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Some County positions reclassified

County requests HRA be transferred to Bemidji

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on December 29 for the final meeting of 2015.
The County Commissioners approved a Resolution supporting the transfer of Clearwater Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program by the State of Minnesota to the Bemidji HRA for a more effective, efficient and economical administrative unit to carry out Clearwater County's purposes. Bemidji HRA has also passed a resolution accepting the transfer, upon HUD's approval.

Cheryl Grover, who serves on the Clearwater HRA Board said, "HUD is working with Clearwater County to resolve the situation."

Clearwater County HRA Board is committed to retaining the Housing program in Clearwater County and will complete all transfer actions required by HUD.

Chief Deputy Auditor-Treasurer, Debbie Lewis; Deputy Auditor-Treasurer Niki Broten; and Auditor-Treasurer Clerk-Board Coordinator Emily McDougal all received reclassification of their positions by Board approval, implement-

ing the recommendations of the Bjorklund Compensation. The Chief Deputy salary is \$56,513; Deputy, \$44,782; and Clerk-Board Coordinator, \$40,789. New salaries will be effective as of July 1, 2015.

The County Commissioners salaries for 2016 will remain the same as 2015, at \$20,742 annually.

Board approval was granted for an agreement between the University of Minnesota and Clearwater County for providing Extension Programs locally and employing Extension Staff.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht received Board authorization to enter into an agreement with Liberty Tire Recycling in Savage, Minn. for waste tire hauling and recycling services at the proposed rate of \$182 per ton, including 7% fuel surcharge (\$8-10,000 per year). This is a budgeted expense; the cost is offset by disposal fees charged at the landfill gate.

Mr. Hecht also received approval to sign a membership agreement for electrical service with Clearwater-Polk Electric and an easement for maintenance of electric distribution line on county owned property in Section 17, Copley

Township, known as the demolition landfill property.

The Clearwater County Board was informed that Beltrami County has terminated their Joint Powers relationship with North Country Community Health Services. This is due to upcoming retirement of director Darice Dwyer, and administrator Bonnie Engen; and changes in public health funding and needs. Beltrami County Health and Human Services acknowledges the benefits of the collaboration for all partner counties.

Director of Nursing Marissa Hetlund received approval for two retirement options to continue for another year for employees Merry St. George and Stefanie Roed. Home Health Aid/Homemaker Becky Fultz to be given part time status, exceeding more than 1040 hours per year.

Clearwater County will enter into a contract with Hoffman, Phillip & Knutson for Clearwater County's annual audit for 2016, 2017 and 2018 at a fee of \$27,000 per year.

A 2016 liquor license for Sportsman Lodge was approved, as well as tobacco licenses for many Clearwater County businesses.



Department Head reviews deemed satisfactory

New County Board Chairman and Vice Chairman appointed

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners meeting on January 5, 2016 began with the appointment of new chairman and vice chairman.

Commissioner Neal Illies was nominated by Commissioner Dean Newland and unanimously approved by the Board as the new Chairman. Commissioner John Nelson was nominated by Commissioner Arlen Syverson and unanimously approved as the new Vice Chairman by the Board.

Department Head review results were described as "all satisfactory" by Board Chairman Neal Illies. Those having recently gone through reviews were Engineer Dan Sauve, Maintenance Supervisor Steve Faldet, Environmental Services Director Dan Hecht, Nursing Service Director Marissa Hetland, Veterans Service Officer Harry Hutchens, MIS Director Stuart Lien, Land Commissioner Bruce Cox and Assessor Jamie Freeman.

Soil and Water Conservation District and any department head may meet with the County Board at any scheduled monthly meeting by arranging an appointment time with the Board Coordinator.

All other citizens wishing to meet with the Board to discuss business shall contact the Commissioner of their district, obtain approval to meet with the Board, and then the Commissioner will contact the Coordinator for an appointment time.

County Veterans Service Officer, Hutch Hutchens was granted Board approval to travel out of state to attend the 2016 National Association of CVSO Conference for continued participation in required Annual Continuing Education Units. The recertification will

be at Myrtle Beach, S. C. from May 14-21. While the Board approved his travel for the conference, Commissioner Dean Newland was opposed to the CVSO traveling out of state.

The bids were opened from local newspapers, the Farmers Independent in Bagley, and Leader-Record in Gonvick. The Farmers Independent received designation as the legal paper for 2016 with their low bid of \$2.69 per column inch for first publication of the financial statement, County Board proceedings, and two publications of the list of delinquent taxes. Leader-Record will do the second publication of the financial statement with their bid of \$2.89 per column inch.

The Board members unanimously approved readoption of the three day notice requirement rule that no motion or resolution can be acted on by the County Board unless all of the Board members have received the written motion or resolution of the matter at least three days prior to the Board meeting. This requirement can be waived by general consent by all Board members.

