that address your funds are still going to the Organization, but they do not get credited to Clearwater County's budget. They will be used where needed – a part of which may be a disaster that happens in our county. If you prefer and/or would like a donation receipt, please send your donation to Clearwater County Salvation Army, c/o Deb Cage, Treasurer, PO Box 358, Bagley, MN 56621. If your donation is received before December 31st, it will be deposited into the kettle campaign account and be credited towards Clearwater County.
We are also in need of volunteers to ring the bells at the kettles. If you would be able to ring at one of the stores for an hour or more, please contact Deb Cage at 694-6568 ext. 1. -Submitted

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

A THANK YOU CARD:
Last Thursday's Thanksgiving turkey dinner box gifting by the folks at Clearwater Energy/Charp's was felt by four families of veterans in our community. To a person, all were pleasantly surprised, and grateful, and thankful- especially just to know they are not forgotten.
THANKSGIVING 2015: My family joins me in wishing you a very happy and insightful Thanksgiving Day. Please continue to remember all Active Duty armed forces personnel and their families stationed stateside and overseas in your thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with your own family and friends. Please count them as a cherished blessing.
I welcome your own personal comments. Constructive feedback on your own behalf (not anonymous) to our Commissioners is also a valuable gauge of how this office can better serve all veterans and their beneficiaries. Office(218)694-6618/ Cell(218)556-5340 Hutch

All CWLC businesses closed & activities cancelled Nov 26-28 for Thanksgiving holiday.
Gonvick Location:
226 Elm St., 218-487-5290
Open Monday & Wed.
Senior Connection: Adult day services has openings for new clients. Professional staff; home-like atmosphere. Hours: 10-3.
Senior Exercise: 11-11:30, Drop-ins welcome. FREE.
Create It! Art Gallery & Restore It! Furniture Shop: Open 9 to 4, Mon. & Wed. Furniture donations accepted during business hours. Use north entrance. Custom refinishing available.
Create It! Community Art Studios: Open Mondays, 1-5 PM, with mentors for new members.
Clearbrook Location:
MAIN OFFICE HOURS & Clear Waters Bookstore: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Tues. & Wed. 256 2nd Ave. SW, 218-776-2789
Boot(h) Camp Weight Room Training: Dec. 7, 8, & 10, M-Tu-Th, 4:00-5:30 PM. Call to register.
Cardio Fitness: M-W, 6:30 - 7:30 AM. Use Gathering Place (south) entrance. Drop-ins welcome. FREE!
Shop-at-the-Top: Open M-W, 10 - 4. Check our Facebook page for sales.
Youth Connection: Open to grades 6 - 9, Tues., 3-5 PM. FREE including food, art, game room plus rock wall & obstacle course. Homeschoolers welcome
Be sure check our web site: www.clearwaterslife.org or Facebook pages for more information.

Clearbrook-Leonard
Senior Center

November 17, 2015
Lloyd Engen called meeting to order. Secretaries' report read and approved. Treasure was absent but Lloyd said everything was about the same as last month.
There will be caramel rolls on Friday, November 20th. Ready by 9:00.
Santa Claus Day, Saturday, December 5th at Senior Center a noon meal will be served.
January, Jerry and Lana Wraa will be giving the Tai-Tao class. Anyone can attend. It's sort of a balancing class.
Tamera Edevold was at the center and gave an interesting talk on Settling of Clearwater County. Very interesting. Homesteading and the people of that time.
January will be picking a month when we want to have the program. Everyone will have a chance.
Violet Hagen and Fern Jackson served lunch was very good.
Next meeting will be Christmas party so everyone should bring a treat. December 15th. Submitted by Beverly Charles.

Church
News

ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Bagley 218-694-6416
Pastor:
Fr. JohnMelkies Suvakeen
Terri D, Parish sec.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Call for weekday Mass times.
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.

GONVICK
LUTHERAN PARISH
MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com
SAMBOLD
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Mon. Nov. 23 - 5:00 pm Decorating for Christmas
Wed., Nov. 25 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; NO CONFIRMATION
Sun., Nov. 29: 9:30 AM Sunday school; 10:30 AM Worship Service.
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
55070 149th Ave., Gonvick (218) 487-5308
Sun, Nov. 22 9:00 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion; 10:00 AM Sunday School.

