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Clearbrook-Gonvick fourth grade winners for the Poppy Poster contest with their teachers Laura Dahl and Chelsey Ehlers. L-R. Dahl, First place winner Abby Engen, 2nd place winner Ben Goudge, 3rd place winner Nathan Weems and Ehlers.



Clearbrook-Gonvick fifth grade winners for the Poppy Poster contest with their teachers Jamie Hammes and Marinda Balcer. L-R. Hammes, First place winner Dawson Quern, 2nd place winner Drea Donnell, 3rd place winner Quinlin Taffin and Balcer.

Poppy Poster Winners announced at Clearbrook-Gonvick School



Overall Grand Champion Abbey Engen. Abbey's Poppy Poster will be submitted to the 9th District American Legion Auxiliary for further judging.

Every year, the Gonvick and Clearbrook American Legion Auxiliaries take turns sponsoring the Poppy Poster contest for the 9th District American Legion. These special posters are made in the 4th and 5th grade classrooms under the supervision of their teachers. The teachers are given a specific set of rules for the contest. Darlene Sawyer of the Gonvick Auxiliary was in charge of this year's poster contest.

The purpose of the posters is to encourage the young people to be aware of all the sacrifices that have been made throughout history by local and national soldiers who fought for our freedom. The poppy flower is the symbol of this.

Gonvick American Legion Auxiliary President Fay Bjerke announced the winners of this year's 4th and 5th grade who submitted posters on March 23, 2016.

For 4th grade, First place and \$10 went to Abbey Engen; Second place and \$7 went to Ben Goudge; Third place and \$5 went to Nathan Weems. Their teachers were Mrs. Dahl and Mrs. Ehlers. For the 5th grade, First place and \$10 went to Dawson Quern; Second place and \$7 went to Drea Donnell; Third place and \$5 went to Quinlin Taffin. Their teachers were Mrs. Hammes and Mrs. Balcer. Overall Grand Champion and \$15 went to Abbey Engen. Abbey's Poppy poster will be submitted to the 9th District American Legion Auxiliary for further judging.

The Gonvick American Legion Auxiliary received 66 posters from the two classes that means nearly every student (67) submitted a Poppy poster. This effort by the young students and their teachers is to be commended.

Burning restrictions for Clearwater County

Monday, April 4, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources started burning restrictions in several additional counties as conditions for wildfires have increased. The cool weather accompanied by snow or rain kept fire incidences low in the past two weeks. However, last year's vegetation is dry and can easily catch on fire even if it has rained or snowed.

Open burning restrictions took effect in the following counties: Becker, Beltrami, Cass (southern Cass restrictions are already in effect), Clearwater, Hubbard, Itasca, Kittson, Mahnommen, Marshall, Pennington, Polk (east of County Road 6 from the Mahnommen County line to the Red Lake County line) and Roseau. During spring burning restrictions residents are not allowed to burn brush or yard waste. Restrictions usually begin two weeks after the snow melts and remain in place until summer green-up occurs. This is typically a four- to six-week time period. Minnesota reports the greatest number of wildfires in April and May, and most are caused by people. Putting restrictions in place during this time has significantly cut down on wildfire numbers

and size.

As these restrictions take effect throughout the state, it's a good idea to know the location of your municipal brush collection site. There are alternatives to burning yard debris or dead standing grass. Consider hauling brush to a collection site or chipping fallen branches and trees for mulch. With an early fire season ahead, it is wise to use caution and recognize that fire can spread quickly in windy and warm conditions. Anyone who starts a fire may be financially responsible for suppression costs and damage to structures.

Health Kids Extravaganza set for April 11 at the school

A Healthy Kids Extravaganza for Clearbrook-Gonvick children will be held on Monday, April 11th.

The evening will start out with a healthy dinner for the children in the Clearbrook-Gonvick (CG) school commons. As families finish their

meals, they can move into the CG High School Gym to visit booths set up by local organizations and businesses, along with some carnival booths set up by Clearbrook-Gonvick student organizations.

The CG Healthy Kids Extravaganza will take place

from 5:30 – 7:00.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Early Childhood Initiative that is charge of the event is focused on nurturing the healthy growth and development of young children and the community that surrounds them.

Election costs and voting discussed with County Commissioners

By Karen Edelbach

Addressing the issue of the cost of elections at the March 29, 2016 Clearwater County Board meeting, County Auditor-Treasurer Al Paulson said the county has only \$50,000 left in the election equipment fund.

"Ten years ago Clearwater County received \$250,000 from the Federal Government to make election equipment affordable. Now that equipment is ten years old, and in need of replacement," he said.

Paulson said that a bill was being submitted before the Legislature some time last week to fund new election equipment in all Minnesota counties.

Minerva Township Clerk Susan Sunderland was present at the meeting and expressed views in Minerva Township about voting. Mail-out ballots were an issue, which are not the same as absentee ballots. Mail-out ballots are sent to residents, who then return them to the Clearwater County Auditor.

Regarding mail-out ballots, Ms. Sunderland said, "We don't want them."

Minerva wants to use their own Town Hall, versus having mail-out ballots.

"We built these town halls for a reason, and we should use them for elections. It is part of our right to local government," said Ms. Sunderland. They do not want to lose that right.

The equipment is expensive, costing \$2,000 to hold the primary and general election in Minerva, including cost of judges and training for them.

Susan Sunderland plans to go to St. Paul on April 5 and ask the Legislature for funding, and to discuss other issues such as Lesard-Sans attempt to acquire land in the County.

Paulson said different townships share in the elections and use of equipment, and election judges are required to do the work. Then the ballots are sent in. Clearbrook has five townships sharing one election machine; Gonvick has four sharing one machine; and four others share one in Shevlin.

"We are willing to share with other townships, but with the cost of a new machine, we may not have that option," Ms. Sunderland said.

Only Minerva and Itasca are townships which remain by themselves.

Ms. Sunderland also discussed the issue of ATV trails which is covered in a separate article.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox and Kim Christenson were present at the meeting and brought motions to be considered.

