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Family members who were there to surprise Eileen Lien, the new First Lady of the County were back row left to right: Denise Buer, Gary Nordlund, John Lien, Stacy Ruemping, Mark Lien, Rhonda Cornell, Mark Cornell. Front Row: Beverlee Ostenaar, Amy Lien, Alivia Lien, Eileen Lien, Hunter Lien, Alysha Cassidy and Mary Nordlund.

Eileen Lien selected as First Lady of the county

Tamara Edevold from the Clearwater County Historical Society welcomed the many ladies to the 37th Clearwater County First Lady program. She said this was the Historical Society's 11th year hosting this event and they were so happy to be in Clearbrook this year at the Good Shepherd Church.

They celebrated the Clearwater County First Lady during National Women's History Month. The mission of national women's history month is to educate people about the important roles women have played in the history of our country.

Edevold went on to say, "as recently as the 1970's, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978. The week of March 8th, International Women's Day was chosen as the focal point of the observance. In 1980 President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week.

By 1986, 14 states had declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year, which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

The Clearwater County First Lady celebration began in 1977, when the Gamma Upsilon chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority members spon-

sored the first event. They continued until 1991. In 1993 the Bagley Tuesday Study Club took over hosting the event. When they decided to shift their focus to other projects, the Historical Society decided it would be a good fit, since each woman who has been nominated and who has been selected, has earned a place in the history of the county."

Guest speaker for the event was Bemidji Mayor Rita Albrecht. Rita was elected to the Bemidji City Council in 2010 and as Mayor in 2012. In the 120 years of the City of Bemidji she is the first female to become mayor and only the 4th woman to serve on the council.

Her topic was "Help Wanted: Women Leaders in Public Service." Minnesota is doing well as it is in 4th place nationally. According to Rutgers 2015 ranking among state legislators for the number of women. Colorado was first with 42%, Vermont 2nd with 41.1, Arizona third with 35.6 and Minnesota fourth with 33.8.

She urged women to improve skills in public speaking. She went to Toastmasters in Bemidji and that helped her as she went into public office. She urged women, "to engage in your community, be informed, improve your skills, believe in yourself and take pride in your success."

The 2015 First Lady Ardis Thompson spoke that it was an honor to be selected last year and she had a beautiful reading.

Tamara Edevold went on to describe the 2016 honoree. "Our 2016 First lady has lived in Clearwater County all of her life. She hails from a large family, living and working with several brothers and sisters on a farm. In the letters sent in for this woman's nominations there were several key words and phrases that turned up again and again: energy, very active, and "more zip than the



2016 First Lady of Clearwater County on the right being congratulated by 2015 Lady of the Year Ardis Thompson

energizer bunny."

She's inspirational. If she decides to work on her own "self improvement" chances are people around her will do the same by following her example.

One nomination letter talks about how she sets a high bar-expecting the best from herself and from others- that mediocrity is not in her vocabulary.

She is described as putting others before herself, helps her family in any way she can, attending all the important family events and making sure everyone is included in holidays. She never forgets birthdays, anniversaries or special events. One relative called her the "glue for their extended family."

Our 2016 First lady was a teacher. She was described as "one of those teachers where the kids would cry because they didn't want to leave her class at the end of the year"

She would put in an eleven hour day teaching, then go home to make supper for her family, and within minutes she would clear off the table and then stack it with the pa-

pers she needed to grade, adding smiley faces as she went through the papers. She did this for years.

One writer mentioned that it was not unusual to see her classroom light on during the weekend.

She taught more than the three R's. She taught students that they were important, were cared for and that they were worthwhile. One letter said that while people will forget what you said and what you did, people never forget how you made them feel. Her students continue to visit her, they hug her when they see her, and they invite her to their graduations, weddings, all because of how she made them feel.

Imagine the number of lives she influenced in her many years as a teacher.

She volunteers at her Church, holding many offices, a branch chairperson, Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible schoolteacher, ladies aid. She is currently a deacon. She organized the church's prayer chain.

First Lady..

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Fire contracts approved by Gonvick City Council

The Gonvick City Council approved the 2016 fire contracts with a 5% increase. A meeting and dinner was held on February 23 at the Gonvick American Legion for the purpose of going over last year's calls and updating the fire contracts. 2016 fire contract summary included Greenwood \$1,635.00; Hangaard \$3,043.00; Pine Lake \$12,144.00; Winsor \$6,933.00; City of Gully \$694.00; City of Trail \$523.00; Johnson \$4,955.00; Eden \$9,382.00; Gully Township \$8,246.00.

2015 breakdown of calls and meetings for 2015: Medical Assist 26; Vehicle Accident 2; Structure Fires 2; Grass Fires 10; Fires - other 4; Misc. other 1; Mutual Aid 8; Trainings 11 and meetings 11 for a total of 75.

Breakdown of calls by location for 2015: Eden TWP. 4; Johnson TWP. 1; Pine Lake TWP. 7; Greenwood TWP. 1; Gully TWP. 2; Winsor TWP. 5; Hangaard TWP. 0; City of Trail 5; City of Gully 4; City of Gonvick 16; Clearbrook Mutual Aid 5; Oklee Mutual Aid 2, Fosston Mutual Aid 1 for a total of 53. Meetings and trainings were 22 to bring the total to 75.

2015 charges paid by City of Gonvick for the fire department included: General Li-

ability Insurance \$3,122.50; Electricity \$5,696.21; Heat/Propane \$420.00; Civil Defense - Fire Siren \$38.00; Worker's Compensation \$2,026.00, Municipality share 45% \$2,250.00 Office Supplies \$300.00 for a total of \$13,852.71.

Gonvick Fire Department expenses for 2015 included: Fireman's Relief \$25,466.52; Fire Repairs/Maintenance 48,696.37; Fire Misc/Supplies \$3981.10; Fire Fuel \$1,767.89; Fire Telephone \$1,078.16; Fire Rent \$2,750.00; Fire Other Services/Charge \$22,915.38; Fire Compensation \$2,300.00; Fire Capital Outlay \$242,922.88 (which include the building addition) for a total of \$311,878.30.

City Clerk Stacy Halvorson reported that as part of an audit of the League of Minnesota Cities Trust disability plans the city is required that all eligible employees be enrolled in the municipal pool disability plan administered by Ochs, Inc. Current, City Maintenance Joe Amundson is the only enrollee under Madison National's Short Term Disability Plan. The council approved the enrollment for Stacy Halvorson at \$5.00 per month.

The Council is looking for an individual for grounds work under the Experience Works

Program. Information about the position can be obtained by calling the Gonvick City Clerk at 487-5243. Do not have to be a Gonvick resident. The council approved hiring Marni Fawver to clean the community center when needed.

Estimates are being obtained for replacing the shingles at the community center either with steel or other materials. Stacy will send out letters asking for donations in the spring.