ELIM LUTHERAN
BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
No Midweek Classes/Youth Group/Bible Studies due to Thanksgivign Festivities
Sun. Nov. 29 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Clearbrook
Wed. Nov. 25 - NO Awana
Sat., Nov. 27 - 7:00 am Men's prayer breakfast.
Sun., Nov. 28: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:45 morning worship.
Coming events... Dec. 5. Bridal Shower for Stephanie Lindquist at 10:a.m. at the church.

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.

Gonvick American
Legion #304 Bingo
No bingo Thursday

OFF THE
TRACKS
GROOMING
AND MORE!
Lexie will be at
SANTA DAYS in
Clearbrook
Sat., Dec. 5th
She will have her
pet tag machine making tags,
key chains and horse
personalization and will also
have candles and pet attire.
Tags start at \$8.00
Pet Odor Eliminator Candles
1 for \$10.00 or 3 for \$25.00
(TAX INCL.)
DON'T FORGET to get your
pup in for
their fall/winter clean up!
With holidays here,
appointments are filling fast!
218-968-2207
Now carrying Solid gold
and Fromm dog foods!

Clear Waters
Life Center
Happenings...

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GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, Nov. 29: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson,
Assist. Pastor
Sun, Nov. 29: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Wednesday, November 25, 2015

BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Nov. 25 - Chili cheese Fritos, pudding cup, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Thurs. Nov. 26- Happy Thanksgiving. NO SCHOOL
Fri. Nov. 27 - Happy Thanksgiving. NO SCHOOL

Mon. Nov. 30 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Tues. Dec. 1- Hot Dog on bun, Baked Beans, Potato Smiles, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Wed. Dec. 2 - Dunkers w/ dipping sauce, Corn, fresh fruit and vegetable choices 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.

School News

Basketball... 4th, 5th, 6th grade basketball begins on Monday, November 30. Registration will take place from 5:15-6:00. Practice will be held from 5:45-7:15.

Information was sent home with students. It is also available on the Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Education Facebook page and on the school web site at:

<http://www.clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us/vnews/display.v/ART/55108605ea565>
NO SCHOOL: THURSDAY

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

& FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 & 27. Enjoy your Thanksgiving break.

One Act Play - Still time for 9-12 grade students to audition. Great opportunity for students not involved in winter sports. Please see Mr. Carter for info.

Air Force: On Tuesday, November 24th, TSgt. Aaron Sandbakken will answer questions about the Air Force from 11:00 am to 11:30 am.

FAFSA: Seniors and parents: Please plan to attend an hour-long session on how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). On December 18 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm., Assoc. V.P. for Enrollment & Financial Aid Eric Addington will discuss the FAFSA and answer your questions. The following YouTube video will help you to understand the FAFSA better:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=65&v=Pn4OECMT5w>

From the Yearbook editors: SENIORS: The deadline for...

- senior pictures
- senior quotes
- baby pictures

... due: DECEMBER 18th

Can be electronically shared with Mr. Bettin @ jbettin@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Also, can be given to him in person or dropped off with any of the yearbook staff.

More for the yearbook: We would like staff and seniors to contribute to the Remember When pages in the yearbook. Any photos can be emailed or dropped off to Mr. Bettin. Jbettin@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

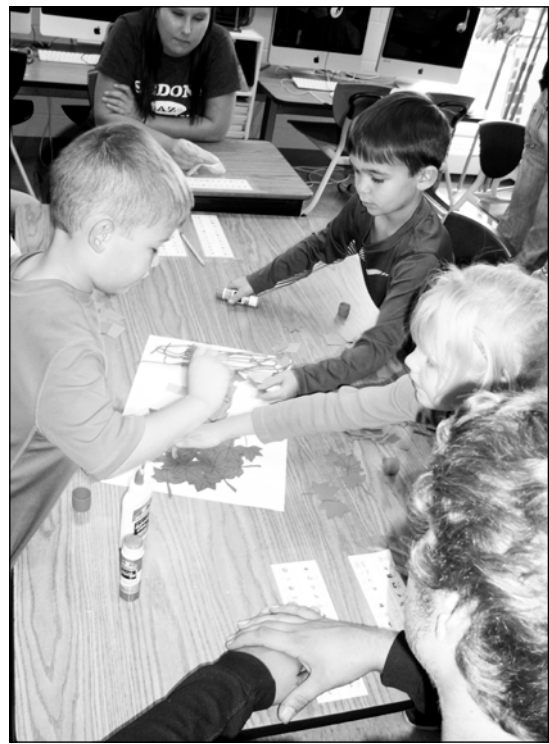
K-3 Music program: Tuesday, December 15 at 6:00 pm in the gym

High School Music concert: Friday, December 18, 6:00 pm



Two Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears Volleyball players received honors from the Northwoods Conference. Liz Bodensteiner on the left was named All-Conference and Rachel Spray on the right was named Honorable Mention.