Other motions approved regarding business for 2016 are the following: general Agenda for first meeting each month; meeting dates for 2016 regular Board meetings and department head meetings; readoption of Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline for facilitating meetings; publishing of Board minutes summary, with all resolutions, policies, and ordinances available at the Auditor's Office for review. Boards and Committees Appointments for 2016 were discussed and approved by the Board members. (See related description of appointments.)

County Engineer, Dan Sau-

vé received approval for payment of Highway Department bills in the amount of \$4,814. He received authorization to advertise for County Highway Projects on the County Website.

The Board unanimously approved the hiring of Jeffrey Sunderland to the Heavy Equipment Operator position at a salary of \$30,763.

Mr. Sauvé said he would be working on equipment motions for this year. County Auditor Allen Paulson was given Board authorization to pay the submitted invoices of \$131,670 from the County Revenue Fund, and \$42,599 from Nursing Service.

He was authorized to pay routine bills, including payroll related, prior to Board approval.

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

2016 Board & Committee Appointments

The Clearwater County Commissioners and other personnel of Clearwater County participate in a multitude of committees and boards in order to conduct the complex business needs of our local government.

Here is a sketch of some of those:

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)

All County Commissioners, Daniel Stenseng, Dean Newland, John Nelson, Neal Illies and Arlen Syverson; Engineer Dan Sauve, and Human Services (HS) Director Malotte Backer, serve as AMC Delegates.

Beaver Damage Control Board; Commissioner Daniel Stenseng.

Building and Grounds Advisory Committee is served by HS Director, Engineer, Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson, Land Commissioner Bruce Cox, MIS Director Stuart Lien, Nursing Services director Marissa Hetland, Maintenance director Steve Faldet, and Commissioner Dan Stenseng.

Classification & Personnel Committee; Commissioners John Nelson and Neal Illies; Auditor-Treasurer, Engineer, HS director, and Nursing Director.

E 911 Committee; Commissioners John Nelson and Neal Illies; Engineer, Auditor-Treasurer, Sheriff Darin Halverson, and MIS Director.

Fair Board; Commissioners Neal Illies and Arlen Syverson Finance & Budget; All County Commissioners and

Commissioners...

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Year in Review

April

Clearbrook Elevator Association holds annual meeting with manager Les Westrum. Association officers include: Dave Engebretson, Scott Fawver, Mike Nordlund, Mark Strandberg and Scott Anderson... Keith DeMaris is the newest member of Clearwater-Polk Electric Board... Kathy Rasch of Soil and Water Conservation Districts brought the Aquatic Invasive plant to the commissioners... Red Lake Tribal Chairman presented the State of the Band Message... Gully Tri-Coop Association held annual meeting. Board members include David Olson, Lon Vettleson, Cory Carlson, Paul Rydeen, Steve Hughes, Trent Dyrdahl and Dean Hanson with General Manager Russ Crawford... James Bettin is student teaching at Clearbrook-Gonvick... Large wildlife near Gully underscores fire danger in the area... Carol Durbin wins quilt donated at the Samhold Lutheran Church... Mark and Sharon Larson honored at Red River Valley Development Association banquet... Six girls honored for All-Conference selections: Carlie Bergerson, Alison Johnson, Hannah Lavin, Liz Bodensteiner, Madison Stenzel and Rachel Spray... Dan Swanson has new store in Bagley called "Extended Seasons Indoor Gardening"... Mark Carter is the long term teacher at Clearbrook-Gonvick...

May
Sue Weems assisting Lucie Thompson in the Clearbrook City Council offices... Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior High Science winners were: Carlie Bergerson, Hanna Lavin, Alison Johnson, Liz Bodensteiner, Jeanette Ballard and Tiffani Brusewitz... Jamie Freeman is the new county assessor... Clearbrook Firefighters receive scholarship for world-class training... City historic build-

Clearwater County Assessor Cheryl Grover to retire May 1... General Livestock team takes second place in region competition. Members of the team are Bryce Evje, Nathan Johnshoy, Damen Bakke and Austin Petterson... Changes at county courthouse include Rod Knutson into the Recorder's Office. Senior Assessor Clerk position has been filled by Eric Beier... Law Enforcement field held at Bagley Legion... Good Samaritan Center getting to know Linda Rusten... "Once Upon a Dream" is the theme for the Junior-Senior prom at Clearbrook-Gonvick...

We lost... Ruby Heideman, June Neal, Laurie Hanson, Keith Brovold, Dorothy Langseth, Mark S. Allen Cyr, Eugene Pond, Marian Marquis, Hilda Hovland, Steve Sundquist, Eunice Quesnel, Gretchen Nordlund, Sylvia Smidt, Robert Coirer, Robert Wickerski, Vernice Bartos, Bernice Johnson, Russell Zimple, William Tillman and Marville Hjelle.

