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A place in her heart

Corinne Jovaag Bustad wanted to go back to her old home to the place where she lived when she was young. That home was the Lutheran

Parsonage in Gonvick where her father Rev. J.O. Jovaag served the Gonvick parishes. She was one of five children born to Pearl and Rev. J.O.

(Jonas) Jovaag. Their mother, Pearl, was born in Honan Province, China to Rev. Andrew and Anna Martinson. She married Rev. J.O. in Belmont, Iowa, That started the family moving from one congregation to another. They served in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Gonvick, Lakefield, St. James, Springfield, Austin and small parishes in Texas and Louisiana.

Harold the oldest and Jan the youngest both passed away from cancer. Her brother Jon died at the age of 16 from Muscular Dystrophy. That left Corinne and her brother Arvid.

Corinne met and married M. Arthur Bustad and they recently moved to Bemidji. She found a connection with Jay Johnson, a member of the New Salem Church at Turtle River where they both attend. He knew Les and Carol Torgerson who attended Gonvick High School and they made arrangements for her to visit her old home in Gonvick. Current residents of the house are Dick and Corrine Richards. Corrine was also named after Corinne although they are spelled differently. Pastor Jovaag baptized Corrine and Ardell Broin Maple together in the same house.

In 1937, Corinne's father received a call to serve the Gonvick Parish. They were at the George Beito's home across the street before they went to see the church and the parsonage. Her mother was adamant that she would not move in unless there was an indoor bathroom. She quickly checked that out and there was one. The family accepted the call and lived in Gonvick for the next eight years. She has many memories of her time as a young girl.

When making the arrangements to visit Gonvick she called her brother Rev. Arvid Jovaag and his wife Lois to come with to share their memories. On entering the house they remembered the banister going upstairs and the colored glass windows. The dining room had space for the refrigerator. It was always warm around the chimney as it went through the middle of the house. Arvid remembered the Cream of Wheat that was fixed for them when their parents were away. It always had lumps and he still likes them but she did not.

Corinne would be upstairs and when people were talking downstairs in the dining room she would lie on the floor and listen through the floor vent until her cheeks had little square marks from trying to hear what was going on.

On rainy days all the neighbor kids would be told to go up in the attic that had fold down steps. There were trunks of stuff and Corinne married Gene Beito, the neighbor boy. They found old curtains that she used for a gown. She even got a kiss at the end of the ceremony, but not on the lips.

The toilet had been built upstairs and Corinne used the old abandoned outhouse for her playhouse with her friends. It worked perfect for that. They had goats in the back yard as well as a Victory Garden. The family spent the World War II years in Gonvick until 1945. Around one third of the vegetables produced by the United States during World War II came from Victory Gardens.

Corinne thought that the piano in the house was the same one as when she lived in the house and that the present owner should be paying a little rent.

Corinne has a beautiful voice and she remembers that her father had her sing at a funeral for a little girl at the Berner Church, United Lutheran. She can still remember the pink bow that she had in her hair while she was laying the coffin.

Their years in Gonvick they remembered enjoying the woods in the back, the snow forts they built, skating on the Lost River, and roaming around town as their parents did not have to worry about them. They would go down to the Berge Store and watch the store owner kill chickens to be sold. They didn't have cartoons to watch but that made them scream.

Corinne and her husband Art lived in Orlando, Florida.

Corinne Bustad...

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Corinne Jovaag Bustad standing by the colored glass window and the stairs leading up to her bedroom when she was a young girl. When she lived there it was all hardwood floors. The picture she is holding was from a magazine where she was featured on the front cover. See below.



While Corinne was living in St. James she was selected as the National Sweet Corn Queen. Her picture was featured on the front cover. She went to Chicago, Illinois in 1953 for the national sweet corn festival.



Corinne Bustad with her brother Rev. Arvid Jovaag, in the home that they shared for eight years. Arvid and his wife Lois live south of Austin where they are conservationists and sustainable farmers. He had served with Lutheran Social Services in Racine, Wisconsin and other parishes and is now retired.



The old Gonvick Parish parsonage that was built in 1907 that the Jovaag family visited recently. From left Aana Bustad-Jahnke, Corinne and Art Bustad, Rev. Arvid and Lois Jovaag.



Our Savior's Lutheran of Leonard hosted its first cemetery walk at East Zion Cemetery in Dudley Township on Sunday, August 28. Elwood and Ardell Johnson and Betty and Duane Johnson spoke about Malla and Ole Johnson. They both died one day apart. Malla on April 19, 1948 and Ole on April 20, 1948. See story and photos on page 4.



Friends, family and co-workers joined in the tribute to Underground Utility Construction Company Founders, Employees and Families on Saturday, September 3. The founder of Northern Pipeline Construction Co., Inc. Noel Coon and his wife Robin from Tyler, Texas on the left was present for the program put on by Vance Norgaard. Also pictures is Kathy and Neil Person from Bismark, North Dakota, a friend and co-worker at Northern. See complete story on the Canary front page and pictures inside this issue.

Relay for Life 2016 In Clearwater County

The Clearwater County Relay for Life will be held on September 17, 2016 outside the Hockey Arena in Bagley (in case of rain will be held in the Hockey Arena). The committee would love for the community and businesses to participate in the Relay for Life. You can organize a team to participate in the Relay, have your float in the Relay for Life Parade, make and enter a hotdish in the hotdish cook-off, decorate your window at your business for the decorating contest.

The Parade will be before the Relay starting at 3:00 p.m. The lineup will be at the East Entrance of the Clearwater County Fairgrounds. The route will go down past Cornerstone, up to Getchell Ave, then come up to the Farmers Independent and head North on Highway 92 and head back up towards the Fairgrounds. When the parade ends at the Fairgrounds, they will be lining the floats up and people can run games off of their floats for their teams during the relay. If you do not wish you can take the float home or stay for the Relay.

Window Decorating Contest

September 5 was the start day for businesses in Clearwater County to participate in decorating their windows in support of the Relay for Life. You can decorate your windows with one of their decorating kits or use your own imagination! Make a jar to collect votes or they will provide you with one. One penny will equal one vote. On September 16 the Relay for Life Committee will be coming around and picking up the jars. The winner will be announced at the Relay for Life and will receive a plaque/trophy that they can put up in their business.

Hotdish Contest

They are also having a hotdish cookoff with the dishes to be brought up to the fairgrounds by 5:00 p.m. to be judged. Once all of hotdishes have been judged cancer survivors will be fed and then servings to be sold to everyone for a free will offering. The top three hotdishes will receive plaques.

Luminaria Bags

If you would like to decorate a luminaria bag in honor or in memory of a loved one, the Relay for Life Committee has them for a free will offering. Decorate them and they will be set up during the Luminaria Ceremony for Relay For Life.

Silent Auction

There will be a silent auction during the Relay for Life if you would like to donate please let the Relay for Life committee know. The Minnesota Vikings have already donated a signed Cordarrelle Patterson picture.

Contact

If you have any questions or need anything please contact: Hailey 218-214-1917; Laura 218-553-0270; Lisa 218-533-0074 or Cea 218-358-0242.

New county assistant attorney hired Lack of phone service during storms discussed at county meeting

By Karen Edelbach

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on August 30, 2016, to review a variety of requests including those from the County Sheriff, Land Department, Attorney, Assessor, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

The Commissioners discussed the difficulty of communications during the recent storms in the area. It was stated that fiber optics installed recently by Garden Valley Telephony has raised questions as to why phones were out, since

expected battery back ups did not seem to work. Only quite old phones seemed to be working, if at all.

Since communications is such a big need during emergencies, the Commissioners are concerned and would like to see solutions pursued.

County Sheriff Darin Halverson requested approval to purchase and install an 800 mhz to VHF radio patching system.

"This will allow our fire VHF radio system to be patched with firefighters in different

fire departments who can then talk to each other from one radio to another," he said.

The Board authorized him to purchase the system. The cost is not to exceed \$7,000, and will come out of the Emergency Management budget.

County Land Commissioner Bruce Cox said the Long Lost Lake Area Association discussed two sites near Long Lost Lake with him that have historic significance for Clear-

County board...

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Community Calendar

Meeting The Gonvick American Legion Post #304 and Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion Cabin.

September 9th will be tailgating Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Boosters will be tailgating at the football field before the home football game on Friday, September 9th. Come and support the Bear Boosters and build your own burger for \$5.00. Serving from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. You can cheer on the Bears as they take on Norman County East, Ulen Hitterdahl that night. There will also be a sign up to be a Bear Booster for the 2016-2017 sports season.

