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Gail Blocker serving as Interim at Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook.

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As an interim Gail Blocker provides coverage during the departure of administrators for the Good Samaritan Society. She is now at the center in Clearbrook and will be on location until a new administrator is appointed.

She has been with the Society since 1981 when she was an Office Manager. She provided oversight of accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll and handled customer services as needed. While she was working full time and taking care of her family she received her Associates of Science, Long Term Care Administrator de-

gree from Iowa Lakes Community College. She grew up through the ranks in the Good Samaritan Society as her next 12 years were spent as a Long Term Care Licensed Administrator in the State of Iowa in the towns of Manson, Laurens and Newell.

She then attended St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine where she received her Health Care Administration degree. She spent the next 16 years recruiting and training new nursing home administrators, until she took the position for the Society as Interim Administrator. She provides in-

terim coverage and mentoring for the Administrators.

Gail loves her job but the only down side is being away from home. Home is 5 ½ hours away in Hartford, South Dakota where her husband Joe keeps the home fires burning. They have three daughters, two of them work for the Good Samaritan Society and the third one works for Sanford Hospital. They have six grandchildren which she is able to see when she gets home.

She finds it a blessing to work and meet people in the various facilities that she gets sent to. She finds that the staff has the desire to work through problems that are the same in different facilities.

She was recently in a center in New Mexico and she has been sending pictures of the beautiful countryside that she has been able to see in Clearwater County. They thought that it must be very cold up in northern Minnesota. She likes to drive around in her spare time to see what is in the area. As a child her parents took her to see Paul Bunyan in Bemidji. She likes to learn about the history of the area and when she has evenings free she likes to read and do crafts. Gail orders crafts from Pinterest which takes up some of her time. She really likes to read and attempts to be a social golfer.

Gail is amazed that the employees at the Clearbrook Good Samaritan are so dedicated to the center. She will be giving three employees awards for over 40 years of service.

Welcome to the area, Gail Blocker.



Gail and Joe Blocker with their seven grandchildren.

Free gate and free parking at 110th County Fair

Summer is here and the Clearwater County Fair board is gearing up for the 110th annual county fair. The free gate and free parking is an excellent way for families and friends to meet and enjoy everything that is available on the fairgrounds located on the north end of Bagley.

The current fair board has lined up several things for the August 3rd to 7th event. Currently on the board there is Cindy Benson, Alroy Lewis, Scott Anderson, Scott Fawver, Al Paulson, Kraig Fontaine, Dan Riewer, Al Rasmussen, Mark Larson, Cheryl Grover, Dee Strandlien, Duane Hayes, Amy Kent, Alton Walker, Mark Titera and Marty Ann Erickson.

Grandstand

schedule for the fair

Wednesday, August 3: Gospel Music Night – Greg Hager
Thursday, August 4 – Cirque Adventure Cirque De'Soleil.

Friday, August 5 – 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Demonstrations, Stage in the Pines. 5:00 p.m. Clearwater County Emerging Leaders Recognition and Reunion. 7 p.m. Wojo Rodeo.

Saturday, August 6 – Rodeo at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 7 – 2:00 p.m. Demo Derby Preliminary. 7:00 p.m. Demo Derby Finals. Questions about rules, drivers and pit crew can be directed to Al Ysen at 218-556-5552.

Other events: Wed. Aug. 3 - 5:00 p.m. 4-H Style Review at

Stage in the Pines. 7:00 p.m. Rhythm & Ride Horse Show in the horse arena.

Saturday, August 6 – 9 to 4 will be the Flea Market and Craft show in the Pines. 11:00 a.m. Senior Citizens of the Year at 11:00 a.m. in the Hockey Arena. Open Horse Show 9:00 a.m. in the horse arena. 1:00 p.m. Chocolate Contest. 5:00 p.m. Salsa Contest judging at 6:30 p.m. in Petersen Pavilion.

Sunday, August 7 – 12:30 p.m. Premier Showmanship, 2:00 p.m. 4-H Awards Program, 2:30 p.m. Lego's "A Day at the Fair" Contest in the Petersen Pavilion, 3:00 p.m. Emerging Leaders Program, 3:30 p.m. Premier 4-H Live-

stock Auction.