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ing sued as meat market in Clearbrook goes down... Clearbrook-Gonvick All-Conference in track were named: Tristan Bakke, Hunter Churness, Sam Lavin, Sam Ternes, Elliot Dickey, Ethan Dorman and Alyssa Damm... 1910 to 2000 Style Show and Brunch held at Good Shepherd Church in Clearbrook... Barb Sellers is the newest face at the Northern State Bank in Gonvick... County Surveyor Robert Murray given another three year contract... Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors receive highest honors; Stephen Nyegaard, Alexander Knutson, Monica Reichert, Lauren McIntosh... Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior High track team are Conference Champions... Clearbrook-Gonvick graduating seniors receive \$323,250 in scholarship awards... Clearbrook Mayor George Postier presented a plaque honoring Granley's 104 years of service to the community... Sheryll Peterson retires from Northern State Bank... Inter-County Energy Assistance Program celebrates 50 years... Modern Woodmen plant tree at fairgrounds in Bagley.

We lost... Rhodelia Tieman, Donald Livingston, Florence Espeseth, Wayne Bardwell, Patricia Erickson, Todd Wagner, Vivian Lawrence, Bernard Wells, Clarence Ostgarden, Clinton Hanson, Dorothea Tjolsen and Eugene McReynolds.

Nominations sought for 2016 Clearwater County "First Lady"

On March 12, The Clearwater County Historical Society will once again host the Clearwater County "First Lady" award. Since 1977, Thirty-six women in Clearwater County have been recognized for their accomplishments either for their service in a variety of community projects and organizations or for success in their careers. On Saturday March 12th a new name will be added to the honor roll. This years event will be co-hosted with the woman of Good Shepherd Church in Clearbrook.

Your help is needed to select the 2016 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her nomination; this can include any accomplishments in her

life such as volunteer years of service, her career highlights, and other characteristics that you think should be considered. Nominations of women of all ages are encouraged. Please include your name and phone number so we can let you know if your nominee is selected.

Letters should be sent to 2016 First Lady - History Center P.O. Box 241 Bagley MN 56621.

Letters will be delivered unopened to a panel of judges selected from the county.

Nominations are needed by FEBRUARY 26.

Questions? Call Tamara or Edna at 785-2000 (History Center)

Previous First Ladies: 1977- Laurel Carlson, 1978- Edith Refshaw, 1979- Mangeline Kirkeby, 1980- Arlene Cease,

1981-Dorothy Katzenmeyer, 1982- Adeline Beltz, 1983- Sharon Dukek, 1984- Olga Peterson, 1985- Lois Bromaghin, 1986- Dolores Johnson, 1987- Zella Tangierd, 1988- Ruth Offerdahl, 1989- Karen Gesell, 1991- Lucille Kildal, 1993- Judy Carver, 1994- Ruth Anderson, 1995- Marilyn Melby, 1996- Alma Burr, 1997- Hennie Merseth, 1998- Mildred Mathison, 1999- Lila Strandlien, 2000- Dee Strandlien, 2001- Grace Nelson, 2002- Lillian Sauer, 2003- Crystal Schmitz, 2005- Charlotte Stoker, 2006- Vivian Torkildson, 2007- Betty Johnson, 2008- Ardella Lindberg, 2009- Darlene Sawyer, 2010 - Linda Kaul, 2011 - Opal Friborg, 2012- Shirley Gundersen, 2013- Lois Hoie, 2014- Marilyn Stinar and 2015- Ardis Thompson.

Blood drive Thursday

United Blood Services announces a community blood drive to stock hospital shelves for this year's flu season. During the fall and winter flu season, we encourage healthy people to keep their donation appointments since many regular donors find themselves fighting the flu bug themselves.

If you are feeling well, we encourage you to donate at the Gonvick American Legion Auxiliary blood drive. This is also a perfect time of year for "first time donors" to help patients who are counting on a volunteer like you to provide the life-saving blood that they need. Your donation will make a difference for those who are fighting cancer, having a surgery or facing an emergency.

The next opportunity to do-

nate blood in your community will be January 14, 2016 at the Gonvick Community Center from 11:30 to 6:00 p.m. Contact Fay Bjerke at 487-6456 to make an appointment or call United Blood Services at 1-800-917-4929 for more information.

If you have received the flu shot there's no impact on your ability to donate blood, you can receive the shot and donate blood that same day.

To save time, donors can now fill out their Health History Questionnaire online at www.unitedbloodservices.org the day of their donation. To donate blood, volunteer's must be at least 16 years old (16 year old donors need a minor donor permit which is available online) and be in good health.

Community Calendar

Elim Mission Friends meeting

The Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday, January 14th at 2:30 p.m. Devotions will be by Betty Malm. Meditation by Carol Kleppe.

There will be election of officers. Hostesses for January are Diane Johnson and Erma Carlson. Everyone is welcome.

