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*May all the joys of Christmas
fill your heart
throughout the New Year.*

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Applications being accepted for \$1 million in environmental grants

Applications are now being accepted for \$1 million in environmental grants for organizations within Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin that work to protect and restore the natural environment. Enbridge is pleased to announce the continuation of the Ecofootprint Grant Program which supports environmental stewardship at a local level.

Communities in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin along the Line 3 Replacement project may be eligible to receive grants in varying amounts with preference for projects that demonstrate one or more of the following priorities:

- Improve and/or protect surface water and/or groundwater quality in watersheds crossed by the project;
- Advance research and science related to threatened and endangered species and/or declining populations;
- Foster environmental post-secondary education and stewardship;
- Improve research related to the transportation of crude oil as it relates to the environment; and
- Focus on environmental areas or issues that are most relevant to local communities.

"Being good stewards of the environment as well as good community partners has long been important to Enbridge," said John Swanson, Vice President of Major Projects Execution. "We recognize that our construction activities have temporary impacts along the pipeline right-of-way. This is one way that we have found that we can give back and support communities that are impacted by our Line 3 Replacement Project."

Applicants eligible for the grants include non-profit 501(c)3 organizations, Native

American tribes, state government agencies, local governments and post-secondary academic institutions. Requests for proposals will be accepted through Jan. 27, 2017.

In 2016, Enbridge awarded grants totaling nearly \$1 million to 15 groups in three states. As a result of this investment, the work will provide important, long lasting benefits and environmental

stewardship. Examples of past grant award recipients can be found here.

Enbridge has selected the Minnesota Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (MARC&D) to administer the grant program. Interested applicants can learn more about the program by visiting here (<http://minnesotarc.org/grants.php>).

City Council has last meeting of the year

The Gonvick City Council met for the last time for 2016 on Wednesday, December 7. The meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. and the time will stay the same for 2017. The council meets the first Wednesday after the fourth day of each month.

The campground proposal for Jefferson Park was tabled for another meeting. Mayor Lauris Krogstad would like to talk with Wiseth, Smith and Nolting.

Joe Amundson, City Maintenance reported that the sampler at the plant had quit working and quotes were being received to replace the unit.

The Fire Department is considering to transfer \$100,000 (money that is left from the remaining part of the donation from the John Hedin Fund) for investments. The money had come from Franklin Templeton Investments under the advisement of Rick Hopperstad. City Clark Stacy Halvorson explained that under the state statute, city may deposit funds only in financial institutions that are protected by federal deposit insurance, corporate surety bonds or assigned collateral. The proposed funds that were presented to

the Fire Department were in the form of investments that were not FDIC insured. They will be researching further to see what options they can do to invest that does not risk the loss of money and will also receive the largest earnings.

The council passed resolution 16-05 certifying property tax levy to County Auditor for the City of Gonvick in the amount of \$106,176.00. A second resolution was also passed transferring \$25,000 from the Water and Sewer Checking Account to Wastewater Improvement Fund for the third annual payment of \$18,960.00 which is due January 1, 2017. USDA Rural Development requires additional monies to be set aside each year for reserves.

Expenditures were approved with \$40,379.40 for general, \$4,626.98 for Water and Sewer, \$475.20 for Fire for a total of \$45,481.58.

Police Chief Dan Gazelka gave his report for November with a total of 13 incidents: including Civil Complaint 1, Public Assistance 2, Suspicious Activities 2, Theft 21, Traffic 5, Welfare Check 1, Citations Issued 1.

4-H recognition awards given

Clearwater County 4-H recently held their annual recognition event. At this event we recognized everyone who contributed their time to 4-H during the past year. We specifically gave out awards, such as the "Energizer Bunny" Award, to the top adult volunteer who has been involved in many aspects of the Clearwater County 4-H program.

This year, the Energizer Bunny Award went to Sandy Girtz. Clearwater County 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award went to Crissy Otting. Crissy went above and beyond the expectations of a volunteer for the 4-H youth in Clearwater County. After the recognition event we held our annual Leaders Council meeting. The Leaders Council Board, which is run by youth, is designed to give the leaders of tomorrow an opportunity to learn how to run a business meeting with the guidance of adults.

November is the start of a new 4-H year, and new officers were elected to the Leader's Council board. Those leaders are as follows: President - Kaleb Tronnes, Vice President - Carly Lewis, Secretary - Kirah Otting, Treasurer - Brianna

Tronnes, and Reporter - Tessa Tramm.

We also elected members to be on the 4-H Food Stand committee, consisting of 3 adults and 3 youth. Food Stand Committee members include (Youth) - Obadiah Hammer, Maccabee Hammer and Hannah Johnshoy and (Adult) - Shelly Johnshoy, Marie Powell and Marceen Hammer.

Finally, the financial team members for 2017 include adults Daniel Johnshoy, Sandy Girtz and Stephanie Tronnes

and the youth member is Nathan Johnshoy and Brianna Tronnes (youth Tr).

We are excited to begin a new 4-H year and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about 4-H, visit <http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn-4-h> or call the Clearwater County Extension Office at 218-694-6151.

Submitted by Tessa Tramm
Clearwater County 4-H
Leaders Council Reporter



Sandy Girtz with the Clearwater County Energizer Bunny Award.



Crissy Otting with the Clearwater County 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award.



New officers were elected to the Clearwater County 4-H Leaders Council. Left to right: Board President - Caleb Tronnes, Vice President - Carly Lewis, Secretary - Kirah Otting, Treasurer - Brianna Tronnes, and Reporter - Tessa Tramm, 4-H Program Coordinator Katie Becker.