4-H members and community members should plan to enter as many exhibits as you can. Over \$24,000 plus was paid in premiums last year. You can get a premium book with entry information and time to enter at the County Extension Service Office in Bagley, First National Bank in Bagley, First National Bank in Fosston, First State Bank in Clearbrook, Northern State Bank in Gonvick and Riverwood Band in Bagley or Bemidji.

A pre-entry form for open class is located inside the premium book. That is for Open Class only and not 4-H members.



Tribute being planned for underground utility companies

On Saturday, September 3, 2016 (Labor Day Weekend) at 11 a. m. there will be a tribute and recognition of the founders of pipeline construction and underground utilities construction companies, the employees and employees' families.

These companies are Northern Pipeline Construction, Sovde Construction, North Central Service, Wilde Construction, Aconite Construction, Clearwater Energy, Gustafson & Gouge and Northern Horizons. They were founded in the Thief River Falls through Bemidji Minnesota seven county area as early as the late 1960's.

There will be speakers including founders, union representatives, government officials and more.

The ceremony concludes with the unveiling of a monument as a tribute to the founders and to this Very Special Work Force that has evolved during the last 48 years.

A lunch will be available and the gym is available for the remainder of the day for visiting. The gym is in the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick, (the old high school gym.)

Anyone who has worked or works in these industries is welcome to attend as well as the general public. Please plan

to attend and mark the date on your calendar.

Please RSVP. Knowing how many people plan to attend this event will be very helpful in the planning of all aspects of this event. Please go to this link, www.tributetoourdynamo.org to RSVP by clicking the Register button. And see the event image. Tickets are free. Thank you.

Come celebrate Labor with them on this Labor Day Weekend.

Watch for future announcements.

This event is sponsored by Vance Norgaard, Past NPL Officer and Stockholder.

Reichert's selected to 2017 Emerging Leader program

The RRV Emerging Leadership Program is pleased to announce Ray and Valerie Reichert as the RRVELP Clearwater County 2017 class participants.

There will be an Alumni reunion gathering and potluck picnic at the Clearwater County Fair on Friday, August 5th at 5:00 pm in the pavilion in front of the fair office to honor Ray and Valerie. CLP Alumni are encouraged to attend and

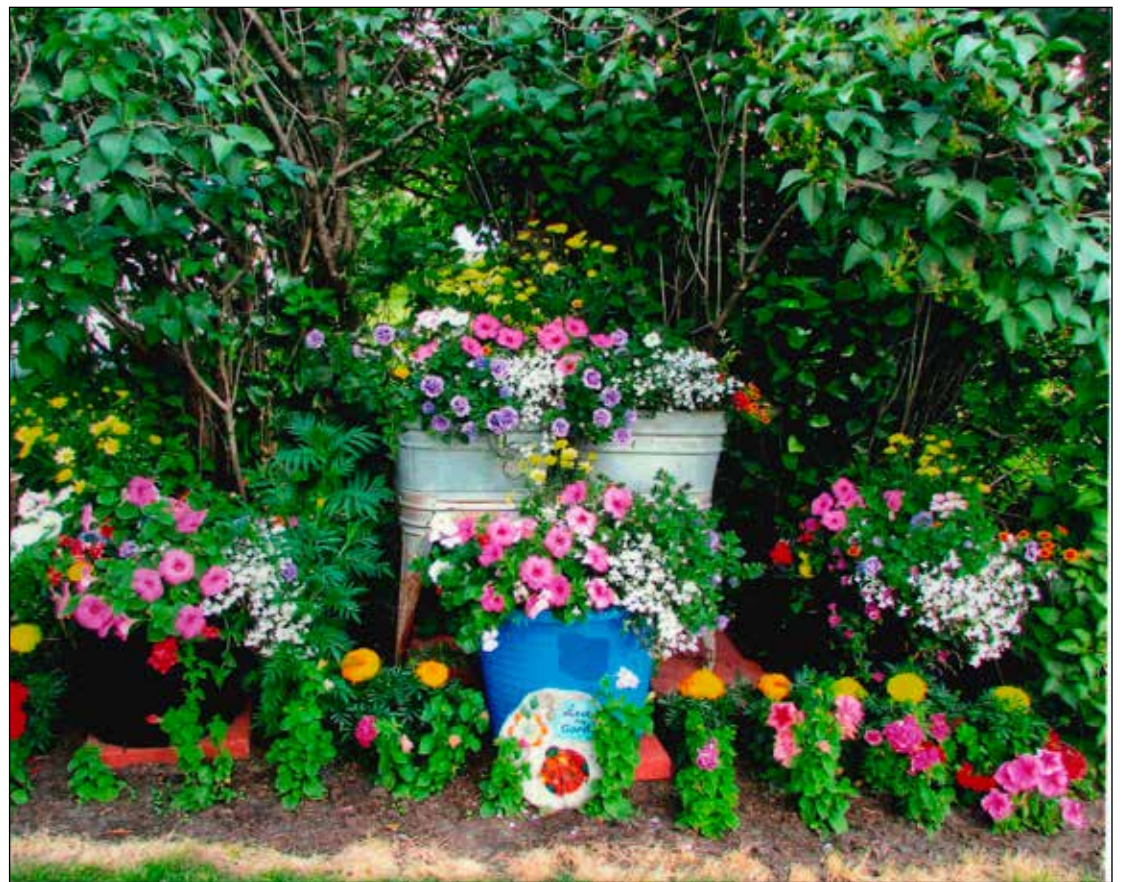
help welcome the new Clearwater County Representatives to the Emerging Leadership Program.