Mayor Lauris Krogstad recommended that the council should start thinking about preparing a plan of action on the upcoming challenges the city will be facing with the aging water infrastructure. According to Governor Dayton's plan to modernize Minnesota's aging water infrastructure and protect water quality the City of Gonvick is currently rated #196 on Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Project Prior-

City of Gonvick incident report

Clearbrook-Gonvick Police report for February included a total of 12 incidents.

Domestic Assault 1; Public Assistance/Misc. 3; Suspicious Activity 1; Traffic Stop 6; Arrests 1.

Commissioners hear updates for Clearwater Housing Authority

By Karen Edelbach
Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on March 8, 2016, with Cheryl Grover first on the agenda to discuss the Clearwater Housing Authority (HA).

"On March 1, the Clearwater Housing Authority (HA) rentals transferred to the Bemidji Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA). But as of Jan. 31 the HA closed and Parkview where the office was located doesn't want to store the boxes of files that are there," she said.

Also, there is a matter of debt owed by the Clearwater HA that is not being absorbed by the Bemidji HRA.

"I understand that Clearwater Board doesn't claim any culpability for this debt. In 1994 I was appointed by the Board then, and thought it was a good fit, as I worked in the Assessor's office and knew the properties. I did not ask for the position," she stated. She now spends time voluntarily in order to assist in seeing that the housing programs under HUD management continue in Clearwater County.

Commissioner Neal Illies stated that by State Resolution the County has to appoint someone to the Housing Board, which they did, but beyond that, there are no County responsibilities to the HUD managed program.

She stated that there are about 30 more boxes of files at Park View, besides 12 boxes she has stored at her garage. The Fair will possibly store some. She would like a solution for that.

Commissioner Dan Stenseng asked if the HRA has a retention schedule. They concluded it is six to seven years, so discussed throwing those out that are past retention.

However, Ms. Grover stated there are two properties with revolving loans and that have liens on them, possibly over 20 years old. Those records are somewhere in the many boxes of files. It is uncertain where the records of these liens are located and recorded.

When the properties are sold there would be money coming back.

Commissioner John Nelson said the money would most likely go to the HRA. It could then be used for maintenance on properties, and inspections, and they could hire the HRA to oversee these.

"It is a benefit to Clearwater County in the future," he said. "But the HRA must make arrangements with the RDC."

While the Commissioners said they are sympathetic with Ms. Grover's frustration, they cannot assist any further. Commissioner Nelson will try to help by talking with the HRA.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht brought 2015 Year-End Summary, which he does annually, for the Board's review (See related summary.)

Groundwater monitoring contracts were brought for approval related to monitoring at the landfill. The agreement with Terracon is for one year, and one with SampleTech Environmental & Industrial Water Sampling Services is for two years. Terracon Consultants, Inc. is from St. Paul. Their contract is in the amount of \$2,500 for engineering consulting services.

Both contracts reflect price increases, with \$900 per year for the SampleTech contract. Total per year for 2016 and 2017 will be \$3,800. This is due to new requirements by MPCA

for improved sample analysis methods which go more in detail. The State then requires the new standards available. Both contracts were passed by the Commissioners.

A contract for authorizing services for weed task force specialist Blake Peterson with the County for 2016 calendar year was also approved.

Hecht said there is not much use of the landfill from outside the county.

Sheriff Deputy Ryan Solee received authorization for the Sheriff to move Rodney Felt voluntarily from permanent to part-time and work over 1,040 hours per year.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received authorization to pay the Highway Department bills in the amount of \$37,033.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson received authorization to pay the submitted invoices of \$145,059 from the County Revenue Fund, and \$15,390 from Nursing Service. He also received Board approval to purchase a new Dell Latitude laptop computer for Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator, to make her job more efficient at a cost of \$1251.

Township Meetings were held last Tuesday. Most did not request attendance by the commissioners.

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

2015 Year End Summary & Highlights

Shoreland Ordinance, Septic Systems, Wetlands, Subdivisions Controls:

- 16 Land Use Permits processed, 3 grading and filling permits, 4 variances processed
- 45 Septic Systems permitted, inspected, records processed (36 non-shoreline, 9 shoreline)

- 182 individual Wetlands Conservation Act contacts and assistances rendered

- 48 subdivisions processed
- Revenue generated from fees: \$2,100

Demolition Landfill

- 3,903 individual users admitted at gate during regular hours

- 2,876 compacted cubic yards demolition waste (17 years remaining in fill area at this rate)

- 29 tons of tires, 83 tons scrap metal, 443 appliances shipped for recycling (other materials accepted incl. Yard waste, oil filters, MSW bypass, electronics waste, mercury-containing light bulbs, capacitors, ballast, transformers, HHW

- Approximately \$24,111 collected in gate fees, sale of scrap metal and commercial gate fees

Solid Waste Collection/ Disposal/Recycling

- 4,309 tons of trash shipped to Fosston in 2015. Total tonnage has increased about 10% over the past 3 years. Collection and disposal of trash (not incl. Recycling, landfill or any salaries) is about 57% of entire department budget

- Canister site improvements - none in 2015. Eddy will be rebuilt in 2016

- 96 tons of recyclables collected at drop-offs in Bagley and Clearbrook

County Ag

- County roadsides sprayed in 2015 were 129 miles in northern part of county, inslopes and backslopes on separate contracts for the first time. Gravel pit approval program and leafy spurge inventory ongoing projects



David M. Grabitske

Clearwater County Historical Society to meet in Clearbrook March 29.

The Clearwater County Historical Society will hold its membership meeting and potluck supper on Tuesday March 29 at the Clearbrook Legion/ Banquet meeting room. (In the old school, use the east entrance). Special guest speaker will be David M. Grabitske from the Minnesota Historical Society.

The Clearwater County Historical Society formed in 1968. It is no accident that Minnesota is one of the few states where there is a county-level history agency in every single county of the state. Come learn how this came to be and why history work is essential for every community.

Grabitske has been with the Minnesota Historical Society for 20 years. For much of that time he's worked closely with the more than 500 historical organizations across Minnesota.

The meeting will begin at 5:00 with a social hour followed at 5:30 by a short meeting and a potluck Supper. The program will begin around 6:45 pm. Historical Society members and anyone interested in the society and its work are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

For more information call the History Center at 218-785-2000.

Community Calendar

BAKE SALE
Saturday March 26
The Clearwater County Historical Society will hold it's annual Spring Bake and Country & Craft Store on Saturday, March 26 beginning at 9 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Bagley Legion.
Volunteers, baked goods and "country store/ craft" items are needed!
A delicious lunch will be served at 11:00- until gone. (Free will offering)
For more information contact the Clearwater County History Center at 218-785-2000

Baby Shower
for
Kay (Granley) Vettleson
(It's a boy!)
to be held
SAT., MAR. 19
10:00 am at
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
in Clearbrook
Mom & baby are registered at Target and Amazon.
Everyone welcome

Coaches Corner suspends services
Coaches Corner in Bagley sustains damage due to a vehicle colliding with the building on Friday, March 11. There were no injuries sustained by the driver, Coaches Corner employees or customers.
This incident is pending further investigation. Coaches Corner has suspended service at this time until a later determined date.

