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Meet Connor Swenson the new mechanic at Main Street Service in Gonvick. Connor is Experienced with Automobiles as well as Heavy Equipment. Let Connor help you with all your vehicle needs. We welcome Connor to Gonvick! Remember Main Street Service is your one stop Shop!

New automotive technician hired at Main Street Service

Have you noticed the Plymouth Duster, a muscle car, in front of Main Street Service recently? It belongs to Connor Swenson, the new automotive technician that is working in Gonvick. Ken Djernes, owner of Main Street Service, stated that "Connor has experience with gas and diesel vehicles as well as small engines."

Connor grew up on a farm

into a logging family near Sebeke. He has worked in a mechanical shop since he was very young. He graduated early at age 17 and moved to Alaska where he worked with heavy equipment and with a fleet of vehicles. They were both automotive and diesel.

He came back from Alaska to be closer to family which

he feels is most important. He recently became engaged to Bethany Ross. He feels lucky to be able to get this position in Gonvick so he does not have to drive an hour each morning and evening to work. He can walk or drive his Plymouth Duster as they are making their home in Gonvick.

Welcome to the community.



Members from the Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA chapter included Savanna Rankin second from left and Kayla Ehlers along with two Minnesota State FFA Officers.

Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Members Receive Personal Leadership Training

HACKENSACK, Minn. – Over 150 Minnesota FFA members gathered for the State Greenhand Leadership Conference (SGLC) at Deep Portage Conservation Reserve near Hackensack from June 27 - July 1 to develop leadership skills for their communities and home chapters. Members from the Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA chapter included Savanna Rankin and Kayla Ehlers.

The goal of State Greenhand Leadership Conference is to give personal mentoring to first-year FFA members. These members come from all corners of the state, represent unique sectors of agriculture and have been recognized as top leaders in their schools.

During the conference, students cover an array of topics during sessions that focus mostly on personal development. Goal setting, professional leadership, and career exploration are just a few of the topics discovered during this five-day leadership camp.

"The State Greenhand Leadership Conference was my very first, and it was absolutely amazing, being filled with valuable relationships, and fun activities," Minnesota FFA President Spencer Wolter said. "Throughout our time at the conference, we had engaging sessions, competitive team activities, and learned some great skills and activities to

take back to our home chapters while at Deep Portage Conservation Reserve."

FFA members had the opportunity to connect with different individuals outside of sessions during fun activities such as volleyball, canoeing and hiking. Each night, the state officers shared personal reflections with the campers, and the final day wrapped up camp with a banquet, talent show, and dance.

State Greenhand Leadership Conference serves the Minnesota FFA Association by building talented and young individuals. These members often go on to become chapter, region and state leaders within their FFA chapters and communities. This leadership conference was made possible with financial contributions from the CHS Foundation, Northland Ford Dealers, and Dr. Curtis Youngs as a special project of the Minnesota FFA Foundation.

About the Minnesota FFA Association
FFA is a national organization developing students' potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education with more than 600,000 members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Minnesota FFA Association represents nearly 11,000 members and al-

most 200 high school chapters across the state. Agricultural education engages students through hands-on learning in the classroom, work-based learning opportunities known as Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects and FFA activities.



Emergency test

The Gonvick Fire Department will be testing the emergency signals the second Wednesday of each month. They will be doing that around 7:00 p.m. throughout the summer for the Gonvick and Pine Lake area.

Hoyer is the new counselor at Clearbrook-Gonvick School

Megan Hoyer has been hired as the new Clearbrook-Gonvick School Counselor.

She received her Bachelors in Psychology from MSUM-Moorhead and her Masters in Counseling and Student Affairs emphasis in school counseling from MSUM-Moorhead.

She worked at the Morris Area Elementary School as the school counselor for the 2015-2016 school year.

She was asked what made her decide to become a school counselor? She replied, "I used to work as a caregiver for individuals with disabilities. From this experience I found myself wanting to make an impact on a larger scale, which is how I ended up pursuing my masters degree for school counseling."

Megan's goal is to use American School Counseling Association (ASCA) National Standards to support students with academic, career, and personal/social development.

When asked what do you hope to bring to Clearbrook-Gonvick and your students? "I hope to bring leadership, advocacy, and collaboration to Clearbrook-Gonvick School, as well as the community. These things will enable me to be a part of maximizing student success."

Her personal interests include traveling, cake decorating, photography and crafts.

She is engaged to be married in October and she is living at

Gully at the present time. Welcome to the area.



Megan Hoyer is the new School Counselor in the Clearbrook-Gonvick School system.