Ray and Valerie will be officially presented to the public during the Emerging Leadership Recognition Ceremony at the Clearwater Co. Fair on Sunday August 7th at 3:00 pm following the 4H Awards Program and before the livestock auction. The public is invited

to attend this event and to take part in the ELP silent auction at that time also. Funds generated from the items donated by local businesses and individuals help to fund the Emerging Leadership Program for the upcoming year.

Thank you for supporting the Emerging Leadership Program.

Submitted by Stephaine Ramsrud



Sylvia Flateland of Trail has been working very hard this spring and summer on her garden. A tree had to be pulled out and there was an area that needed help. Judy Seyller brought the tubs for her to fill with flowers and she has been planting and planting all summer and now she can enjoy the fruits or the flowers of her labor.

Demo derby will be held at the Clearwater County Fair Sunday, August 7

To begin with, the demo will be on Sunday, August 7. Inspections 9 am to 1 pm for all classes.

The classes will run their heats during the day starting at 2 pm. Classes running this year are Chain & Go, Compacts, and full size. There will

also be a Power Wheels demo during the afternoon between classes for children ages 4-10. Rules for all classes including the Power Wheels can be found on the new fair website at <http://www.clearwatercountyfair.com/demo-derby-rules.html> or at Napa in Bagley.



New stones to recognize area veterans have been added to the memorial in the park in Clearbrook. George Postier, Mayor of the City of Clearbrook looks over the new stones that have been placed.

Consolation and features will run beginning at 7 pm. This gives the drivers more time to fix their cars and put on a better show. Payouts for each class have been raised this year. Full size is: \$1200 for 1st, \$800 for 2nd, and \$500 for 3rd. Compact: \$1000 for 1st, \$700 for 2nd, \$500 for 3rd. Chain & Go will be the only class that pays down to fifth place with payouts being \$800, \$500, \$300, \$200, and \$100. Trophies will be awarded to the top three places in each class.

Any questions can be directed to AJ Ysen at 218-556-5552. If no answer, please leave a message and he will return your call.

Sports meeting to be held August 8

The Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Fall Sports Meeting for parents and players planning on participating in the 2017 volleyball or football programs will be on Monday, August 8th at 7:00. The meeting is for all participants grades 7-12.

2016 Football Schedule Fall Sports Meeting - Monday, August 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

First Day of Practice - August 15th at 6:55 a.m.

