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Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Members Attend Convention in Indianapolis

Five Clearbrook-Gonvick students who are members of the school's FFA chapter experienced a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, October 19 through October 22. Students and their advisor, Kim Anderson, traveled with other school districts in their region to participate in all that the convention had to offer and more.

Freshmen Savanna Rankin and Naomi Shamp, along with eighth graders Wyatt Anderson, Kayla Ehlers, and Obadiah Hammer, raised money through their work in the Clearwater County Dairy Association Malt Stand at the Clearwater County Fair in order to fund their trip. They set a goal to attend the convention and, with the help of parent

and student volunteers, they were able to make the trip happen.

National FFA Convention hosts approximately 63,000 FFA members and guests throughout the four day event. FFA members and advisors gather for general sessions, workshops, and participate in the FFA Expo put on by numerous agriculture industry businesses and colleges.

At general sessions, students were able to witness official FFA opening and closing ceremonies, award ceremonies, performances by participants in the National FFA Talent Contest, performances by the National FFA Choir and National FFA Band, and listen to motivating keynote speakers who encourage youth to become involved in their communities

and schools.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick students attended multiple workshops throughout the convention in which they were motivated to promote agricultural education within their school and community. Through these workshops they met members of FFA from all across the United States and also leaders from the agriculture industry.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA would like to thank the Dairy Association and all of the supporters including parents who give up so much of their time to volunteer, the Clearbrook-Gonvick school district for supporting their program, and all who visited the malt stand at the county fair for helping to make this trip possible!



Enice Nordlund (left) and Edna Dahlke celebrated their 103rd birthdays in November.

Good Samaritan Society celebrates milestone birthdays

Good Samaritan Society-Clearbrook recently celebrated with residents Enice Nordlund and Edna Dahlke their 103rd birthdays in November. Enice was born Nov. 29, 1913 and Edna was born Nov. 24, 1913. The women celebrated during Clearbrook's monthly birthday party. Posters were also placed

on the doors of their rooms and staff sang "Happy Birthday" at meals throughout each woman's special day. Celebration parties were also held for Enice and Edna by their families.

Good Samaritan Society-Clearbrook is owned and operated by the Evangelical

Lutheran Good Samaritan Society. The Good Samaritan Society's mission is to share God's love in word and deed by providing shelter and supportive services to older persons and others in need, believing that "In Christ's Love, Everyone Is Someone."



Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Members at the National FFA Career and College Expo from left to right: Kayla Ehlers, Naomi Shamp, Savanna Rankin, Obadiah Hammer and Wyatt Anderson.

Healthy Families America site accredited in Bagley to Serve Families

Prevent Child Abuse America (PCA America) announced that the Healthy Families America (HFA) affiliate, Healthy Families Program through the North Country Community Health Board, has been accredited as a provider of high quality home visiting services to families who want to improve their child's health, nutrition and developmental outcomes.

HFA is a signature program of PCA America that has been providing home visiting services for more than 20 years.

Expectant and new parents have common questions about their child's development. HFA connects with families through community partners like hospitals and pediatricians to find the answers to their questions, meeting within the familiarity and convenience of the family's own home. HFA is an accessible, voluntary and well received service.

"The American Dream starts with a happy, healthy childhood," said Dan Duffy, President and CEO of PCA America. "As parents, we all

have questions from time to time. Our HFA professionals offer evidence-based best practices to provide answers to questions, individualized support when needed most, and linkages to community services. As we congratulate North Country Community Health Board, we also recognize the state and community leadership that has contributed to success for Clearwater Nursing Services.

The accreditation process is based upon a stringent set of

12 critical elements grounded in more than 30 years of research. The process involves an in-depth examination of the site's operation, as well as, the quality of the visits made by HFA home visitors.

"We commend the North Country Community Health Board for opening itself up to such an intensive review process," said Cydney Wessel, National Director of HFA. "We believe that all families and all communities deserve access to quality home visiting services."

(EIS) for the proposed Project in consultation with the PUC Executive Secretary. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency are assisting EERA on the EIS.

The EIS will include information required for the PUC to make two separate regulatory decisions—issuance of a certificate of need and approval of a route permit. It will also inform governmental agencies making other permit and approval decisions related to the pipeline.

Enbridge is proposing the L3R Project to address safety and integrity issues associated with the existing Line 3 pipeline, which currently transports crude oil from the Joliet Valve in Pembina County, North Dakota, to Clearbrook, Minnesota, and then on to an existing terminal in Superior, Wisconsin. Enbridge proposes to permanently deactivate existing Line 3 and leave it in place. As proposed by Enbridge, the new pipeline will generally parallel the existing Line 3 pipeline along the Enbridge Mainline System right-of-way from the North Dakota-Minnesota border in Kittson County to the Clearbrook terminal in Clearwater County. From Clearbrook to the terminal in Superior, Wisconsin, the proposed pipeline would diverge from the existing Line 3 right-of-way. As proposed, the Project would restore Line 3 to an operating capacity of 760,000 barrels per day (bpd) from its current capacity of 390,000 bpd.

The proposed route is approximately 337 miles long in Minnesota and includes upgrades to existing pump stations at Clearbrook, Donaldson, Plummer and Viking; and construction of new pump stations at Backus, Cromwell, Palisade and Two Inlets. The Project as proposed would be located in Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, Polk, Clearwater, Hubbard, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin and Carlton counties.

The PUC approved the Final Scoping Decision Document for the EIS in its November 30, 2016, order, and the Document is available at: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34079>.