Forestry Students Learn By Teaching



Each week Clearbrook-Gonvick Forestry students get the opportunity to take a trip to the school forest, located north of Clearbrook, for an ongoing class project. Last week, however, these high school students took a different trip for class. They instead ventured to the opposite wing of the school building to spend some time with Mrs. Christen's kindergarten students.

Nine high school students taught twenty kindergarten students about the basic parts of a tree. Students explained that trees have crowns because they are the king of all plants and that those crowns have leaves and branches.

They explained that the trunk of a tree holds the tree up and carries water and nutrients to the parts of the tree, and that the roots of a tree collect water and nutrients and also support the tree's structure. While explaining these three parts, the Forestry class guided the young students through constructing a tree out of yarn and pieces of construction paper. The high school students then helped the kindergarteners label the parts of the tree.

They say a great way to learn is through teaching and this is the first of what we hope to be many collaborations between the agriculture and elementary students.

The Forestry class will be introducing a variety of forest-based activities to the kindergarten between now and the end of the semester. This provides the chance for both the kindergarteners and the high school students to learn from each other.

We are very fortunate to be a kindergarten through twelfth grade school, which offers us a multitude of these unique learning opportunities.

Do you know someone who would appreciate a little something extra this holiday season?

If so, please let them know about the Clearwater Christmas Project.

Families can receive toys for their children and help with Christmas dinner.

Wednesday, December 2nd 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday, December 3rd 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
At the Bagley Legion Auditorium on Main Street

Please bring proof of Clearwater County Residency
Must be present to pick up toys and grocery vouchers.
We can't give them to a friend or family member.



Merry Christmas!

Clear Waters Life Center, Clearbrook • Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Clearbrook • Tuesday Study Club, Bagley

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CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Petterson at 7:02 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Ben Machlitt, Richard Hetland, Jeff Westrum, Tom Stenzel, Corey Petterson Tracy Imle, and James Galloway. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Wayne Olson, Principal Jeff Burgess, 5 staff members, 1 community member, and 1 student

4 Community Comments – Corrine Richards thanked Supt Olson, Sarah Goudge & all the staff on the items they have been sending in for the newspaper.

5 Spotlight on Education – Sarah Goudge & a student presented information regarding River Watch. The first observation was done on Tuesday, October 13th. Ms. Goudge discussed the history of River Watch in our district and showed a map of the sites they are assigned to visit. Her student gave a power point presentation of the last observation. 10 out of the 12 assigned sites were visited.

6 Approval of Agenda: MMS

Machlitt/Galloway to approve agenda as presented. MCU

7 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – MMS Machlitt/Hetland to approve minutes as presented from September 21st meeting. MCU

8 Informational Items

8.1 Principal Report – Principal Burgess discussed the following items: 1) Safety Drills – We have run 2 fire drills and 2 lockdown drills so far. We need to run 5 of each by the end of the year. Fire Safety Awareness week took place 2 weeks ago. Events included Poster Judging, Hats and Water Bottles passed out. 2) Kindergarten & 4th Grade – The numbers have stayed constant at 30. We have moved from 2 hours of help in 4th, 1 hour in Kindergarten and ½ time elementary music to 3 hours of help in 4th grade and ½ time elementary music. We are in the process of hiring a half time paraprofessional for Kindergarten. 3) NWEA Testing – We are just finishing the testing. We will have progress monitoring for K-6. NWEA test results play a part in the teacher evaluation for K-2. Teachers need to have more time allotted for the testing, and we will adjust this in the spring. 4) Native American Education – The planning meeting is rescheduled. November 9th is the anticipated start date. Marilyn Johnson, if approved for hire, will lead the program. 5) Events – Teacher In-Service will be held on November 9th, the Veteran's Day program will be held at 1:00 p.m. on November 11th. Conferences and the Career Fair will be held on November 12th. Conferences are from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Career Fair is from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. High School conferences will be held in the gym. We are working on setting up a Taco in the Bag fundraiser that night.