Adult 4-H Leaders received awards, Front Row L-R: Marceen Hammer, Sandy Girtz, Mindy Borden, Tina Lucken, Marie Powell, Crissy Otting, Stephanie Tronnes. Back Row L-R: Lynn Anderson, Shelley Johnshoy, Dan Johnshoy, Sara Tramm, Rick Lewis, Ora Mord, Carol Anderson, Pat Larson.

Elementary presents "Candy Cane Lane"

Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary students in grades K-3 added to the Christmas spirit with their performance of the Christmas musical, "Candy Cane Lane" on Tuesday evening.

A very appreciative audience enjoyed singing, dancing, speaking roles, and instrument playing as students told the story of "Randy, the Dandy, but Weird Elf". According to the story, Randy is a little different than most elves and gets in trouble for trying to do the right thing for a family of bunnies. In the end, however, Randy is the hero saving Christmas for the bunnies and helping Santa to get started on Christmas deliveries. The concert concluded with a rousing rendition of "Jingle Bells" sung by students and the audience.

A big thank you goes out to the CG Custodial staff for their assistance in setting up the gym and taking down the stage after the concert. Also, thanks to the elementary staff for all their help in getting students organized for rehearsals and the concert. Students are under the direction of Tammy Ragan and Katrina Stewart.



The members of the Clearwater Quilters Guild, established in 1999, held a drawing for a quilt and a silent auction during Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook. Members seated are Jane Jorgenson and Char Rathbone. Standing are Judi Engebretson and Linda Holm. Proceeds were donated to Clearwater County Hospice. Ruth Stinar from Bagley was the winner of the quilt. The group raised \$541.00 with the silent auction items that day and it will be donated to Clearwater County Hospice.

Community Calendar

Clearwater County History Center Closed During Holidays

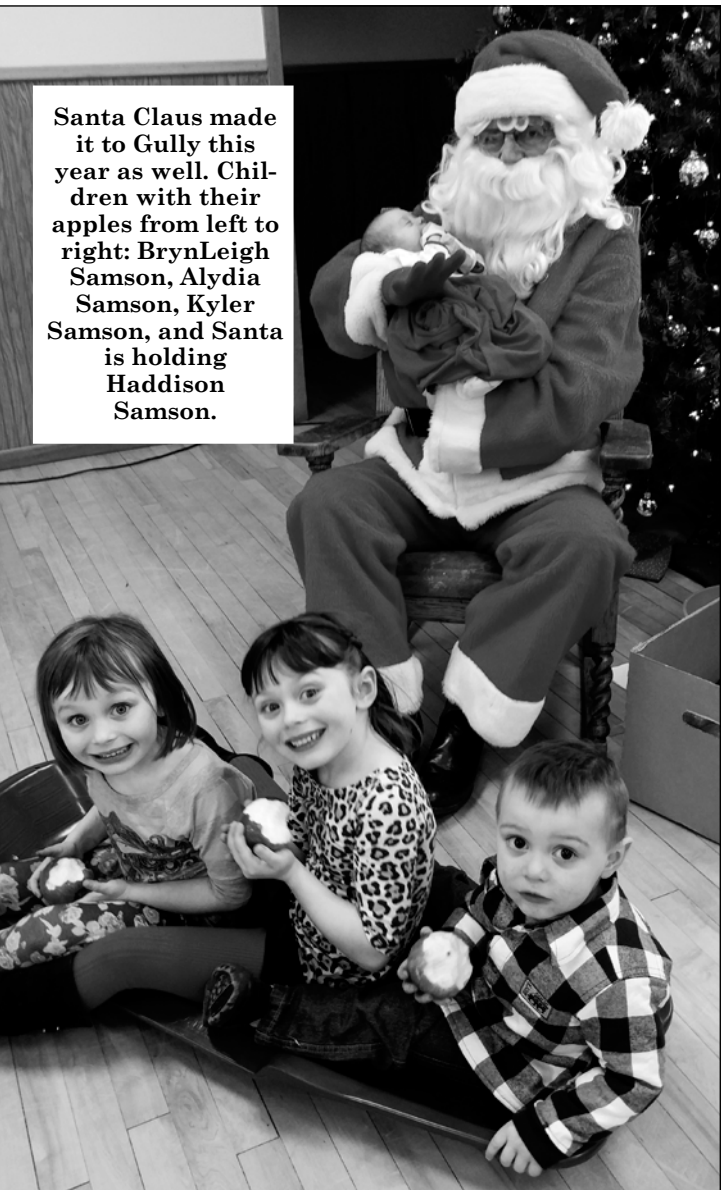
The History Center in Shevlin will be closed Friday December 23 through Monday January 2 for the holidays. Staff will be happy to schedule special tours during the holidays if anyone had visiting relatives who would like to visit the museum. Call 218-785-2000 to schedule a tour. Exhibits currently on display include "The Home Place: Homesteading in Clearwater County 1896" and the new military exhibit. Regular hours for the History Center are Tuesday - Friday from 10:00- 4:00 and by appointment. For more information call the History Center 218-785-2000

Clearwater County Food Shelf closed

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

Funeral for Mavis Erickson Wednesday

Funeral services for Mavis Erickson will be held on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Country Faith Church near Clearbrook. Visitation for Mavis will be on Wednesday, December 21 at Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Today In Banking

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Wishing You A Merry Christmas

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." -Luke 2:10-11

As we celebrate this joyous season of Christmas, we remember the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas.