TiChe program at Senior Center

The General meeting held monthly at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Citizens Center in Clearbrook, will be on Tuesday, January 19 at 12:30 p.m. Lana and Jerry Wraa will present a program on "TiChe", which is a presentation for the elderly on how to move about, so as to help you keep your balance and prevent you from falling or tipping.

Coffee and goodies will be served. All Senior Citizens welcome.

Sunday Afternoon Open Gym

The Clearbrook-Gonvick high school gym will be open for recreation January 10-March 13 from 2:00-4:00 pm for grades 4th-adult. 3rd grade & under may attend only with an adult.

There will be a \$2.00 fee per time or you may buy a pass good for all 10 Sundays. Pass prices are: Individual=\$13.00, Family pass=\$23.00. Parents are free if they attend with their child/children.

Passes may be purchased in the Community Education office or when you come to open gym. NO STREET SHOES.

If you have questions or concerns about fees, please talk to Judy Engebretson (776-3112 Ext 102)

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

VETERANS CHOICE PROGRAM: If you are already enrolled in VA Health Care, the Choice Program allows you to receive health care within your community. Using this program does NOT impact your existing VA health care, or any other VA benefit. If you are already enrolled in VA Health

Red Kettle Drive a success

The Clearwater County Unit of the Salvation red kettle fundraising campaign was a great success this season! Due to the generosity of our county residents the total raised during the 2015 campaign was \$4,120.45, which is the most raised in the past eight years. This would not have been possible without the help of volunteer bell ringers including the Bagley Lions and Rotary Clubs and various individuals. Bagley's Tessoro and Cenex stores, Northern State Bank in Gonvick, and First State Bank in Clearbrook generously allowed us to place countertop kettles in their businesses. Kubiak's Family Foods and Galen's Supermarket also allowed

Legal Notices

CLEARWATER COUNTY LAND COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE OF INTERMEDIATE ORAL BID

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of Chapter 355, Laws of 1941, as amended, tracts of timber will be offered for sale without the sale of land at **9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016** in the third floor meeting room of the Courthouse, 213 Main Avenue North, Bagley, Minnesota. **All bidders must have completed a Contractor Application prior to 4:30 P.M. on Friday, January 22, 2016.** Information regarding the sale is available at the Land Commissioner's office, Clearwater County Courthouse, 213 Main Ave. N, Bagley, MN. or on the County website, www.co.clearwater.mn.us.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 21, 2005

MORTGAGOR: Gregory Martin Hinrichs and Lori Hinrichs, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: CitiMortgage, Inc., successor by merger to ABN Amro Mortgage Group, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded February 24, 2006 Clearwater County Recorder, Document No. A148370.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: ABN Amro Mortgage Group, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: CitiMortgage, Inc.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 40787 County 23, Shevlin, MN 56676

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 04.034.0100

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4 NE1/4), Section Thirty-four (34), Township One Hundred Forty-eight (148) North, Range Thirty-six (36), Clearwater County, Minnesota

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Clearwater
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$127,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$118,643.03

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 24, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 213 North Main Avenue, Bagley, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within twelve (12) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless

reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on February 24, 2017, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGE OR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: December 18, 2015

CitiMortgage, Inc.
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952) 925-6888
10-15-005454 FC

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17

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CLIP AND SAVE

Sinclair Township Winter Meeting Schedule Updated

The Sinclair Township Regular Meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 pm at the Gordon Olsen residence - note change

Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm at the Russell Lembke residence - note change

*Brooke Pond
Sinclair Town Clerk* R42C

Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards
The area blood drive is set for Thursday, January 14 at the Gonvick Community Center from 11:30 to 6:00 p.m.

There will be the monthly steak fry at the Clearbrook American Legion this coming Saturday night.

A new item has been added to the Chop Shop truck sign that stands on four poles just west of Clearbrook advertising the business that Josh Anderson owns to the north of the truck. Besides the lights that come on after dark there is now smoke coming out of the exhaust pipes of the truck.

For those who watch Wheel of Fortune. Jason and Hope Iverson will be contestants on that show on February 3. That program has been running for several years. Jason is a graduate of Bagley High school and he and his wife Hope and family live in Albany. His parents Marie and Darold Iverson are residents of Bagley. They can't tell the results of what they did on the show and Marie has been trying to get them to tell to no avail. She will have to watch along with the rest of us.

One word about THE GAME on Sunday. He scored all 9 points and got blamed for the loss. What a bummer.

There's good news from the State Capitol as the Department of Homeland Security tells us the earliest that REAL ID-compliant licenses would ever be required to board an airplane is January 22nd, 2018. Further, if states have yet to fully comply by this date, extensions can be granted until October 2020.

From the mail...

We received a picture email richards@gvtel.com from Gene Jurgens of his mother in a four generation picture. Look for it in the Canary section of the paper this week. If you have items to share in the paper you can send them on as well.