Gonvick Library LINK Site Presents Paranormal Minnesota

The community is invited to celebrate the stories of Minnesota with an event at the Gonvick Library LINK Site (170 Main St.). Paranormal Minnesota, featuring paranormal expert Chad Lewis, will take place Thursday, September 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Join the library on a ghostly journey through Lewis' strangest cases in Minnesota, which will include alien abductions, haunted places, mysterious creatures, crop circles and more, and will cover the entire spectrum of Minnesota's supernatural activity. Chad Lewis is a paranormal researcher and author for Unexplained Research. From tracking vampires in Transylvania to chasing the Chupacabras in Puerto Rico, he brings more than 18 years of research experience to the Gonvick Public Library. This presentation is brought to the Gonvick LINK Site as part of Lake Agassiz Regional Library's Arts and Cultural Heritage Series and is funded in part by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. More information about this presentation and the Arts and Cultural Heritage Series is available at www.larl.org/legacy.



The Gonvick LINK Site is a location of Lake Agassiz Regional Library, which is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. More information is available at www.larl.org.

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 Wes 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.



Students are pictured above that won the back pack drawing at First State Bank in Clearbrook. Rocklynn Julin is pictured on the left and attends school at Clearbrook-Gonvick. The winner in the center picture is Aaron Sonnenberg and he is pictured with Kristi Lewis. The winner in picture to the right is Jasmine Goodwin and she will be attending school in Fosston. She is pictured with Charae Hinrichs. The fourth and final winner with no picture is Ivan Yoder and he attends the Amish Community School.

Community Calendar

Sand Valley Sunday School Begins
Sand Valley Sunday School will begin the 2016-2017 year on Sunday, September 18 at 9:00 a.m. at the Sand Valley Lutheran Church in Trail. Children from age 4 and older are invited to attend weekly classes and join in the fun! For more information, call Shirley at 268-4432 or Bonnie at 268-4212. Hope to see you then!

Anderson Family Concert at Elim
News Tip: Come join us Sunday evening September 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Elim Lutheran Brethren Church, Clearbrook for a night of music with the Joel and Jamie Anderson Family. Pie, coffee and Fellowship to follow concert.

NELL's Itasca Trip Sign up deadline soon
The deadline to sign up for the Northern Exposure to Life-long Learning trip to Itasca State Park is coming up on Sept. 24.

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 55621 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.



Favorite Nell Presenter returns September 28: Artist and Historian Steve Stark tells of "Fur Trading on the Dakota Frontier"

Steve Stark: "Fur Trading on the Dakota Frontier"
Favorite Nell Presenter returns September 28 to the McIntosh Community Center in McIntosh. Artist and Historian Steve Stark tells of "Fur Trading on the Dakota Frontier" Time is 9:30 am with coffee at 9:00. Program is open to all ages with a free will donation.
Fargo cartoonist/historian Steve Stark will give his Illustrated History presentation on "Fur Trading on the Dakota Frontier" at the McIntosh Community Center on Wednesday Morning September 28, beginning at 9:30 am.
Award-winning cartoonist, actor and writer Steve Stark will illustrate his tales of fur trading in Dakota Territory on a 20-foot roll of paper. Stark combines storytelling and lightning fast drawings in presentations he calls Illustrated History. The Minnesota native, now Fargo, ND citizen, has presented a variety of history based presentations to thousands of people of all ages across 28 states and Washington DC.
Steve was born and raised in Excelsior, Minn. and after earning a B.A. at North Dakota State University, he received

Music Jamboree September 18
There will be a Music Jamboree with Country, & Country-Gospel Music on Sunday, September 18th from 1:00-4:30 at Cornerstone Residence (30 Sunset Ave. NW) in Bagley. Everyone is welcome!

an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin/Superior where he and his wife lived in Two Harbors for a decade. Steve was the publisher of the Lake County News Chronicle in Two Harbors where his wife Gwen taught high school before they moved to Fargo in 1980. He has had a varied career path including time as an NDSU Extension Service Communications Specialist, county historical society executive director and advertising agency copywriter and creative director. Stark has presented a wide variety of historical programs in schools, universities, government agencies and private business events.
Known by school children as "Mr. History," Steve is a favorite presenter at NELL programs. This NELL program is offered free, (donations welcome) and is open to all ages.
For more information contact NELL coordinator Tamara Edevold at 218-694-2856

Church News

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., Sept. 14 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation; 6:30 p.m. Youth Group; 7:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Thurs., Sept. 15 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study and Prayer.
Sun., Sept. 18 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
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.