Historical Society Presents
‘Coming of Age’ March 20

The Clearwater County Historical Society Presents ‘Coming of Age, The 1968 Generation,’ a Traveling Exhibit on view now
Come visit the History Center in Shevlin on a special Sunday afternoon open house to see “Coming of Age, The 1968 Generation,” a traveling exhibit that explores the self-expression, upheaval, change and sounds of the 60's and Vietnam War. The museum will be open from 1:00- 4:00 Sunday March 20.
In “Coming of Age, The 1968 Generation,” visitors will glimpse into the lives of Minnesotans who grew up in and around 1968.

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will be **OPENING**
for the season
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Open 7 days a week
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Easter Sunday

Samhold WNALC Spring Bazaar
-GONVICK-
9:00 am: Coffecake, juice, coffee
10:00 am: Craft & Bake Sale
11:00-12:30: Lunch
Bar-B-Que on Buns
Macaroni Salad
Beans • Potato Chips
Pickles • Brownie Sundae
Lemonade - Coffee
\$5.00 ADULTS
\$3.00 12 & UNDER
Saturday, March 19, 2016
EVERYONE WELCOME!!!
12:00: Quilt Raffle & Silent Auction Winners Announced!!!

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

GIVE A VETERAN A LIFT
2016: As a part of the Snow Week 2016 festivities in early February, The Bagley High School Student Council identified the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program as a service project to raise funds for a local Veterans cause in order to directly help Veterans here in Clearwater County.

At the Snow King and Queen Coronation on February 8th, I was asked to speak briefly to inform the study body what the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program is all about. It was a pure professional pleasure to chat up and invite the students to join in supporting the care of our community's veterans. Veterans who, even at the same age as some of the BHS Seniors today, had served them so many years ago. The fundraising event collections took place into March during the First Period of school days with pockets, backpacks and purses providing personal, heartfelt donations in a spirited competition between classrooms. An avalanche of Snow Week service project donations was collected and last Thursday, Jarret Merschman and Maddy Strandlien presented the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program with a check for \$1,011.54! I am so grateful for the Student Council's consideration, vision and leadership, and prouder still of all the BHS students for their heart of service to our local veterans.
I welcome your own personal comments. Office(218)694-6618; Cell/Text(218)556-5340 Hutch

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. March 16 - Chicken lasagna, country veggie pineapple, cake, bread and milk
Thurs. March 17 - *St. Pat's Day* Cabbage roll hotdish, green beans, Irish bread pudding and milk.
Fri. March 18 - Pub house fish, AuGratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, pie, bread and milk.
Mon. March 21 - Baked chicken, baked potato, squash, pudding, bread and milk.
Tues. March 22- Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, cupcakes, bread and milk.
Wed. March 23 - Chili, pears, cornbread, gelatin with fruit/whipped topping and milk.
Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change. Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center's spring opening is just a little over two weeks away, April 4, 9:00 AM. Our annual basket party event will be held the Friday before in conjunction with our first “Friday Night Out” event. Grow It! will be offering basket planting “class” noon to 6:00 PM. A variety of containers in different sizes will be available, as well as a variety plants & flowers. This year, for the first time, we will have citranella-scented geraniums. If you don't have time to make it to our basket party? Commissioned planting is offered. Planters may be purchased from us, or you may bring your own. Let us know whether they will be placed in full or partial sun and the plants and colors you desire. We are also willing to schedule private basket parties for a group. For more information, call LaFerme at 218-487-5290, Ext. 3.
For programs and services, visit us at: www.clearwaterslife.org, www.mustardseedhomes.org, or www.adultdayservicesgonvick.org and our Facebook pages.
Our **Gonvick** site businesses at 226 Elm St. are open **Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9-4 & Sat., 9-12:**
Create It! Community Art Studios & Gallery and Restore It! Furniture Shop. Senior Connection is open M-W-F, 10-3. In Clearbrook Shop-at-the-Top, 226 2nd Ave., SW is open Mon. thru Fri., 10-4 and Sat., 10-3.

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***Wednesdays:** Care groups in various homes

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed, March 16 5:30 p.m. Confirmation, 6:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Supper, 7:00 p.m. Lent-en Service
Sun. March 20 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Clearbrook
Tues. March 15 - 6:30 pm Bible Study for women at Kris Emmel
Wed., March 16 - 6:30 p.m. Awana, Grand Prix races.
Thur. March 17 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and prayer meeting.
Sat., March 19 7:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast and Bible Study at the church.
Sun., March 20 - 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship.

Coming Events. April 2
Ukraine Rummage sale,
GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., March 16, 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 10:30 AM QUILTING, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich, 7:00 p.m. Worship Service;
Sun., March 20, 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship Service

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sun., March 20, 9:00 AM Worship Service; 10:00 AM Sunday School
Ad deadline: Noon Friday

WANTED
The City of Gonvick is seeking an individual to help out with summer work under the “Experienced Works Program”.
Must be age 55 or older to qualify.
For more information please contact the City Clerk,
(218) 487-5243

Elim Mission Friends meeting
The Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday, March 10th at 2:30 PM at Elim. Speaker for the day will be Donna Bardwell.
Hostesses are Louan Hendrickson, Ashley Krog and Martha Ahles. Everyone is welcome.

Letter to the Editor
UFF DA
We have three senators running for president. They helped our nation in debt to 19 trillion dollars.
We need new blood, Clinton or Trump. Carter, Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan were new blood.
By Richard Aos

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., March 16: 5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper, 6:45 p.m. Lenten Service, 5:30 pm Choir Practice; 7:30 pm Handbell Practice
Sat. March 19 - 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. Baby Shower for Kay Vettleson
Sun., March 20: 9:00 am Palm Sunday Worship/Communion, 10:00 am Sunday School/ Coffee Hour, 5:00 p.m. Last Supper
Thurs., March 24 6:45 Maundy Thursday Service
Fri. March 25 6:45 pm Good Friday Service
Sun. March 27 Easter Service 9:00 am. Easter Breakfast served by the youth 7:30-9:00 am.
Joint activities
Thurs., March. 17: 7:00 p.m. Joint Church Council at Good Shepherd

Our Savior's
Wed. March 16: 5:15 pm Lenten Service; 6:00 pm Soup & Sandwich
Thurs., March 17 2:00 pm WELCA
Sun., March 20: 9:45 am Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, 11:00 am Palm Sunday Worship/Communion; 5:00 p.m. Youth Event
Thurs. March 24: 5:15 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Fri. March 25 5:15 pm Good Friday Service

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.