Joke Time...

The Chinaman
A young man walks through New York Chinatown and notices a shop with the name Hans Olafsen's Laundry. He thought it seemed out of place but curiosity got the best of him and he walked into the shop. He sees an older Chinese man sitting in the corner.

He asked the old man, "How in the world did this place get a name like Hans Olafsen's Laundry?"

Old Man - "That's the name of the owner."

Young Man - "Who's the owner?" Old Man - "I am."

Young Man - "How did you get a name like Hans Olafsen?"

Old Man - "Many years ago when I came to this country from Hong Kong, I was standing in line at Immigration. A man in front of me was a big blond Norwegian. The lady from Immigration asked him, What is your name? He say "Hans Olafsen". Lady ask me, What is your name? I say Sam Ting."

Church News

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
Sunday, Jan. 17th: 10:00 am Sunday School/ Coffee Hour; 11:00 am Worship/Communion, followed by Annual Meeting with potluck.

Wed., Jan. 20th: 6:30 pm Choir Practice; 7:30 pm Handbell Practice

Joint
Wed., Jan. 13th and 20th: 6:00 pm Confirmation

Our Savior's
Sunday, Jan. 17th: 9:00 am Worship/Communion (Note change in time); 9:45 am Sunday School; 10:00 am Coffee Hour.

Thurs., Jan. 21st: 2:00 pm WELCA, 6:00 pm Church Council.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed, Jan. 13 5:30 p.m. Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
Thurs., Jan. 14 9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Prayer at Summerfield Apt., 2:30 p.m. Mission Friends.
Sun, Jan. 17th - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 Worship Service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Clearbrook
Wed., Jan. 13- 6:30 p.m. Awa-

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Thurs. Jan. 14 - 7:00 p.m. bible Study and Prayer meeting
Sat., Jan. 16 - 7:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast at the church.
Sun., Jan. 17 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 Morning Worship.

Toddler Gym!

Join us for Toddler Open Gym!

0-5 year olds and their parents can engage in indoor active play during the cold winter months.

"Come and go" any time between 2:30-4:00 pm
Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary Gym
Sundays, Jan. 17th - March 13th

Free will donations accepted!

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Early Childhood Initiative is partnering with Community Education, and our Early Childhood programs to offer this great opportunity.

MINNESOTA EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE
CLEARBROOK-GONVICK

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Gonvick American Legion #304 Bingo
Thursdays - Warm-ups 6:45 pm. Regular session 7:00 pm

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Gonvick Location:
226 Elm St., 218-487-5290
Open Mon., Wed., & Fri. only.

Create It! Community Art

Studios: Open Mondays, 1-5 PM with mentors for new members.

Senior Exercise: 11-11:30, Drop-ins welcome. FREE.

Senior Connection: Open 10-3 for enrolled clients. Interested in learning what Senior Connection has to offer? Stop in & visit with our staff.

Create It! Art Gallery & Restore It! Furniture Shop: 9-4.

North entrance. Good used furniture. Reasonable prices. Furniture donations accepted during business hour. Original pieces of art for sale in the gallery.

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

Addiction Recovery Support Group: Men only! The Most Excellent Way, Thursday, 7:00 PM. Second floor.

Cardio Fitness: M-F, 6:30 -7:30 AM. Use Gathering Place (south) entrance. **New: full-body routine with optional eating plan. FREE!**

Shop-at-the-Top: Open M-F, 10-4 & 10-3, Sat. Bargain racks of men's shirts, 50% off.

Youth Connection: Tues., 3-5. 6th-9th grade. Variety of activities & snacks.

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

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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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Bagley 218-694-6416
Pastor:
Fr. JohnMelkies Svakeen
Terri D. Parish sec.

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Call for weekday Mass times.

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

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

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Sand Lake Ave & 5th St. Bagley
Thursdays: 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.

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com
SAMHOLD

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Jan 13 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, 10:30 AM Quilting, 6-7 PM Divine Drama, 7:30 Confirmation.

Sun., Jan. 17 9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship Service/ Holy Communion

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
55070 149th Ave., Gonvick (218) 487-5308

Wed, Jan. 13 7:30 PM United Council

Sun, Jan. 17 9:00 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion, 10:00 AM Sunday School

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth

Wed, Jan. 13: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.

Sat, Jan. 16: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 17: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS. 10:30 a.m. Brunch at St. Petri. 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

Wed, Jan. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
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Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
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Wed, Jan. 13: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, Jan. 14: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.

Fri, Jan. 15: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, Jan. 17: 9:30 a.m. MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir.

Mon, Jan. 18: 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting.

Tue, Jan. 19: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, Jan. 20: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 17: 10:30 a.m. Lund Annual meeting

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson,
Assist. Pastor
Sun, Jan. 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Attending the early New Year's Eve dinner at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center were Jean and Lester Sund-quist in the back and Harriet Shellum in the front.