The Board granted authorization for employee overtime for the Land Department and Campground during the field season when needed. This is to administer reforestation, site preparation, spraying, road work and operation of the campground outside of normal working hours.

The following seasonal wage scale was approved: Maintenance/grounds/office attendant will receive between \$12.08 and \$15.22 per hour; security personnel will receive between \$18.79 and \$22.96. The manager will have the right to hire within the range depending on experience and qualifications.

Commissioner Dean Newland asked how he came up with this wage scale? Cox explained that it has been there a long time, was set up previously, and is aligned with the scale. Commissioner John Nelson said that this is cheaper for the county.

An \$8 fee for reservation dates changed or dropped from reservation at the County

Campground will be charged per site. This is due to the many changes made each year which causes a great amount of paperwork, plus often leaving sites unrented due to the limited amount of time to make them available.

"This will discourage them from make changes in the reservations, but we will not charge for adding a day," Kim said.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht brought roadside spraying contracts as discussed at the last Board meeting. An agreement for Roadside Spraying, 2016 was approved between Clearwater County and B & P Weed Control in Bemidji in the amount of \$80 per mile for a total of \$6,220.

Agreements were approved for Roadside Spraying between the county and Roy Abraham, Noxious Weed Control at the hourly rate of \$125 and not to exceed a total amount of \$6,000; and Roadside Right-of-Way Spraying between the county and Roy Abraham, Noxious Weed Control at the hourly rate of \$105, not to exceed a total amount of \$15,000.

Commissioner Arlen Syverson abstained from voting on these agreements due to conflict of interest.

Sheriff Darin Halverson was authorized to accept and sign the 2016 Minnesota Boat and Water grant in the amount of \$1,458.

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

'Nothing is on the table' concerning ATV trails in Clearwater County

By Karen Edelbach

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on March 29, 2016 and discussed the issue of ATV trails in Minerva Township brought up by Minerva Township clerk, Susan Sunderland.

Representatives from North Country Riders ATV club came to the Feb. 9 meeting seeking

Clearwater County support to develop trails through eastern parts of the county.

"We are disappointed that they (ATV club representatives) were allowed to speak at the Board meeting. We don't want it (ATV trails). We are

Commissioners...

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This picture of Vietnam Veterans was taken at the Bagley American Legion on Tuesday, March 29th. Gov. Mark Dayton has designated this date annually as "Vietnam Veterans Day". The occasion was a potluck dinner attended by Vietnam Vets and their spouses from Bagley, Clearbrook, Gonvick, Fosston, Bemidji and the surrounding areas. Vietnam Veterans Day commemorates the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and their families and is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago.

Most states celebrate "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" on March 29 or 30 of each year. March 29 is viewed as a more appropriate date. On that day in 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil. It is also the date President Nixon chose for the first Vietnam Veterans Day in 1974. Photo courtesy Joe Baron, Bagley

Community Calendar

April 11 is Clearwater Trail Blazers meeting
Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be meeting on Monday, April 11th, 7:30 PM at the Side Track Tap Bar & Grill in Leonard. All members are welcome to attend.

Meeting April 12
The Gonvick American Legion Post #304 and Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion.

Clearbrook Blood Drive is April 14
The Clearbrook Blood Drive sponsored by the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Women will be on Thursday, April 14 from 11 am to 5:30 p.m. It will be held in the old high school, Wes Westrum Gym.
For an appointment contact Nancy Goudge at 218-776-2777 or to to www.bloodhero.com, sponsor code: clearbrook to register.

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SAFE EQUIPMENT
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Volunteers of the
Good Samaritan Society,
Clearbrook
are invited to be our guests
at an
Open House Celebration
The Celebration will be held on
Tuesday, April 12th, from 2:00-4:00 pm.
in the Good Samaritan Chapel.
Good Samaritan Society
CLEARBROOK

The Clearbrook - Gonvick Early Childhood Initiative presents the...
Healthy Kids Extravaganza
Families with young children are invited to enjoy an evening of healthy fun!
Monday, April 11th – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
FREE event
Dinner for your family with
Lots of fun activities and prizes!
(brought to you by our community members, businesses, and school groups)
MINNESOTA EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE
CLEARBROOK - GONVICK
...making good things happen
for our littlest
community members!
Sponsored by the CG Early Childhood Initiative
Dinner provided by the Clearbrook-Gonvick Food Staff and local sponsors

Celebrating
69 Years as Your
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Thursday, April 7th
at the Timber Event Center
(ALSO DAROO'S PIZZA) • Hwy. 2 W., Bagley, MN
9:00 – Registration
Coffee & cookies served
Health Fair sponsored by Clearwater Nursing Service
10:30 – Meeting
Noon – Meal (following meeting)
Drawings for door prizes will be held during the meeting.
Clearwater-Polk Electric Co-op

Letter to the Editor

Pharmaceutical companies lack accountability and limit consumer's rights
Who hasn't taken a prescription in their lifetime? Who reads the leaflet provided by your pharmacy stating the side effects and possible reactions of the medications you are receiving? Prescriptions can save lives, but they can also come with unwanted side effects, and even death. According to cdc.gov, there are 700,000 emergency department visits and 120,000 hospitalizations due to adverse side effects annually. The FDA is supposed to only approve drugs that have greater benefits than dangers but unfortunately it is a faulty system.

This issue is important because as consumers we get prescriptions for infections, depression, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, the list is endless. The side effect information received is so long, and states every possible side effect. I believe this is to offset the chance of the consumer taking any action against the pharmaceutical company if the drug causes harm to the patient. We have become immune to the seriousness of what can possibly go wrong by taking these medications. I have unfortunately been dealing with this first hand and would like to bring awareness to this issue. Pharmaceutical companies seem to be "untouchable" to the public. They have unlimited power and resources, and we need medications. The question that pops into my mind is who takes responsibility when the drug causes harm or fails the consumer? The sad truth is we are at the drug company's mercy and they are not being held accountable for their wrong doings. We do what we are told to do by our physician as we should, and expect the results to be as advised. We expect medications we take to make us better, and the majority of the time they do.