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER
Leonard, MN
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS - Clearbrook Branch
305 Lake Ave. E.
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00-11:00 a.m.; **Sunday School:** 11:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12:10-1:00 p.m.; **Young Women's:** 12:10-1:00 p.m.; **Primary:** 11:20 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Mar. 16: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. Oak Park: 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich supper. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Thu, Mar. 17: 7:00 p.m. St. Petri Lent Service. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Sat, Mar. 19: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS.
Sun, Mar. 20: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS. 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.
Thu, Mar. 24: Maundy Thursday: 5:30 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Mar. 16: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.
Thu, Mar. 17: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Mar. 18: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Mar. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Mar. 22: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Mar. 23: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Mar. 16: 7:00 p.m. Lenten at Bethany.
Sun, Mar. 20: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Thu, Mar. 24: 7:00 p.m. Lenten at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Mar. 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Easter: A Celebration Of The Risen Christ

But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”
—Matthew 28:5-6

At Easter, we remember Christ's death on the cross at Calvary and celebrate his miraculous resurrection and victory over death.



The Northern State Bank will be open normal hours on Good Friday, March 25.

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Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. March 16 Turkey subs, baked chips, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Thurs. March 17 - Taco in a bog, black bean salsa, fresh fruit and vegetable choices, dessert and milk.

Fri. March 18- Muffins with Mom - Stuffed Crust Cheese pizza, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Mon. March 21 - Spaghetti, garlie toast, green beans, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Tues. March 22 Turkey dinner, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, dinner roll, fresh fruit and vegetable choices, and milk.

Wed. March 23 Chili cheese Fritos, dessert, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

School News

Congratulations to the FFA Coloring Contest Winners

They each received a free ice cream cone from AJ's for their great artwork!!

Avery Haugan - Kindergarten; Lucas Bakken - First Grade; Sarah Imle - Second Grade; Samantha Tollefson - Third Grade; Sydney Risland - Fourth Grade; Madison Gerlofs - Fifth Grade; Jensen Engberg - Sixth Grade

Congratulations to Anthony Peldo for winning the Ag Trivia Drawing for an Ice Cream Cake. He was able to identify all five of the leaves! Thanks for participating, Anthony!

Congratulations to the CG FFA Small Animal Team. They placed 10th out of 16 teams! Thank you everyone

for your support of the FFA program!

Track practice began Monday, March 14!

Archery for 6th -12th graders will be offered beginning March 21. Deadline to sign up is noon on March 21.

RAPE PREVENTION & SELF-DEFENSE Steve Holm & Police Chief Dan Gazelka instructors

This class is for females (ages: teenagers and up). We encourage mothers and daughters to take this class together. The class will include lecture and self-defense training. Instructors will walk through case studies of real rape cases and will discuss prevention techniques. Please wear comfortable clothing. This class is being taught as a public service. The fee is for Community Education.

Tuesday, March 15 6:30-8:30 PM CG School Library

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Sign up by March 14. Call Judy at 776-3112 Ext 102 or students may sign up in the office.

A summer basketball camp, led by Mark Bagaason, will take place in Clearbrook from June 6th-June 9th for anyone entering grades 4-9 at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. More information will be coming soon.

Open gym and Toddler Open gym will end on March 13 (this Sunday)

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

Seniors: Scholarship opportunities will be listed in the weekly bulletin and on the school web page.

Paper applications will be available just outside the Counselor's office. If you have questions, see the CGHS counselor.

Bagley Tuesday Study Club--One \$250 award

Eligibility: Graduating senior girl from Clearwater County. Demonstrated community service during her high

school years. Maintained a 2.5 GPA. Plans to pursue a 2- or 4-year degree.

Application: Paper application in counselor's office.

Deadline: Submit essay to counselor's office by April 1, 2016.

American Legion Auxiliary--One \$200 award

Eligibility: Graduating C-G senior. Submit application to counselor's office by May 1, 2016.

Application: Paper application in counselor's office.

Deadline: May 1, 2016.

Headwaters Regional Farm Bureau--One \$500 award

Eligibility: High school graduate pursuing a degree in agriculture. Completion of the application in a timely manner.

Application: Paper application in counselor's office.

Deadline: April 15, 2016.

Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve--One \$250 award

Eligibility: Graduating high school senior. Student pursuing a degree in law enforcement/criminal justice.

Application: Paper application in counselor's office.

Deadline: Applications must be received by April 1, 2016.

Scholarship applications due:

Friends of Sanford Health Scholarship due March 15, 2106.

The following web address lists scholarships that Minnesota students are eligible to receive: www.studentscholarships.org/newsletter.php

ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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

SPOTLIGHT

Clearbrook-Gonvick Support Staff



March Spotlight on Verlyn Strenge, Bus Driver

"Dear Lord guide me and help me to transport my precious angels to and from school safely. Amen."

Verlyn Strenge has been driving school bus for the Clearbrook-Gonvick ISD 2311 for twenty-one years. He grew up on a farm in South Dakota, but now lives in the area with his wife, Merry. They have three children Scott (Stacey) Strenge, Jamie (Devon) Nelson, and Linda (BJ) Engen and seven grandchildren: Emma, Sierra, Ella, Ava, Abby, Vincent, and Mya.

Why did you decide to drive bus for the school? To help with a little extra income and for the love of children.

What did you do before driving the bus? Farmer, construction worker, logger... many of the same things I do now. I am still a pastor and help out where needed.

What is your favorite part of your job? Working with the kids and getting to know their parents.

What is the hardest part of your job? When the kids don't follow simple, basic rules: sit in the seat, do not fight, and enjoy the privilege of riding the bus.

If you could have any job in the world, what would it be? Why? I love what I am doing. First, I love greeting the kids and praying for them. The greatest gift I have is being an ambassador for the Lord Jesus Christ. So doing what I am as a pastor, teacher, and mentor, is the best job.

What do you do when you are not working? When I am not driving bus, I am helping by visiting, counseling, preparing messages, trying to help folks, hobby farming, and fishing.

What are your favorite

aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? The people, the children through the years, the teams that play, and the fun watching basketball, football, and volleyball, and trying to encourage where I can.

Any other favorites you would like to share? I love watching children that grow up and become leaders and make a difference in life, changing our world for the good.

And now a word or two about Verlyn from the students...

Why do you think Verlyn decided to become a bus driver? "Maybe because he likes to drive and he's a good man." "Because maybe he enjoys it and maybe there was a spot open to do it and he took it." "So that he could be with a lot of kids." "Because he likes being a bus driver." "To have a good relationship with kids."

What is the best thing about Verlyn? "He's a nice man and he always says 'good morning' and 'good afternoon.'" "He is so kind. Sometimes he gives us candy." "He is a good friend to all of us." "That he is nice and he says nice things to the kids." "He gives us candy when we leave."

What do you think Verlyn was like when he was in school? "He was a good person." "I think he was kind to everyone, a nice student." "A good and hardworking student." "A nice student and hard working." "A nice, smart kid."

What job do you think Verlyn would have if he was not a bus driver? "He would be just a pastor." "He is a pastor and that might be his only job then." "A teacher so he could see a lot of new kids." "A pastor." "Taxi driver."

If Verlyn was a leprechaun, where do you think he would hide his pot of gold? "In the bus engine or under the bus." "Probably either his house, car, or in the church in Clearbrook." "On the bus" "On the bus, obviously." "Under the bus seat."