As indicated in the Final Scoping Decision, the EIS will describe the proposed Project and alternatives; it will describe the existing environment for the geographic areas and resources potentially affected by the Project; and it will assess potential impacts of the Project to each resource and identify measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate those impacts.

EERA will have 280 days from noticing the EIS preparation in the EQB Monitor on December 5, 2016, to complete the EIS process. That process will include releasing a Draft EIS for public comment in early April 2017, and issuing a Final EIS in early July 2017.

Relevant documents are available for review on the EERA website at <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34079>



Jim Papke showing Rose Odegaard one of his samples of lefse.

Best Lefse roller demonstrates at Essentia Living Center

The best lefse roller ever demonstrated his skills at the Essentia Health Living Center in Fosston. Jim Papke volunteered his services to make lefse for the residents through the Lions Club in Fosston. Many of the Essentia residents

were able to enjoy and taste the products that Papke made. He is a Special Education teacher at the Fosston Public Schools. Rose Odegaard commented many times how good a lefse roller that Papke was and that she should get her daughter

Joann to take some lessons from him. Her daughter Joann Birkeland lives in Gonvick where Rose lived for many years.

Rose will be 100 in May and she has made many batches of the lefse in her lifetime. She

loved to bake and you could smell the good odors as you got close to her house. Rose, was the Gonvick Lions Rodeo Grand Marshall this year at their activities.

-Photo courtesy JoAnn Papke



Raising money for the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Pre-Calculus class to go and volunteer at the Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. They will also be serving a meal at the Ronald McDonald House for those who are staying there at the present time. Shown at the booth during Santa Claus Day were Instructor Lawrence Vettleson, Morgan Cornell holding Robert Vettleson and Kendehl Ballard.

Community Calendar

Snowmobile Safety course

"The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office will be holding a Minnesota DNR Snowmobile Safety Course for youth age 11-15 years old on Saturday, January 7th in Bagley. Pick up an information sheet from the Sheriff's Office, Bagley High School, Bagley Elementary School, or the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Office for full details and prerequisites."

Music Jamboree

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

Clearwater County Food Shelf hours

The Clearwater County Food Shelf is open at 114 Main Avenue North in Bagley. You can enter from the east side of the American Legion basement - alley side.

Food Shelf December hours
Wed. Dec. 14 - 10:00 am to 2:30 p.m.

Mon. Dec. 19 - 10:00 am to 2:30 p.m.

The Food Shelf will be closed until January 4th, 2017. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Turkey winners in Gonvick

There were 25 winners of turkeys from the Gonvick Community Club and Gonvick Diamond Jubilee Committee and six winners of cheese blocks from the American Dairy Association at the Gonvick Santa Claus Day. The drawing was held at Kandi's Kitchen as Santa had a workshop in the Gonvick Community Center on Saturday, December 3.

Winners were: Eileen Horn, Marian Evje, Melanie TeHennepe, Russell Anderson, Daphne Klema, Arly Eck, Joy Krogstad, Beverly Charles, Deb Severson Edevold, Norman Rude, Lila Coulter, Stanley Sundquist, Lee Forsberg, Glen Trembath, Dean Godtland, Kandi Momerak, Larry Sather, Harvey Erie, Ordean Erickson, Les Watne, Starla Sather, Stacy Halvorson, Ann Monty, Evon Quern, Carolyn Rude, Boyd Ness, Richard Vinje, Kris Snyder, Carol Peterson, Janet Knutson and LeRoy Mostrom,



Sonjia Buer and Mary Sather visiting at the Northern State Bank tea. Mary retired from the bank after many years and she enjoyed being able to relax and enjoy.



Carol Peterson and Jeannie Sorenson served the goodies in the afternoon at the Northern State Bank tea that was held.

TRAIL

Get out your snowmobiles and join the **Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club** with a TRAIL STOP northeast of Bagley in the school forest at the trail shelter.

January 21, 2017
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Stop by for some hot dogs, sloppy joes and hot chocolate, good times and warm fire.

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776-2265

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~ **Clearbrook American Legion** ~

Annual Lutefisk - Meatball Supper

Lutefisk Meal: **\$15.00**
Lutefisk & Meatball Meal: **\$15.00**
Meatball Meal: **\$10.00**

Lutefisk, meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, coleslaw, lefse and roll.

Clearbrook Community Center Banquet Room

Will deliver in the city limits ...**776-3200**

Sat., Dec. 17, 2016
serving 4:30-7 pm (or until gone)

NOTICE

The December 20, 2016 Holst Town Board Meeting will be held at 1:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm.

Stephanie Anderson, Holst Town Clerk

Upcoming December Events

Wed., Dec. 14 - Birthday Meal 11:30 am.

Tues., Dec. 20 - General Meeting at 12:30 p.m. Christmas Sing-a-long - snack potluck after meal at 11:30.

Wed. Dec. 21 - Christmas Meal 11:30 a.m.

Fri. Dec. 23 - Closed, Merry Christmas

Mon. Dec. 26 - Closed, Merry Christmas

Thurs. Dec. 29 - Early New Years Party at 11:30 a.m.

Fri. Dec. 30 - Closed Happy New Year 2017

Clearwater County Fair Calendar Winners

Dec. 3 - Mark Fredrickson, Shelvin, \$20.

Dec. 4 - David Landsverk, Fosston, \$20.

Dec. 5 - Rita Swenson, Bagley \$20.

Dec. 6 - Kelly Cease Bowman, Solway, \$20.