As a nurse I realize how critical medications can be, and I thank God we have them. My concern is the lack of rights of the consumer. I believe there should be stricter FDA guidelines regarding our medications. I believe medications should be taken off the market quicker when a lot of adverse

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reactions are being reported. We as consumers should have more power to make an informed decision regarding the drugs we take. Together, we can make a difference by contacting our representatives, to make our voices heard.
Emily Lien RN
Emily Lien
15639 390th st. Bagley MN 56621
218-694-3140

Thank you to the Good Samaritan Center, Sanford Hospital and Cease Funeral Home for caring for Evelyn Hanson. To Pastor Bob for his many visits and thanks to friends and family who supported us through this difficult time.
Lyle & Vicki Hanson & family

Spring Clean-up in Gonvick planned
The Spring Clean-up in Gonvick will be held the week of Monday, April 18th through Sunday, April 24th.

The following items will be picked up at no charge: Furniture, Rechargeable Batteries, Various Metals (bikes, trikes, swing-sets, etc.), Mattresses/Box Springs, Building Materials, Carpet, Appliances (fridges, stoves, water heaters, humidifiers, tubs, sinks).

The following items will not be picked up: Paint/Chemicals, Other Liquid Hazardous Waste, Pesticides, Yard waste, Tires, Computer monitors, Florescent bulbs, Ballasts, TVs.

The Clean-Up is Restricted to the residents of Gonvick only!!

The Brush Dump behind the sewer plant will be open to accept yard waste only.

Any questions call the Gonvick City Clerk at 487-5243,

Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle Winners

- March 26 - Pat Weiden, Leonard, \$20
- March 27- Wayne Volker, Hammond WI, \$20
- March 28 - Steve Tischman, Mentor, \$20
- March 29 - Kevin Jones, Portland, OR, \$20
- March 30 - Gordy Olson, Clearbrook, \$20
- March 31 - Michael Lindgren, Clearbrook, \$20
- April 1 - James Swenson, Bagley, \$20

national autism awareness month
Who Dat?



Who dat? She celebrated her birthday April 5. She was a cheerleader at Clearbrook.

Church News

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

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Bagley 218-694-6416
Pastor:
Fr. John Melkies Suvakeen
Terri D, Parish sec.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Call for weekday Mass times.
FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER
Leonard, MN
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Clearbrook
Wed., April 6- Awana,
Thur. April 7 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and prayer meeting.
Sat., April 9 - 7:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast and Bible Study at the church.
Sun., April 10 - 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:45 am Morning Worship.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. April 6 - Honey mustard chicken breast, potato salad, green beans, bread, cake and milk.

Thurs. April 7 - Chef salad (turkey, ham, cheese), lettuce, dressing, tomato & cucumber slices, muffin, bar and milk.

Fri. April 8 - Meaty beef stew with carrots and potatoes, cole slaw, biscuit, cheesecake and milk.

Mon. April 11 - Stuffed baked potato, ham, cheese, broccoli, bread, pudding and milk.

Tues. April 12- Roast pork, whole potatoes, buttered cabbage, bread, rosy applesauce, bread and milk.

Wed. April 13 - Lasagna, green beans, lettuce salad with dressing, garlic bread, bar 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.

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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Beginning this week, Restore It! Furniture Shop in Gonvick is expanding its hours to six days a week! It will be open 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and 9:00 to noon on Saturday.

Grow It! is open! Hours are Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9 AM to 4 PM & Sat., 9-12. Great selection of bedding & vegetable plants, bare-root strawberries & asparagus, vegetable seeds & a variety of seed potatoes from Peatland Reds & onion sets.

April 11, 6:30-8:30 PM, Glass & Mosaic Creations with JoAnne McFarlin at Create It! Art Studios. \$5 per class, includes supplies. Drop-ins welcome.

CWLC is a host site for the Senior Community Service Employment Program for senior adults, 55 and over. If you are interested in earning a little extra income, contact Jennie at ICC in Oklee for more information, 218-796-5144.

For programs and services, visit us at: www.clearwaterslife.org, www.mustardseedhomes.org, or www.adultdayervicesgonvick.org and our Facebook pages.
In Clearbrook Shop-at-the-Top, 256 2nd Ave., SW, is open Mon. thru Fri., 10-4 and Sat., 10-3. Our Gonvick site businesses, 226 Elm St. are open Mon. thru Fri., 9-4 & Sat., 9-12: Create It! Art Studios & Gallery and Restore It! Furniture Shop. Senior Connection is open M-W-F, 10-3

This ad is sponsored by:



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., April 6: 6:30 pm Choir Practice; 7:30 pm Handbell Practice
Sun., April 10: 9:00 am Worship/Communion; 10:00 am Sunday School/ Coffee Hour
Mon., April 11 7:00 pm Church Council
Joint activities
Wed, April 6: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
Thurs., April 7 - 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
Our Savior's
Sun., April 10: 9:35 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Coffee Hour; 11:00 am Sunday Worship/ Communion

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed, April 6 5:30 p.m. Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
Thurs., April 7 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Prayer at Elim
Sun. April 10 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Worship Service.

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., April 6, 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 PM Confirmation
Sun., April 10, Confirmation 9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship Service/Communion
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sun., April 10, Confirmation 9:00 AM Worship Service/ Holy Baptism

KINGDOM HALL OF JEROVAH'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.

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, Apr. 6: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Apr. 9: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.
Sun, Apr. 10: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS; 8:00 a.m. Nazareth Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth; 9:45 a.m. OP Sunday School. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.
Wed, Apr. 13: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stenberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Apr. 6: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.
Thu, Apr. 7: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Apr. 8: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Apr. 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Apr. 12: 8:00 a.m. LSS meeting. 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Apr. 13: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Apr. 10: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Wed. Apr. 13: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA.

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

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Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Chapter Hosts FFA Week Activities

629,367 members and 7,757 chapters. The National FFA Organization is celebrated, recognized, and promoted every year during National FFA Week in February. This student organization is proud to shape motivated leaders with work ethic, professionalism, and service learning. The FFA motto of "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve", explains it all in a nutshell. This is the core to what is undoubtedly one of the greatest and most accomplished student organizations in this nation.

Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Chapter took part in celebrating the National FFA Organization during FFA Week. The goal of our chapter that week is to educate C-G students about FFA and about agriculture in general. We started the week off with Ag Trivia which challenged high school students and staff to identify different grains, tree leaves, dog breeds, and cattle breeds. Anyone who identified all five in any given day had their name put into a drawing for a free ice cream cake. In the end, Anthony Peldo won the drawing for the cake!

On Wednesday and Thursday of FFA week our chapter hosted assemblies for the elementary classes. The fourth, fifth, and sixth grades participated in a trivia game about pigs called "Truth or Hogwash", and then they took part in Ag Olympics where they were required to rope a steer, milk a cow, roll tires, and do other agriculture activities. Kindergarten through third grade had their own Ag Olympics, also. They were able to dress like a farmer, rope a steer, herd pigs, shovel corn, milk a cow, and make pizzas. The elementary and the FFA members enjoy the high-energy assemblies and have much fun with every day agriculture tasks.

The C-G FFA chapter hosted a door decorating contest for the high school students on Friday of FFA week. This has become a tradition for the high school and is getting to be a fun competition between classes. A theme is picked and provided to each 7th hour class

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

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. April 6 Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Thurs. April 7- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Fri. April 8 - Breakfast for lunch - French Toast, sausage links, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Mon. April 11 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Tues. April 12 Chicken noodle soup, egg or tuna sandwich, fresh fruit and vegetable choices, and milk.

Wed. April 13 Turkey subs, baked chips, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

School News

ENVIROTHON meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during lunch in Mrs. Anderson's room.

Thank you to the following students that helped with the Easter Treat Decorating class on March 23: Taylor, Molly, Madelynn, Mikala, Rose, Savannah, Jessica, Obadian, Luke, Rachel, Madison, Brynn, Keisha. (My apologies if we missed anyone.) We cannot do these classes without you! The K-6 students enjoyed the event and went home with lots of goodies! Special thanks to Robin Proffitt and Starla Sather for planning the event. You provided a fun activity for the students!

Volleyball camp registration forms are available in the display case by the office. There are camps for 3rd-11th grades (this year's grade). Registration is due April 22.

Healthy Kids Extravaganza is Monday, April 11.

Add this date to your calendar!! April 27 will be Bear Share & Science Fair.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: Mon, April 11: JH Track at BSU at 3:00. Bus leaves at 1:30, dismiss at 1:20

Tue, April 12: Var Track

at the beginning of the hour. The FFA fills the hallway with a multitude of materials and each class is allowed to use only those that are provided. This year the theme was "Back Where I Come From". Mr. Jones' class earned 3rd place, Mrs. Hjort's earned 2nd place, and Mr. Lavin's class pulled away with the winner and won a free pizza party!

A coloring contest also filled FFA week with excitement! Elementary students were given a chance to color a farm scene and win a free ice cream cone form AJ's. FFA members judged each piece of artwork very carefully and the winners were chosen. Kindergarten: Avery Haugan; 1st Grade: Lucas Bakken; 2nd Grade: Sarah Imle; 3rd Grade: Samantha Tollefson; 4th Grade: Sydney Risland; 5th Grade: Madison Gerlofs; and 6th Grade: Jensen Engberg. They did a great job!

See pictures on the back page.

Altogether it was a great week to celebrate FFA and agriculture. Kids today don't necessarily get exposure to agriculture first hand. The C-G FFA has made it their goal to show kids in our school and communities what agriculture means and what it provides. We appreciate the support of all students, faculty, staff, administration, and community members as we work to reach that goal.

-Submitted by Kim Anderson



Lavin's class had the prize winning door.

at BSU at 1:00. Bus leaves at 11:15, dismiss at 11:05

Thur, April 14: Var Track at WHA at 4:00. Bus leaves at 1:45, dismiss at 1:35

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.

TEAM Industries Don Ricke--Variable awards & amounts

Eligibility: Student must have or will graduate from Clearbrook-Gonvick. Student intends to pursue post-secondary education. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (C). Involvement in extra-curricular or volunteer activities. Previous recipients may reapply for a second year scholarship with proof of successful completion

of first year study.

Application: Paper application in counselor's office or online at the Northwest Minnesota Foundation website.

Deadline: April 8, 2016. **Scholarship deadlines:** Highway 2 Cruisers due Friday, April 8

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



March High School Students of the Month. Pictured in back: Reece Danielson, John West, Chris Wistedt, Pictured in middle: Tristin Skinaway, Kayla Ehlers, Pictured in front: Keisha Jones

March High School Students of the Month

Name: John West, Grade 12

Parents: Shawn West and Cindy Stevens

Sibling: Garrett

School Involvement: Football

Favorite: Workstudy (John works with the custodians at school)

What he likes about CG: "It's a small high school and everyone knows each other."

Future Plans: "I want to be a plumber."

Comments: "Hard worker and completes any task put before him. Always a smile on his face, he greets everyone with a 'Hello!'" "He is always polite and does his best." "Always nice to everyone. Works hard and is nice to others around him. Will miss him next year." "John is

a hardworking, delightful student. I always smile once I see his smile!"

Name: Chris Andrew Michael Wistedt, Grade 11

Parents: Michael Wistedt, Anne Stolan

School Involvement: Iron Bear

Favorite: History Class, Powerlifting/weight training and Live streaming

What he likes about CG: "The community, the teachers, the students"

Future Plans: To be a personal trainer or athletic director

Comments: "Chris uses class time constructively. He works independently and stays on task. His kind and friendly character is much appreciated!" "Chris is an asset to our school. Always willing to participate in class, not afraid to be wrong. He is very friendly and pleasant to have in class." "Chris is a great contributor to class discussions and is a hard worker. He is always willing to help and is polite and respectful." "Chris is a mature student who quietly leads others in a positive direction."

Name: Keisha Jones, Grade 10

Parents: Mark and Robin Proffitt

Sibling: Keenan

School Involvement: Volleyball, iMPACT

Favorite: Volleyball, Music, Biology with Mrs. Goudge and History with Mr. Kroulik

What she likes about CG: "I really enjoy my classes and all my teachers. They are the best."