Trail Blazers meeting Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be meeting on Monday, September 12th, 7:30 PM at the Side Track Tap Bar & Grill in Leonard.

To the Residents of Clover Township The regular meeting will be held at 5:30 pm Sept. 12, 2016 at the Clover Town Hall. Joel Wraa, Clerk R23-24C

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Sept. 7 - Mandarin Chicken, Fresh Fruit, Tomato Cucumber Salad, Muffin and Milk. Thurs. Sept. 7- Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Cranberry Garnish, Bread, Fruit Shortcake and Milk. Fri. Sept. 8 - Lasagna, Country Blend Veg., Garlic Bread, Bar and Milk. Mon. Sept. 12- Chicken Tetrazzini, Broccoli, Lettuce/Dressing, Bread, Tropical Fruit, and Milk. Tues. Sept. 13 - Lemon Pepper Fish, Baked Potato, Sour Cream, Creamed Peas, Bread, Pie and Milk. Wed. Sept. 14 - Birthday Meal - Sweet & Sour Pork, Rice, Oriental Veg., Fruit, Gelatin Whipped Topping and Milk. Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change. Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

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Maynard Thorson is turning 80!

Family and friends are invited for a Cake & Coffee Open House to help Maynard celebrate his 80th birthday. Saturday, Sept. 17 1:00-4:00 pm at the Leonard-Dudley Community Center in Leonard

Blood Drive September 20

The fall marks the beginning of spending time with family and friends, watching football, celebrating Thanksgiving, the Holidays, and the New Year. But for patients in need of blood, those moments can be filled with uncertainty as they fight illness, injury or heal from surgery. One way to give thanks for your health, and take care of those around you, is to donate blood. Every two to three seconds someone in this country needs blood. Hospitals don't close for holidays, and the need for blood never goes away. It can only come from a volunteer like you. The next area blood drive will be Tuesday, September 20th. The drive will be in the old high school Westrum Gym from 11 am to 5:30 pm. For an appointment contact: Janet Olson at 218-776-3741 or go to www.bloodhero.com, sponsors code clearbrook. To save time, donors can now fill out the health history Questionnaire online at www.unitedbloodservices.org the day of their donation. To donate blood, volunteers must be at least 26 years old (16 year old donors need a minor donor permit which is available online) and be in good health.

Elim Mission Friends meeting The Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday, Sept. 8th at 2:30 PM at Elim. Devotions will be by Ashley Krog. Hostesses are Clarice Boomgarden, Carol Kleppe and Roxanne Engebretson. Everyone is welcome!

Clearbrook Legion Supper September 13 Clearbrook Legion Membership Supper will be Tuesday, September 13th at 5:30 pm. Members and spouse welcome, as well as prospective. New Veterans are welcome. Meeting to Follow.

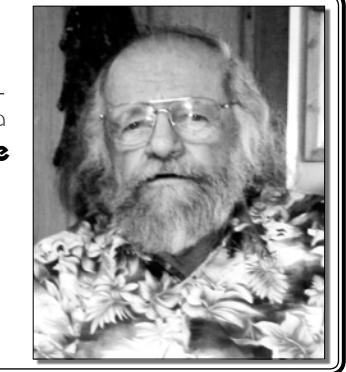
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I do have a handful of appointments still available. PLEASE CALL OR STOP IN if you need anything before September 15th.

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MORE FUN STUFF COMING BY CHRISTMAS TIME! 218-968-2207



Rally Sunday planned for September 11th Join us for Rally Day Sunday and an outdoor church service at Peter and Kathy Kjolhaug's at 12744 440th St, Clearbrook (across from Oak Park Church in Weme). September 11th, 2016 9:30 Adult and Children's Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service We will praise on the porch, play games, and have a picnic. Pulled pork sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share and a lawn chair.

Clearwater County Fair Calendar Winners Aug. 27 - Stephanie Jones, Portland, OR, \$20. Aug. 28 - Phil Johnson, Clearbrook, \$20. Aug. 29 - Norma Erickson, Clearbrook, \$20. Aug. 30 - Marilyn Ness, Fertile, \$20. Aug. 31 - Michael Weller, Shevlin, \$20. Sept. 1 - Kory Solberg, Gonvick, \$20. Sept. 2 - Tim Benesh, Aiea, HI, \$20.

Graveside Memorial Service for Betty Mason A memorial/interment service for Betty Mason, who died on June 15, 2016, will be held at her graveside on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. at East Zion Cemetery, Leonard. Pastor Bob Kirckman will officiate. Their children, Mike Mason, Monte Mason, and Merry Whipple, and their families, invite friends to join them to share memories of Betty and Monte. Light refreshments will be served at the cemetery following the service. Betty and Monte A. Mason were long-time summer residents at Clearwater Lake, enjoying their cabin from spring through deer-hunting season almost every year after Monte retired. They were among the first members of the Clearwater Lake Association, and loved being part of the Leonard-Clearbrook-Clearwater Lake community.



What started in 1948 when we were 16, on Kitty (Filar) Johnson's birthday, has continued for 68 years. It started back by loading up Carol (Hinman) Hallen's pickup at 5 AM and driving to Pine Lake to watch the sunrise and cook breakfast over a wood fire. Great memories and great friends. Pictured: Signe (Strandberg) Wagner, Charlotte (Stockman) Stoker, Vivian (Rhen) Roland, and Crystal (Anderson) Schmitz. Kitty seated in front row. Missing: Bunny (Peterson) Johnson and Yvonne (Benson) Woody, deceased.

Corinne Bustad... Continued from front page They had a ranch and there was a lot of organic peat which became more profitable to sell. Art was a contractor and Corinne took care of the house and was an actress at a dinner theater in Orlando. She was even an extra in a movie that was originally called "The Meal" but it was released in 1975 as "Deadly Encounter". She played the part of Audrey Minton. Leading actors in the movie were Dina Merrill, Carl Betz and Leon Ames. Their three children all live in Minnesota, son Marcus in Hastings, daughter Aana Bustad-Jahnke in Plymouth and son Jonas in Bemidji. They have two grandchildren Sarah and David. When living in Florida she always felt like a visitor and they moved back to Minnesota to the Twin Cities area where they sold real estate. When they purchased their home at Bemidji the street was called Busted and the couple had the name changed to Loon Song Lane. They didn't want to be a Bustad living on Busted. They enjoy their move to Bemidji where they have the smell of the pine trees and she was able to go back to her roots.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

PETAL Presentation The public is invited to attend a presentation by Jessica Dahl, RN and PETAL Coordinator from Sanford Medical Center, 2:00 p.m., Monday, September 12th at Faith Lutheran Church of Bagley. PETAL is Parents Embracing Time After Loss, an organization developed to help patients and their families cope with the physical and emotional aspect of a pregnancy loss or infant death. Join us in learning how you and PETAL can play an important role in supporting families at an extremely difficult time in their lives, a time of healing after the loss of their baby. A light lunch will follow the presentation. -Submitted

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning offers Day Trip One of the programs offered by Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning is a day trip to be a tourist in our very own backyard! This NELL trip will take participants to Itasca State Park. The bus (Bemidji Bus Lines) will leave from Bagley at 8:00 am and will return around 4pm. The day will include a fully guided tour of the 125 year-old park with stops at the Jacob V. Brower visitor's center, the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center, the Headwaters of the Mississippi, lunch at Douglas Lodge and a cruise on the Chester Charles II. You'll find out first hand why over a half a million visitors comes to Itasca each year. The cost is \$65, which includes bus, admission, lunch and ticket fees. If interested call Tamara 218-694-2856 (evenings) for more details. Reservations are required and \$65 must be paid by Saturday, September 24th. Make checks payable to NELL and send to NELL TRIP P.O. Box 585, Bagley, MN 56621 or pay at a NELL program. Please include a phone number or email so trip details can be sent to you prior to the trip.