If you could send Verlyn on a vacation anywhere in the world, where would you send him? Why would you send him there? "To Heaven because he is a pastor." "To SeaWorld or Disneyland I have not been there and it might be fun to see all the things." "New York, so he can relax, go shopping and have a lot of fun!" "Montana because you can see the Grand Canyon." "Florida because he drives in this cold weather."

What is one thing Verlyn ALWAYS says? "Good morning and good afternoon!" "Have a nice day, thanks for coming!" "Have a good day!" "Good Evening/See you later/Goodbye." "Welcome or hi."



Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior Varsity: Front row: Reece Danielson, Hunter Ehlers, Bobbie Olson. Middle Row: Damen Bakke, Ethan Dorman, Michael Tollefson, Cody Vettleson, Anthony Peldo and Maccabee Hammer. Back Row: Coach Sam Weaver, Ty Nelson, Erick Bergman and Spencer Reed. Photo courtesy of Starkey's Photography.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior Varsity - Front row: Alexis Ballard, Cassie Faldet, Mikala Johnson, Morgan Cornell and Danae Stenzel. Middle row: Meosha Hammer, Abigail Moy, Rachel Lavin, Arabella Corey, JackieLynn Taffin, Nyah Neadeau, Allison Leewis. Back row: Mike Lindgren assistant, Head Coach Ross Faldet, Lindsey Gray, Madelynne Faldet, Tamara Skinaway, Bob Westrum assistant coach and Rocky Eck assistant coach. Photo courtesy Starkey's Photography

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Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Frost Seeding Legumes
The past few years have left many pasture stands overgrazed with depleted root reserves. With little snow cover and dry soil conditions, it's possible that some plants will not survive the winter, leaving unproductive bare spots creating an ideal environment for germinating thistles.

One easy way to improve pastures, without complete renovation, is to frost seed legumes into the pasture during the early spring.

Frost seeding is a simple system of introducing a legume into an existing pasture to improve the forage quality. The concept is simple; you merely broadcast the seed on the ground in the spring. In Wisconsin, farmers report that frost seeding works 60 to 70 % of the time. Although that may not seem overly impressive, it may be worth the risk because it's simple and inexpensive, and in the long haul, it works.

While frost seeding is less expensive than using traditional planters, it is also riskier than seeding with a drill because there is less seed-soil contact. And, when it does work, the resulting stand may not be consistent across the

pasture. This is one reason it's not generally recommended for improving established hay fields. But, if you have rocky pastures where conventional equipment cannot be used, frost seeding may your only option to introduce a legume to the pasture.

The best time for frost seeding is early in the spring after the snow is gone but while the ground is still frozen or beginning to thaw. The freeze-thaw cycle creates tiny cracks on the soil surface allowing seeds to fall-in enabling the seed to be incorporated. Once the seed is in the moist soil environment, germination can occur. With the normal spring rains, a near idea environment is created for the seedlings to grow.

Chances for a good "catch" will be improved if the pasture residue has been removed to allow the seed to reach the soil surface. If your pastures had very little residue going into to winter, the following may not be necessary. But, if needed, this can be done by different methods:

•Frost seeding tends to be most successful if the pasture was heavily grazed last summer or fall which tends to suppress the existing grasses. It is

best if grazing results in some soil showing -- not ideal if the area is prone to erosion.

•During legume seedling development, use short periods of heavy grazing to reduce the shading of the seedlings by grasses. Light grazing allows livestock to select the legumes. Grazing periods longer than 5 days during establishment may harm the establishing legumes.

•Legumes tend to be more successful than grasses in frost seeding. Use a legume which has relatively inexpensive seed, with good seedling vigor, and with tolerance to your soil conditions. Good choices include red or white clover, or perhaps birdsfoot trefoil. Alfalfa is not recommended because it does not germinate at temperatures as low as the clovers. If you want to try a grass, plant Italian (annual) ryegrass at 8 to 10 lbs/acre and orchardgrass at 4 lbs/acre. Other grasses have been frost seeded with less success. But, grasses would establish well with a no-till drill.

Frost seeding on top of snow is not a good practice because rapid snow melting may cause the seed to be washed off the pasture. So wait until the snow is gone, but the ground is frozen enough to drive on without damaging the soil surface. The ideal window is on us right now, so if you are so inclined to try this practice, now is a good time to do so.

Seeding need not be a complicated process; indeed, this is the appeal of frost seeding. Seed can be distributed by a tractor-mounted or hand-held broadcast seeder or mixed with fertilizer and applied. In smaller areas, an ATV with a battery operated seeder will work very well. Although is not always necessary, any action to incorporate the seed, such as allowing livestock to walk across the seeded area, or light tillage, will generally increase stand establishment.

Frost seeding is not recommended for sandy soils because the freezing and thawing does not incorporate the seed. In those areas, a no-till drill would be a better choice, if soil conditions allow. Luckily, the Clearwater County SWCD office now has a new no-till drill available for rent, if this seeding method better fits your situation. They can be reached at 218-694-6584.

Lastly, before seeding any legumes, be sure to check the replant restrictions on herbicides applied within the past few years. Certain products, such as Milestone, will prevent legume reestablishment for some number of years.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Source: Dr. Dan Undersander, University of Wisconsin.

Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



When most people hear about drug use they think of methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine or heroin use. A major drug problem that many do not think of is prescription drug abuse. This is a problem nationwide and here at home in Clearwater County. Many people suffer from this addiction and some do not recognize that they have a problem. I want to take a look at what prescription drug abuse is and why it is such a problem.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, an estimated 48 million people, aged 12 and over, have used prescription drugs for nonmedical reasons in their lifetime. This represents approximately 20% of the U.S. population. It is estimated that 7 million have done so in the past month.

Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in prescription drug abuse or misuse. This has led to accidental overdoses as well as admissions into drug treatment programs. Teens are selling their own prescription medication or stealing from their parents or grandparents. Adults are doing the same. Some of our elderly citizens are having their needed medication taken from them and sold by their own family as a means to make money, neglecting the health of their loved one.

The three main types of prescription medications that are commonly abused are opioids used to treat pain, depressants used to treat anxiety and sleep disorders and stimulants used to treat attention deficit disorders.

Opioids, if used correctly, help many people manage chronic pain. However, when they are used for a long period of time without a doctor's supervision, they become addictive. When you take an opioid, your brain will feel a mild euphoria as the opioid blocks certain chemicals from being released in your brain that make you feel pain. The longer you take these types of medication the more you may find yourself taking to get the same euphoric feeling. A high dose of opioids can cause slow breathing, drowsiness, confusion and poor coordination.

Stimulants will give your body a fast jumpstart and give you a great increase in alertness, energy and attention. However, they can be very dangerous if used in higher doses or by crushing the pills and snorting them to get high. They can cause high body temperature, high blood pressure and an irregular heartbeat, all of which can be life threatening.