Dec. 7 - Kathy & Ed Dreher, Bemidji, \$20.

Dec. 8 -Curtis Nelson, Bagley, \$20.

Dec. 9 - Sharon Thomas, Frazee, \$20.

Pastor Bob

During Christmas the world becomes different. Skeptics complain but others smile. Generosity flourishes. Kindness becomes embolden and ennobled. Tied to the Christmas spirit kindness becomes "the thing to do." People are no longer weird, losers, or just don't get it for being kind. Sensitives worry about the social pressure to feel a certain way, but we now respect "Blue Christmases." Real celebrations allow for a variety of feelings. Christmas changes the world.

Many want to have Christmas all year round. Many want the very best of Christmas to become who we are, what we say and do, and how we live. However we live in a world that values empirical reason. Too many accept the idea that "truth" can be discovered through experimentation and reason. Too many believe that if we cannot feel it, see it, hear it, it cannot be true. Why do we trust our limited eyes, ears, noses, and touch so much? Too many believe that only science, or the scientific method can tell what is true or not true. Why do we trust science so much? We live in a world that values the evolution of human progress. Too many believe that humans are on a path which will lead us to become better people. Too many believe that somehow people today are morally superior to people who were born in earlier periods of time. Too many believe that our advances in knowledge and technology have pulled us up onto a higher plane of living. Medical advances have made our lives easier but too many believe we are physically superior to previous generations. Hasn't the tremendous carnage of the last century answered the question as whether we are morally superior than we used to be? We live in a world that values the rights of individuals to choose for themselves what is the right path to a good life. The only standard for morality is the "do no harm" principle. If harm cannot be demonstrated, then it must be okay. Many love Christmas but want to get rid of all the religious (superstitious) beliefs about Christmas. But how does "do no harm" lead to Christmas? How does the scientific method lead to Christmas? How has the general progression of humanity from the lesser to the greater lead to Christmas?

Christmas year round? It is a birthday. The birthday of someone over a billion people around the world believe is the savior of humanity, Jesus of Nazareth. Try to have Christmas without all the "superstitions" of Christmas, is like having a birthday party without the cake, the presents, people who remember the day with you.

Merry Christmas everyone.



Pastor Robert Kirchman

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center

Lloyd Engen called the meeting to order on November 15th at 12:15 p.m. Carol Niewinski read the secretary's report. It was approved as read. Betty Randklev read the treasurer's report. There was no discussion.

It was approved as read. Carol Croy got estimates on the dishwasher to replace the old one which is 16 years old.

The sign is up in front of the building and looks really nice.

The Halloween party was great. Many wore costumes. Frank and Annie Bergh won the first prize for their Duck Dynasty costumes. Betty and Duane Johnson won the second prize.

Stephanie Roed, RN, from Clearwater County Nursing Service was the speaker. She spoke on healthy eating and preventing falls. Larry Shelquist won the lunch ticket. Janet Olson won the jar of pickles donated by Annie Bergh.

Lunch was served by Harriet Shellum, Sharon Lemke and Marlene Westrum. Those who came in costumes paraded the streets after the meeting.

Lloyd mentioned that the center has medical alert phones. Let him know if you need one. Title III rides are available to Bemidji (\$11), Fosston (\$7) and Bagley (\$5). Lloyd read the list of all of the committee members.

The center will be closed Dec. 30th; but meals on wheels will be delivered.

Gladys Larson needs someone to help her tie knots on the rug loom.

December 3rd was customer appreciation day. There was crafts in the old school (also soup and sandwich). There was a meal at the senior center which is free to the community. The community club paid for this dinner.

Lloyd mentioned that Gerald and Lana Wraa had attended another class on Tai Chi and would be sharing that with us.

Submitted by Carol Niewinski, Secretary.

-CLIP AND SAVE-

Sinclair Township Winter Meeting Schedule

The Sinclair Township Winter Meetings will be held as follows:

December 20th at 7:00pm - Bruce Bjerke Residence

January 17th at 7:00pm - Russell Lembke Residence

February 21st at 7:00 pm - Gordon Olson Residence

Brooke Pond, Sinclair Clerk

NOTICE: Greenwood Township

The Greenwood Town Board year-end meeting will be held at the home of the clerk on Monday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Sheila Horn, Clerk

Love Lights a Tree

What Cancer Cannot Do Cancer is so limited... It cannot cripple love. It cannot shatter hope. It cannot corrode faith. It cannot eat away peace. It cannot destroy confidence. It cannot kill friendship. It cannot shut out memories. It cannot silence courage. It cannot reduce eternal life. It cannot quench the Spirit. Memorials for this weeks Love Lights a Tree are as follows:

In memory of my husband Vernon Kortan who died of cancer from Alice Kortan.

In memory of husband Donald Schultz and grand daughter Angie Johnson from Margaret Schultz.

In loving memory of loved ones affected by cancer: Jane Sannes and James Danielson from Florence Danielson and family.

For a suggested donation of \$5.00 per name, the name of the donors and those being remembered will be listed in the Farmers Independent and the Leader Record each week until the end of December. Donations should be made to the American Cancer Society and sent to: Kim LaVine 18802 County 39 Bagley, Mn 56621 100% of donations will be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Church News

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.

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.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., Dec. 14 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation; 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer.
Thurs., Dec. 15 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study and prayer. p.m.
Sun., Dec. 18 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service the Children's Christmas Program, 11:30 a.m. Potluck lunch at church.

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.