Church News

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER Leonard, MN Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Adam Krog Wed., Sept. 7 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation; 6:30 p.m. Youth Group; 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Thurs., Sept. 8 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study and Prayer, 2:30 p.m. Mission Friends. Sun., Sept. 11 - 9:30 a.m. Rally Day Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service (outdoors) (all of the activities to be held at Pete Kjolhaug's home) 11:30 a.m. Potluck Picnic at Pete Kjolhaug's. 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 THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS - Clearbrook Branch 305 Lake Ave. E. Sacrament Meeting: 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Sunday School: 11:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Priesthood/Relief Society: 12:10-1:00 p.m.; Young Women's: 12:10-1:00 p.m.; Primary: 11:20 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Shop-at-the-Top's Summer Bag Sale ends Sat., Sept. 10. Our large bag - \$5; our small bag - \$3. Don't miss out! Recovery Support Group: Thurs., Sept. 8, 7:00 PM. Restarting, facilitated by Mindy Brodin is open to men & women. Second floor CWLC-Clearbrook site, 256 2nd Ave, SW. FREE. Confidential. Create It! Community Art Studios, CWLC-Gonvick: Creative Concrete w/LeAnne Walberg. Mondays in Sept. 6:30-8:30 PM. \$5/session. Everyone welcome! Join the fun. Youth Connection: for grades: 4-12 starting Oct. 4. More information coming next week. 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.adultdaysservicesgonvick.org and our Facebook pages.

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD Pastor Robert Kirckman Good Shepherd Wed., Sept. 7: 6:30 p.m. Clean Up/Work Day at the church - all help appreciated. Sun., Sept. 11: 9:00 am Worship/Communion/Honor First Responders Service*, 10:00 am Coffee Hour; 5:00 pm Fish Fry Potluck. Mon., Sept. 12: Paint the Hallways at the church - all help appreciated. Wed., Sept. 14: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice; 7:30 p.m. Handbell Practice. Joint Wed., Sept. 14: 6:00 a.m. Confirmation Our Savior's Sun., Sept. 11th: 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Service. Thurs., Sept. 15: 2:00 p.m. WELCA; 6:00 p.m. Church Council.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Verlyn Strenge Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway Clearbrook Thur., Sept. 8 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and prayer at the church. Sat., Sept. 10 - 7:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast and Bible Study at the church. Sun., Sept. 11 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Church Services.

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC Pastor Kris Snyder Cell: 218-358-0162 gonvickparish@gmail.com SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH Wed., Sept. 7 - 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study. Sun., Sept. 11 - 9:30 am Rally Sunday! Sunday School starts! 10:30 AM Worship Service. Noon - Parish potluck with confirmation orientation. 2:00 p.m. Youth group Shooting Sports. UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH Sun., Sept. 11 - 9:00 AM Worship Service. 10:00 am Rally Sunday! Sunday School starts!

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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth Wed, Sept. 7: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. Sat, Sept. 10: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. Sun, Sept. 11: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS. 8:30 a.m. Oak Park SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. Dinner to follow. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth SS. 11:00 Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor www.newjourneyfosston.com Wed, Sept. 7: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. Thu, Sept. 8: 12:00 p.m. Rotary. Sun, Sept. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Tues, Sept. 13: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. Wed, Sept. 14: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister Sun, Sept. 11: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. Wed, Sept. 14: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor Sun, Sept. 11: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Secretary of State - Steve Simon visits northwestern counties to get the word out - VOTE!

Steve Simon, Secretary of State for Minnesota has been traveling to all 87 counties in Minnesota to get the word out - VOTE!

On Thursday, Simon visited with 6 counties: Kittson at Hallock City Hall; Marshall County with Auditor/Treasurer Scott Peters; Violence Intervention Project in TRF (Pennington County); Inter-County Community Council (CCC) in Oklee, Red Lake County; Polk County with Elections Administrator Michelle Cote in Crookston, and with the Ada Chamber of Commerce (Norman) at the Ada City Council meeting rooms.

In Oklee while visiting at ICCC, Simon spoke to a group of Headstart/Early Childhood educators about the importance of getting the word out to their clients, on how easy it is to vote.

Simon talked about the voting rules that make it easy for everyone to make their vote count.

Minnesota was number 1 for voter turnout for 9 elections in a row and at the last election, we dropped to 6th place. Simon is hoping by getting the word out to VOTE, Minnesota could once again be first in voter turnout.

Minnesota took the "Excuse" on of the Absentee Ballots. In the past you had to list a reason why you needed an Absentee Ballot. Two years ago the

Excuse was removed.

How easy it is now to register to vote in Minnesota.

In order to vote in Minnesota you must be:

- a U.S. citizen
- at least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days.
- Finished with all parts of any felony sentence.

Go to mnvotes.org for more eligibility information.

Minnesota is one of the states where you can register the day of the election.

To register at your polling place on Election Day, bring one proof of residence with current address:

- Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID; or a receipt for any of these.
- Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature.

If you have moved you can bring a Photo ID and a document with current name and address

Approved photo IDs (choose one). The ID can be expired.

- Driver's license, state ID or learner's permit issued by any state
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military or Veteran ID
- Tribal ID with name, signature and photo
- Minnesota university, college or technical college ID
- Minnesota high school ID

Approved documents (choose one). Can be shown on electronic device.

- Bill, account or start-of-service statement due or dated within 30 days of the election for:
- Phone, TV or internet
- Solid waste, sewer, electric, gas or water
- Banking or credit card
- Rent or mortgage
- Residential lease or rent agreement valid through Election Day
- Current student fee statement

Registered voter who can confirm your address

A registered voter from your precinct can go with you to the polling place to sign an oath confirming your address. This is known as 'vouching.' A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters. You cannot vouch for others if someone vouched for you.

College student ID with housing list

Colleges and universities send election officials a student housing list. If you are on the list, show your college photo ID to complete your registration.

Valid registration in the same precinct

If you are registered in the precinct but changed names or moved within the same precinct, you only need to tell the election judge your previous



Steve Simon - Minnesota Secretary of State

name or address.

Notice of Late Registration

If you registered to vote within 20 days of the election, you may get a Notice of Late Registration in the mail. Bring it with you and use it as your proof of residence to register.

Staff person of a residential facility

If you live in a residential facility, a staff person can go with you to the polling place to confirm your address. This is known as 'vouching.' A staff person can vouch for all eligible voters living in the facility.

The staff person must prove their employment at the facility. There are several ways to do this, including by showing an employee badge. Learn more.

Or you can register online by going to mnvotes.org. Just click on "Register to Vote" and follow the instructions.

Other information is also available on the mnvotes.org site. Under the Election Day Voting icon, is information on election dates, where to vote, how to vote, voter assistance, voter rights and polling place rules.

Under Other Ways to Vote is how to vote early by absentee ballot, vote from the military or abroad, and how to vote in a mail ballot precinct.

And if you want to know who is running in your area, go to "What's On My Ballot?" and you can get a copy of your ballot so you can study he candidates and see who filed for office.

And from this site there are a couple of links to the August 9 primary election results, how to get involved and how elections work.

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Action this weekend...

The Gonvick Legion Fish fry is this Saturday night. No bingo at Shorty's Place in Gully this Saturday as they will be having the Wedding Dance for Samantha and Nate. Pat and Dave will be playing from 5 to 9 at the Trail's End bar.

A reminder that we collect used eye glasses in our office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. We do this for the Gonvick Lions Club and they are put to very good use.

We have tickets again for the Renaissance Festival which runs until October 2. Call to the Leader-Record at 487-5225 and answer the question, "What year did Dick and I take over the Leader-Record?" Tickets will be yours and there is also free parking. Where but up north can you get free parking at events in the Cities!

Firearms and muzzle-loader hunters who want to harvest antlerless deer in a

deer permit area designated as lottery this hunting season are reminded they must purchase their license and apply for an antlerless permit by Thursday, Sept. 8. More information on deer permit areas and special hunts is available in the 2016 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook, found online at www.mndnr.gov/hunting/deer.

From my mail... Joke Time..

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice,

"Who was THAT?"

Regional Ag News

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Extension Studies The Benefits Of Keeping Live Plants In Otherwise Fallow Crop Fields

Cover crops—alfalfa, radishes, turnips, and more—have historically been grown after corn or other crops that are harvested in the fall, or anytime the ground is bare. For several years now, an increasing number of farmers have embraced cover crops as a way to anchor the soil so it won't erode and wash away and to prevent weeds.

It isn't always easy to grow cover crops in cold climates. New research is helping farmers determine what to grow, when to plant and what the full range of benefits includes.

Jill Sackett Eberhart, a University of Minnesota Extension crops educator, says research activity accelerated in Southeast Minnesota with participation from watershed managers. Besides preventing erosion, it appeared that the organic matter dying plants add to the soil helps a field absorb heavy rains without the water escaping to the nearest watershed.

But research was lacking, so Scotty Wells, an Extension agronomist and assistant professor, began carrying out replicated trials on multiple farms. Learning tours were also part of the strategy.

"Cover crops help," says Dean Thomas, a watershed manager in Fillmore County. "It's not the only thing that helps, but Scotty's been sharing the data and it's really caught people's attention."