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Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Dec. 21 - *Christmas Meal* - Ham with Raisin Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Veggie, Strawberry Shortcake, Bread, Milk.
Thurs. Dec. 22 - Cook's Choice and Milk.
Fri. Dec. 23 - Closed.
Mon. Dec. 26 - Closed.
Tues. Dec. 27 - Hamburger Tomato Casserole, Green Beans,

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

Pineapple, Bread, Lemon Chiffon Dessert, Milk.
Wed. Dec. 28 - Vegetable Beef Soup, Meat Salad Sandwich, Pea & Cheese Salad, Crackers, Bar, Milk.
Thurs. Dec. 29 - *New Years Eve Meal* - Salmon or Chicken Fillet, Baked Potato, Veggie, Blueberry Pie, Roll, Coffee and Milk. \$5.00.
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.

Our First Christmas Without You

They say there is a reason, They say that time will heal, But neither time nor reason, Will change the way we feel, For no-one knows the heart-ache, That lies behind our smiles, No-one knows how many times, We have broken down and cried, We want to tell you something So there won't be any doubt, You're so wonderful to think of, But so hard to be without.

Loving and missing you.

Carolyn • Darren & Cindy Jason & Jenny

Notice to Leon Township Residents

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at the Leon Township Hall.

Filing for township offices opens on January 3, 2017, and continues to January 17, 2017, 5 p.m. Offices to be elected are:

- 1 Supervisor for a 3 year term
- 1 Treasurer for a 2 year term

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a \$2 filing fee.

Lori Larson, Clerk

Legal Notice
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute 394.26 and the Clearwater County Shoreland Management Ordinance that it is the intention of the Clearwater County Board of Adjustment to hold a Public Hearing to consider:
Variance application by Phantom Investment Corporation, Roy Lake (44-1), Lot 25, Olson's Lakeshore Subdivision, La Prairie Township, Clearwater County, Minnesota. This Variance application is for a structure setback from the Ordinary High Water Level of the lake, to build an addition to the back of the cabin.
Variance application by Andrew Lundmark, West Four Legged Lake (15-28) Lot 9, Dudley Township, Clearwater County, Minnesota. This Variance application is for an after-the-fact construction of a 28'x 32' garage built in 2014.
Notice is further given that the Public Hearing will be held in the Old Courtroom Room, 3rd Floor, Courthouse, Bagley, Minnesota on January 3rd, 2017 at 11:00 AM or as soon thereafter as possible.
The Board of Adjustment will conduct a site visit to these properties prior to the meeting on January 3rd, 2016.
Glenn Rettmann, Chair Planning Advisory Commission Board of Adjustment

Legal Notice
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City of Clearbrook will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers in the Clearbrook Community Center, 200 Elm Street SW, Clearbrook, MN 56634. This will be an informational meeting to discuss the proposed water and sewer project, including economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project, and potential funding sources, including USDA Rural Development. All residents and property owners within the City of Clearbrook are encouraged to attend.
Lucie Thompson City of Clearbrook

NOTICE: Clover Township

TO THE RESIDENTS OF CLOVER TOWNSHIP:

The regular meeting will be held at 5:00 pm, January 2nd, 2017 at the Clover Town Hall. There will be comments on Cartway (Swenson/Erickson/Johnson) and Turnback (Duray) road issues. Postponement date to inclement weather will be the next Monday, January 6th.

Joel Wraa, Clerk

Clearwater County Fair Calendar Winners

Dec. 10 - Becky Johnson, Shelvin, \$20.
Dec. 11 - Phyllis Engen, Clearbrook, \$20.
Dec. 12 - Janice Volstad, Burlington, WI, \$20.
Dec. 13 - Nicholas Erickson, Clearbrook, \$20.
Dec. 14 - Jennifer Kvasager, Oklee, \$20.
Dec. 15 - Chirley Wilson, Titusville, FL, \$20.
Dec. 16 - Kelley and Pam Mueetzel, Bagley, \$20.

Love Lights a Tree

In memory of sister in law Orva Postier, husband Mayhlon Charles and brother in law Murray Charles from Beverly Charles.
In memory of Steven Gulbranson from Sandy Dombeck.
In memory of husband Lloyd Berg, brother Kenny Olson, brother and sister in law Palmer and Hilda Olson and parents Erwin and Stella Olson from Eileen Berg.
In memory of Jamie Beth Mercier from mom Lois Pahlen, stepdad Bill Pahlen, son Riley John Knutson, daughter Sadie Beth Hanson and daughter Shelby Nora Hanson.
Thank you for donations to the American Cancer Society and Love Lights a Tree from Francis and Janice Feil and Lila Ricke.
FYI: Caregivers Caregivers are people who most often helps the person with cancer and are not paid to do so. Caregivers may be partners, family members, or close friends. Most often, they're not trained for the caregiver job. Many times, they're the life-line of the person with cancer.
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.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Shop-at-the-Top & Restore It! will be closed Sat., Dec. 24.
Open Gym & Create It! are open at CWLC-Gonvick during business hours (see below. Building closed Saturday, Dec. 24, only).
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7 PM, Thursday, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Clearbrook. Open to men & women. Confidential.
Youth Connection & Kingdom Extreme: Closed Dec. 27.
Senior Connection Adult Day Services will be closed Mon., Dec. 26. Openings for new participants.
Friday Night Out: Treat yourselves to a French dining experience, Jan. 6, 5-7 PM.
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.adultdayervicesgonvick.org and our Facebook pages.
CWLC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization providing a variety of free and low-cost programming and services to northern Clearwater County and surrounding area.