8.2 Superintendent Report – Supt Olson discussed several items 1) We have 8 applicants for Lori's position, and plan to interview on Thursday afternoon. 2) We received an insurance rebate for health insurance premiums. The check was approximately \$10,500. We were 1 of 9 schools in the Region to receive this rebate. We will be negotiating with the teachers on distribution. 3) The auditors will be at the November meeting. We will be out of SOD and should have a slight positive balance in our General Fund. We will have a negative balance in Community Service. We will need to look at some ways to possibly cut costs in that area. Food Service lost approximately \$2,000. 4) The Truth In Taxation meeting will be held at our December Board Meeting. 5) We will be having an onsite Title audit sometime this winter. 6) We will be receiving a new salad bar. A group out of Trail, Peelin Reds, is sponsoring this.

8.3 Committee Reports
8.3.1.1 – Negotiations – There was a meeting last Monday. And we are working on setting up another meeting on October 26th.

9 Consent Calendar – MMS Hetland/Westrum to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented
Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 62895 – 62929/Wires
Payroll Checks 0029295 – 0029322
October Bills

Voucher Numbers: 45174 – 45251
Check Numbers: 62930 – 62978
Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$358,645.36

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

10 Old Business

10.1 School Forest and Land Updates – Supt. Olson updated the board regarding the land situation. The school forests are both indeed part of our holdings. Supt. Olson

has discussed the addition of these pieces to our insurance policies for liability purposes. He also would like to get the land posted fairly soon. Board member Petterson thought that the DNR might hold insurance for our land. Supt. Olson will do more research. The parcel in town was sold to Good Shepherd Church for \$1.00 several years ago. He presented paperwork for Chairman Petterson and Clerk Imle to sign paperwork to transfer the title to the Church. There will be a meeting regarding the school forest with staff members, the DNR and others.

10.2 Review of Listening Session Meeting – Supt. Olson stated that November 2nd would be a good date for a meeting regarding the listening sessions. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

11 New Business

11.1 Personnel –

11.1.1 Approve Resignation – Lori Wollman – MMS Stenzel/Galloway to accept resignation. MCU. Board member Imle expressed thanks from the board for all of Lori's years of service.

11.1.2. Approve Hiring – Native American Education Coordinator – Marilyn Johnson – MMS Imle/Galloway to approve hiring. MCU

11.2 Approve Assurance of Compliance – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve the Statement on Assurance of Compliance. MCU

11.3 Approval of Purchase for New Water Softener – Three Quotes were received - **Petterson Sheet Metal - \$9,420; Kinetica - \$14,599, Clearwater Plumbing - \$5,800** MMS Westrum/Imle to approve the Clearwater Plumbing quote for the purchase of a water softener. MCU

11.4 Weather Information Sheet – Supt. Olson presented a weather information sheet that will be passed out to students and posted on the web page.

11.5 Sale of Old Equipment – Supt. Olson discussed that many old items were put out for sealed bids. We can open bids at the next board meeting or the board can give permission to handle internally. MMS Galloway/Machlitt to allow administration to handle the bids received. MCU

12 Action Items for November Meeting

12.1 – Presentation on the Listening Sessions

12.2 – Audits will be emailed prior to the November meeting. Board member Westrum asked that the newspaper print a message that the auditors will be at the November meeting.

13 Adjournment – MMS Hetland/Imle to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. MCU

Upcoming Meetings:

Special Board Meeting to Review Listening Sessions: Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Next Board/Town Hall Meeting: Monday, November 16th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Petterson at 7:05 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Corey Petterson, Tom Stenzel, James Galloway, and Tracy Imle Members Absent: Richard Hetland, Ben Machlitt, and Jeff Westrum. Also present: Superintendent Wayne Olson, and Principal Jeff Burgess

3 New Business

3.1 Review and Goal Setting from Listening Sessions – The following areas discussed at the Listening Sessions were reviewed:

- 1) Curriculum, Programs, Opportunities, More Attractive Offerings
- 2) Lack/Use of Technology
- 3) Improve Communication
- 4) Teacher
- 5) Fear of Losing District
- 6) School Counselor (full-time)
- 7) Student Assistance
- 8) Maintain positive student involvement, behavior and attitude
- 9) Facilities

Discussion was held regarding each area.

4 Adjournment – MMS Galloway/Imle to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. MCU

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will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving.



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These veterans were treated to a free dinner at the Clearbrook/Leonard Senior Center on Veteran's Day, November 11. Veterans included Stan Hulteen, Lloyd Engen, Russell Holm, Jerry Wraa Jr., Russ Lembke, Jerry Wraa Sr., Frank Bergh, Melvin Churness, Leland Hall and Larry Shelquist.

Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Thanksgiving Day greetings to each and everyone of you. Hope you have a wonderful family day.

Helen Nordlund called us to tell us that a black ladies jacket was taken mistakenly from Samhold Church on No-

vember 22. A dark charcoal gray St. John's jacket was left. Please call Helen at 776-3291 to make an exchange or deliver to 14674 460th St. Clearbrook.

Who Dat this week is Maci Wagner a sixth grader at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

This will affect your 2016 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 1, 2015.

What is a qualifying relative?

For agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse.

For residential property a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 15, 2015.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

Contact the assessor by December 15, 2015 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

Clearwater County Assessor's Office 218-694-6260



Clearwater Hospice would like to take this opportunity to recognize our hospice volunteers during National Hospice Month. Hospice volunteers are the heart and soul of the Hospice Care Team. They act as friends and good listeners. They are specially trained to provide services that assist and support the hospice client and their family. Their dedication is truly appreciated. Years of service: Butch Boe-8, Marilyn Shamp - 10, Mary Lofthus-14, Mary Tronerud-8, Carol Reed-8, Pastor Strenge - 9. Front row: Kathy Boe,-10, Kathy Kehoe-14, Barbra Brooks-14, Kathy Stinar-8. Not pictured: Rhenetta Rhen-8, Gary Bratvold-10, Beverly Charles-11, Esther Halberg-10, Charlotte Stoker-8, and Pastor Kirchman - 6 years. -Submitted



The Clearbrook American Legion was full many times as people came in to enjoy the Lutefisk, Lefse and Meatballs that were served.

Clearwater Quilter's 17th Annual Quilt Show 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. on December 5, 2015 at the Roxy Theater Downtown Clearbrook with Free Admission. Several quilt vendors will be available for purchases. Silent Auction with proceeds to Hospice. Raffle drawings at 3.

Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick is still closed this week for a medical leave. Hope the recovery is fast so that we can get back to our normal routine.

Joke Time...

Ole, Lena, and Sven were lost in the North woods and were becoming desperate, having run out of food several days ago. It was winter, the snow was deep, their situation was looking very bleak. When Ole dug down into the snow to look for something to eat , he found an old lamp and upon rubbing it to get the snow off, a genie came out.

The genie says, "I am the great genie of the North and I can grant each of you one wish.

Ole says, "I wish I was back on my farm." Poof, Ole was gone.

Lena quickly says, "I wish I was back on da farm wit Ole."

Poof, Lena was gone. Sven was sitting there looking sad and the genie finally says, "What is your wish?"

Sven says, "Gee, I'm really lonely. I wish Ole and Lena was back here with me".

Watch for Children walking to school bus stops or to school as the days get shorter!

Minnesota Farmers Union 74th annual state convention

The Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) held its 74th annual state convention on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22, 2015. President Doug Peterson and Vice President Gary Wertish were re-elected to serve another two years of office. Policy and special orders were also debated and passed; and delegates were elected for the National Convention in Bloomington, MN March 5-8, 2016.

"Minnesota Farmers Union is about bringing solutions to the table when discussing ag policy and important key issues that are affecting Minnesota family farmers," said Doug Peterson, Minnesota Farmers Union President. "Our grassroots organization makes sure that there is a voice from every part of the state and policy that is derived from the heart of agriculture in MN, our members."

The MFU delegates debated special orders of business addressing the concerns with the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), and the Buffer legislation. Delegates went through the Minnesota Farmers Union policy and debated other hot topics including wolves, biofuels, COOL, and WOTUS.

During the convention, speakers included: Senator Amy Klobuchar; Senator Al Franken; Dave Frederickson, Department of Agriculture Commissioner; Roger Johnson, National Farmers Union President; Representative Tim Walz; Representative Collin Peterson. Several awards were given out at the banquet Saturday night, including : Al Withers, Distinguished Service Award; Dori Klein, Excellence in Youth Education Award; Merlyn Hubin, Lifetime Achievement Award; Paul Johannes, Superior Service Award; and Paula Mohr, Outstanding Agricultural Reporting Award.