Meet the Bears Night - August 24th, 5:30

District 9 West Scrimmage Saturday, August 27th

Sept 1 @ NCW

Sept 9th vs NCE/UH

Sept 16th vs Waubun

Sept 23rd @ G-G

Sept 30th vs KCC

Oct 7th @ NF

Oct 13th @ WAO

Oct 18th vs SAC

Community Calendar

Got Nitrates?
Get a FREE well water Nitrate test at the SWCD booth at the Clearwater County Fair!
Clearwater SWCD will perform well water nitrate tests on Friday, August 5th from 1:00-6:30 and Saturday, August 6th from 11-6:30 at our fair booth located in the Youth Hockey Arena. Any questions please call our office for 218-694-6845, ext. 4

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Church News

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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

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Ben and Leslie

Reception for Ben and Leslie

Leslie Trimble, daughter of Dr. David & Cindy Trimble and Ben Hetland son of Yvonne and the late Randy Hetland, were wed June 17, 2016 in Ogden, Ut. In celebration of their wedding, they would like to invite friends and family to an open house reception on, August 13, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Elim Lutheran Brethren Church located along Hwy #92 on the south side of Clearbrook, MN. R18-20C

Clearwater County History Center will be closed during the county fair

The History Center in Shevlin will be closed beginning Wednesday August 3 through Saturday August 6 for the Clearwater County fair. Staff and volunteers will be at the Historical Society's booth in the commercial building from 10 am until 10 pm each day and from noon to 8pm on Sunday. Museum will reopen at 10:00 Tuesday August 9th. Questions? Call 218-785-2000 and leave a message or call Tamara @218-694-2856

Clearwater Trail Blazers meeting

Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be meeting on Monday, August 8th, 7:30 PM at the Silver Creek in Shevlin.

Recipes needed from members of Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook is celebrating their 50th anniversary. To commemorate the event, they will be publishing a cookbook. They are looking for recipes from members both past and present. You are encouraged to submit up to 5 recipes per person and you can email them to goodshepherdrecipes@gmail.com.

If you are unable to email, please drop them off at Good Shepherd in Clearbrook at 417 3rd Ave. SW, Clearbrook, MN 56634. Or you can drop them off at Richards Publishing in Gonvick (attn.: Sue S.). Remember to include who the recipe is submitted by. Thank you.

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



Russell Holm and Kermit Kjolhaug enjoyed their birthday celebration at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. They were the only July birthdays this year.

COME AND JOIN US FOR A DAY YOU WILL NOT FORGET!!!

All the fun starts at 1:00 pm and goes until 5:00 pm

Zion Lutheran Church of Eddy

A day filled with **Food, Games, Farmers Market, Music** by **BS Valley Strings, Wynkoops,** and other Local Musicians

Kids and Adult Drawings throughout the day.

Coffee, Root Beer, and Cookies all day.

Larry the Clown will be here

Big Raffle Drawing at 6:00pm

Face Painting

Crowning of the BS Valley King and Queen

Be sure to buy your tickets for a chance to win a **Wheelbarrow full of Goodies** 2- \$50.00 gift certificates to either Kubiaks or Galens

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Thank you to all who came to the Gully Hall and celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary with us. Each of you are special to us, through our 50 years you have given us many good memories. Thanks for the beautiful cards and words spoken. A special thanks to our sons and family members who gave us this party. God bless each of you. Janice & Jim Paulson



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Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Aug. 10 - Birthday Meal - Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, frosted cake and milk.
Thurs. Aug. 11 - Pub House fish, macaroni and cheese, peas, pears, raspberry parfait dessert and milk.
Fri. Aug. 12 - Chicken salad, tossed salad/dressing, fresh, fruit, bun, Blondie and milk.
Mon. Aug. 15 - Beet tips and gravy, noodles, peaches, country blend veg. bread, cookie and milk.
Tues. Aug. 16 - Parmesan chicken, baked potato, California blend, bread, fruit cocktail and milk.
Wed. Aug. 17 - Baked rigatoni and beef, corn, fruit salad, bread, pudding 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...