Phylis Engen and Janice Nelson in the craft shop at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. They have many items on sale and many new ones that come in each week for purchase.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Jan. 13 - Pepper steak, butter boiled potatoes, seasoned peas, bread, fruit crisp and milk.

Thurs. Jan. 14 - Chicken spinach lasagna, tropical fruit, lettuce/dressing, breadstick, bar and milk.

Fri. Jan. 15 - Creamy vegetable soup, chicken sandwich, fruit cup, crackers, cookie and milk.

Mon. Jan. 18 - Sloppy Joe, potato salad, baked beans, orange, bun and milk.

Tues. Jan. 19 - Pork steak, sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetable, bread, scalloped apples 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.

BEAR TRACKS

School News

BUCKS for DUCKS iM-PACT will be selling Ducks for a buck at the games on January 18 & 19. They will be selling on stage during the noon hour until all ducks are gone. Proceeds will go to Cy's Place. Cy's place is a home for children and their families while being treated for childhood illnesses. Our goal this year is to donate \$1000.

iMPACT sweatshirts on sale until January 31. Payment of \$25 must be made by then.

Open gym: Sunday afternoon open gym begins on January 10. See below for details.

Change for JH BBB schedule: 2/4 @ CG w/ RLC has been moved to RLC(Oklee). 4:30/5:30 starts.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:
Thur, Jan 14: V/JV GBB vs Laporte@ 6:00

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Fri, Jan 15: JH GBB @ Bagley @ 4:30. Bus leaves at 3:40

Sat, Jan 16: 4,5,6th grade basketball at Bagley. Bus leaves at 8:15 am.

Mon, Jan 18: V/JV GBB vs Cass Lake@ 6:00 (double header) (V-6:00-HS, JV at 7:30 at CCC)

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Tue, Jan 19: JH GBB vs WEM@ 5:00 @ Clearbrook Community Center

Tue, Jan 19: V/JV vs WEM@ 6:00 @

Thur, Jan 21: V/JV GBB @ Good/Grygla (Goodridge) @ 3:30. JV at 3:30, V at 6:00 (Double header) Bus leaves at 2:00. Dismiss at 1:50.

Thur, Jan 21: V/JV BBB @ Good/Grygla (Goodridge) @ 4:45. JV at 4:45, V at 7:30 (Double header) Bus leaves at 2:00. Dismiss at 1:50.

Sat, Jan 23: 4,5,6th grade basketball at Goodridge/Grygla. Bus leaves at 7:35 am.

ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

iMPACT meets every Tuesday at 8:00 am in Mrs. Kjolhaug's room. All 7th-12th welcome!

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



...making good things happen for our littlest community members!

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Early Childhood Initiative meets monthly to "Make Good Things Happen For Our Littlest Community Members". If you would like to financially support our mission, you may contact our Clearbrook-Gonvick ECI Coordinator by calling 776-3112, ext.223.

Toddler Open Gym-An Opportunity for Families With Young Children

Young children love to have "room to run" and the Toddler Open Gym program is providing just that for area youngsters.

Sunday afternoons beginning January 17 and running through March 13 at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School, parents can bring their birth to 5 year olds for some play time in the small gym at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. There will be a variety of equipment to use: mats for climbing and crawling, tunnels to crawl through, scooters to ride on, many different size balls to play with, trikes and cars to ride, toddler

size basketball hoop to shoot at, balancing saucers, blocks, music, bean bags, parachutes, trampoline, bowling, balance beam, and much more. Bring your 5 and under children to enjoy some play time with you and their friends!

This activity is FREE but we will accept FREE WILL DONATIONS to keep the program going.

Developmentally, toddlers should be able to walk, run, jump, climb, and even kick. Experts recommend about 90 minutes of physical activity for toddlers, including playtime (especially outdoor activities) using playground equipment (make sure it is appropriately sized for a toddler), playing with balls, and using push/pull/ride-on toys.

As a parent, try to build in 30 minutes of structured, chaperoned, planned activity with your toddler each day. Allow time (60+ minutes) for unstructured play as well.

Time: come and go from 2:30-4:00 Sunday afternoons from January 17-March 13

Where: Clearbrook-Gonvick School small gym

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Early Childhood Initiative is partnering with Community Education and the Early Childhood programs to offer this great opportunity.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank my family and friends for cards sent and to a special sister, Lonny, for taking care of everything, (even a new couch), while I was layed up. Thanks, also, to the people who brought food.

I love you all,
Tony Eck

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Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle Winners

Jan 2 - Todd Olson, Shevlin, \$20

Jan. 3 - Gladys Luecken, Bagley, \$20

Jan 4 - Debbie Wilde, Shevlin, \$20

Jan. 5 - Orlyn Donnell, Redby, \$20

Jan. 6 - Adeline Wolliscroft, Bagley, \$20

Jan. 7 - , Tim Hamel, Bagley \$20

Jan. 8 - Lloyd Knutson, Bagley, \$20



Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior High Choir under the direction of Katrina Stewart.