Church News

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

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., Dec. 21 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation; 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer.
Thurs., Dec. 22 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study and prayer. p.m.
Sat. Dec. 24 - 4:30 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.
Sun., Dec. 25 - 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service.

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 Streng
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Clearbrook
Wed., Dec. 21 - 6:30 p.m. Awa-na, with caroling at the Good Sam and all are invited.
Thurs. Dec. 22 - Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 23 - 9:30 a.m. until noon practice for program.
Sat., Dec. 24 - 7:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast and Bible Study at the church. 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve program.
Sun., Dec. 25 - NO Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.

Sheriff's Reserve has successful year
The Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve recently celebrated a successful year at AJ's on Main in Clearbrook. The volunteers participated in several search and rescue trainings throughout the year. Prepared for hunting and fishing seasons. They also got their Adopt a Highway program up and going again to further serve their community. In 2017 the reserves plan to continue to grow not only in personnel, but also in services. If anyone is interested in joining the team, please contact any reserve member for an application. Applications can also be requested at the sheriff's office.
If interested please contact Chief Deputy Ryan Solee at 694-6226. Applicants will be subject to a background investigation. The reserves would like to thank AJ's on Main for the wonderful meal.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center

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

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Sat. Dec. 24 - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
Sun., Dec. 25: 9:00 am Christmas Day Worship with Communion.
Tues. Dec. 27 - 7:00 p.m. Hymn Planning Committee
Our Savior's
Sat., Dec. 24: 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion.
Sun., Dec. 25: 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service.

REDEEMER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
Church Location: Corner of Hwy. 2 & Red Lake Ave. SW Bagley, MN
Pastor Linden B. Wendzel
Sunday Divine Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School / Adult Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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. 21 - 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation/Mentor Night.
Sat., Dec. 24 5:00 p.m. Candle Light Service with Holy Communion.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sun., Dec. 25 - 9:00 AM Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion.

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Associate Pastor Jim Binder
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www.countryfaith.org
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cfchurch@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 Merseth
Wed, Dec. 21: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.
Sun, Dec. 25: Christmas Services: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:30 a.m. Nazareth.
Wed, Dec. 28: No Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 21: 6:30 p.m. Community Christmas Caroling.
Thu, Dec. 22: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Sat, Dec. 24: 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Sun, Dec. 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Dec. 21: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.
Sun, Dec. 24: 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 25: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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BEAR TRACKS

School News

NO SCHOOL: Friday, December 23 to Monday, January 2. School resumes Tuesday, January 3. Enjoy your time with family and friends! Safe travels to everyone.

The JH BBB game that was canceled on 12/6/16 will be made up on 2/9/17

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Dec. 21 - Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Thurs. Dec. 22 - Turkey Dinner, Potatoes, & Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Dessert, Fruit Choice, Milk.

Fri. Dec. 23 - NOSCHOOOL. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! SEE YOU IN 2017..

Mon. Dec. 26 - NO SCHOOL

Tues. Dec. 27 - NO SCHOOL

Wed. Dec. 28 - NO SCHOOL



Pictured above and below are Clearbrook-Gonvick students receiving their wrist bands.



Clearbrook-Gonvick students with their purchases from the silent auction.

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

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.

COUNSELORS CORNER:
 Scholarship information, college/career representatives visiting the school, elementary and high school involvement, Ramp-Up to Readiness program, classroom counseling,

and other important information and events can be found on the School Counselor website: School Counselor Website

Get up to date information over the school year including scholarships, financial aid, tips, college representatives, career fairs, articles, and some fun stuff :)Follow me on Twitter! @CounselorMegang Follow me on Instagram! counselor-megang

Quote of the week:
 "I have not failed; I've found 10,000 ways that won't work."
 - Thomas Edison

Megan Godtland mgodtland@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us 218-776-3112 x406

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:
 Thur, Dec 22: JV/VBBB at BGMR. Excused at 2:45. Leave at 3:00, JV at 6:00, V at 7:30
 Wed, Dec 28: VGBB at Mountain Iron-Buhl Tournament. Times TBD.
 Thur, Dec 29: VGBB at Mountain Iron-Buhl Tournament. Times TBD.

“We Are Silent” campaign ends

December 9th ushered in the final day of WE ARE SILENT campaign at the Clearbrook-Gonvick school. All week long the students held a silent auction on items for staff and high school students to bid on. Hats go off to the staff who donated hand crafted signs, jewelry, handmade cards, wild rice, a basket with scented cup and mug set, quilts, purchased items from stores such as candy, socks, games, stuffed animals, hot sauces, and blankets to name some of the items. The students were able to make 100% profit from each item because of the donations.

Students received their wrist bands which allowed them to take a vow of silence in order to "speak out" for those who have no voice. Some did it on behalf of homelessness, others for bullying, and still others for hunger. Whatever their passion was, they chose that topic to be able to bring awareness to it that day.

Friday culminated with the final bids able to be placed by 1:00. The auction and bands brought in a total just over \$800 and will be utilized for projects by iMPACT, the student volunteer organization, throughout the year.



December High School Students of the Month Pictured in left to right: John DeVries, Tyra Goodwin, Danaé Stenzel, Michael Tollefson, Jeanette Ballard, Hunter Spears.