"The advice I've been taking is to keep a living root in the soil as close to year-round as I can," says Jerry Ackermann, a participating farmer in Jackson County. The Ackermanns have been concerned about pollution problems in nearby Heron Lake and want to make sure they are doing their part to help.

Jerry and Nancy Ackermann have been involved with other Extension research projects, including a major research project with Jeff Coulter, Extension corn agronomist, and Liz Stahl, Extension crops educator based in Worthington. That study found that growing alfalfa reduces the need for nitrogen fertilizer for corn grown in the same field the year following an alfalfa crop.

"All of the years of itty-bitty cover crop projects have led to where we are now," says Eberhart. "The farmers who have collaborated on the research have certainly had some hassle

factors to deal with, but they've also seen some of their own ideas put to the test and made a part of this whole new body of knowledge."

For detailed information go to the U of M Extension "Minnesota Crop News" home page and search for cover crops.

Source: U of M Extension Source magazine

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Detected In Minnesota Soybean

The brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) was recently detected for the first time in Minnesota soybean. A single adult specimen was collected in sweep net samples from a soybean field in Dakota County on August 17, 2016. Follow-up sampling of that same field performed on August 25, 2016 did not detect any additional BMSB. This invasive pest of Asian origin uses piercing-sucking mouth parts to feed on developing soybean pods and seeds. In more easterly states, this insect has caused significant yield losses to soybean and other crops. In Minnesota, we are unaware of any fields with densities of stink bugs near treatable levels; therefore, we do not envision any insecticide treatments being needed for this pest at this time. The intent of this article is to alert you to the presence of this new invader, which could become a threat to Minnesota crops in the near future. Further information on BMSB and other stink bugs in soybean can be found in "Stink bugs in Minnesota Soybean."

BMSB is about ½-inch long, with marbled-brown coloration. BMSB looks similar to some of the native stink bug species, but can be distinguished by the light-colored bands on the antennae and the alternating dark-light pattern on the edge of the abdomen. In addition, the veins of the membranous parts of the front wings of BMSB are outlined in black, but this can be difficult to see.

As populations of BMSB increase in Minnesota, it may become more frequently encountered in crops. BMSB feeds on many species of plants, including soybean, corn and a diversity of fruits and vegetables. Recent research by our team has confirmed that maturity groups of soybean grown in Minnesota are susceptible to feeding injury by BMSB and that this injury can result in reductions in soybean yield and seed quality, and delayed plant maturity. Scouting recommendations for BMSB are to use sweep-net sampling during pod and seed development of soybean. The abundance of stink bugs is often greater on field edges, so scouting should include locations on field edges and the interior. Treatment decisions should be based on the combined counts of stink bug nymphs and adults in the sweep samples. Thresholds for treatment are 10 bugs per 25 sweeps for soybean grown for grain, and 5 bugs per 25 sweeps for soybean grown for seed. Again, we are not aware of any fields with stink bug densities near treatable levels.

BMSB was first detected in the United States in the mid-1990's and now occurs in more than 40 states. In Minnesota, BMSB has been detected as a household invader (much like boxelder bugs and Asian lady bugs) dating back to 2010. The distribution of BMSB in Minnesota can be found on the MDA's BMSB webpage.



Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Sept. 7- Lasagna, WG Breadstick, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Thurs. Sept. 8- Corndog, Potato Smiles, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Fri. Sept. 9- Grilled Chicken on W/G Bun, Sweet Potato Puffs, Fresh Fruit and Veg-

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

etable Choices, Milk.

Mon. Sept. 12 - Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Tues. Sept. 13 - Taco Soup, WG Tortilla Chips, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Wed. Sept. 14 - Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli, WG Breadstick, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

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East Zion Cemetery Walk

By Becky Colebank

Our Savior's Lutheran of Leonard hosted its first cemetery walk at East Zion Cemetery in Dudley Township on Sunday, August 28. Many area residents gathered to hear about the lives of the earliest settlers in the East Zion area. Volunteers, some dressed according to the times, stood at the headstones of 11 early settlers and read their life histories. Featured were Nellie Searle McCrehin, Malla Johnson, Mike Gorze, Helena Tollefson, Fred Ehlers, Andrew Mogster, Erick Monson, Lillie Kleven, Andrew Anderson and George and Winnie Boorman.

The East Zion congregation came into existence some time in the late 1890s when the Reverend Leonard Kringle held services in the homes of several homesteaders in the area. Andrew Mogster donated the land where the church and cemetery are located, and the congregation donated the logs and labor. The first service in the newly erected building

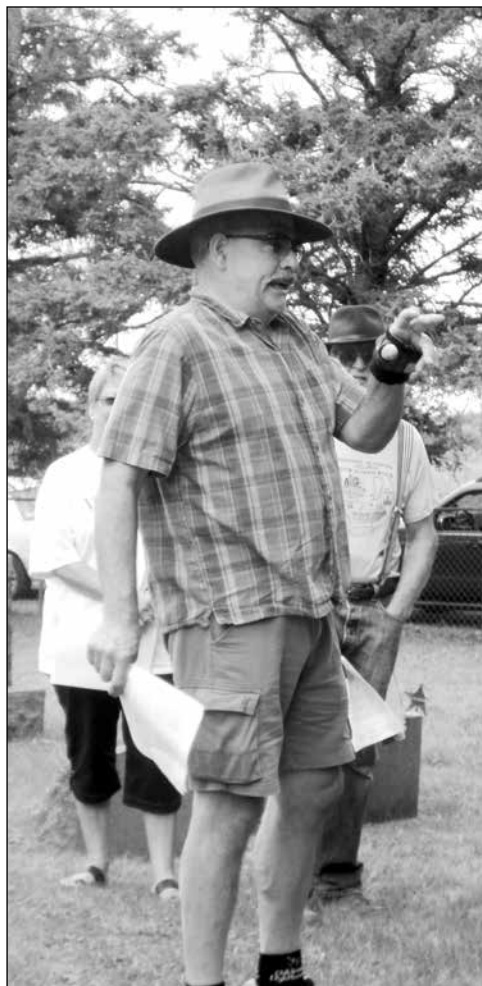
was held in February of 1916. It was probably the second church built in what is now Clearwater County.

The church officers that year were Andrew Mogster, Ole Matson, John Watnefjord, J. Svalstand, Erick Monson and Ole Berge.

By 1930 there were only four families left in East Zion since other congregations had sprung up in the area. The members voted to rent the Zion church building in Leonard for two Sundays a month for \$40 per year. In 1945 East Zion merged with Norway Lake and became the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. The building hasn't been used since 1930 but it is in fairly good shape yet, with the altar and the rail still intact. Our Savior's will discuss a plan to apply to the National Park Service to have the building placed on the National Register of Historic Places at its annual meeting in January. This would provide some funds to restore the building and keep it well-preserved.



Becky Colebank moderated the event and wrote all the life histories with help from George Boorman's book "The History of the City of Leonard and Dudley Township," obituaries and ancestry.com.



Mike Mason told about the long history the Mason family has with East Zion Cemetery, with many members of the extended family buried there.



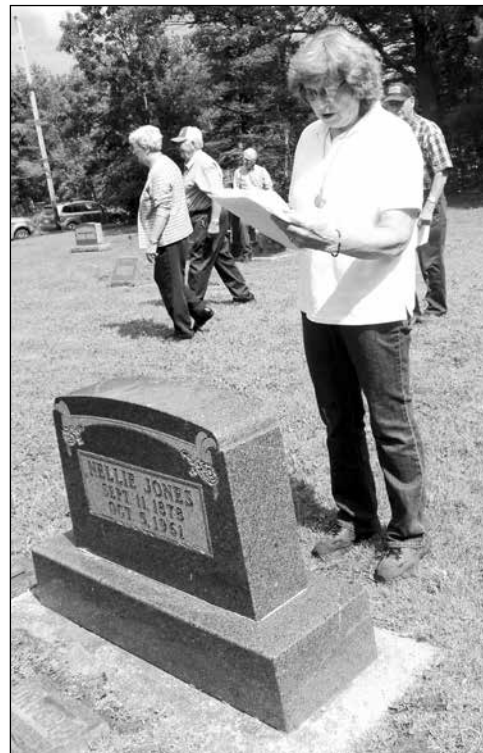
Larry Djernes read the life history of Andrew Anderson, who came to Minnesota from Sweden in 1900 and who, along with his wife Annie, farmed in Dudley and Sinclair Townships.