Future Plans: "I don't want to do just one thing. I really want to be a lawyer and do something with music one day. Maybe even travel the world too!"

Comments: "She has an incredible work ethic and is always respectful." "Keisha is polite to adults and peers in and out of the classroom. She works independently and is always on task...and her smile is contagious!" "Always in a good mood. Works hard in class and seeks to learn what she does not understand. Pleasure to be around and is liked by her peers." "Keisha is a hard working young lady with a desire to learn. She is very kind and always treats other well."

Name: Reece Danielson, Grade 9

Parents: Jill Evje, Chad Danielson and Crystal Bahr

Sibling: Kristian, Keiran, Haley, Alexa, and Kenzie

School Involvement: Football, Basketball, and Iron Bear

Favorite: Football and Shop Class

What he likes about CG: "All the good people here."

Future Plans: Conservation Officer

Comments: "Reece tackles each new assignment and challenge with determination. He is self-motivated and works hard." "Reece is a hard worker when he puts his mind to it. Works hard to understand things he struggles with." "Always pleasant in class and well liked by his peers." "Reece works hard and stays focused. He wants to always do his best."

Name: Tristin Skinaway, Grade 8

Parents: Virgil and Kelly Skinaway

Sibling: Tamara

School Involvement: Basketball and Football

Favorites: History, Art, X-box, and Basketball

What he likes about CG: "People are nice."

Future Plans: A professional gamer

Comments: "Tristin always seems to have a smile on his face and is quick with 'hello' when you pass him in the hallway." "Works hard at his classes and is doing well because of his hard work." "I really enjoy having him in class. He is well liked by his peers and is friendly to everyone." "Tristin is a conscientious student who strives to do well. He has a great sense of humor and his friendly greetings brighten my day."

Name: Kayla Ehlers, Grade 7

Parents: Leslie and Katie Bardwell, Albert Ehlers

Sibling: Raymond

School Involvement: FFA and Track

Favorites: "I like science, English, history, and Agriculture classes. I like to draw, listen to music and hang out with my friends and family."

What she likes about CG: "I like the activities provided for the students and the teachers are helpful."

Future Plans: "I would like to be a teacher when I grow up"

Comments: "Kayla is full of contagious energy and spunk! She is a determined and hard worker, always looking to lend a hand and be helpful! A great asset to FFA!" "Kayla is an enthusiastic learner and she consistently does her best in class. She is respectful to her classmates and the staff." "She is a pleasure to have in class. Always willing to ask questions if she does not understand and is not afraid to be wrong. She wants to make sure she understands the material we are teaching, not just get her homework done" "Real pleasure to have in class." "Well liked by her peers and is very respectful of both staff and her friends." "Kayla is a great student. She works extremely hard and is always happy and helpful."

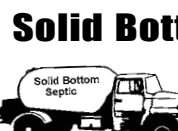


Sarah Reichert is roping the steer head at the Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA demonstration.

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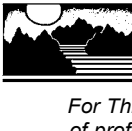
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Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Keeping Chickens

With such a beautiful spring unfolding before our eyes; it's a good time for an annual reminder about getting started with a small flock of chickens.

Keeping a small poultry flock can be a fun and rewarding experience for anyone interested in producing their own food. Chickens can be kept by just about any member of the family and make great 4H projects.

Chickens are typically kept for eggs or meat, but they are also great for pest control, they love all bugs, including wood ticks. Indeed, it's joy to have colorful animals around the home that provide healthy, nu-

trititious homegrown food.

The first decision to make is whether your flock will produce eggs or meat – or both. Once that decision is made, selecting a breed is the first task. Although some breeds are considered dual purpose, breeds are typically divided into two groups, breeds best adapted for the production of either eggs or meat.

Most store-bought eggs have white eggshells, but most farm flocks are comprised of breeds that produce eggs with brown shells. Brown egg layer breeds are generally a better fit for small flocks because they tend to be hardier, more docile and colorful.

Although some layer breeds can be used for meat production, most chickens destined for meat production tend to be a crossbred. The most common one is a Cornish x Rock cross that lives to eat – and gain weight. Some of the fastest growing crosses can be ready for the freezer in a little as eight weeks. The slower growing crosses may take ten to twelve weeks, while a dual purpose breed takes up to 20 weeks.

Getting started is as simple as a trip to your local feed store, hardware store or grain elevator. In fact, most of our area communities will have someone that sells day-old chicks. If not, they can be ordered and delivered through the mail or purchased in a nearby town.

Newborn chicks require

additional heat since their mommy is not there to keep them warm and safe nestled under her wings. Typically a simple heat lamp and a small pen is all that is needed to get started. The chicks should be "brooded" at 92-95° for the first week, followed by a reduction of 5 degrees per week until a steady 70° is reached.

Once the birds get larger, they need housing that will allow about 4-5 square feet of space when they reach the age to lay eggs – typically at about five months of age. A corner of the barn, an unused out-building or even an abandoned playhouse can be adequate. Chicken housing is limited only by your imagination.

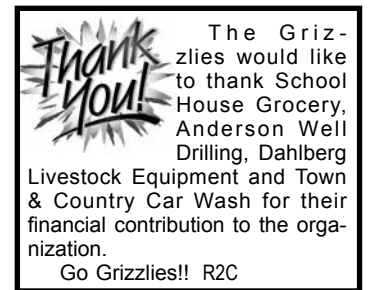
Most small flock owners feed a completely balanced feed ration. However, most flock owners utilize table scraps, garden waste, and whole grains to supplement purchased feed. During the summer, chickens allowed to roam will find about one-third of their ration from grass, weeds and bugs. These pigment rich feeds create a darker yolk richer in the healthy omega-3 fatty acids and carotenoids both of which are beneficial to human health. In fact, a recent study in Pennsylvania found pastured chickens produced eggs that contained 10% less fat, 34% less cholesterol, 40% more vitamin A, and four times as much omega-3 fatty acids compared

to standard values reported by the USDA. Indeed, this is why eggs often referred to as nature's multivitamin.