Support CWLC's Food Booth at the Clearwater County Fair: Wed.-Fri., 4:00 PM to fair closing. Sat. & Sun., we open at noon. Try our new "Grab & Go" pig wings & DaRoo's pizza by the slice. See you at the Fair!!!!
Create It! Community Art Studios, CWLC-Gonvick:
Starting Aug.8: Glass & Tile Mosaic Creations with JoAnne McFarlin. 6:30-8:30 PM. Beginner or experienced. \$5 per session; 3 session.
Restore It! Furniture Shop: Great place to furnish a college rental apt. Custom refinishing available. Questions? Call Becky, 218-487-5290, ext.2
Recovery Support Group: Temporarily suspended. Watch here for restart date.
Both Mustard Seed Homes & Senior Connection (adult day services) have openings.
At **CWLC-Clearbrook** Shop-at-the-Top is open Mon. thru Fri., 10-4 and Sat., 10-3 at 256 2nd Ave., SW. Gonvick businesses, 226 Elm St, are open Mon. thru Fri., 9-4 & Sat., 9-12: Create It! Art Studios and Restore It! Furniture Shop.
Senior Connection is open M-W-F, 10-3
For programs and services, visit us at: www.clearwaterslife.org, www.mustardseedhomes.org, or www.adultdayservicesgonvick.org and our Facebook pages.
CWLC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing a variety of free and low-cost programming and services to northern Clearwater County and surrounding area.

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In one brief moment on a beautiful Wednesday afternoon, we lost a husband, father, grandfather and son. We have replayed the anguish. We have cried much. We have hurt more. Over the course of the last few weeks, we have had a community of family and friends console our hearts and help us through this abysmal pain. It may have been a lovely card. It may have been quietly sitting by our sides. It may have been kind words spoken. It may have been through a floral tribute. It may have been the care packages and the visits that accompanied. It may have been a special candied treat. We thank you so very much whatever the part. We still hurt. We still cry. We still replay the anguish. But with each passing day, we are able to stand because we have your continued support and prayers. Words cannot express our appreciation of the love our community of family and friends have displayed.
Bonnie, BJ, Bryan, Maggi, Lorraine and the family of Dick Engen

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GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Aug. 3 - 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, 7:00 PM Samhold Church Council
Sun., Aug. 7th - 10:30 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sun., Aug. 7 - 9:00 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion.

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.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Clearbrook
Thur., Aug. 4 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at the prayer at the church.
Sat., Aug. 6 - 7:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast and Bible Study at the church.
Sun., Aug. 7 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Church Services.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Aug 6: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Aug 7: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjournefosston.com
Thu, Aug 4: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Sun, Aug 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tues, Aug. 9: 8:00 a.m. LSS Meeting. 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Aug. 10: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Aug 7: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley
Wed, Aug. 10: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Aug 7: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Gonvick Lions Rodeo



Burger and brats just the way you like them. Matt Anderson and Jesse Smith at the Gonvick Lions Rodeo.



Scott Fawver who supplied the sheep was helping get this young girl ready for the Mutton Bustin'.



Gonvick Lions members John Hellquist and Wayne Olson at the fan entrance gate at the rodeo.



How did she get in this position?



Kjersti Snyder helping at the Gonvick Lions Rodeo.



Ray Reichert from Reichert Saddlery in Leonard had many hats for sale at the Gonvick Lions Rodeo.



Perfect form for this young cowboy at the Gonvick Lions Rodeo.



Rodeo announcer Chad Nicholson.



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Clearbrook-Gonvick Summer Recreation PeeWees: Coach John West, Nathan Weems, Ryan Bodensteiner, Carter Matthews, Jacob Anderson, Ben Goudge, Brodie Sather. Photo courtesy Shots & Thoughts Photography



Clearbrook-Gonvick Summer Recreation Ponies: Emma Rude, Kelsey Johnson, Kaylee Westrum, Coach Kaitlyn Martine, Ella Engen, Dana Melby, Briana Sather. Photo courtesy Shots & Thoughts Photography

Connection for parents of kids with special needs

BEMIDJI, Minn. – For a parent of a child with special health needs, it can be isolating. Many feel that no one else understands their struggles. But that is not the case, and Sanford Bemidji wants to bring those parents together in a new support group called Parent Connection.