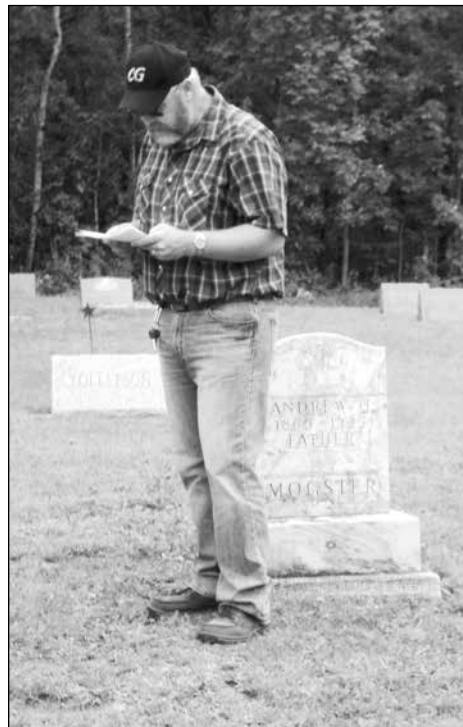
Reuben and Judy Boorman told about the lives of Reuben's parents George and Winnie Boorman. George Boorman was a local historian who wrote "Life on a Log Drive" and an extensive history of Leonard and Dudley Township. Judy is wearing the autographed Wellstone T-shirt that was so prized by Winnie.



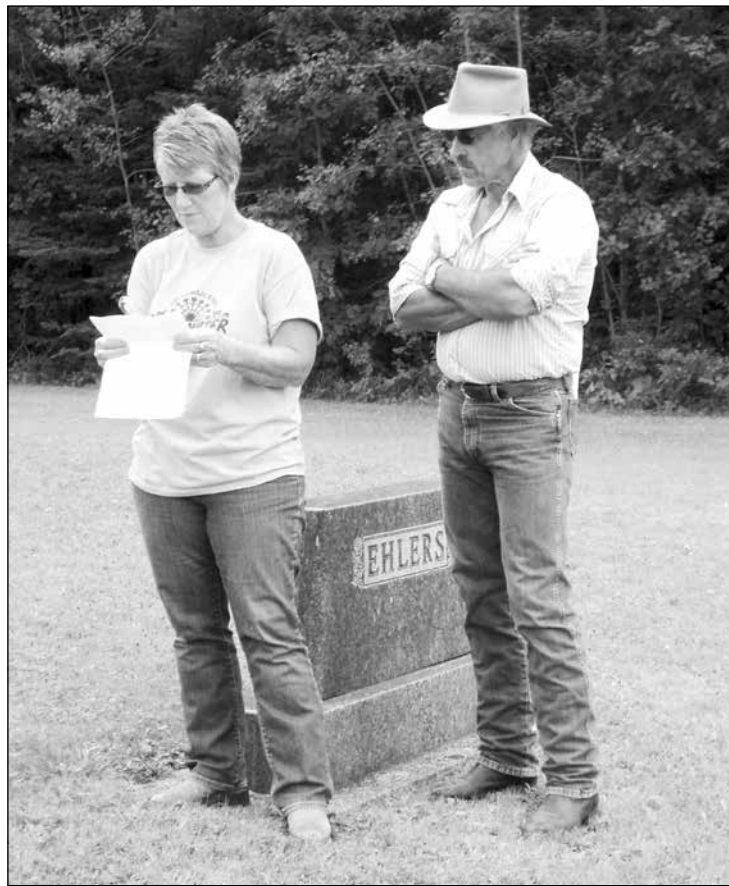
Melanie Paulson read the life story of Helena Tollefson. Helena's dad Martin Willborg homesteaded a 160-acre farm in the very southern part of Eddy Township in 1896. He established a tiny village there which he named Willborg after himself. The federal government appointed him postmaster of Willborg in October of 1897, then in 1904 he began serving as Judge of Probate in Bagley.



Carol McCrehin Sundquist read the life story of her grandmother, Nellie Searles McCrehin Jones. Nellie grew up on a 160-acre claim about five miles from Lake Itasca and had many stories of the hardships of living in untamed timber country.



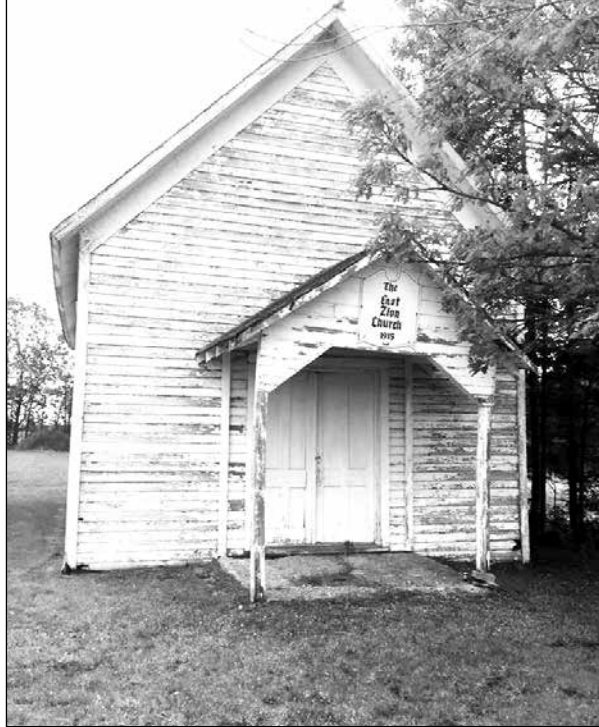
Virgil Tronnes read Andrew Mogster's story. Andrew was one of the earliest settlers in the area, filing a claim on a homestead in Dudley Township Section 11 in 1896. He donated the land for the District 31 school and for East Zion church and cemetery.



Tammie Ehlers read the life story of the first Fred Ehlers to settle in the area. He was born in Hanover Germany in 1861 and came to Dudley Townships in 1897 to homestead 160 acres of land currently owned by Jonathan Auker. He farmed, worked at Headquarters Lumber Camp, and helped to establish the Leonard Co-op Creamery in 1916.



Loretta Bjerke read the unusual life story of Lillie Kleven. Ms. Kleven was a Lieutenant in WWII, then worked for the Far East Branch of the United States Information Agency's Cultural Information Division establishing libraries in Asia and Australia. Her extensive collection of prints, including a Toulouse-Lautrec, is kept by Bemidji State University and exhibited regularly in the Talley Gallery.



The East Zion church building which was built in 1915 and is still standing.



Russell Johnson of Debs related some of the interesting details about his ancestors in East Zion.



Elwood Johnson on the left read the story of his grandmother, Malla Johnson. Malla married Norwegian immigrant Ole Johnson in 1886 and moved to Dudley Township in 1917. Malla was known for fiercely protecting her chickens and for the big rounds of lefse she made atop her cast iron wood stove. With him is his wife Ardell and Duane Johnson.



Ken Brein read the story of Erick Monson. Erick was a Norwegian immigrant who came to America in 1884, then north to settle just west of Andrew Mogster in 1896. He was a progressive farmer who was one of the organizers of East Zion.



Monica Reichert and her friend Bailey Braatz both served as S.O.S. leaders at the beginning of classes at the University of Minnesota at Crookston.

Monica Reichert, Clearbrook Served as SOS Leader during Orientation at the U of M Crookston

S.O.S. Leaders are volunteer students who help welcome new students to campus during orientation weekend at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Orientation weekend was held Friday through Monday, August 19 -22, 2016, but for S.O.S. Leaders began preparation much earlier. Through

team building activities and important training, S.O.S. Leaders are ready to assist students and their families during this transitional weekend.

Monica Reichert, Clearbrook, was one of 27 students who served as an S.O.S. Leader at the U of M Crookston.

Research indicates that students who attend orientation perform better in college and are more likely to graduate than those who do not attend. Orientation is required of all new students on the Crookston campus.

One of the highlights of the weekend is "Meet Crookston through Service held on Sat-

urday morning, August 20. Students are introduced to the Crookston community and the region through service projects that include washing fire trucks and community clean up to removing invasive species and packing boxes at the local food bank. The S.O.S. Leaders take charge of their particular orientation group to work on these projects.

The final day of orientation is filled with computer check out, meeting with advisors, and discovering what students need to know before the start of the semester. Classes at the U of M Crookston began on Tuesday, August 23.



Monica Reichert on the left played bingo at a Crookston Nursing Home.