Waterers and feeders can be purchased or made with the most basic carpentry skills. The investment in equipment

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Meet the Kindergarten..

Mrs. Christen's Class from Clearbrook-Gonvick



Name: Tahlen Kramer

Family: Nickie and Bill, Tristin and Peyton

Pets: Dog Rigel and a kitten that bites.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A teacher like Mrs. Christen.

What would you do with a million dollars? I would buy watermelon, pizza and potatoes and toys and also grown up toys.

What do you like about school? Outside and playing in the gym. Working on stuff in the classroom and painting.

What is your favorite food? Watermelon, pizza and spaghetti.

If you were invisible for one day, what would you do? Come back again.



Name: Jamison Coxsey

Family: Sarah and I have a sister Isabelle

Pets: If I had a pet chick to dig underground

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be an astronaut and go into outer space and land on the moon and put a flag on the moon.

What would you do with a million dollars? I would build a skyscraper with a very fast elevator. I would also like to have a milk shake dispenser.

What do you like about school? I don't have to bring my own lunch to school.

What is your favorite food? Lasagna and the dessert that we get.

If you were invisible for one day, what would you do? I would paint myself red.



Name: Hailey Sundquist

Family: Joey and Olivia, Dawson and no sisters

Pets: We have two dogs Apollo and Nokia and Lucy the cat.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A dentist.

What would you do with a million dollars? A yellow car.

What do you like about school? I like outside with fun things on the swing and playing tag.

What is your favorite food? Grapes because they are juicy.

If you were invisible for one day, what would you do? I would stop as I want people to see me.



The Grizzlies Junior Olympic Volleyball 14's team placed 2nd out of 12 teams at the Detroit Lakes Volleyball tournament on March 28th. Back L-R: Coach Misty Larson, Mykenzie Larson, Denae Stenzel, Coach Holly Wagner, Coach Cindy Melby, Jenna Smith. Front L-R: Jaret Lason, Kiara Gordon, Alison Lewis, Lindsey Grey and Lauren Melby.



Mary Buer, Terri Godtland, JoAnn Birkeland, Eileen Horn and Signe Wagner are enjoying birthday cake and coffee and helping Pastor Snyder celebrate the BIG Four oh! The celebration was at the Clearwaters Life Center, Gonvick. (is 40 really over the hill?)



United and Samhold members were all available to help surprise Pastor Snyder at his birthday party at the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. The cake and coffee were delicious, and the fun spilled over into church the next day!



Pastor Snyder is stylin' for his 40th birthday party! A total surprise was pulled off by the congregation!

To the left...

Are we ready to light the candles? Ben Buer is taking all precautions at Pastor Snyder's FORTIETH Birthday Party! What a fun day, Pastor Snyder is obviously already an important and well loved part of Gonvick!

Considerations for Utilizing No-till Practices on Pasture and Hayland

Please join us for this free workshop

Hosted by Clearwater County Soil and Water Conservation District

Come join the Clearwater SWCD for a workshop on exchanging ideas and practices for creating a sustainable farm, and a sustainable Clearwater County! We will have special guest Kent Solberg on hand to present his experiences, ideas, and knowledge.

Kent Solberg is the Livestock and Grazing Specialist for the Sustainable Farming Association (SFA). Kent's presentation will focus on innovative forage and pasture management that has helped Minnesota farmers increase farm productivity and profitability. Kent and his wife Linda also own and operate a diversified livestock farm in Wadena County.

Topics will include:

- soil health
- pasture renovation
- forage production
- grazing management
- use of annual forages and cover crops
- livestock integration
- utilizing a no-till drill to enhance soil function to protect water quality.

- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00 Welcome - Nathan Nordlund, Clearwater SWCD
- 10:10 Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program: Kathy Rasch, MN Department of Agriculture.
- 10:30 Innovative Forage & Pasture Management: Kent Solberg, SFA
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Innovative Forage & Pasture Management: Kent Solberg
- 1:30 Clearwater SWCD Soil Health Program & Incentives: Nordlund
- 1:50 Hands on drill calibration with diverse seed mixes – Solberg, & Nordlund
- 2:30 Adjourn

Kathy Rasch from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture will also be on hand to present information and field question about the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program.

The number of lunches are limited, so please call the Clearwater SWCD by April 8th to register: (218) 694-6845, extension #4



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can literally be nothing if you can scrounge-up makeshift feeders and containers for waterers. If you would rather purchase these, the investment is minimal, typically less than \$50.
If you would like to have maximum egg production during the winter, laying hens re-

quire at least 14 to 16 hours of light each day. This can be accomplished with a simple timer and a small light bulb. So as you consider housing options, consider the need for electricity, for light as well as a small heater to keep the water from freezing in the winter. Electricity in the coop is convenient but not an absolute necessity.
Predators may be your

greatest production challenge. Chickens allowed to roam will head for the chicken coop to roost as the sun begins to set, but you still need to protect them from various critters. The most common predators are skunks, raccoons, raptors, weasels and foxes – as well as domestic dogs. Indeed, protecting your chickens from someone's meal will be a primary concern and should be high on your "to-do" list. We're not the only ones that like chicken.
Keeping a small flock can be rewarding on many levels, but will be most evident when you begin to eat the fresh eggs or meat. You'll marvel at the flavor of free-range eggs and will wonder when commercial chicken lost some of its flavor.
For more information contact me at stordahl@umn.edu or 800-450-2465.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Ed

Register by calling Community Ed. at 776-3112 ext 102. You may also obtain information on Community Ed classes through: the school web site: www.clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us, some local businesses, email (send your request to: jengebre@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us) or we are on Facebook!
MILK PAINTING

Join The Hickory Backroads crew for a three hour hands-on workshop where you will learn how to use Miss Mustard Seed Milk Paint. Milk paint can be used to mimic the look of antique furniture.

Come to class with a small piece of furniture that you can comfortably carry by yourself! We will cover step by step the methods to transform your piece. You will learn how to prepare the milk paint, apply colors of your choice, distress and apply the furniture waxes or topcoats to finish your piece. Your piece goes from rehab to fab in one day!