SPOTLIGHT

Clearbrook-Gonvick Teacher Feature

Katrina Stewart, 5-12 Music Instructor

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." - Buddy, Elf.

And that is just what Clearbrook-Gonvick's band and choir did this December under the direction of second year 5-12 music instructor, Katrina Stewart. The Senior High Band, the Choir, and the Junior High band performed wonderfully at the Winter Program, the Choir represented the school and community perfectly at Digi-Key's employee holiday party and the fifth and sixth grade band enthusiastically entertained classrooms during afternoon caroling.

Katrina Stewart grew up mostly in Bemidji. She has played piano since four years old and flute since the 6th grade. She can speak German and attended Concordia Language Villages for a couple of summers in high school. Mrs. Stewart went to Concordia College for two years before transferring to Bemidji State University, where she received her teaching degree. Mrs. Stewart lives in the Bemidji Area with her husband, John.

Why did you choose to be a music teacher?

Music has been an enormously important part of my entire life. I remember being on car rides with my family singing along with everything from Journey to Phantom of the Opera. So many of my memories are filled with music.

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick?

I was studying at BSU during the school year and working at Concordia Language Villages in their transportation department during the summer.

What is the biggest challenge of your job?

One challenge is being careful about protecting my hearing and my voice! It's definitely an occupational hazard when working large groups with lots of noise.

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why?

I honestly can't imagine myself doing anything else, but if I could get paid to be a student forever, I'd love to continue studying music

theory, music history, and ethnomusicology!**What do you do when you are not at school teaching?**

I'm involved at my church with the Sunday school and choir, in the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra, and (during the summer) the Bemidji Community Band.

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community?

I love working in a small district where everyone knows everybody. I love getting to work with my students, and the community is really supportive.

Any other favorites you would like to share?

Tolkien, Star Wars, Doctor Who, tea, chocolate, and DQ Cookie Dough Blizzards!

And now a word or two about Mrs. Stewart from the students...

Why do you think Mrs. Stewart decided to work at school? "Because it is a great place to start a musical career." "So she could get a job teaching music, the thing she went to

school for." "Because she loves music and her students." "She wanted students to appreciate music as she does." "It was an open job to share her musical skills."

What do you think Mrs. Stewart does when she is not teaching here at school? "Binge watches Dr. Who and does music stuff." "She probably drinks coffee and looks at music." "She watches nerd shows and goes to Target." "Watches Starwars." "Watches TV or something to relax from school."

What do you think Mrs. Stewart was like in High School? "A Starwars nerd with huge glasses." "Very shy and probably pretty smart." A quiet musical nerd." "Very musically inclined and intelligent with a good work ethic." "Probably the best musician in school."

What is one great thing about Mrs. Stewart? "She is Grade A CRAZY!" "When she talks in different voices." "She is dedicated to her job and she's a nerd." "She is patient with students." "She loves to show us anything we don't know about our instruments."

If Mrs. Stewart did not work here at school, what job do you think she would have? Why? "She would be a crazy cat lady, she seems like the crazy cat lady type." "She would work at a music store with Jeff Sawyer." "She would work at a music store half of the day." "Work at Comic-con for Starwars." "She would work with little kids."

If Mrs. Stewart were to be a musical instrument, what instrument would she be? WHY?

"She would be a flute." "Flute because that is what she used to play." "A flute because she is soft spoken and sounds pretty when she sings." "Flute; soft and quiet." "A flute because she is quiet."

What is one thing Mrs. Stewart ALWAYS says?

"Me speaks English goodly." "I'll wait." "You might have to take it to Jeff Sawyer." "Sorry, I lied." "Shhh..."

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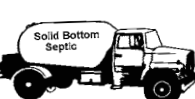
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Clearwater County Commissioner Neal Illies assumed his new duties as Board Chairman, and Commissioner John Nelson as Vice Chairman. Left to right are Commissioners John Nelson, Daniel Stenseng, Neal Illies, Arlen Syverson, Dean Newland, and Board Coordinator Emily McDougal.

Commissioners...

Continued from front page the Auditor-Treasurer.

Headwaters Advisory Committee on Aging; Commissioner John Nelson.

Historical Society; Commissioner Arlen Syverson.

Indian Affairs Task Force ; Commissioner Dean Newland.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library Board; Commissioner Arlen Syverson.

Law Enforcement Board; County Attorney Rick Molin, Sheriff, Probation Officer, Court Administrator, Commissioners Daniel Stenseng and Neal Illies.

Mississippi Headwaters Board, Commissioner Dean Newland.

Natural Resources Joint Powers Board, Commissioner Daniel Stenseng.