December High School Students of the Month
 "Look closely at the present you are constructing. It should look like the future you are dreaming."
 ~Alice Walker

Name: Jeanette Ballard, Grade 12
Parents: Paul and Jennifer Ballard
Siblings: Paul, Annalise, Chloe, and John
School Involvement: Jazz Band, Band, Choir, and Knowledge Bowl
Favorite Class/Activity: Band
Hobbies/Interests: Reading and playing flute
What she likes about CG: The teachers and lunch
Future Plans: A music teacher
Comments: "Always a smile on her face and a real pleasure to have in class." "Gets along great with her classmates and is always willing to help others out." "Jeanette has an amazing amount of talent and creativity. Always fun to see how she approaches a project!" "Jeanette is polite and she contributes great thoughts and ideas to class discussions." "She has an awesome attitude no matter what challenges she is presented with." "Humble, gracious, and talented!"

Name: Tyra Goodwin, Grade 11
Parents: Tara and Adam Olson
School Involvement: Student Council

Favorite Class/Activity: Teacher's Assistant for the Elementary
Hobbies/Interests: working at the nursing home
What she likes about CG: "The food is pretty dope."
Future Plans: Psychiatric Technician
Comments: "Tyra is a great listener. She retains information and is a great contributor to class discussion." "Tyra works hard in her classes. She is always polite and always has a kind word to say." "Tyra is always a very considerate person with a positive attitude. She brightens your day with her smiles and words." "Creative, leader, go-getter, encouragement, and follows through on ideas she creates."

Name: Michael Tollefson, Grade 10
Parents: Conrad Tollefson and Kimberly Tollefson
Siblings: Gabe, Sissy, Theodore
School Involvement: Basketball and concert band
Favorite Class/Activity: Math and Basketball
Hobbies/Interests: Robotics
What he likes about CG: "Great place to go to school - nice people, amazing education."
Future Plans: An engineer
Comments: "Michael has a great sense of humor" "Well liked by his peers" "Not afraid to ask questions or answer questions even if he is not sure." "Very pleasant to have in class." "Never afraid to try." "He has a positive attitude every day." "His smile makes me smile and sometimes

wonder what he just did!"

Name: Danaé Stenzel, Grade 9
Parents: Tom and Cheryl,
Siblings: Madi
School Involvement: Basketball, Volleyball, Track, and Student Council, Band
Favorite Class/Activity: Science with Goudge
Hobbies/Interests: Playing basketball and swimming
What she likes about CG: "I like how we all pretty much know each other and everyone is pretty friendly to each other."
Future Plans: A doctor
Comments: "Danaé is great to have in class." "She is well liked by her peers." "Works very hard to make sure she always has her work done." "Danaé has a playful curiosity about her." "Contagious smile!" "She is always on task and works very hard." "She has a calm demeanor and takes pride in her work."

Name: Hunter Spears, Grade 8
Parents: Christine Moen, Justin Moen (Uncle), Ruby Moen (grandma)
Brothers: Hayden and Tyron
Favorite Class/Activity: Geography and Math
Hobbies/Interests: Reading books and playing video games
What he likes about CG: "It is a friendly place."
Future Plans: "I am not entirely sure yet."
Comments: "Super nice kid." "Really enjoy having him in class." "Wish he would speak up more because he has great things to say." "Well liked by all his classmates." "Intelligent. Perceptive." "Respectful and kind - a great combination!"

Name: John DeVries, Grade 7
Parents: John and Michelle
Sister: Hadley
School Involvement: Cross-country and concert band
Favorite Class/Activity: Math and English
Hobbies/Interests: Reading, comics, drawing and Legos
What he likes about CG: "I like that we have cross-country."
Future Plans: An author
Comments: "John is great to have in class." "Always pleasant and willing to answer questions." "Very well liked by his peers." "Always willing to help others out." "John wears a smile all day every day! He offers intelligent input to class discussions and is a role model to others in both academics and character!" "He always has a smile on his face when he walks in the door. He is very polite and respectful. He contributes meaningfully to the class discussion." "Positive, chipper, makes the environment in which he is in more uplifting."

Holiday Tournament
In Thief River Falls Tuesday's results
Stephen-Argyle 79
Badger-G-MR 75, 2 OT
 Stephen-Arg 28 33 414-79
 Badger-G-MR32 29 410-75
 Stephen-Argyle—Kailyn Hrynshyn 11, Abi McGlynn 3, Savannah Riopelle 14, Jules Efta 5, Abbey Johnson 7, Autumn Thompson 39
 Badger-G-MR—Sierrah Mooney 9, Gracei Gullikson 5, Alyssa Kilen 4, Tessani Peterson 10, Maddi Janicke 16, Carly Mekash 20, Kjerstie Lieberg 11

Clearbrook-Gonvick 77, Lake of the Woods 41
 Clear-Gon. 45 32-77
 LOWoods 22 19-41
 Clearbrook-Gonvick—Rachel Lavin 3, Brynn Hetland 11, Jackie Lynn Taffin 10, Alison Johnson 6, Liz Bodensteiner 29, Danae Stenzel 9, Madelynne Faldet 6, Cassie Faldet 3
 Lake of the Woods—Jordan Sonstegard 10, Alcia Draper 14, Shelby Plutko 2, Sydneye Hufnagle 5, Greta Moeller 4, Rebekah Fraser 5, Camryn Strohl 1

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Clearbrook City Council meeting

The regular meeting of the Clearbrook City Council was held on November 14, 2016 in the City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor George Postier.