Depressants work by making your body feel relaxed, calm and sometimes sleepy. Over time, you may find that you

need a larger dose to feel the same effects. You need to talk to your doctor if you feel that you need a higher dose. Choosing to self-medicate yourself can cause severe consequences. Confusion, memory problems, slowed breathing and poor balance can all happen with a higher dose than prescribed. Mixing alcohol with depressants can slow your heart and breathing and lead to death. Taking depressants for a long time and suddenly stopping can also have life threatening consequences such as seizures.

So why is prescription drug abuse on the rise? Some believe that it is because more drugs are available to more people. On-line pharmacies are also more prevalent than years ago. These types of pharmacies make it easy for people to get these drugs, even for teens.

Young people in particular are at a high risk for prescription drug abuse. Parents should discuss the dangers of taking a prescription medication that is not theirs or abusing the ones they are prescribed. If you have children in your home, make sure your medication is locked in a medicine cabinet and keep track of the quantities that you have so you can track if any go missing. If you have unused medication in your home, bring them into the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office lobby and deposit them in the medication drop box (there is no charge for this service). Some teens report taking prescription medications to school and selling them to make extra money. Others talk about going to parties and sharing them.

If someone is addicted to using or selling prescription drugs, they may turn to stealing to support their habit. Don't carry your prescription drugs in your vehicle or on your person. We receive several reports each year of people who have had their prescriptions taken from their car or purse if left in a car. When you throw away your prescription bottles, tear off the label. People will go through dumpster sites and look for prescription bottles. If you are prescribed a medication that they want, you may have just become a target for your house being burglarized. Remember, it may even be someone you know that wants to steal your medication.

So what can you do if you suspect a loved one is abusing prescription medication? Start an intervention process. Confront the person who is struggling with this addiction. Anger and denial are common reactions. Be patient and understanding and let them know you care about their wellbeing. If you catch it early enough, you may be able to convince them to seek treatment. Hold

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that person accountable. Don't turn your back on them and hope for the best. This type of drug abuse is no different than illegal drug abuse. The person's mind is not thinking clearly and the drug is doing the thinking for them.

Prescription drug abusers are not always the stereotypical drug user that many people think of. They are our neighbors, friends and family. They are good people that have had their life changed by addiction. This is becoming an all too common problem in our communities. Understanding its existence and knowing what to look for will help in curbing this problem. Unfortunately, there is no magic cure. Being alert to changes in people and talking about prescription drug abuse with your family is a start. If you feel that you may be becoming addicted to prescription medication yourself, seek help immediately. Early detection and intervention may prevent a possible problem from becoming a life-long addiction.

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.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Police

Dan Gazelka
Chief of Police-

Hello everyone! Spring is here and everyone is out and about making there yards look great. I would like to take a moment to explain a problem that is beginning to develop in the Cities of Clearbrook and Gonvick. I have had the opportunity to talk to several people regarding the feeding of stray animals and the inherent problems therein and wanted to push it out to a larger audience.

We at the department like animals as much as the next person. What we don't like is when feeding feral cats leads to bigger problems. First of all, a feral cat is just that, a wild/feral cat. Much like a barn cat, these cats can and do fend for themselves, living off rodents and other animals. They don't need to be fed.

Once food is left out, it becomes a gathering point for feral cats and other wildlife such as skunks, racoons, foxes, rats, mice and other pests that get into garbage and carry disease. When these wild animals start to cause destruction, law enforcement and animal control are often called to help with the problem. While we don't mind helping (it's what we are paid to do), we do mind when the problem is avoidable. Please don't feed feral cats.

Also, under City ordinances, when you do start to feed a cat, you have constructive possession of the cat and are thereby the owner. Pet owners are then liable for any damage the animal causes. Pet owners are required to license and give medical, veterinarian and other care for these animals. In some cases, citations can be issued for neglecting these items. Sadly, all because people want to help animals. We get it. But, like wildlife management encourages people to refrain from feeding wildlife so as not to create dependability, I would encourage everyone to refrain from feeding wild animals in town. We are seeing an influx in skunk, racoons and other wild animals in town already. Help us out, by doing your part.

I know most everyone is doing the right thing and those that aren't are merely doing the wrong thing for some very good heartfelt reasons. But... please stop feeding feral cats. Enough said? Okay!

Thank you so much, it's a pleasure to serve.

-Dan Gazelka, Chief of Police-



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Wednesday, March 16, 2016

First Lady... Continued from front page

She has worked with the local blood drive, served on the County Food Shelf board, Volunteered at the Library, She drives neighbors to doctor appointments, sews blankets for newborns. If something needs painting she shows up with a brush and a pair of gloves. Need a wedding dress hemmed or a pair of mittens sewn? She can do that. She sews quilts for graduating seniors, quilts for raffles and quilts for keeping people in need warm in the winter. She serves as an Election Judge; she decorates at her church and the bulletin boards and doors at the nursing home. She sets hair, listens to problems, plays bingo, reads stories, and gives a hug when needed. In fact she did so much at the nursing home that they offered her a job there as an assistant activity director.

At the Clear Waters Life Center she volunteers where needed, whether its helping with an art class, in the thrift store or with any of the other regular activities there.

She assists with most of the community clubs as well- the Lions Club, Diamond Jubilee Committee, the Gonvick business club all receive her assistance during the town's various celebrations.

Oh, I've tipped you off this woman is from Gonvick.

She's an early riser, exercise, devotions, breakfast all complete before 7 am. One letter told a story that he once called her early in the morning (he knew she'd be up) and she sounded a bit frustrated. When he asked why, she said she had got up, did the laundry, went to the school to exercise, came back home, finished the laundry, scrubbed the kitchen floor, then got ready for a meeting, and still had an hour to wait until the 8 am meeting at the church!

One letter used these adjectives to describe her: intelligent, pretty, neat, hard-working, dedicated, lively, thoughtful, fun, funny, dependable, problem solvers, uplifting and always helpful.

She's been a widow for over twenty years, tragically losing her husband at a very young age. That was a hard time in her life, but as one writer explained "she put her trust in God and was able to rise above it". She has three children and four grandchildren.



Charlotte Stoker folded the napkins in a special way for the table decorations for the First Lady event in Clearbrook.



Karen Johnson provided music for the First Lady Event.



Eileen Lien was surprised at the First Lady event held in Clearbrook.

So lets recap- she is active at Good Samaritan, at Samhold Church, and the Gonvick Library Link Site and Clearwater Life Center, she worked for 30 years as a teacher at the Gonvick Trail and Gonvick Clearbrook Schools, twice nominated to be teacher of the year.

She's a friend to all and a very nice person, she's the energizer bunny, ... she's Eileen Lien!"

Eileen was surprised and then she looked in the back of the room and there stood her entire family. Her only concern was that she would have to give a speech next March when they select another First Lady of the county.



The 2016 Clearwater County First Lady Eileen Lien with past ladies selected. Front row L to R: Dorothy Katzenmeyer, Hennie Merseth, Ardis Thompson, Eileen Lien, Lil Sauer, Vivian Torkildson and Lois Hoie. Back row: Shirley Gunderson, Marilyn Melby, Adeline Beltz, Betty Johnson, Ardella Lindberg, Darlene Sawyer, Linda Kaul, Lila Strandlien and Dee Strandlien.