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.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Sept. 14 - *Birthday Meal* - Sweet & Sour Pork, Rice, Oriental Veg., Fruit, Gelatin Whipped Topping and Milk.
Thurs. Sept. 15- Meatballs/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Beets, Bread, Angel Food Cake with Fruit Sauce and Milk.
Fri. Sept. 16 - Baked Chicken, Potato Salad, Mixed Veg., Bread, Fresh Melon Cubes and Milk.
Mon. Sept. 19- Hamburger, Oven Brown Potatoes, Creamed Corn, Bun, Rhubarb Sauce and Milk.
Tues. Sept. 20 - Italian Meat Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream and Milk.
Wed. Sept. 21 - Chicken in Cream Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Peas & Carrots, Peaches, Cream Puff Dessert and Milk.
Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m.
They are subject to change. Please register for meals at least the day before.
Call 776-3154 to sign up.

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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Recovery Support Group: Thurs., 7:00 PM. Restarting, facilitated by Mindy Brodin is open to men & women. Second floor CWLC-Clearbrook site, 256 2nd Ave, SW. FREE. Confidential.
Shop-at-the-Top has switched over to fall. Come and have a look around.
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.
Friday Night Out: Oct. 7. Join us for an evening of German cuisine.
For publications and services, visit us at: www.clearwater-sliffe.org, www.mustardseed-homes.org, or www.adultday-servicesgonvick.org and our Facebook pages.
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

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., Sept. 14: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m. Handbell Practice.
Sun., Sept. 18: 9:00 am Worship/Communion/Sunday School Rally Day, Installation of Teachers, Blessing of Backpacks, Confirmation Covenant Signing, Service Group 5 meets after church in the fellowship hall; 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour..
Joint
Wed., Sept. 14: 6:00 a.m. Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. Acolyte Training.
Our Savior's
Thurs., Sept. 15: 2:00 p.m. WELCA; 6:00 p.m. Church Council
Sun., Sept. 18th: 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Service, Sunday School Rally Day, Confirmation Covenant Signing.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Clearbrook
Wed., Sept. 14 - 6:30 p.m. Awana Leaders meet.
Thurs., Sept. 15 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and prayer at the church.
Sat., Sept. 17 - 7:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast and Bible Study at the church.
Sun., Sept. 18 - 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. 14 - 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 o.m. Confirmation.
Sun., Sept. 18 - 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship Service. Holy Communion.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Sept. 14 - 8:15 p.m. United Council
Sun., Sept. 18 - 9:00 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion. 10:00 am Sunday School.

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.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Sept. 14: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Sept. 17: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive, 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.
Sun, Sept. 18: 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, 9:45 a.m. Nazareth SS, 11:00 Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Sept. 14: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Sept. 15: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Sun, Sept. 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tues, Sept. 20: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Sept. 21: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Sept. 14: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA.
Sun, Sept. 18: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Wed, Sept. 21: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Sept. 18: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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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



Card of Thanks
Thank you to everyone for your concern for me after my accident. I know God had to be with me to be able to walk away from it. Brian, Jodi and Catherine ... how scary for you but so glad you were there to support me. Thanks to the Mahnomen and Waubun Fire Depts., EMTs, Knife River workers, MN State Troopers, local police and Sheriff Krier. You all were awesome. Thanks for all the calls, visits, cards, flowers, food and goodies. You have all helped me so much. A special thanks to Eileen Lien for all she has done for me. Most of all, thanks to Albert for his support and love as I have walked this road.
Feeling so blessed and thankful.
Shirley Graftaas

OFF THE TRACKS GROOMING
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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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Clearbrook-Gonvick head coach Casey Kroulik in the huddle with the Bears. It was the first home game of the season and they hosted Norman County East/Ulen Hitterdal. they lost but won their first game of the season against Norman County West.



They were splishing and a splashing as #8 Mike Gray was closing in on Brady Sirjord, #24 running back for the Titans. 8/10th of an inch of rain fell on the field shortly before the game time and then the sun came out.



Clearbrook-Gonvick quarterback Ethan Dorman running with the ball.



Trevor Rogstad, senior for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears booting a long punt.

Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Action this weekend... Sand Valley Church will have their Fall bazaar on Sunday, September 18. Bingo is back at Shorty's in Gully. Clearbrook Liquor Store is have a meat raffle on Saturday afternoon, September 17 with the proceeds going to the Clearbrook Veteran's Memorial.

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.

Coming up Pumpkin Day in Gonvick on Saturday, September 24th. 11th annual Vintage Collector and vehicle show on main street. \$100 each to the top 5 award winners. No entry fee. The Clear Waters Life Center will be having a Flea and Produce Market. Contact the City Clerk to reserve space in the building. There will also be the big

pumpkin weigh off.