Present were: Mayor: George Postier; Council Members: Ryan Solee, Dylan Goudge, Kevin Prosser and Shawn Johnson. Others present: Lucie Thompson, Sue Weems, Dan Johnson, Dan Gazelka, Joy Walberg, Gary Prosser, Mark Fuller with Freeburg & Grund and Sam Anderson with Karvacko Engineering.

A motion to accept the October 10, 2016 regular council meeting, the October 24, 2016 special council meeting minutes and the October 28, 2016 special council meeting passed.

Presentation of Petitions

and Complaints by Council Members and Citizens:

Mark Fuller with Freeburg & Grund updated the council on the currently progress of the PER that was resubmitted in February to be reviewed again by Rural Development. A conference call was held with the State Engineer regarding additional information needed and clarification needed on some items. Water meters will be required, which will add to the cost. Also discussed was removing the old water tower. A motion and passed to adopt Rural Development's recommendation to remove the old water tower. Freeburg & Grund will make the changes and additions needed and resubmit to the USDA for review.

Police Report/Update – Dan Gazelka, Police Chief

-48 Incidents Reported for

October 2016.

-Items relating to blight in the City were discussed and listed those that were resolved. Discussion was held on the Gloria's Collectible building. Chief Gazelka received a letter from the building's owner about the City taking ownership of the building in order to have the building torn down. The City will need estimates on the removal of the building. Discussion tabled to the next meeting due to needing more information regarding the removal of the building.

Liquor Store Report/Update – Joy Walberg & Karra Weems, Liquor Store Supervisors:

-Liquor Store monthly summary was reviewed by the council.

-Joy's Report – Discussion held upcoming events for the

Liquor Store. There will be a wine tasting in December and as a Tom & Jerry special on Christmas Eve. The new point of sale program is up and running. All seems to be going well with learning the new system. Garden Valley has been contacted regarding the TV that is not working correctly.

Maintenance Report/Update: - Danny Ulrich & Dan Johnson

-Information regarding leasing a skid steer was presented to the council. Discussion held on the need and feasibility of leasing a skid steer.

-Jorgenson Backhoe has been contacted to push in the posts to install the gates at Kloster Park.

City Clerk Update:

-2016 Election results were presented to the Council.

-Special meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:30pm to work on the 2017 budget.

-Discussion held on events for Santa Claus Day which will be held Saturday, December 3rd.

-Discussion held on parking near the new playground. As well as the use of the playground by children that are not age appropriate. Signs may need to be posted regarding those items. Also discussed was the fundraising efforts for completing the playground.

-Group health insurance information was presented. At

this time, the City will not be offering group coverage.

-Truth in Taxation Meeting will be held Monday, December 12th at 6:30pm.

Resolutions:

•Resolution 2016-15: Donations for October 2016 made and accepted.

OTHER MOTIONS:

Monthly Claims Totaling \$55,654.56; Motion carried.

Additional Claims Totaling \$22,543.39; Motion carried.

Approval of North Country Hardware claims of \$71.70 and \$191.90 for October 2016 was made and seconded by Dylan Goudge and Kevin Prosser to accept as presented, with Shawn Johnson abstaining. Motion carried.

Approval of Gustafson & Goudge claims of \$1,800.00 for October 2016 was made and seconded by Ryan Solee and Shawn Johnson to accept as presented, with Dylan Goudge abstaining. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Attest: Mayor, George Postier, Clerk-Treasurer, Lucie Thompson

Clearbrook Police Department report

Alarm 2, Animal 2, Assist Other Agency 1, Burglary 1, Disturbance 1, DWI 1, Medical 3, Public Assistance/Misc. 7, Suspicious Activity 3, Theft 3, Traffic 6, Traffic Complaint 2, Warrant Check 1, Arrest 2, Citation 1 For a total of 36.

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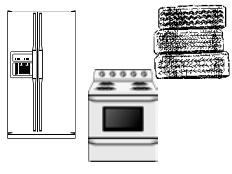
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2.89% increase in 2017 Levy
HRDC development strategy for
County accepted by Commissioners

By Karen Edelbach

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on December 13, 2016 for the regular meeting and the Truth in Taxation meeting to follow.

Headwaters Regional Development Commission (HRDC) Director, Ryan Zemek, was present at the meeting to bring the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to the attention of the Commissioners, which is required by the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) every five years.

"This Strategy is meant to serve as a planning tool which will guide the Region in its Economic Development activities in the coming years," stated the letter sent to the Board of Commissioners. We spent several months gathering pertinent data and also met with a series of key businesses, lenders, loan administrators, economic developers and others to gather information."

This information was used to develop the regional vision, goals and objectives for the Strategy. The region includes Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnomen Counties.

The goal of the strategy is the growing of business and jobs in the communities using resources that will help people stay, live and work in the region.

"The data shows that in Clearwater County there was a significant decline in business in the past number of years, and has lost 293 businesses. We found that the jobs available don't pay as much as needed to stay; and there are some housing constraints," Mr. Zemek said.

He said they recommend increasing business in the next couple of years; increase the number of individuals with Associate and College or Technical Certificates by 2025; and look at how to make the community more welcome and in-

viting.

"How to sell our region better, and encourage some to come back here to raise their families. Get people 'hooked' on the life up here," he said.