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., Dec. 14 - 6:30 p.m. Awana.
Sat., Dec. 17 - 7:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast and Bible Study at the church.
Sun., Dec. 18 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Dec. 14 - Birthday Meal - Lasagna, California Blend Veg., Peaches, Garlic Bread, Cookie, Milk.

Thurs. Dec. 15 -BBQ Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Beets, Bread, Lemon Sponge Cake, Milk.

Fri. Dec. 16 - Ham Boiled Dinner with Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Fruit Salad, Breadstick, Bar, Milk.

Mon. Dec. 19 - Hamburger, Baked Beans, Tart, Cole Slaw, Bun, Pudding, Milk.

Tues. Dec. 20 - Pork Loin, Whole Parslied Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Dinner Roll, Cake, Milk.

Wed. Dec. 21 - Christmas Meal - Ham with Raisin Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Shortcake, Bread, Milk.

Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change. Please register for meals at least the day before.
Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Open Gym at CWLC-Gonvick during business hours (see below). The next few months are going to be COLD outside, walk or run indoors six days a week.

Exercise for Seniors at CWLC -Gonvick: M-W-F, 11:00-11:30. Led by an RN trained in geriatrics & balance exercise. **FREE**

Recovery Support Group: 7 PM, Thursday, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Clearbrook. Open to men & women. Confidential.

Youth Connection & Kingdom Extreme for grades 4-12; **Tues., 3:45-5:30. FREE**, including snack.

Senior Connection Adult Day Services has openings for new participants. Call Marilyn, 218-487-5290, Ext. 1, for information.

Trash-Out Service available:

Call today for more information or a no obligation, free on-site estimate.

CWLC-Clearbrook: 256 2nd Ave., SW. *Shop-at-the-Top* hours: Mon. - Fri., 10-4 and Sat., 10-3. **CWLC-Gonvick,** 226 Elm St, open Mon. thru Fri., 9-4 & Sat., 9-12: Create It! Art Studios and Restore It! Furniture Shop. Senior Connection, adult day services, is open M-W-F, 10-3

For programs and services, visit us at: www.clearwaterslife.org, www.mustardseedhomes.org, or www.adultdayservicesgonvick.org and our Facebook pages.

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Good Shepherd
Wed., Dec. 14: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m. Handbell Practice.
Sun., Dec. 18: 9:00 am Worship, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Coffee Hour; Service Group 3 meets in the fellowship hall after church.
Joint
Wed., Dec. 14: 6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Caroling.
Our Savior's
Thurs., Dec. 15: 2:00 p.m. WELCA; 6:00 p.m. Church Council.
Sun., Dec. 18: 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

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

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Dec. 14 - 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation.

Sun., Dec. 18 9:30 am NO Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship Service, 6:30 p.m. Lessons & Carols Community Event.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Dec. 14 - 8:15 p.m. Unit-ed Council.
Sun., Dec. 18 - 9:00 AM Worship Service, 10:00 AM NO Sunday School.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6
Senior Pastor Larry Dorman
Associate Pastor Jim Binder
Children's Minister Nikki Ubert
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367
cfcchurch@gvtel.com
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept.-May)10:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Youth Night (check church website for dates or Elevate Youth Facebook Page for up to date information)
Every Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
***Wednesdays:** Care groups in various homes

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Dec. 14: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. 6:00 p.m. LYS Caroling.
Sat, Dec. 17: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 9:00 a.m. Oak Park SS program practice.
Sun, Dec. 18: 10:00 a.m. Nazareth SS; 11:00 a.m. Nazareth. 4:00 p.m. Oak Park/St. Petri SS program.
Wed, Dec. 21: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec.14: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Dec. 15: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Dec. 16: Friday School.
Sun, Dec. 18: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Program.
Tues, Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Dec. 21: 6:30 p.m. Community Youth Christmas Caroling.

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

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 18: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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BEAR TRACKS

Correction

The picture in last week's paper of the Clearbrook-Gonvick Honor Society group induction ceremony at the school on Wednesday, November 30 was not the National Honor Society but students who were inducted into the Minnesota Honor Society.

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

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Dec. 14 - Shrimp Poppers, Mac and Cheese, Coleslaw, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.
Thurs. Dec. 15 - Corndog, Potato Smiles, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.
Fri. Dec. 16 - Chicken Patty

on WG Bun, Oven Fries, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.
Mon. Dec. 19 - Asian Chicken, WG Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.
Tues. Dec. 20 - Taco Soup, WG Tortilla Chips, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.
Wed. Dec. 21 - Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.



50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL FFA EXPO



Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Members at the National FFA Career and College Expo. Back Row: Obadiah Hammer, Naomi Shamp, Kayla Ehlers. Front Row: Savanna Rankin, Wyatt Anderson. General Sessions packed the Bankers Life Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis with over 15,000 FFA members.



Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA members took in some race car practice laps at the Indy Speedway.



Mrs. Brenda Faldet and her 2nd grade class at Clearbrook/Gonvick school went to visit at Clearbrook Good Samaritan. They got to hear them sing Christmas songs and they made pictures for the residents. They always have a fun time when they come.

School News

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE
 November 20 until Dec. 20. Please bring gifts to the school and drop them off in the Christmas box next to the tree in the commons. **THANK YOU** for continuing to give to others in our communities. All gifts will stay in Clearwater County. **THANK YOU** for thinking of others and teaching your children to give back.

Bear Wear orders will be available for pickup on Monday and Tuesday, December 19 &

20 from 3:00-6:30 each day. If you are unable to pick up your order on those dates, please contact Judy at 776-3112 Ext 201 to make other arrangements.