Shirley Graftaas, of Gonvick said, "I know that God was watching over me last night because this is what is left of my Ford Explorer. I was rear ended by a semi loaded with cattle as I was turning into a gas station in Mahnomen. They had to cut me out and I escaped with no broken bones or cuts. The patrols and EMT's say they cannot believe it. I am one lucky gal. Thank you God."



Waubun Fire Department and Mahnomen Fire Department responded to the semi vs SUV accident in Mahnomen on Monday, August 29, 2016. Everyone is ok including the 27 head of cattle. Crews were out for about 5.5 hours working at the site. Good job guys. Photo by Waubun and Mahnomen Fire Departments.

Friday night out was Southern cooking

The Clearwater Life Center in Gonvick is featuring Friday Night Out the first Friday of every month. On Friday, September 2 they had authentic Louisiana Southern Creole cooking. Alvin "Bubba" Brooks from Independence, Louisiana was busy cooking the jambalaya for the evening event.

Brooks is working in Clearbrook at the present time with Koch Pipeline. He is a Site Safety Manager with Talon Industries. He is based out of

Arlington, Texas. During his time here he rented a classroom at the Clear Water Life Center to put on his classroom training sessions.

His home in Louisiana is now suffering from the '1,000-year' rain in 2 days. Independence is in Tangipahoa Parish with a population of over 1,700. His home has water up to the foundation and thank goodness he does not have a basement.

Brooks is a member of Shriners International. An honor-

Letter to the Editor

A Man Who Doesn't Give Up...

The purpose of this letter is to help the area get to know a man I'm honored to call a friend. Matt Grossell, who is running for the Minnesota House of Representatives District 2A. I have known Matt for seven years. I first came to know him professionally, working together in the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. Now residing as neighbors in the city of Clearbrook I have gotten to know him even better, as a friend and an active member in the community. He is an Army veteran as well as a retired law enforcement officer. Something few people know is that Matt was shot and severely wounded in the line of duty. He didn't roll over and give up. Matt went through rehab and continued to protect and serve this region for many more years. I know he wouldn't use that information for personal gain. I share it only to show his strength of character and dedication to overcoming any challenge. I believe he will take these same attributes to the capital. As a fellow veteran, community member and voter I fully support Matt Grossell for the Minnesota House of Representatives District 2A. Thank you Matt for stepping up again.

- Dan Gazelka Clearbrook,

Matt Grossell Scores Major Endorsements In House Race

MN Farm Bureau, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, and MCCL PACs Make Endorsements

Republican legislative candidate Matt Grossell today announced that he secured three major endorsements in his race for the state Legislature. Grossell, who is running for the open District 2A seat, recently earned the backing of the Minnesota Farm Bureau PAC, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Leadership Fund PAC, and the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life PAC.

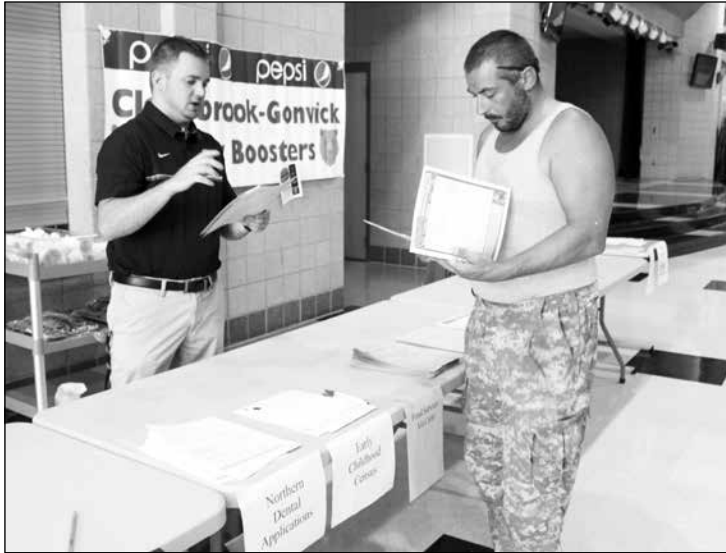
"I'm honored to have the support of these organizations that believe in making Minnesota a better place to live and raise a family," said Grossell. "I'm running for office to make a difference: to tackle rising healthcare costs, give middle class families a break from high taxes, and make sure that Minnesota families get their fair share. The support of these great organizations, we're one step closer to victory in November."

"Matthew Grossell is a champion of the business community, and our PAC's endorsement recognizes his hard work on behalf of Minnesota employers and employees," said Bill Blazar, Treasurer of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Leadership Fund PAC. "Matthew is committed to economic growth and job creation in Minnesota - voting for Matthew is a vote for a brighter economic future for residents of House District 02A and for Minnesota." Blazar added.

Grossell is the endorsed Republican candidate to replace Rep. Dave Hancock, who announced his retirement earlier this year. He is running against DFLer Jerry Loud.

Gonvick American Legion #304 Bingo

Thursdays - Warm-ups 6:45 pm. Regular session 7:00 pm



Parents were given information from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Principal Jeff Burgess at orientation day.

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Stirring the Creole Jambalaya for the Friday Night Out event at Clear Water Life Center in Gonvick were from left to right: Alvin "Bubba" Brooks, Alvins son Michael Brooks, Becky Dorman, Darien Northup and Robin Maasjo, all with Clear Waters Life Center.



Christan Erickson and Braela Stalberger were busy getting quarters out of the saw dust pile that was set up during Leonard Hard Times Bash. Corey and Sue Westrum from Town and Country Car Wash and the Leonard Hard Times Bash committee contributed \$100 each in coins for the dig.



These three were getting ready for the big day in Leonard for the Hard Times Bash. Dee's Cafe in Leonard had specials inside and a grill going outside for the many who attended the event. Shown to the left are Deanna Durkin and her son Gunner Hartman. Above is her daughter Ericka Chwialkowski.



Sandy Mootz and Karen Djernes checking out the events that were going on as part of the Leonard Hard Times celebration.



Marilee Westrum busy stirring the potato salad that the ladies from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Leonard were serving during the Leonard Hard Times Bash.



Amy, Jayne and Jacey Tronnes were in charge of the cupcake walk that Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Leonard had during Hard Times Bash.

Leonard Hard Times Bash



Tammie Ehlers announcing the parade participants for the Leonard Hard Times Bash.



Brin Rude was one of the 23 children who won a bicycle at the Leonard Hard Times Bash. Below is Hayden Hood.



Harvey Miller was off to call the Bingo numbers at the Leonard Hard Times Bash. After the parade the rain came down so it was a good time to have the games inside.



The rain stopped for the evening events at the Leonard Hard Times Bash. Dinner was being prepared by Country Inn Bar & Grill with serving under the Pavilion.



Drawing for the 23 bicycles that were given away during Leonard Hard Times Bash. Donations were given by Josh Hoyde, Dee and Milo Durkin, DJ TeHennepe and Jackson Hewitt.



These three young ladies had to find something to put their candy in after the Hard Times Bash parade.



When the rain came down at the Leonard Hard Times Bash everyone was looking for shelter. Thank goodness it did not last all day.



Gayle Lofthus and Betty Bardwell in the Leonard Hard Times Bash.



Dee's Cafe in Leonard had a busy day during the Leonard Hard Times Bash. Keeping the cafe going and having Ericka Chwialkowski drive in the parade with other family members.



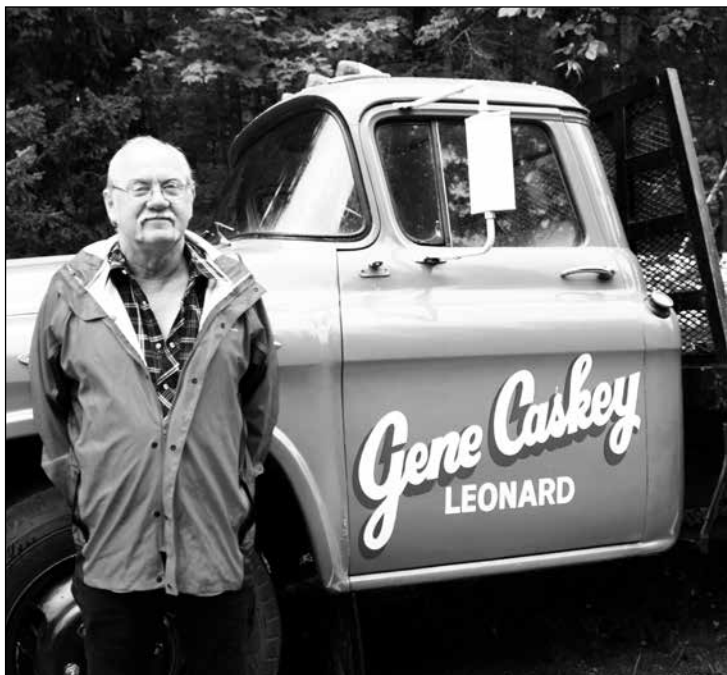
Brady and Carter Dyrdahl waiting for the start of the Leonard Hard Times Bash. Dyrdahl Construction is located in downtown Leonard. They are ready to serve your needs by calling 968-2200.