The Commissioners approved the resolution brought from the HRDC which says in part that Clearwater County is recognized by the EDA as a redevelopment area with special needs for economic development assistance, and that Clearwater County Board of Commissioners actively supports and currently participates in the economic development district activities of the HRDC, approves the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy as submitted on December 13, 2016.

Levy: The Levy for County purposes was approved to be spread on taxable valuation of Clearwater County for taxes payable in the year 2017. The Gross Levy is \$7,509,305; and the Net Levy Base is \$6,846,207; which reflects a 2.89% increase.

The Levy was adopted and is to be submitted to the State of Minnesota.

The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget was approved by the Board with Total General Government expenditures shown in the amount of \$2,607,960, and revenues shown in the amount of \$281,380.

The Board approved the 2015 Financial Statement for publication.

County Attorney Richard Mollin brought motions for 2% increase to the union and department head employees; and 2% to the elected officials Richard Mollin, Darin Halverson, Brenda Knable, and Allen Paulson effective Jan. 1, 2017, which were approved by the Board.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between Clearwater County and Minnesota Nurses Association Home Health Care Registered Nurses was approved and signed,

with salary schedule increases of 2% for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

The Labor Agreement between the Clearwater County and the Sheriff's Office and Minnesota Teamster Public and Law Enforcement Employees' Union, Local No 320 was approved and signed, with salary schedule increases of 2% for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

A motion was approved for the 2017 salary for the Commissioners to remain the same as 2016, which is \$20,742 annually.

County Land Commissioner Bruce Cox received approval for the proposed Forfeited Tax Sale Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2017. Total revenues are shown as \$423,600 and total expenditures are shown as \$659,846.

Due to some repairs needed, a motion was made and passed to approve payment of Pickett Auto Service repair bill of \$2,723.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received approval for payment of County Highway Department bills in the amount of \$23,708 as presented.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson received authorization to pay the submitted invoices of \$156,932 from the County Revenue Fund, and \$11,914 from Nursing Service.

Liquor license applications were approved for Knutson's Store, Sportsman's Lodge, Lobo's Bar & Grill, and Fireside Grill.

Solid Waste Management Fiscal Year 2017 Budget was approved, with a total operating revenue of \$1,410,746. The 2017 Ditch Budget was also approved, with total disbursement activity of \$75,761.

Truth In Taxation: The regular meeting was adjourned, and the Truth In Taxation Meeting was conducted by Auditor-Treasurer Al Paulson. There were several Clearwater County citizens present who presented questions about their tax increases in the northern part of Clearwater County on agricultural land; one person wanted to know who determines the value for parcels of land, and why a very small parcel is taxed at a much greater rate than a larger parcel.

Assessor Jamie Freeman explained that because of "low sales ratios" or what are considered "bad sales" tax adjustments must be made.

"The State required an additional 10% increase of tax on tillable agricultural land," she said. "The Assessor's Office sets the value for each parcel. It is all based on the market value. It must be taxed between 90 – 105% of sales price."

"It changes with the size of the parcel, and also the classification may change."

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

Regional Ag News

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Minnesota Buffer Law Comment Period through January 9th, 2017

Below is a summary from the Minnesota Soybean Growers web site of the official Public Notice released recently from BWSR for a comment period on portions of the "Minnesota Buffer Law". The Buffer law, signed into law in 2015 and amended in 2016, is not without objection or praise by citizens of the State of Minnesota. For agricultural producers and land owners directly affected by this legislation, and others not directly affected, there has been concern as to how implementation and enforcement might be carried out. As citizens in a democratic society, you have the right to comment on public policy as it is developed. Consider reading the notice, review the information as it pertains to the law (available on the Board of Water and Soil Resources web site), and consider making comment.

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is charged with overseeing program implementation of the buffer law. The agency is currently seeking public comment on key components of its buffer program.

The Requests for Comment and supporting documents are available on the BWSR Buffer Program website at <http://bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers>

BWSR is looking for feedback on the following policies and model rules:

- Initial Election of Jurisdiction Policy
- Enforcement Procedures and Administrative Penalty Order Plan
- Model county ordinance as an option for counties electing to exercise jurisdiction.
- Model watershed district rule as an option for districts electing to exercise jurisdiction.

Comments from stakeholders are a key part of the process, and will be considered during policy development. Anticipated action on these policies is expected at the January 2017 BWSR Board meeting. Information and comments on the policies and model rules will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 9, 2017.

Comments may be submitted via email to buffers.bwsr@state.mn.us or via U.S. mail to David Weirens, Asst. Director for Programs and Policy, BWSR, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

When Should My Christmas Cactus Bloom?

A few weeks ago while shopping for gifts I noticed in one of the stores a variety of bloom colors of Christmas cacti. Like a child in the candy store I wanted to add to my collection! For many growing this cactus, it is handed down through generations. I know of at least one family who has successfully managed 3 generations of growth of the same plant. In the spirit of the holiday season I thought I would present information for those trying to be green thumbs before they focus their attention on the pages of seed catalogs arriving on January 2nd. Below is an article on Christmas Cacti written a few years ago by Beth Berlin, University of Minnesota Extension Educator in Stearns and Ben-

ton Counties.