Interested in working at games?? Here's your chance! We will post here and on FB as needed.

Week of 12/12- 12/16 basketball workers needed:
 12/15 JV/Var. BBB Clock and Book. 6:00 start time. Games at the High School.
 All workers please be present 30 minutes prior to the start time of the game.

Contact AD Kyle Christianson: kchristianson@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us
 The 1st grade interviews continue thru Friday, Dec. 16th weekdays on 96.7 FM KKCQ at 9:10am and 2:10pm -- three kids per airing.
 Early Childhood Special Event: Holiday Fun Night: December 12.
Christmas Concerts:
 Elementary Christmas Concert (K-3): Tuesday, December 13 @6:30 p.m.
 JH/HS Christmas Concert:
School news...
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SPOTLIGHT

December Spotlight Teacher Feature of the Month

December Teacher Feature: Casey Kroulik, Social Studies Teacher, Head Football and Head Track & Field Coach
 "Instruction does much, but encouragement does everything."
 ~Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Casey Kroulik is in his eleventh year of teaching high school social studies here at Clearbrook-Gonvick. He has spent all eleven years as head Football coach and has been the head Track and Field coach for the last four seasons. He lives in the area with his wife, Tiffany and three sons: Carver (8), Bryar (5), and Tyson (1)
 Kroulik grew up in Stephen, Minnesota. He graduated from Stephen High School in 1994. He attended University of North Dakota where he played collegiate football and received his Master of Education in Social Studies.

Why did you choose to be a teacher? Teaching is in my blood. My father, grandfather, two uncles, and brother are all teachers. My mom also worked with kids, running a daycare at our home for many years. These were all people I looked up to so it seemed like a good fit for me.

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? I have taught at a number of schools before coming to C-G. I have taught at Warren, Pillager, and McGregor before finally settling in at C-G.

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? Getting to work with the students. The best part of working at CG is the staff and the students. I have worked at a number of different places and I really believe that this staff is filled with great, caring, hard working people. And the student body is filled with so many good hearted, caring young men and women as well. They make coming to work fun each day.

What is the biggest challenge of your job? Paperwork. Filling out this document on information about myself has been the most difficult thing I've had to do in a while!

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? I would be a teacher and a coach. I love what I do. I truly

believe that if you can not answer this question by saying the job that you already have, then you need to find a new job! Why would you not do what you love to do?

What do you do when you are not at school teaching? I love to spend time with my family.

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? The Clearbrook-Gonvick community has been very good to my family. They are welcoming and supportive. We knew right away that this was a place that we wanted to raise our family.

And now a word (or two) about Mr. Kroulik from some of his students...

What do you think Mr. Kroulik does when he is not here at school? "He is probably taking care if his kids if they are sick or doing some football stuff." "Playing with his boys." "He is with his family." "Thinking about football so we can go to state." "He spends time with his family." "Watching football and spending time with his kids." "Watches football."

What do you think Mr. Kroulik was like as a high schooler? "He probably was one of the top football players and he was probably popular." "Respectful and a really good athlete." "Trouble kid." "Hard worker when it comes to school." "He was a hard worker." "Straight up NERD." "Acted like a little kid." "He was that one kid that knew everything about Star Wars."

What is the best thing about Mr. Kroulik? "That he teaches Geography because I like him as a teacher and love geography!" "He is absolutely sarcastic but also very caring." "Family comes first." "Always has a good attitude, never puts anyone down, and always looks out for others before himself." "He is a good football coach." "He can be serious but then crack you up with a joke." "His tests are easy." "He doesn't take crap from anyone."

What job do you think Mr. Kroulik would be if he was not a teacher? "A football coach because that is all I can see him doing." "A full time football coach." "Football coach" "College football coach." "He would be a painter." "A professional football coach." "Body



Casey Kroulik

builder" "General manager for a sports team."

Which Buffalo Wild Wings sauce best describes Mr. Kroulik? "Blazin' because he is always cruising in the morning." "He would be mild sauce. He is classy with a little bit of sweet." "Medium because you never know what you are going to get." "Inferno sauce because he is hardcore." "Blazin' because he's got an intense personality." "Sweet and spicy" "Parmesan-garlic because it is his favorite."

What is one thing Mr. Kroulik ALWAYS says? "Woow!" "This is sweet." "Why would you even think that?" "Don't be dumb." "A true measure of a man is what he does when no one is around." "NDSU sucks." "I will wait until you are done talking." "On the line." "Are you serious?"

Search for Miss Teen Clearwater County Announced

If you are female, single, never been married between the ages of 13 to 18 years, applications are being accepted for the title of "2017" Miss Teen Clearwater County "!!! Miss Teen Clearwater County ! will represent her county at the Miss Teen Minnesota pageant, which will be held at the "Wellstone Center", April 29th , 2017 in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota..

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The "American Heart Association's" Go for Red for Women" is the official Charity of the Miss Teen Minnesota Pageant.

The current reigning "2016" Miss Teen Minnesota is Kelly Brown of Inver Grove Heights . As Miss Teen Minnesota, Kelly speaks out on " See the Person...Not the Disability!" - Kelly's two brothers were born with intellectual disabilities as a result of a blood order called "thalassemia". One brother is higher functioning but the other brother has difficulty communicating. Kelly says It is hurtful and frustrating when I see others only focus on their disabilities, which is what they have but not who they are. By partnering with The Arc organization, it is my goal to protect of those with disabilities and support their inclusion and participation in our community.