Preregistration is required. Each individual will be able to complete one piece from start to finish. If you have any questions on your piece (size, complexity, etc) and to preregister for the class, call Kelly at Hickory Backroads during store hours. Tuesday-Friday: 10-5, Saturday: 10-4. 218-487-5700

Max. 12 per class. Choose one of the dates below. Use Door #8 in the north parking lot (by the garage) Class #1, Tuesday, April 12 6:00-9:00 PM. Class #2, Tuesday, April 26 6:00-9:00 PM. CG School Shop \$50.00 per person

CAKE DECORATING- Kari Wittenberg
Using pre-made cupcakes, Kari will teach you how to decorate using frosting and fondant. Join your friends and have some fun decorating!
Thursday, April 14 6:45-8:00 PM CG School Commons \$13.00

IPAD / SMARTPHONE BASICS & Q & A
Garrett West & Taylor Volker

Want to know more about that great little iPad or Smartphone you own? This is the class for you! The basics will be covered for about 30 minutes and then the instructors will answer questions for the remainder of the class. If you have specific questions, please note them when you register. If you don't own an iPad but are interested in learning more, we have some available. Please indicate this when you register. You will need a current email in order to download apps.
Tuesday, April 19 6:30-8:30 PM
Room 407 (Art Room) \$15.00

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

VA CONTRACTS FOR COMP EXAMS: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 29, 2016 WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced the award of twelve major contracts that will enhance its ability to deliver timely disability benefits claims decisions to the nation's Veterans in line with the MyVA initiative. The contracts make up a \$6.8 billion enterprise-wide Medical Disability Examination Program under Public Law 104-275, and represent a major step forward in improving the disability examination experience for Veterans. A unique feature of this multi-contract award will see the consolidation of the contracts under a single program management initiative, with representation in the central management group from both the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). To date, contracts for medical examinations have been managed by both administrations with varying



Dad... I won't immortalize you in the stars, because they fade away. I won't remember you with a poem, for it will be forgotten one day. I will just keep you safe in my heart, so that you are with me in every way. We miss you.

April 9, 1996-2016

20 years have gone by so fast and yet it seems like yesterday we said goodbye. We pray that you would be proud of us now and all we have become. The 7 grandchildren you now have all carry a bit of you in their own ways. There are smart ones and funny ones, freckled ones and red-headed ones. A couple that carry your name and all carry your legacy.
We love you, Daddy and miss you always,
Your 3 loving daughters

Medicare plan options and "Medicare 101"

Next month, UCare will host informational meetings about its UCare for Seniors Medicare health plan options. UCare for Seniors has more than 80,000 members across Minnesota. April events are free

To register for a meeting or to obtain more information, call 1-877-523-1518 toll free.

UCARE FOR SENIORS health plan informational meetings: Thursday, April 21 • 4 p.m. Bagley Public Library Community Room, 79 Spencer Ave, Bagley 56621

A salesperson will be present with information and applications. For accommodation of persons with special needs at sales meetings, call 1-877-523-1518 toll free (TTY 1-800-688-2534 toll free).

Thursday, April 21 MEDICARE 101™ MEETINGS (Medicare overview, not UCare health plan information) • 6 p.m. Bagley Public Library Community Room, 79 Spencer Ave., Bagley 56621

degrees of efficiency and delivery time of exam reports, which are critical to Veterans' disability determinations supporting their compensation and pension claim.
The new program management and delivery process will also continue to ensure broad national and international coverage of medical examination requirements to meet Veterans' needs world-wide. The

contracts are being awarded for a period of 12 months with four, 12-month options, with an aggregate ceiling of \$6.8 billion. The contract will be managed by VA's Strategic Acquisition Center based in Frederick, MD.
I welcome your own personal comments to better serve all veterans and their beneficiaries. Office(218)694-6618;Cell/Text(218)556-5340 Hutch

NOTICE SNOWMOBILE TRAILS CLOSURES

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club has a permit from private landowners to make their property available for snowmobile trail riding during the winter months only. This permit expires April 1, 2016.
During all other months, anyone who wants to go onto these privately owned lands must have permission from the owner. The fact that it is a trail for public use in the winter does not give permission for **ANYONE** to use it in warm weather. This applies to hikers, ATV's, Horseback riders and 4-wheel drive or off-road vehicles.
Please respect the rights of property owners. Any person or organization who wishes to use any land for any reason **MUST** be sure that they have permission for their activity from the owner.
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Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club

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Pearl Watne with her 88th birthday cake at the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook. She is shown with her daughter Shirley and husband Warren Solheim.

Pearl celebrates her 88th birthday

Pearl and her husband Bud Watne lived on a farm north of Gully. They bought that property in 1945 from Arthus Hovelsrud and they farmed for 50 years. Pearl also worked at various jobs including Oklee Manufacturing Company, Arctic Cat and Winsor Lefse. Her husband passed away at the age of 70 in March of 1994. She moved off the farm in 2008 to the Brookfield Apartments in Clearbrook before becoming a resident of the Good Samaritan Center.



Pearl Watne celebrated her 88th birthday at the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook with her family. Her daughters Patty and David Carlson on the left and Warren and Shirley Solheim on the right.



Pearl Watne celebrated her 88th birthday with some of her great-grandchildren. Shown from left to right are: Siri Vasant, Ty and Jace Dyrda, Ellie and Lucy Solheim.

Legal Notices

Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property

This may affect your 2017 property taxes.
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for City of Clearbrook shall meet on Monday, April 11th, 2016, 6:30 pm, at the City Council Room. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.
If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.
City of Clearbrook
Lucie Thompson, Clerk-Treasurer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

This may affect your 2017 property taxes.
The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Greenwood Township will meet on April 12, 2016, 7:00 pm, at the Greenwood Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.
If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.
The Greenwood Town Board Regular Meeting will follow the Equalization meeting.
Given under my hand this 23rd day of March, 2016
Sheila Horn
Clerk of Greenwood Township

Notice to Leon Township Residents

Important Information Regarding Property Assessments
This may affect your 2017 property taxes.
The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Leon Township will meet on April 12, 2016, 6:00 pm, at the Leon Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.
If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.
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Commissioners...
Continued from front page in wild rice district, and fields and ditches are being damaged," said Ms. Sunderland. "If you drive around you will see the damage."