Negotiating Committee, Commissioners Neal Illies and John Nelson, Attorney, and Personnel Officer Allen Paulson.

North Country Community Health Services Board of Health, Commissioner John Nelson and Nurse Marissa Hetland.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Sheriff, Emergency Management Director

Neil Dolan, Attorney, HS employee, Commissioners Neal Illies and John Nelson, Director of Nursing, Clearwater Nursing Service Patti Winger, Hospital Director of Nursing and RN.

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Regional Radio Board, Sheriff, EM Director, and Commissioner Neal Illies

Road & Bridge Committee, All Commissioners.

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Sanford Health Bagley Advisory Board, Commissioner Dan Stenseng.

Soil & Waster Advisory Board, Commissioner John Nelson.

In addition to these there are many other committees and boards the County Commissioners and other personnel spend time in traveling to and attending in support of Clearwater County.

Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



I would like to start off this month's article by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and are already working to make 2016 a better year than last. This month I want to reflect on 2015 and recap the activities of the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

The conclusion of 2015 marked the end of my first year as your elected Sheriff. I have gained an incredible amount of respect and admiration for the Office of Sheriff during the year. I have come to appreciate the efforts of all the former Sheriffs of this county and what each has done in their own way to improve the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

Improvement does not come easily. Each and every employee of the Sheriff's Office plays an important role in public safety. I am grateful to have such a great group of people working for this office, from the administrators and deputies to the communication corrections officers and administrative assistants. Each is a vital spoke in the wheel we call the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. Without their efforts, law enforcement in our county would fail, so to that, I want to publicly thank them for their sacrifice and service.

In 2015, our dispatch center received nearly 34,000 calls and an additional 2,299 calls that came through the 911 system. This generated 6,056 calls for service that were responded to by either law enforcement, fire, EMS or all three. Deputies responded to just over 3,000 of these calls. Our local police departments (Bagley and Clearbrook/Gonvick) responded to over 1,900 calls combined in their respective cities. In addition, there were 565 medical calls county wide. The remainder of calls were assigned to fire departments, state patrol, the White Earth Police Department or for information only. Public

safety agencies in our county are not only needed, they are vital for our way of life in Clearwater County and we continue to strive to make improvements.

Another major function of the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office is to manage and operate our county jail. We have a maximum capacity of 38 beds, however, our average daily population was approximately 27 inmates in 2015. We are regulated by the MN Department of Corrections and they want our average daily population to be less than 80% of our maximum capacity. We had 725 new bookings into our jail last year with some of the people included in this number being repeat offenders. Of this number, 535 were males and 190 were female. The average number of days each person was confined was just over thirteen.

In addition to our own inmates, we also house inmates for Mahnom County, the MN Department of Corrections, and other local counties when space is available and this generated approximately \$300,000 in revenue to the county in 2015. Another revenue source that we started in 2015 was to make our jail a pay to stay facility. This means that we charge inmates \$20/day for their stay. This is only charged for days stayed after a conviction or days that are credited for time served after a conviction.

I've been asked the question of "how do you get someone to pay for their time in jail"? For those people who do not pay their bill after release have 90 days to settle their account or we send their bill to the MN Revenue Recapture program and money is taken out of their income tax returns, property tax returns or any lottery winnings they may have and it is returned back to the county. The change to a pay to stay facility was made because we did not feel it was fair for local tax payers to take on the entire burden of incarcerating inmates. We will have a better idea of what amount this generates after 2016.

While law enforcement is not meant to be a revenue generator, I feel it is important to look at any possible revenue source to help offset the cost of providing this service to the county. I owe it to the public to be fiscally responsible with their money. The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners have been great to work with and are also very cautious with tax payer dollars, yet supportive of necessary improvements.

One area of constant change and need for updates has been that of technology. The cost to do this is not always cheap. Some of the changes we are forced to make because of decisions made at the state and federal level. This can be a source of frustration for both tax payers and county government. I will continue to search for solutions that will work financially for the county and yet keep us up to date with the technology needed to be effective. This is one area we cannot fall behind in.

This past year we have faced challenges and successes. It seems you cannot have one without the other. I embrace the challenges of this office and those that I will face in the upcoming year. I believe that those challenges we face only make us stronger. I feel that 2015 was a successful year, and with hard work and dedication, 2016 will be as successful.

If you have questions that you would like answered or any suggestions, please email me at darin.halverson@co.clearwater.mn.us or call the Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226.

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

New Year's early party at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center



Calvin Marcus and Mavis Halvorson.



Leone and "Jigs" Ordean Swanson.



Eleanor and Lee Hall.



Beverly Charles, Barb and Kermit Kjolhaug.



Shirley Knutson and Jo Kelly.



Gladys Larson and her son Jim Larson.



Phyllis and Lloyd Engen are an important part of the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. They keep track of many things and set up events at the center.

Money Questions Answered



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