Carrying the colors for the Leonard Hard Times Bash Parade was Kirah Otting. She takes pride in her horse Jade.



Lots of candy was given out at the Leonard Hard Times Bash parade.



Randy Caskey with this 1957 Chev. that was in the Leonard Hard Times Bash. He restored the truck and it is owned by Scott Anderson.



Lexie Lofgren took part in the Leonard Hard Times Bash. She has "Off the Tracks Grooming and More" at Leonard for all your pet needs. With her in the Ranger were her son Corbin and Trula the dog.



Jered Caskey drove his truck in "Loving Memory of his Grandpa Gene Caskey" in the Leonard Hard Times Bash.



Ryan Rude and Ethan Dunker represented the Clearbrook Fire Department in the Leonard Hard Times Bash that was held recently.



What does Ben Nelson do in his spare time. He builds a car that he can drive. He built it from the ground up from pieces and parts from his dad junk yard. It is a 1928 Model A Ford and 100% Ford parts.



A top fuel dragster accelerates from a standstill to 100 miles per hour in as little as 0.8 seconds. But this dragster built by Bruce Marsh and his son Dusty does not even come close to that with its small engine. Shown are Jamey O'Beirne and Sarah Dahler.

Tribute to Underground Utility Construction Company Founders, Employees and Families



Jill Torgerson, gave the invocation at the founders recognition held at the Clear Waters Life Center.



Cheryl Grover who represented Enbridge stated that 54% of the tax base is paid by utility companies. She thanked the founders and laborers from Enbridge.



Wayne Wilde, had a desire to do things. He graduated from Thief River Falls. He ended up in the military where he was in the Signal Corps. It was very important training for his work for Northern Pipeline. Darold Faldorf offered him a job after his military. They had two trailer houses in Gonvick when they started. He had always a dream to go out on his own and people like Noel Coon inspired him. He started Wilde Construction and sold to MasTec.



Joan Lee, Polk County Commissioner, knew pipeline welders and they have a closeness with a support system from their families. She stressed the economic impact that the pipeline business has on the area.



Lauris Krogstad, Mayor of Gonvick for ten years, appreciated Vance Norgaard for selecting the community to honor employees of the underground construction companies.



Ken Brien, who was a past business agent for the Local 49'ers Union, had worked with many in attendance at the founders recognition held at the Clear Waters Life Center.

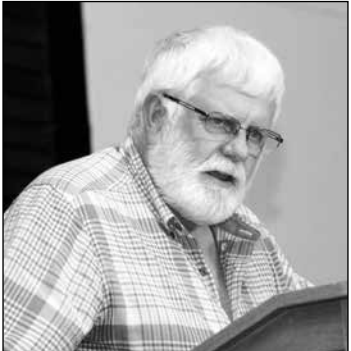
Sheryll Torgerson, started working for Northern Pipeline in their earliest days. There were four families that ended up working in Hurley, Wisconsin. Noel and his family, Darold Faldorf and his family, Al Sather and Wayne and Sheryll Torgerson.



Senator Rod Skoe, stated that the time and energy of these area companies add wealth to the economy of the area. They increase the tax base and the jobs that people create.



Sue Mills, worked for Northern Pipeline for 38 years. She wrote all the checks. She had an important job. She had two years of college and two children when she started working. The job provided her with an enriched education that was worth more than a four-year degree. Noel and Patty started the company and with wonderful workers it would not have happened.



Dan Stenseng, Clearwater County Commissioner stated that companies that are awarded contracts for work in the area helps the tax base that support local governments. He stated that the work of the pipeline companies has advanced our lives.



Troy Torgerson, owner of North Central Service now located in Bemidji took over from his father Wayne. Wayne had been working at the Sun Plant in Gonvick and he convinced Noel Coon that if he could make a motorcycle out of a lawn mower engine and a bicycle then he could run a backhoe. He began working for Northern Pipeline.



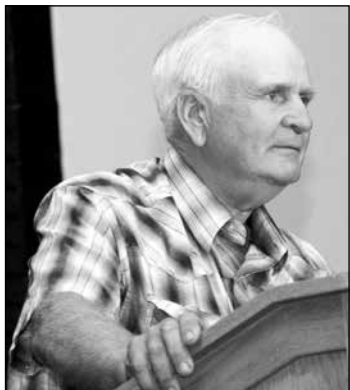
Dave Sovde, had been working in Indiana and he received a call from Gonvick. It was Noel Coon and he wanted him to come to work for Northern Pipeline Construction. He always wondered how he got his number in Indiana. He worked there until he started Sovde Construction in Bemidji in 1976.



Jandi Theis of Bagley spoke about the families that were left behind as the workers went off to various places to do their job.



Jim Gustafson said that he was crabby a lot but that there were always good people that worked for Northern and for the company that he helped to start.



Dave Rongstad, gave up a job for NSP that he had been working for eleven years. Wayne Torgerson convinced him to come to work for Northern Pipeline. After a few years he started another company Aconite.



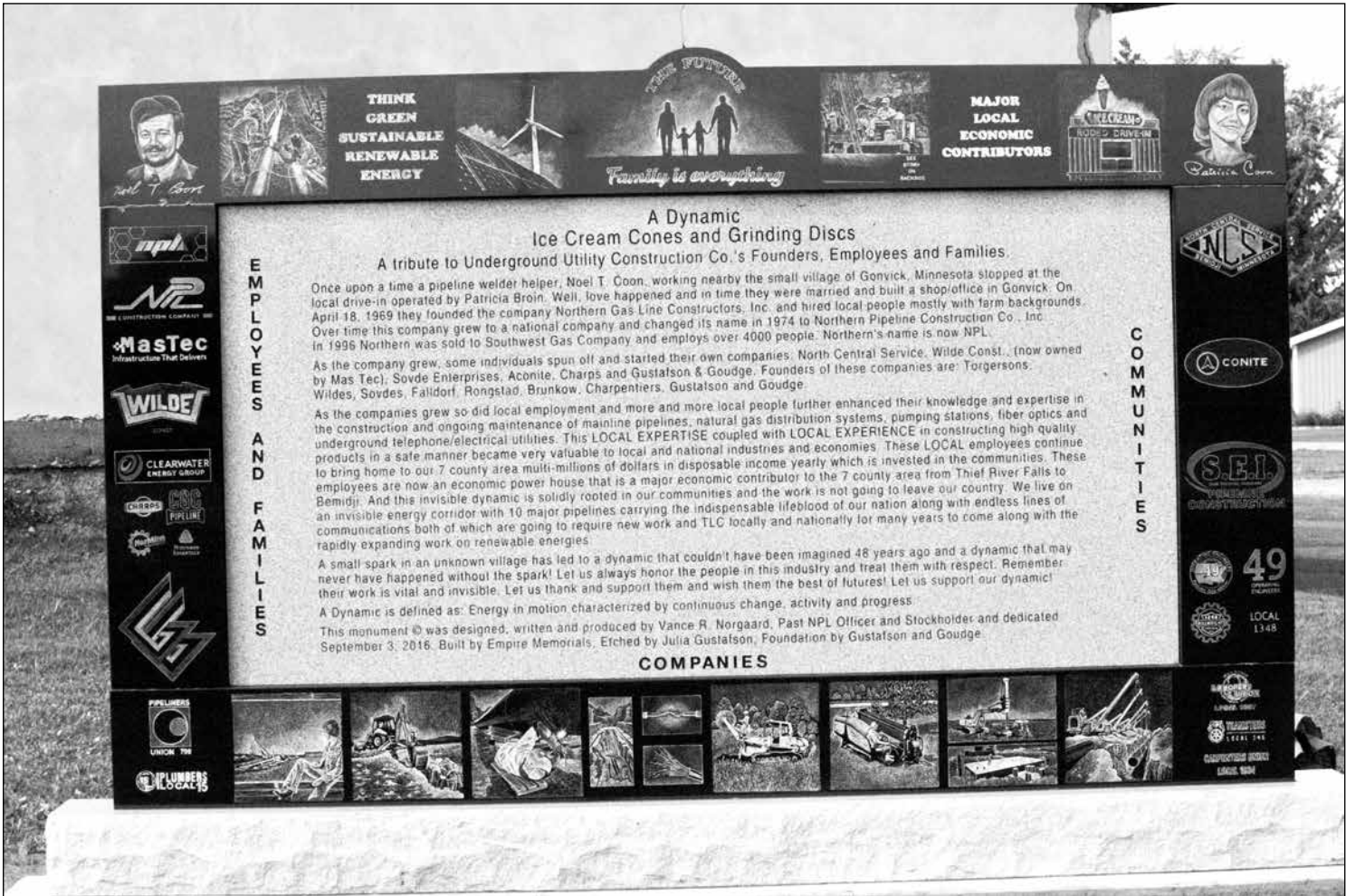
Paul Gustafson stated that his dad Jim took a chance to start working with Northern and then he took a gamble when they started their own business, Gustafson and Goudge Construction. He and Dylan Goudge are the second generation to be working with G and G.