The group will take place the last Thursday of every month from 5 to 6 p.m. in the 1611 Anne St., Clinic Conference Room. Free childcare will be provided. An upcoming gathering takes place August 25.

“We really saw the need in our community for a group like this,” said Sanford Bemidji pediatric RN health coach, Emily Aaker. “Parents are truly the experts on their children and sometimes we as medical professionals can’t always get a full grasp on their day-to-day lives. We feel that this group will be incredibly beneficial for these parents to meet and discuss whatever is on their minds.” No registration is required. Visit sanfordhealth.org, keyword: Parent Connection for more information or contact Emily Aaker, Sanford Bemidji pediatric RN health coach, at (218) 333-2742 or Rachael Jaranson, LPN, at (218) 333-2631.

Services for Steven Sundbom

Steven Orville Sundbom passed away unexpectedly at his farm in Clearwater County on July 30, 2016, at the age of 66 years.

Funeral services will be on Friday, August 5, 2016 at the Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley with the Reverend Wayne Hjermstad officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday August 4, 2015

from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley and also one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Oak Park Cemetery in Weme, MN.

A complete obituary will be in next week’s paper.

Messages of condolence can be left at ceasefuneralhome.com

Backpack/School Supply Drive

There will be a Backpack/School Supply Drive and Distribution at Country Faith Church at 46125 – 149th Ave, Clearbrook (from Clearbrook, 1 mile south, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6) on Tuesday, August 16th, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. FREE Backpacks and school supplies will be available for families who could use a little help with this school expense. (School supplies will not

be given out before 6:30pm.) If this is something that could help your family, please come. If you have questions, would like to donate supplies, or would like to receive supplies but are unable to come that night, please call: Country Faith Church 218-776-3367. Backpacks & supplies are given on a first come-first serve basis, so please try and make it to the event.

RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Notice of public hearings for Otter Tail Power Company

On February 16, 2016, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its electric rates by approximately \$19.3 million, or 9.80 percent.

While the MPUC reviews our request, state law allows Otter Tail to collect higher rates on an interim (temporary) basis. The interim rate increase is \$16.82 million, or about 9.56 percent more than current rates. This rate increase appears on your bill as “Interim Rate Adj” for service used on and after April 16, 2016. It applies to the customer charge, energy charge, demand charge, facilities charge, fixed charge, and the monthly minimum charge.

Unless the review period is extended, the MPUC will likely make its decision on our rate request in March 2017. If final rates are lower than interim rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

The Company's last request for a rate increase in Minnesota was in 2010.

Public comment

Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman is holding four public hearings on the proposed increases. Any Otter Tail customer or other person may attend to provide comments at the hearing. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Otter Tail services, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney in order to participate in the public hearings.

Accommodations

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language or large print materials), please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7000 (voice) or 651-361-7878 (TTY) at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Evidentiary hearings

Formal evidentiary hearings on Otter Tail's proposal start on October 13, 2016, at the MPUC, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul.

The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow Otter Tail Power Company, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General-Residential Utilities & Antitrust Division, and other formal parties to the proceeding to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the features of the proposed rate increase.

Anyone who wishes to formally intervene as a party to the contested case litigation should contact the Administrative Law Judge.

Effects of Rate Change

The following table shows the average monthly impact of the approved interim and proposed final rates for an average customer in each of our customer classes. The impact on an individual customer may be higher or lower depending on the individual customer's actual electric consumption.

Proposed Change in Average Monthly Bill

Customer Classification	Monthly Kilowatt-hour Usage	Previous Monthly Cost	Approved Interim Change in Monthly Cost	Proposed Final Change in Monthly Cost
Residential	810	\$83	\$7.93	\$9.53
Farms	1,991	\$193	\$18.45	\$17.35
General Service	2,618	\$247	\$23.61	\$22.20
Large General Service	231,698	\$14,503	\$1,386.49	\$1,305.30
Irrigation	1,521	\$151	\$14.44	\$28.74
Outdoor Lighting	2,074	\$2	\$0.19	\$0.27
Other Public Authority	3,366	\$257	\$24.57	\$33.45
Controlled Service Water Heating	214	\$17	\$1.63	\$1.93
Controlled Service Interruptible	2,041	\$109	\$10.42	\$12.55
Controlled Service Deferred	2,237	\$125	\$11.95	\$5.92

Otter Tail Power Company has requested the rate changes described in this notice. The MPUC may grant or deny the requested changes, in whole or in part, and may grant a lesser or greater increase than that requested for any class or classes of service.