For more information go to: www.thearc.org

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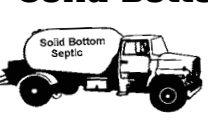
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Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



Often this time of year and throughout the winter months, our office receives complaints about pets or farm animals not being taken care of properly. Sometimes, what one person thinks is proper care can be different than the next person and that is where we get involved. I thought this would be a good time to write about what the laws of Minnesota are relating to animals. Hopefully, I can clear up any confusion people may have based on what the laws are.

One of the most common complaints we receive are that pet dogs are not being provided adequate shelter. According to Minnesota State Statute 343.40, a person in charge of a dog shall provide shelter and bedding. The specifications by law are that the shelter shall include a moisture proof and windproof structure of suitable size to accommodate the dog. It shall be made with durable material with a solid, moisture proof floor or a floor raised at least two inches from the ground. The structure must also have a windbreak at the entrance between November 1 and March 31. It must have sufficient bedding material consisting of hay, straw, cedar shavings, blankets or something equivalent.

There is a subdivision to this statute that is specific for farm dogs. Farm dogs kept on a farm and provided access to a barn with sufficient loose hay or bedding do not have to abide by the rules above. The same is true if you live off a farm but provide your dog with access to a heated building or other building with bedding. The bottom line is that you must provide shelter for your dog so that it has protection from the cold and can promote retention of body heat.

Another common complaint we receive in the winter months has to do with cattle and horses not being properly fed and watered. Minnesota State Statute 346.38 states that horses must be provided with food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth. Water for horses must be provided in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs or supplied by free choice, such as an automatic water trough. According to Minnesota law, snow and ice is not an adequate water source.

As far as cattle go, Minnesota State Statute 343.21 subdivision 2 is a broad statute that states no person shall deprive

any animal over which the person has charge or control of necessary food, water, or shelter. Specific to just cattle, subdivision 4 of this statute states that no person shall feed any cow on food which produces impure or unwholesome milk. Basically, the farmer needs to feed his livestock food that holds nutrients or provide other forms of nutrients to keep them healthy. Farmers are usually good about feeding and watering their cattle as that is where they get their income from. However, we sometimes find a person with cattle not properly taking care of them whether it is due to lack of care or financial restraints.

When these calls come in, we are obligated to go investigate. Clearwater County does hire an animal control officer employed by the City of Bagley to look into these cases, but most times a deputy is assigned. In some cases, reports are made directly to the Minnesota Federated Humane Society and they respond.

Sometimes, the cause of these calls stem from a difference of opinion between people. What people deem as adequate can differ greatly. An example is that some people believe that an animal must have food in front of it 24 hours a day. Others believe that every dog must have a dog house built to their liking. The fact of the matter is, law enforcement must decide what is adequate and what isn't according to law and common sense. In addition to state law, Clearwater County also has an animal ordinance that we must follow which can be found on the Clearwater County website under the ordinances tab.

It is difficult to satisfy both sides in these cases. We usually solve these issues by simply talking to the party not providing proper care of their animal(s) and educating them on what they need to do and the problem is fixed. Very seldom does the situation come down to writing a citation and having that person come to court and possibly pay a fine.

I hope this article will help people better understand animal laws in Minnesota. This is just a quick look at the laws as they are written. I would encourage you to research the laws yourself if you want additional information. The bottom line is if you are a pet or livestock owner, take care of your animals. After all, you would not want to be deprived of food, water, or shelter in the cold months ahead.

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.

School news...

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Monday, December 19 @ 6:30 p.m. Come share the spirit of Christmas with music!!!!

Everyone welcome!

Position Opening

Position: Extended Day Program Para

Address Letter of Interest: Jeff Burgess, Principal, Email: jburgess@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Application Submission: Please send or e-mail your letter of application to Jeff Burgess.

Application Deadline: ASAP or until filled.

Dates: Jan 3rd-end of school year.

Job Description: The Extended Day program para would be responsible for the extended day program. Duties include: program planning, student supervision, and communication with parents.

Hours would be from 3:00-5:30 p.m. The program provides after school supervision for students K-4.

The Bear Boosters will be having a meeting December 14th at 5:30 pm in the school commons. If you are free please join us.

COUNSELORS CORNER:

Megan Godtland is the full time school counselor.

Scholarship information, college/career recruiters visiting the school, and other important information and events can be found on the counseling web page

<http://www.clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us/vnews/display.v/SEC/High%20School%7CSchool%20Counselor>

Follow me on twitter! @CounselorMeganG

Get up to date information over the school year including scholarships, financial aid, tips, college representatives, career fairs, articles, and etc.

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Also I have created an Instagram account under the name [counselormegang](#)

Quote of the week

"Don't let silly little things steal your happiness."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Thur, Dec 15: VGBB at Northland Tournament. Times TBD.

Thur, Dec 15: JHBBB at RLC (Oklee). Dismiss at 3:05, Leave at 3:15. 7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30

Thur, Dec 15: JV/VBBB vs Bagley at CG. JV at 6:00, Var at 7:30

ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parents: Please check your lunch accounts regularly so you can keep up to date.

You can find the links to check your account and to pay on the school web sit under District-Food Services.

Knowledge Bowl Rehearsals are Tuesdays during first lunch/Thursdays 7:45am-8:15am in Mr. Carter's room.

Youth Connection every Tuesday.