Nazareth Lutheran Church will be having their fancy work and bake sale and supper on Sunday, September 25.

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!

Joke Time..

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said. . . "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple", replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

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 Contest
September 5 was the start

- Clearwater County Fair Calendar Winners**
- Sept. 3** - David Tibbetts, LaPorte, \$20.
 - Sept. 4** - Arlen Syverson, Bagley, \$20.
 - Sept. 5** - Jim Workman, Bemidji, \$20.
 - Sept. 6** - Kenny Rose, Foss-ton, \$20.
 - Sept. 7** - Vernon Dobson, Shevlin, \$20.
 - Sept. 8** -Tammy Jones, Waipahu, HI, \$20.
 - Sept. 9** - Robert Kramer, Grand Forks, ND, \$20.

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.

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.

Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson

A frequent topic for discussion our office receives this time of year has to deal with all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). It seems that this time of year there is a lot of ATV traffic on roads and in the woods. Whether it is joy riding and taking in the fall colors or hunting, questions often arise. Whatever the reason, I want to answer some of the common questions that we are asked and make the public more informed about ATV laws.

The most common question has to do with the difference between a Class I and Class II ATV. In order to answer that question, I will first define what an ATV is. Beginning on July 1, 2015, the classification system for ATVs changed. To be classified as an ATV, the vehicle must have a dry weight less than 2,000 pounds, have three to six low-pressured tires and have a total width that is less than 65 inches measured from outside of rim to outside of rim. A Class I ATV has a width of 50 inches or less and a Class II is defined as having a width greater than 50 inches, but less than 65 inches. Any motor vehicle with a width greater than 65 inches is classified as an off road vehicle (ORV). Other examples of common recreational vehicles that are not considered an ATV include golf carts, dune buggies, go carts or a vehicle specifically used for lawn maintenance, agriculture, logging or mining purposes.

Where can Class I and Class II ATVs be driven? The answer to this question depends on which one you are riding. A Class I ATV can be operated in the ditch or the outside bank or slope of trunk, county state aid, or county highway. You can apply for and receive a permit from our office that will allow you to operate on the shoulder or extreme right side of township or county roads. The permit is free and the only thing you must provide is proof of insurance and current registration.

A Class II ATV can be operated on the shoulder or extreme right side of any township or county road without a permit. State law allows for this type of operation. You can also ride on the bank, slope, or ditch of any trunk, county state-aid, or county highway if you are accessing a business or making a connection to a trail. You cannot operate a Class I or Class II ATV on any Minnesota trunk highway. Trunk highways in our county include MN Hwy 92, MN Hwy 223, MN Hwy 200 and US Hwy 2.

One thing to note with these laws is that if your ATV is licensed for private use and is being used for agricultural purposes, you are allowed to operate your machine on a public road right-of-way of any trunk, county state aid, county highway or township road if you

are on the extreme right hand side of the road regardless if it is a Class I or Class II. Another thing to remember is some former Class II ATVs (side by sides) may now be classified as a Class I due to the width, but are grandfathered in and can be operated just as any Class II ATV as long as they have a steering wheel, seat belts, and roll-over protection.

With this said, if you are operating an ATV on or within a public road right of way, you must have a valid driver's license, unless the right-of-way encompasses a trail administered by the commissioner and is designated for all-terrain use or multiple use.

Another common question we get is, "Can youth legally operate an ATV?" Youth age 12-15 can operate an ATV in the ditch, bank, or slope of a public road right-of-way if they possess a valid ATV safety certificate and are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian that is on a separate ATV. The youth rider must abide by all the riding requirements mentioned above. Any person under the age of 15 cannot operate a Class II ATV either on a public road right-of-way or private property.

A few other safety reminders are that any person under the age of 18 must wear a helmet if they are operating an ATV or riding as a passenger. Additionally, a person under the age of 18 is also required to wear a seat belt if operating or riding in a Class II ATV. If you are operating an ATV and are 21 years of age or older, remember that you cannot have an open container of alcohol with you on the machine if you are on any public road or land. DWI laws are applied just as if you were operating a car.

There are many other laws related to ATVs that can be found in Chapter 84 of the Minnesota State Statutes or on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website, www.dnr.state.mn.us. I would encourage you to check them out. Remember, these laws are meant to keep you safe and reduce accidents and injuries. It is up to you to keep the image of ATV riders positive. Using common sense, being courteous to others and respectful of the roads and lands on which you ride are ways to accomplish that image. If you are out riding, have fun and be safe.

If you have questions that you would like answered or any suggestions, please email me at darin.halverson@co.clearwater.mn.us or call the Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

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



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