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows:

Bemidji, Minnesota – Wednesday, August 24, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.
Bemidji City Hall, 317 4th Street NW, Bemidji, MN 56601

Crookston, Minnesota – Wednesday, August 24, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
Cobblestone Inn, 2304 Sahlstrom Dr., Crookston, MN 56716

Fergus Falls, Minnesota – Thursday, August 25, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers, 112 West Washington, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Morris, Minnesota – Thursday, August 25, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 603 Oregon Ave, Morris, MN 56267

Submit Written Comments

Comment Period

- **Comments accepted through October 19, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.**
- *Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date*
- *Comment received after the comment period closes may not be considered*

Online

Visit mn.gov/puc, select Speak Up! find this docket (15-1033), and add your comments to the discussion.

U.S. Mail

If you wish to include an exhibit or other attachment, please send your comments via U.S. Mail.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul MN 55101

Written comments are most effective when the following items are included:

1. The Docket Numbers in the subject line or heading
 - MPUC Docket Number E017/GR-15-1033
 - OAH Docket Number 8-2500-33355
2. Your name and connection to the docket
3. The specific issues that concern you
4. Any knowledge you have about the issues
5. Your specific recommendation
6. The reason for your recommendation.

Important: Comments will be made available to the public on the MPUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information from submissions.

How to Learn More

Otter Tail's current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Otter Tail Power Company
215 South Cascade Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Phone: 1-800-257-4044
Web: www.otpc.com/MNRateCase

Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Telephone: 651-539-1886
FAX: 651-539-1549
Web: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>
(Web address case sensitive) Select 15 in the year field, type 1033 in the Number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.



Now hear this...

by Harry Hutchens,
Clearwater
County Veterans
Service Officer

VETERANS TRANSPORTATION 2016: I am in the process of writing letters of acknowledgment to the folks who have mailed in and dropped off donations to the Veterans Transportation Program this year. I am so grateful for the new supporters who have so graciously given of themselves and the local programs they may represent. This became very clear to me as I have just finished preparing this office's 2017 proposed budgets. To date in 2016, \$6,100.00 of Transportation Program rev-

enue has funded some 11,300 miles of door-to-door medical transport for Clearwater County's veterans to VA facilities in Bemidji, Fargo, St. Cloud and Minneapolis. This has been made possible by over \$8,300.00 in local 2016 donations alone, where every penny of every dollar is used to make sure the answer is "Yes" to every request for transportation to VA medical and benefits appointments.

I welcome your own personal comments. Constructive feedback on your own behalf (not anonymous) to our Commissioners is also a valuable gauge of how this office can better serve all veterans and their beneficiaries. Office(218)694-6618;Cell/Text(218)556-5340 Hutch

Eric Haugen Captivates Audience at The Farm By The Lake!!

Even with 100+ trees downed in the recent storm the music will not stop at The Farm By The Lake! An audi-



Kelsey Gunvalson and Alaina Doran 2 years old enjoying the concert.



Deer numbers on the rise as hunters look forward to deer season Licenses on sale Aug. 1

Steadily growing deer populations may produce more deer sightings and slightly more harvest opportunities for hunters during the 2016 season, although one-deer limits remain in place for much of the state.

"Hunters can look forward to seeing the growth in local deer populations following two years of mild winters and lower overall harvests," said Adam Murkowski, Big Game Program leader with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Hunters can buy deer licenses and apply to the lottery for antlerless deer permits starting Monday, Aug. 1. The deadline to apply for the ant-

lerless permit lottery is Thursday, Sept. 8. Archery deer season opens Saturday, Sept. 17, and firearms deer season opens Saturday, Nov. 5.

Every year harvest regulations are set for each of Minnesota's 128 permit areas to manage deer populations to established goals.