Regional Ag News

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Feeding Beef Cows in Winter

Most producers put up one of their largest crops of hay they've ever had this year in northern Minnesota, but with large yields often comes lower nutritional quality for much of that hay or at least of some of the lots stored. Winter is now upon us with our first real cold spell, so hopefully the cows came of pasture in good to excellent body condition. Understanding the body condition of your cows, the quality of feed available, and the weather conditions that this winter might present, all will factor into the success of profitability of the cow herd next spring. Below is an article from Mark Landefeld, Ohio State Agricultural Educator in Monroe County on Winter Feeding of beef cows.

Feeding beef cattle during the winter can be a challenging experience if being profitable is also one of your goals. Proper nutrition is a key component for a successful cow/calf operation. Cows go through many physiological changes during a year. The winter/early spring feeding period is one of the most critical times to provide adequate nutrition for the cow because of her needs at calving time.

Feed usually accounts for the single largest input cost associated with beef cattle. The winter feeding period generally becomes the largest portion of this cost. Stored feeds such as hay normally cost producers 3-5 times as much as grazing a summer pasture or stock-piled feed in a paddock, when cost is calculated. It's therefore critical to keep the amount of stored feed fed to an acceptable minimum so costs are kept under control, but you must still feed enough hay to meet the nutritional needs of the cow. We must maintain the cow's dietary needs if strong healthy calves are to be born in the spring and also get cows rebred in a timely manner to maintain acceptable calving intervals.

So, we quickly see how over feeding becomes costly, but don't ever forget that under nourished cows may be a disaster. Under nourished cows are ones not receiving enough nutrients from their feed. Notice I did not say, its cows not being fed enough hay. Cows can be under nourished even though they are eating all they can eat. Feeding the correct quantity of hay is important, but feeding the correct quality of the hay during each production stage is the key.

We often use the figures 2.5 - 3% of a cows body weight as the amount of dry matter (DM) a beef animal needs per day. So, a 1300 lb. cow would require approximately 33-39 lbs. of DM each day. Don't for-

get this is a DM calculation. To calculate the amount of hay we must actually feed we must account for the moisture in the hay. Most stored hay will be roughly 90% DM so we divide our 33-39 lbs. by 90% (.90) and get an as fed amount of 37-43lbs. of hay per day for our 1300 lb. cow.

Here's the catch. Doing these calculations still does not assure us the proper amounts of nutrients are being fed. Remember we said cows can starve eating all they could eat. Quality of hay must be accounted for to ensure the nutrients being fed are adequate. Poor quality hay has high percentages of non-digestible (neutral detergent fiber-NDF) material in it. Because of this a cow cannot eat more than about 1.5% of her body weight in NDF. Poor quality forage does not pass through the rumen as quickly as high quality forage, hence the cow is full but still lacks the nutrients she needs to maintain productivity.

Laboratory forage analyses I've had done sometimes reveal that hay does not contain the nutrients I thought it might. Sometimes this happens because of unexpected changes in weather conditions that delay making hay, but other times it's because of management decisions. I've heard some producers boast of how many round bales they rolled up in one day or how well their round bales keep their shape and not sag after baling. However, what they really may be saying is that they have a lot of poor quality hay, which was made after it was very mature (with a high NDF value), and it won't be able to meet the nutritional needs of their livestock during the winter feeding period.

Many factors must be taken into consideration when feeding cows. Frame size, body condition, age of the cows, time of the year, stage of gestation, types of feed, feed quality, fluctuations in air temperature, mud, rainfall and the list could go on. Animals require energy for maintenance, growth, work, and milk or meat production. Feeds are evaluated in terms of the amount of energy and crude protein the animal can obtain from them.

Providing the correct quantity and quality of feed, at the proper time, is what producers must do to maximize production, maintain cows in proper body condition and keep costs under control. Remember we said feeding beef cattle during winter can be a challenging experience. While we certainly want to feed enough nutrients, likewise we do not want to feed too many expensive nutrients if the hay is above average quality or very high in quality.

Knowledge of your hay's quality, the amount consumed and nutrient needs for all classes of livestock in your operation is essential to make the best use of forages available. Nutritional needs for cattle of various ages, weights and production stages are published in numerous places and easy to obtain. Accurate nutritional data of your hay lots will only be known if you have laboratory analyses done.

Laboratory forage testing results are often returned within one week. It's not too late to take samples and have an analysis done to calculate if you're livestock can get enough nutrients from the hay you are feeding.

Whatever method one uses to determine quantities of feed fed, producers should regularly monitor body condition of all livestock. This will help verify if nutrients being fed are calculated properly, distribution among all animals is adequate and boss cows are not keeping timid cows from eating enough forage, causing them to lose weight. A body condition scoring chart that shows pictures and lists body condition descriptions may be found at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/1292/index.html>

Now hear this...

by **Harry Hutchens,**
Clearwater
County Veterans
Service Officer

GUN VS RIFLE SALUTES:

At military funerals, one often sees three volleys of shots fired in honor of the deceased veteran. This is often mistaken by the layman as a 21-gun salute, although it is entirely different. In the military, a "gun" is a large-caliber weapon. The three volleys are fired from "rifles," not "guns." Therefore, the three volley firing isn't any kind of "gun salute", at all. The three volleys comes from an old battlefield custom. The two warring sides would cease hostilities to clear their dead from the battlefield, and the firing of three volleys meant that the dead had been properly cared for and the side was ready to resume the battle. Anyone who is entitled to a military funeral is entitled to the three rifle volleys, subject to availability of honor guard teams. As stated, this is not a 21-gun salute, nor any other type of "gun salute." There are simply three rifle volleys fired. The firing team can consist of any number, but one usually sees a team of eight, with a noncommissioned officer in charge of the firing detail. Whether the team consists of three or eight, or ten, each member fires three times (three volleys). The honor guard detail often presents three shell-casings to the family. Each casing representing one volley.