Susan (Harwood) Sims on the left & Bonnie (Harwood) Borene with Karen (Thompson) Johnson, on the piano provided special music for the Clearwater County First Lady event that was held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook last Saturday. They sang "Just Pass It On" and "The Other Side".

Corrine's Corner By Corrine Richards

The blood drive will be in Clearbrook on Thursday, April 14. The WELCA in Clearbrook will be in charge at the Westrum gym in Clearbrook. Mark that date.

The Clearbrook American Legion will be having their steak fry this coming Saturday night. They will also be serving cake to celebrate the 97th birthday of the American Legion.

If you are wondering what the digging is about just west of the school in Clearbrook. There is going to be a change in the skyline as Verizon is putting up a tower for better reception.

Remember the national reporter that trashed Red Lake County and later recanted his first story, well now he has had a real change of heart and of

life? Christopher Ingraham is moving to Red Lake County with his family in May. I wonder where he will live.

We have a new subscriber, Lois Bricks. Lois is the daughter of Carl and Mable Giske who graduated from Gonvick High School in 1953. They attended United Lutheran Church in Berner. Welcome Lois.

Karen Oftele wrote with her newspaper renewal that they always enjoy getting their home town paper every week. Thanking us for our good hard work every week.

The City of Gonvick is seeking an individual to help out with summer work under the "Experienced Works Program". Must be age 55 or older to qualify. For more information please contact The City Clerk (218) 487-5243.

The Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center is having Fry Bread Taco's on April Fools Day, Friday, April 1 from 11:30 to 12:30. It is open to all and you can have it to go or in house. Order by March 31 at 1:00 p.m. at 776-3154.

A reminder to Medicare recipients, that if a senior, is admitted to the hospital under outpatient medical observation rather than formal readmission. That observation doesn't qualify for Medicare's benefits. For payment for a subsequent nursing-home stay, a beneficiary must spend at least three nights in a hospital as an inpatient. The federal government won't cover the cost of rehabilitative treatment or medication



Tamara Edevold and Edna McKinley welcomed the special speaker Bemidji Mayor Rita Albrecht, on the left, to the Clearwater County First Lady event. It was held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook. Ladies of the church were in charge of the meal, decorations and the special music that was held.

afterward. Seniors would be responsible for thousands of dollars in medical bills.

The Solway Sportman Club will be have their Sportsman's Dance on Saturday, March 19 at Lammer Town Hall in Solway.

Samhold WNALC Spring Bazaar is set for Saturday, March 19 starting at 9:00 with coffeecake, coffee and juice followed by the craft and bake sale at 10:00 and lunch at 11:00.

Are you tired of winter as there will be a "Think Spring" at the Gully Mall Day on March 19. Vendors and crafts will be there.

The Drive In in Clearbrook will be opening up for the season on Wednesday, March 23. That must mean that summer is on its way.

The Clearbrook First Baptist Church will be hosting their annual Ukraine Rummage Sale April 2nd from 7:30am to 2pm. Proceeds go to support First Baptist's Sister Church ministry in Central Ukraine. In addition to supporting a VBS for more than 250 children, the Stepanski Ukraine Church is involved in an orphan rescue ministry, reaching out to teens recently released from state sponsored orphanages. Anyone who wants to donate items of value to the Ukraine Sale, may drop off items the evening before from 5pm to 8pm. Contact Bruce Emmel 218-556-2179 with questions.

Bingo workers for the Gonvick American Legion have to note that the date is wrong on the letters sent out for March and April working.

Bingo is on Thursday nights at the Gonvick Legion.

Joke time... There was this Norwegian who was on vacation in Florida. All his life he'd wanted to have a pair of alligator-shoes, and now he thought he would finally be able to get around to buying a pair. Gator shoes are of course expensive, and haggling down the price didn't help. Finally the Norwegian yelled out in anger, In "Just keep your lousy shoes. If that's how it's going to be then I'll just get myself a boat, go out into the swamp, catch a gator and make my own shoes!" The owner of the store just looked stupidly at him, "Yeah, sure, and give my best regards to the Swedes who're already up there trying to do what you just told me." The Norwegian runs to a boat-rental and gets a boat, then he heads out into the swamp. After a while he finds two Swedes standing up to their knees in the water. Both of them are holding a spear pointed at the water. That must be the Swedes the Norwegian thinks. Suddenly there's a movement in the water and an alligator swims towards one of the Swedes. The Swede is standing there like a statue, just waiting for the big gator to get closer. When the gator is close by the Swede sticks his spear into the gator, and with a bit of fighting he get's the beast onto the land, where there is a big pile of gators. The Swede turns the gator on his back and examines it's feet, and then finally utters, "Damn! No shoes on this one either!"



Tamara Edevold with the Clearwater County Historical Society who was in charge of the First Lady event presented the 2016 First Lady Eileen Lien with a gift. The three county banks provide funding for the gift and some of the other expenses incurred with the program. They include First National Bank of Bagley, First State Bank of Clearbrook and Northern State Bank of Gonvick.

BAKE SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 26

The Clearwater County Historical Society will hold it's annual Spring Bake and Country & Craft Store on Saturday March 26 beginning at 9 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the **BAGLEY LEGION**.

A delicious lunch will be served at 11:00 - until gone. (Free will offering)

VOLUNTEERS, BAKED GOODS AND "COUNTRY STORE/CRAFT" ITEMS ARE NEEDED!

For more information contact the Clearwater County History Center at 218-785-2000

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

Accepting: Demolition Debris, Waste Tires, Major Appliances, Scrap Metal, Yard Waste, Furniture, Large Wood, Metal, Plastic Waste Items

NO regular household trash

Hours: Tuesday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Thursday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

LOCATED 1.5 miles NE of Bagley on County Road 24

For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE AND LUNCH

Saturday, April 2nd 7:30 - 2 pm at the **Clear Waters Life Center Gym** (old school - small gym) Clearbrook, MN

RUMMAGE SALE: Household furniture, Decorations, Kitchen Items, Tools, Lawn & Garden, Sports Equipment, Books, Movies, Music, Toys, and Clothing of all sizes.

BAKE SALE: Homemade Baked Goods and food items.

MEAL: Fresh Carmel Rolls while they last. Lunch is Pulled Pork or Brats & Chips, Bar & Lemonade from 11am-2pm.

½ PRICE SALE: All remaining items will be half price after 1pm.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to say a huge heartfelt thank you to all who were so helpful during Bud's illness. He wanted to spend time at home and he did but he wasn't able to do much visiting with his friends. But at least he was with his family.

Thank you to all who helped out by bringing food to the house, for all your prayers and offers of help in many different ways. It meant so much to us.

Thank you also to Hospice, who was so close by, for stopping in every day and sometimes more. Everyone was so good to help fill in any need we may have had.