In northern and northeastern areas, the 2016 hunting regulations will remain somewhat conservative to allow for a controlled increase in deer numbers, resulting in lottery and bucks only designations.

In 67 deer permit areas, hunters must be chosen in a lottery to harvest an antlerless deer (down from 70 areas last season). Only bucks can be hunted in five areas (down from 14 areas). In 32 areas, hunters have the choice of harvesting a doe or a buck (up from 29 areas). Bonus permits allowing hunters to harvest more than one deer may only be used in 24 permit areas and for some special hunts (up from 12 areas).

Details on buying a license All hunters who purchase licenses by Sept. 8 are automatically entered into the lottery if they declare a lottery deer permit area. Those who do not wish to harvest an antlerless deer are encouraged to purchase their license after the lottery deadline. Hunters may apply using both their firearm and muzzleloader licenses. If hunters are selected for both licenses, they must select the one season in which they want to shoot an antlerless deer.

Deer hunting licenses, lottery applications and special hunt applications are available at any DNR license agent, by telephone at 888-665-4236 or online at www.mndnr.gov/buy- alicense. Lottery winners will be notified in October.

Permit area breakdown The following is a breakdown of 2016 deer permit areas. A hunter may tag one legal buck per year, without exception. In southeastern Minnesota's 300 series permit areas, these designations apply to both early and late - A and B - seasons.

Only male deer with one antler at least three inches long may be harvested in these bucks-only permit areas: 119, 152, 169, 183 and 199.

Hunters must be selected in the lottery to harvest an antlerless deer in these lottery permit areas: 101, 103, 105, 108, 110, 111, 118, 122, 126, 155, 156, 157, 159, 171, 172, 173, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 184, 197, 203, 208, 221, 222, 224, 234, 235, 237, 238, 246, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 260, 262, 266, 269, 270, 271, 272, 274, 275, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 288, 289, 290, 291, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298 and 299.

Hunters can choose to shoot

a single buck or single antlerless deer in these hunter-choice permit areas: 114, 117, 127, 201, 209, 210, 218, 219, 229, 230, 233, 239, 242, 247, 254, 256, 257, 258, 259, 261, 263, 264, 265, 267, 268, 273, 276, 277, 338, 339, 344 and 347.

Hunters may harvest two deer, only one of which may be a buck, in these managed permit areas: 213, 214, 215, 223, 225, 227, 232, 236, 240, 241, 248, 255, 287 (no archery hunt-

ing), 292, 293, 341, 342, 343 and 348.

Hunters may harvest up to five deer, only one of which may be a buck, in these intensive permit areas: 182, 346, 349.

Hunters need to review new deer hunting regulations, permit area designations and boundary changes before applying. Current and up-to-date information is online at www.mndnr.gov/hunting/deer.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Don't forget the Clearwater County Fair is set for August 4,5,6 and 7 on the fairgrounds in Bagley. See ad in the Canary this week.

Tyler Maruska from Gonvick rode one of the bulls at the Gonvick Rodeo. If you look at Tricocanary.com you can watch a video of his ride along with Cole Hamman of Badger and the Gonvick Lions Rodeo parade.

Northdale Oil of Gonvick will be having a Customer Appreciation Day on Thursday, August 4 from 11 to 1 am. Lunch and drawing will be held.

Two weeks ago we had a dog that wandered around town. The Fargo Police Department called to say they found the owner of the dog. Today we had a brown chickens wandering the streets not to far from the meat market.

The Trinity Lutheran



This spring Leland Hall enjoyed the beautiful Lady Slippers along the side of the road near his home south of Clearbrook.

He counted over 120 plans with blossoms! This year the deer did not eat them as they have in the past. Also, he appreciates that they were not mowed this year.

Submitted by Leland and Eleanor Hall.



Albert and Shirley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at the Gully Hall with her brother Jim and Janice Paulson. The Graftaas family from left to right: Eric, Stephanie, Megan, Gretchen, Shirley, Hunter, Albert, Lauren, Brian, Catherine and Jodi.



The Paulson's celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at the Gully Hall. Jim and Janice are shown with their family from left to right: Hannah, Nicole, Ryan, Tina, Daniel and Darald Paulson.

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