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



Maci Syverson with Santa on Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook.



Making Christmas ornaments at Santa Claus Day in Gonvick.



Gwen Eck with all her grandchildren visiting Santa and Mrs. Claus at Gonvick.

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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
I love you very much! I have been good as gold. Can I please have a baby alive Dr. for Christmas? Love Peyton

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Luke. I'm 2 1/2. Are you coming to Clearbrook for Christmas?
I would like a Paw Patrol Train with tracks. I'd also like a blue tractor (like daddy's or grandpa's).
I'm waiting for baby - 'cuz it's still in mommy's tummy!
Love, Luke



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, is having a Christmas Dinner/Meeting for all members on Thursday, December 15th at Fireside Grill & Patio in Bagley with social hour at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow.

This dinner is free to all club members and we will also have door prizes. If you would like to attend, please RSVP Sharon Dyrda-O'Bryan by December 11th at 218-694-2150.

The Clearbrook American Legion will be having their annual lutefisk and meatball supper on Saturday, December 17. They will be serving starting at 4:30 until it is gone. It will be in the banquet room at the Clearbrook Community Center.

The Gerald Dyrda Memorial Pine Lake 200 Snowmobile Race will be held on beautiful Pine Lake on Saturday, January 7 and Sunday January 8. Races start at 9:00 a.m. both days. The races will depend on ice conditions with an alternate date that would be announced if necessary.

Thank you to Kendehl Ballard for taking the pictures at Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook. We will have several pictures from both Santa Claus Days in the coming papers.

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.

Joke time...

His name was Ole. He was from Minnesota. And he needed a loan. So, he walked into a bank in New York City and asked for a loan officer.

He told the loan officer that he was going to Oslo for the All-Scandinavian Sum-

mer Festival for two weeks and needed to borrow \$5,000 and that he was not a depositor of the bank.

The bank officer told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan, so Ole handed over the keys to his new Ferrari. The car was parked on the street in front of the bank.

Ole produced the title and everything checked out. The loan officer agreed to hold the car as collateral for the loan and apologized for having to charge 12% interest. The loan papers were signed and an employee of the bank then drove the Ferrari into the bank's private underground garage and parked it.

Later, the bank's president and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at Ole from Minnesota for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral for a \$5,000 loan.

Two weeks later, Ole returned, repaid the \$5,000 and the interest of \$23.07.

The loan officer said, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out on Dunn & Bradstreet and found that you are a Distinguished Alumni from The University of Minnesota, a highly sophisticated investor and multimillionaire with real estate and financial interests all over the world. Your investments include a large number of oil wells around Williston, ND. What puzzles us is why you would bother to borrow \$5,000?"

Ole replied, "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$23.07 and expect it to be there when I return?"

Dear Santa
I would like for you to bring me a "Stuffed Puppy with a bottle (baba).
I think you can find it at Walmart.
For "Gunga" (Grandma) I'd like some candy (chocolate) and a pretty sparkley bracelet.
I'll leave you cookies. Have fun. Love, Maci

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a dirt bike. From, Carter

Dear Santa,
Hi - I would like a real bike for Christmas. Do you have a red one?
I'd also like a kite, too. I can fly it on the playground near my house.
I plan to leave you cookies and milk. For the reindeer we'll have a mix of oats and corn.
Love, Matthew
P.S. My sister Rachel doesn't want anything.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a head set and a picture of Prancer. The head set will be for me to be a youtuber and the picture is just because I love Prancer.
From Brandon,
in Clearbrook

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I'd like a Shopkins doll. My sister says "it's collectible".
I'd also like play dough with Pepa Pig and I'll play with it.
I live in Bemidji so I hope you find me.
Love, Sophia.

Dear Santa,
Do you know the way to my houses? Mom said you know everything but here's my list anyway. I'd like an X box (any kind), a scooter (blue), and a snowmobile. Can your sleigh hold all of those?
Mom wants a new stove and dad needs a new pickup. He has to haul hay for our cows.
Are your reindeer afraid of cows?
We'll have cookies for you on Christmas Eve and corn for the reindeer.
Love, Luke.

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll house and baby.
Love,
Brylie Ehlers

Dear Santa,
I'd like the winning pumpkin for 2017.
From Al Danielson



Makayla Erlandson and Brig Sather were happy to visit with Santa in Gonvick. Mrs. Claus was ready to give them a candy cane and a bag of goodies.



Lucas and Lydia Bakken with Santa Claus.



David and MiKaely Weems with Santa Claus.



Kylie and Kaire Walton with Santa Claus.



Tavia and Travis Johnson with Santa Claus.



Nadia Oraskovich needed help to be with Santa Claus.



Millie and Kreed Shegrud with Santa Claus.

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Hadley Hirschert with Grandma Kathy Kjolhaug at Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook.



Kim Ekman had to comfort Natalie Edevold for her to sit on Santa's lap.



Ben, Trey and Miles Goudge with Santa Claus in Clearbrook.



Brynley Earl with Santa Claus in Clearbrook.



Jack and Addie McKnight sat on Santa and Mrs. Claus's lap at Santa Day in Gonvick.



Blake Senger would not sit on Santa's lap but he was really telling Santa about the train set that he won at Santa Day in Gonvick.

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Kysen and Brevia Prestemon at Gonvick Santa Claus Day.



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