Mary Pollet, from Texas spoke about her little brother. He was born on March 3, 1942 and she got to name him. She thought he would be an entrepreneur at a very early age. He would dig up the rose bushes with his Tonka toys. He bought a fox hole shovel for 39 cents and when the water lines were coming through their town he sold it to the company for \$1.25. In 1963 he met Patricia Broin and brought Patty to Texas. We loved her. His older brother Coy introduced him to the welding business. The people that Noel has helped and all the lives he has touched. She came to visit Noel and he put her to work on a pipeline project down in Florida. She felt that her life was enriched by it and it helped her get through some rough times.



The last speaker before the unveiling of the monument was Judge Anne McKeig, who was recently appointed to the Minnesota Supreme Court by the governor. She was born in Federal Dam and is the first American-Indian to serve. She was there because her father had been a 49'er. He never worked a non-union job. In 1974 their house burned and they appreciated all that the 49'er's did to help them.



This monument was designed, written and produced by Vance R. Norgaard, past NPL Office and Stockholder and dedicated September 3, 2016. Built by Empire Memorials, Etched by Julia Gustafson, Foundation by Gustafson and Goudge. It is located as you enter Main Street in Gonvick from Highway 92.

Commissioner Dan Stenseng sheds light on potential wetland acquisition problems

By Karen Edelbach
Lynn Sebek and Neil Powers from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service visited the August 30, 2016 meeting of the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners, bringing three wetland designation requests from property owners in the county. They are Terry Crosby for 17 acres, Daryl Nelson for 43.9 acres, and Scott Gesell for 13.9 acres.

Commissioner Dan Stenseng, who represents District 5 in Clearwater County, gave a presentation to the Board, Ms. Sebek, Mr. Powers, and Engineer Sauvé who was also in attendance, regarding the location of the wetlands U.S. Fish & Wildlife wish to acquire, and some of the potential problems some of the locations present. His purpose was to emphasize the way the area in which he lives (Holst Township) is impacted by various water flow from dams they create, the resulting ice sheets melting in spring, and the likelihood of flooding of driveways and fields in the area.

“We have a natural order, that I don't think should be disrupted,” Commissioner Stenseng said. “There is a natural progression from the beaver dams, to grasses, then reforested wetlands, where ash and elm grow in a healthy wetland, and wildlife.”

He played a recording of a recently heard “Marsh Wren” found to be in his home area, which he feels is present because of this natural vegetation.

He used a variety of photos of the areas in which the wetlands are located, including some of his own property, to show the route where waters flow, and where they have encroached on his driveway, as



US F & W Neil Powers o the left and and Lynn Sebek on the right.

well as others, and one of his fields most recently.

It was found that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife had already constructed dams in the area located on the Nelson property built a month and a half ago, before the request was even approved by the county, causing the newest problem of partially flooding his field, making it inaccessible for harvest, and also onto the Township road.

Dan Stenseng has a long history of what has happened in the area throughout the years, as he has been a lifelong resident in that area of the county.

“The first government project done here was in the early 1970s, when a dam was constructed on the main stem of that watershed creek. That dam washed out in six months,” he said. “It was an absolute total public disaster.

“The second government

project was a pool, (Noland Pond) that is always full, all the time.

A tremendous amount of water goes in and out of there at times. The beavers plug the pipe the County put in the pond, and the Highway Department needs to physically remove the debris constantly so the water flows. In a year like this a lot of water freezes in the creek bed in winter, creating ice sheets which plug up driveways and culverts of the county road.”

Stenseng stressed to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife personnel the importance of understanding what happens when changes are made through wetland acquisition and resulting dams that may be installed.

“We have heard Dan's story, and the problems he is facing on his property,” Commissioner Dean Newland concluded. “But we don't know the effects on

other properties – we may not know until 10 years down the line.”

Commissioner Newland asked if there are any environmental impact statements done regarding the work they do on the wetlands and whether any permits were required as a federal government entity. Neil Powers said no statements are made, and they are exempt from permits. When asked if any complaints were received, he said there haven't been any.

“We offer the opportunity to protect wildlife, for example that Marsh Wren, and the wetlands, giving more security from failure of beaver dams. We've worked with Clearwater County since 1970, and have restored more than 2000 wetland areas,” Mr. Powers said.

Ms. Sebek said most restorations cost less than \$1000.

Mr. Powers thanked Commissioner Stenseng for the articulate job he did of presenting his concerns.

“We do not wish to be adversarial, but maintain a positive relationship with Clearwater County which they have attempted to work toward in the past,” Powers stated.

The requests for the Nelson acreage, and the Gesell acreage were both approved by the Commissioners, however the Crosby request was denied with a vote of one yes by Commissioner Neal Illies, and four votes against it from Commissioners John Nelson, Arlen Syverson, Stenseng and Newland.

Ms. Sebek said the Land Exchange Board has the final say about the denied request, and the Clearwater County Board will be informed when the meeting will take place, probably in December or March, so they can attend.

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water County's early logging and lumbering industry. In cooperation with the Clearwater County Historical Society, they are interested in developing the site of the old Levenson Mill located at the junction of McKenzie and Perkins Roads northwest of the lake; and the site of the Nichols-Chisholm Lumber Company round house located near the junction of Anchor-Hill Road and County Road 39.

The development would include a small parking area, removal of trees to make a trail to a viewing site, installing signage at each site to mark the name and eventually include historic photos and narrative about the site, and provide annual mowing to insure access to the sites by visitors. The Commissioners were in favor of the development and gave approval for the Association and Historical Society to proceed without motion.

Commissioner Cox received Board approval to purchase a Polaris Sportsman 450 ATV from Bagley Motor Sports at a price of \$4,738. Two other ATVs, a 1996 and 2001 model, are becoming more expensive to maintain, but will be retained by the Land Department.

Attorney Richard Molin received approval to hire David Hanson, as new Assistant County Attorney. He has worked for nine years, includ-

ing two in Clearwater County. He has experience in prosecution and juvenile areas. He is from the area, and will start on September 12 at a salary of \$61,006. The Board would like to have Mr. Hanson come to the September 13 meeting if possible so all of the Commissioners can meet him.

Assessor Jamie Freeman received Board approval to hire a temporary part-time employee at \$13.30 per hour for a temporary position to work a 12 month period, and no more than 1040 total hours. If necessary she may use Always There Staffing in Bemidji to secure an

employee for the position at a slightly increased cost to the County.

Lynn Sebek and Neil Powers from U.S. Fish & Wildlife attended the meeting in order to discuss three wetland acquisition requests. Commissioner Daniel Stenseng gave a presentation addressing issues regarding potential problems created by wetland designation, which is covered in a separate article.

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

Good Samaritan Employees honored for years of service

On August 31st they honored three employees who celebrated over 40 years of service with Good Samaritan-Clearbrook. To find employees who have worked over 40 years is rare but to have three who have stayed with the same company that long is really a

milestone and one that is so appreciated.

Alice Cassibo has 47 years, Lynette Lene- 48 years and Nancy Edevold- 42 years.

They are so blessed to have these ladies choose to work here and provide wonderful care to our residents.



Alice Cassibo – 47 years



Nancy Edevold- 42 years in the front and Lynette Lene- 48 years holding the flowers.



Debbie Stein with Stein's Bus Service LLC had a game to identify the bus drivers that were going to be on the routes for the Clearbrook-Convick School District. They were part of the Open House and Orientation that was held at the school on Wednesday, August 31. If a student was missed on the route they can call the school office (218-776-3112) or Stein's Bus Service at (218-243-2629).

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