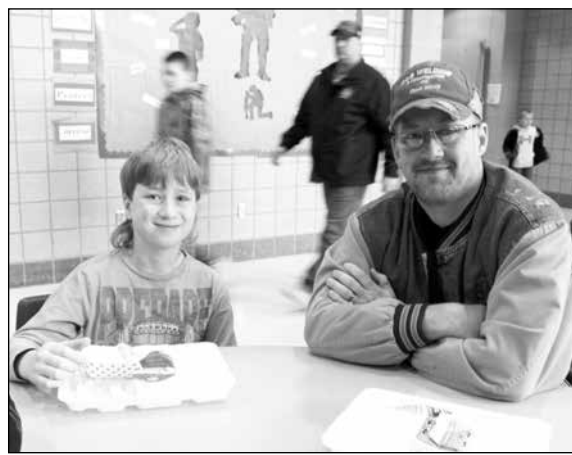
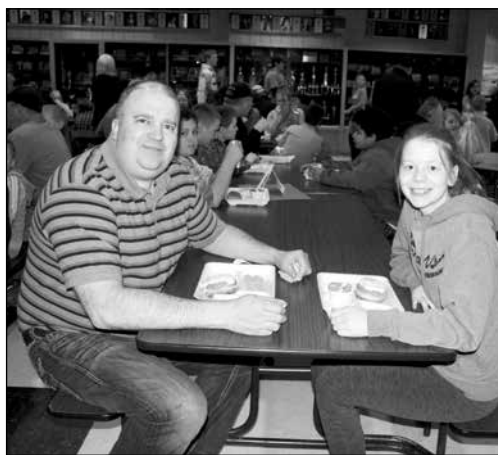
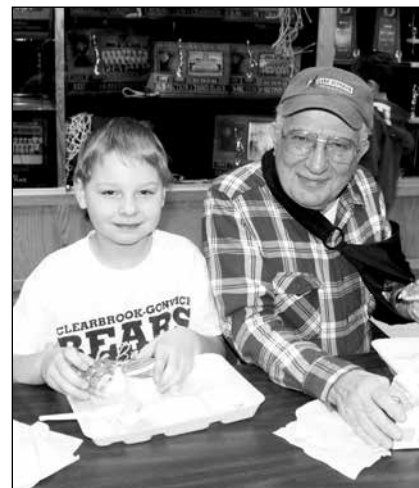
Words cannot express how thankful we are. Pastor Krog, your visits were so helpful and you know how much Bud looked forward to them.

We thank you, everyone, for your kindness and concern. Thank you also for sending cards and sharing your messages of condolence.

May God Bless each one of you.

Norma Sims, Randy and Susan Sims

Clearbrook-Gonvick School serves donuts for dads and grandpas



Donuts for dads and grandpas



Jacie Bergerson with her dad, Jeremy.



Harleigh Seyller with her dad, Knute.



Peyton Berg with his dad, Danny.



Wyatt and Presley Westrum's dad, Cory, was on vacation. They had to Facetime him in order to have a doughnut with him!



Savanah & Kaitlyn Kumpula with their dad, James.



Cyle Walters with his grandpa, Lonnie Walters.



Jake Knutson with his dad, Raoul.



The Kindergarten students visited with their dads after the donuts at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



USDA to Invest \$150 Million through Conservation Stewardship Program to Help Improve Working Lands

USDA Offers Renewal Options for Producers with Expiring Contracts

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that \$150 million in funding is available for agricultural producers through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), USDA's largest conservation program that helps producers voluntarily improve the health and productivity of private and Tribal working lands. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to add an estimated 10 million acres to the rolls of CSP during fiscal 2016.

"The Conservation Stewardship Program is one of our most popular programs with producers because it results in real change on the ground by boosting soil and air quality, conserving clean water and enhancing wildlife habitat," NRCS Minnesota State Conservationist Cathee Pullman said. "With this investment, we'll be able to build on the al-

ready record number of acres enrolled in USDA's conservation programs, enabling producers to achieve higher levels of conservation and adopt new and emerging conservation technologies on farms, ranches and forests."

NRCS accepts applications for CSP throughout the year, but producers should submit applications by March 31 to USDA service centers to ensure they are considered for enrollment in 2016.

Participants with existing CSP contracts that will expire on Dec.31, 2016 have the option to renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands. Applications to renew are also due by March 31.

Funding is available for more than 100 kinds of enhancements nationwide to help participants:

- Improve soil quality through use of cover crops, con-

servation crop rotations and other activities that increase soil productivity.

- Restore habitat for wildlife and pollinators monarch butterfly through the use of better grazing systems and improved plant management.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is compatible with their operation. As part of the application process, applicants will work with NRCS field personnel to complete a resource inventory of their land to determine the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities. The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking and payments.

Through CSP, USDA has provided more than \$4 billion since 2009 in assistance to farmers, ranchers and forest managers to enhance conservation on more than 70 million acres.

For more on technical and financial assistance available through conservation programs, visit your local NRCS office or www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted.

Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle Winners

- March 5 - Mary Bacher, Bagley, \$20
- March 6- Beth Jenkins, Lengby, \$20
- March 7 - Leah Sevenby, Fertile \$20
- March 8 - Neal Illies, Bagley, \$20
- March 9 - Dan Johnson, Gonvick, \$20
- March 10 - Connie Nelson, Clearbrook, \$20
- March 11 - Esther Sommer-ville, Temple, GA \$20

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Let your kid be the doctor

Bring your child and his or her favorite stuffed animal to Sanford Bagley Clinic for our first Teddy Bear Clinic. Through this fun-filled, interactive event, your child will get to learn about patient care, order tests and get to know our staff a little better while his or her teddy has a checkup.

This is a great way to help your child overcome any fears about going to the doctor's office. There is no need to register. If you have any questions, please call (218) 694-2384 or (844) 772-3169.

For a \$5 donation to the Bagley Clinic Fund with Sanford Health Foundation of Northern Minnesota, kids can have their portrait taken by Kirby Photography.

Teddy Bear Clinic
Monday, March 28
5:30-7p.m.
Sanford Bagley Clinic
1656 Central St. W., Bagley



Congratulations!



Clearbrook-Gonvick BEARS

ON A FABULOUS WINNING SEASON!



Front Row: Luke Burgess, Hunter Churness, Elliot Dickey, Sam Lavin, Eric Baanrud.

Second Row: Tristan Bakke, Hunter Ehlers, Anthony Peldo, Ethan Dorman.

Back Row: Erick Bergman, Coach Mike Rettinger, Trevor Rogstad, Nathanael Dahl, Coach Sam Weaver, Andrew Barrett.



L to R Front - Carlie Bergerson, Rachel Spray, Alison Johnson, Madison Stenzel, Liz Bodensteiner
L to R Middle - Abbi Moy, Cassie Faldet, Morgan Cornell, Brynn Hetland, Allison Lewis
L to R Back - Mike Lindgren, Ross Faldet, Tamara Skinaway, Madelynne Faldet, Mikala Johnson, Bob Westrum, Rocky Eck



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