Delegates were chosen to represent Minnesota Farmers Union at the National Farmers Union convention which will be held March 5-8, 2016 in Bloomington, Minnesota. National delegates elected are:

District 1: Delegate: Darin Narum, Polk County
Alternate: Richard Moen, Clearwater County

District 2: Delegate: Ann Schwagerl, Big Stone County
Alternate: Mike Jorgenson, Big Stone County

District 3: Delegate: Brent Imker, Cottonwood County
Alternate: Jacob Yost, Nicollet County

District 4: Delegate: Mark Thell, Carlton County
Alternate: Brian Rohrenbach, Dakota County

District 5: Delegate: Trevor Jensen, Steele County
Alternate: John Larsen, Olmstead County

Community Remembrance Service

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
1555 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW, Bemidji, MN

-Remembrance tribute - Readings - Special music

One of the gifts we can be most thankful for during this time of year is remembering the life of someone we loved who has passed away. In the spirit of your love and remembrance, you and your family are invited to attend this annual service. We hope this service will help provide peace and comfort for you and your family as you remember your loved ones and celebrate their lives during this holiday season.

Co-sponsored by Cease Family Funeral Home, Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home and Sanford Bemidji Home Care & Hospice.

Christmas Event at Samhold

The Samhold NALC will hold their Christmas event on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6** at 3:00 pm in the church basement.

The *Fraser Family* is back by popular demand with their Gospel Bluegrass music. Concert is followed by a delicious meal by J & N Catering.

Pre-registration and payment of \$12.00 is required to Eileen Lien, 487-5568, or JoAnn Birkeland, 487-5423, by December 3rd. Watch for posters for more information.

Letter to the Editor

Who Sets Insurance Premiums

In regards to an article on the cost of insurance premiums printed in the Leader Record dated November 18th (Submitted by Dan Fabian State Representative) I would like to clarify some of the statements in that article in regards to MNSure.

Just what is MNSure? MNSure is a health care exchange marketplace. It allows Insurance carriers to connect up with health care insurance consumers in a comparison of coverage's and prices. It is also the means whereby consumers can obtain subsidies allowed by the Affordable Care Act.

What isn't MNSure? MNSure is not an insurance carrier. It does not set the coverage or prices that any insurance company puts on the exchange. It does not require insurance companies to list on the exchange. It does not set the mandates for coverage as that is done by the Affordable Care Act for all of the insurance carriers.

The Affordable Care Act and the exchange method used by consumers to choose coverage is a new leaning process for insurance carriers to learn and gauge just how each coverage plan's usage history is be-

ing made. It is this usage history that will cause each plan's coverage cost to go up, down or stay stable.

There have been pricing mistakes made by different insurance carriers that have caused shortfalls in the amount of money they had to spend so they had to borrow money to cover the extra cost. This has caused a larger price increase in coverage the following year as they have to cover the short falls from the previous year. There has been new health care mandates added that have also been added that caused the cost to go up. This is not MNSure's fault as it has nothing to do with the pricing strategy that any insurance carrier has or will use to price its coverage plans.

Pat Ward, Bagley MN

Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle Winners

Nov. 14 - Paul Friborg, Bagley, \$20
Nov. 15 - Alton Walker, Bagley, \$20
Nov. 16 - Levi Paulson, Shevlin, \$20
Nov. 17 - George Titera, Bagley, \$20
Nov. 18 - Gail Friborg, Bagley, \$20
Nov. 19 - Adeline Wooliscroft, Bagley, \$20
Nov. 20 - Steven Bockue, Ada , \$20



Can you believe it... Down at the Gonvick City waste area there are two couches. One is a plaid and one is a design. The only things that are supposed to be put there are grass clippings, leaves and cuttings from trees. This will cost the city and taxpayers extra money as they will have to be hauled out. If this keeps up the gate will have to be closed and permission to dump leaves will have to be obtained.

Don't throw away valuable resources!

A study by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) shows that in Minnesota we are:

- Throwing away 3.6 million pounds of aluminum cans daily;
- Discarding over 1 billion pounds of recyclable paper per year;
- Wasting 41 million pounds of PETE beverage container plastic in a year.

Don't waste opportunity along with your recyclables!

We are literally throwing away valuable resources that fuel jobs and economic activity; we're burying opportunity in landfills and burning it in incinerators.

Approximately 37,000 jobs in Minnesota are directly and indirectly supported by the recycling industry.

In 2010, Minnesota recycling programs collected about 2.5 million tons of material worth \$690 million.

It cost Minnesota over \$200 million to throw away 1 million tons of recyclable material. This could have been recycled instead for an additional estimated value of \$217 million.

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