Minerva Township is pursuing a Resolution to Ban All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) from Minerva Township as the result.

Commissioner Arlen Syverson wanted to know how they could enforce a ban on ATV traffic in the township, and explained that there are many responsible operators. He said that in Idaho the trails are fee-based on Pot Latch tribal lands, and that might be a solution.

"We are trying to protect swans, sand hill cranes, and wild turkeys that are here now, and also want to protect tribal lands," she said.

She also noted that there are noise and safety concerns, citing the incidence of ATV accidents and deaths.

Commissioner John Nelson reassured Ms. Sunderland, "The Board has not said we're going to support this (ATV trails)."

A firm admonishment had been given at the Feb. 9 meeting to the ATV representatives that they would have to be organized, with by-laws and a sponsor before receiving any consideration for trails.

"I visited one of their meetings, and they are not organized," Commissioner Dean Newland said, noting that there is a lengthy grant process and it would be years off before anything would be done.

It was stated that there is nothing on the table now.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox added, "Right now there is nothing to fix the damage to roads and drive ways. The way to do that is through the \$50 three year designation that follows the money. There are some local people who want the trails, and some local people who don't."

"We're not establishing trails there (near Minerva)," said Commissioner Dan Stenseng. If there were to be trails, he said he couldn't see anything past Leonard, as the rest is private land. He confirmed knowledge of damage done in summer by the vehicles tearing up roads.

Commissioner Syverson said that skidders and huge tractors cause damage, and even horse and buggy traffic are hazardous. He said there is a double standard when it comes to those vehicles operating on county and township roads.

Commissioner Neal Illies indicated that there are some appealing aspects to the idea of trails in the county and the club would possibly fix some of the damage.

Commissioners Nelson and Newland thanked Ms. Sunderland for coming and bringing the issue for discussion.

Ms. Sunderland concluded that she agrees that we have responsible people operating ATVs, and they are not opposed to land owners using them for their own work and use on their own properties.

"But there are already a lot of trails. Don't they have enough trails to ride?"

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday



4 generations celebrating Easter. Wendy (Pettersen) Basinger, 2nd from left, pictured with her daughter Chelsey (Basinger) Ehlers far left, granddaughter Zoey and her mom Sheryll (Erickson) Petterson on the right. Zoey is wearing a handmade knitted coat that Wendy's mom Sheryll made for her for Easter when she was little. Chelsey wore it too.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Good Samaritan Society of Clearbrook will be having an Open House celebration for volunteers at the center. The celebration will be held on Tuesday, April 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Chapel.

Thursday, April 7 will be the 69th annual meeting for Clearwater-Polk Electric. They will be meeting at Timbers Event Center on Highway 2 West in Bagley. It is located in the same building as Da-Roo's Pizza across from Team Industries. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. with the Clearwater County Nursing Service providing a health fair.

Inter-County Community Council is having a Head Start Open House at three different locations. Thursday, April 7, 4-7 p.m. at Challenger Elementary in Thief River Falls, Friday, April 8, 2-5 p.m. at the Bjella Building in McIntosh and Friday, April 8 3-6 p.m. at Elementary School preschool wing in Bagley. Staff and parents will be there to answer your questions or help you fill out an application. You can visit at any of these locations

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.

Correction... I made Emma Satran one year older than she is as her cake said 96th birthday. Sorry Emma. Will watch for your cake next year.

The Gully Coop will be having Farm Service Day on Friday, April 15 with serving from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stop by for grilled hot dogs, chips, BBQ beans, and mini donuts made fresh that day. You can also check out their April specials.

Thank you to Sharon Syverson from Minneapolis. She identified the Girl Scout Troop

#565 as well. I have not heard back about the Gully School picture that was in last week.

We received a newspaper renewal from Ophia Shellum from Merrifield. She enjoys the weekly paper. Thank you for sending the kind note.

NELL program to feature recognized history essayist and orphan train historian Renee Wendinger. The program will be April 13 at 9:30 am at the Good Shepherd Church in Clearbrook (116 State 92 SW). Refreshments are served at 9am and the program is free to all ages, donations are gratefully accepted.

Clearbrook Elevator's Annual Beef and Mineral and Tub sale will be Friday, April 8. Lunch served from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

The local fire departments will be having their Spring Fund raiser in April.

April 23 beginning at 5:00 p.m. the Clearbrook Fire Department will be having their Fish Fry Fund raiser. It will be held in the Banquet Room at the Clearbrook Community Center.

The Gonvick Fire Department will be having their Fund raiser on Saturday, April 30 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Gonvick Fire Department building. They will be having their pulled pork special with the trimmings.

The City of Gonvick is seeking an individual to help out with summer work under the

"Experienced Works Program" or "Inter County Community Council". Must be age 55 or older to qualify. For more information please contact The City Clerk (218) 487-5243.

Joke time...

From my mail - The Will

Dave Smith is on his death bed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter, and two sons, are with him. He asks for two witnesses to be present and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes, and when all is ready he begins to speak:

My son,"Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses." My daughter, Sybill, you take the apartments over in the east end." My son, "Jamie, I want you to take the offices over the City Centre." "Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the river."

The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Dave slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been such a hard working man to have accumulated all this property." The wife replies, "The jerk had a paper route."

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Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Chapter took part in celebrating the National FFA Organization during FFA Week. Kayla Ehlers and Teddy Tollefson are milking the cow. Above are the winning pictures that were done by the students.



Kindergarten
Avery Haugan



First Grade
Lucas Bakken



Third Grade
Samantha Tollefson



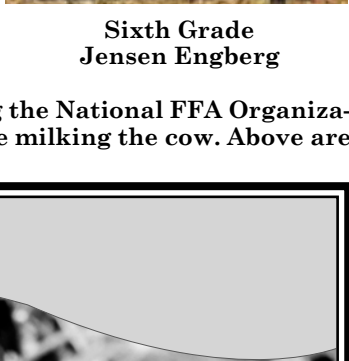
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