'Tis the season for the holiday plants to start blooming. Or is it? Many people may wonder why their Christmas cactus is blooming at Thanksgiving or even earlier. There are actually several popular holiday cacti; the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and less familiar Easter cactus. Despite the name cactus, these plants are not from the desert; instead the Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti are both in the Schlumbergera family, and native to the tropical forests of Brazil.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti received their name because of the typical bloom period is near to the holiday; however that is not always true. Bloom periods are triggered by the amount of daylight and the temperature. Therefore your Thanksgiving cacti might be in bloom at Halloween and your Christmas in bloom closer to Thanksgiving. A more definitive way to tell the difference between a Thanksgiving cactus and a Christmas cactus is by looking at the segments of the leaves. The Thanksgiving cactus' leaf segments have a pointed, jagged edge, while the Christmas cactus' leaf segments are smooth and rounded. Another way is to look closely at the flower parts of the plant. The anther, pollen bearing part of the flower, is yellow on the Thanksgiving cactus and purplish-brown on the Christmas cactus. Very often the Thanksgiving cactus is actually sold under the name Christmas cactus, which only adds to the confusion.

To initiate flowering, either plant needs less than 12 hours of light per day and temperatures of less than 68°F. Flower buds will set regardless of the daylight hours if temperatures are less than 55°F. If the conditions in your home do not meet these requirements extra efforts need to be done by the plant owner to trigger the cactus to bloom. Simply cover the cactus or put it in a dark closet for at least 12 hours a day. In some warm homes, if temperatures never drop below 70°F, the plant may never bloom regardless of the amount of light.

Be aware that if budded plants are brought into a warm room with low humidity, they may drop their buds. Also plants that are overwatered may even drop leaf segments. The perfect place for the cactus is in a bright, indirect lit room with suitable temperatures

away from drafts. Water the plant when the growing medium is dry to the touch. Do not overwater and let the soil to be waterlogged, especially in the winter. The soil medium should be kept evenly moist in the fall when flower buds are set to prevent them from withering. Never let water stand in the saucer below the pot. Fertilize the plant with a general purpose fertilizer monthly during the growing season, fertilize with half strength from late winter through summer, and finally stop fertilizing in late summer for greater flower bud production.

After the cactus is done blooming, they benefit from a "resting" period. Allow the soil to dry out between watering, but do not allow the leaves to shrivel. Thanksgiving and Christmas cactus bloom best when slightly pot-bound. The best time to repot is in spring when new growth begins. The best potting medium is well-drained with good aerations, such as a mix of two-thirds potting soil with one-third perlite or coarse sand. Do not use a cactus soil mixture.

Take a close look at your holiday cactus, is it a true Christmas cactus or is it a Thanksgiving cactus? Regardless, with the proper care this plant will bloom for six to eight weeks each year for many, many years. For more information on all houseplants visit www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/houseplants



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Wyatt Westrum at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Music concert.



Participants at the elementary music concert at Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



John DeVries getting his official handshake from Clearbrook-Gonvick Principal Jeff Burgess for being Student of the Month.

Santa Claus makes his appearance in area towns



Hudson Olson



Erika Rude.



Connor Patten



Tucker Olson



Brin Rude.



Sophia Edevold



Kaylie Bjerke



Cole Anderson



Ambjør Snyder



Gus Coulter telling Santa that he is 3 years old.



Daisy Bjerke



Jaedyn Krogstad



Ora Mord helped with children making Christmas decorations at Santa Claus day in Gonvick. She is one of the county 4-H volunteers who help with various activities.



Hannah Marsh could not get either of her two daughters to sit on Santa's lap at the Santa Claus day events in Gonvick.



Luke TeHennepe would not get any closer to Santa unless his parents were with him at Gonvick Santa Claus Day



Braxton and Jaxton Bjerke sit on Santa's lap during Gonvick Santa Claus Day activities.



Kailey Klema



Trey Torgerson was so shy he wanted to hide behind moms jacket.



Now look who was sitting on Santa's lap at Gonvick Santa Claus Day, Pastor Kris Snyder.



Kjersti Snyder



Ryan Bodensteiner



Bristol Rude



Santa's Helpers.



Sarah Imle



Kristian Woodruff



Treat Walk.



The smell of pop corn permeated the gym at the Clear Waters Life Center where Gonvick Santa Claus Day activities took place. Making the popcorn was Tom Goebel.



Darlene Sawyer helped Sophie Edevold write a letter to Santa during Santa Claus Day activities in Gonvick.

Corrine's Corner By Corrine Richards

Christmas is on Saturday and Sunday this year and to give employees at Richards Publishing the day off the office will be closed on Friday, December 23. Ad deadline will be extended to Monday December 26.

May you and yours have a blessed Christmas.

A reminder that Bingo at the Gonvick Legion will begin again on March 15, 2017 when the weather improves. Warm-up game at 6:45 p.m. with the games to being at 7:00 p.m.

The Gerald Dyrdaahl 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.

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, is planning a TRAIL STOP northeast of Bagley in the school forest at the trail shelter on January 21, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Stop by for some hot dogs, sloppy joes and hot chocolate, good times and warm fire.

Obituaries in the Canary are also put on our web site for you to see. Go on line at trico-canary.com. They are free and updated as they come into our office.

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.

From my mail...

Here is my subscription for another year. I have missed only one paper for the year, not bad. Not at all. With different carriers at times. It's very good. Thanks. Alice Dunrud from Springfield, MO.

From my mail... Thank you June Neilsen

The Wooden Bowl

I guarantee you will remember the tale of the Wooden Bowl tomorrow, a week from now, a month from now, a year from now.

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. 'We must do something about father,' said the son. 'I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.'

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, 'What are you making?' Just as sweetly, the boy responded, 'Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up. 'The four-year-old smiled and went back to work...

The words struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life.'

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second

chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back sometimes.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you but, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone.

People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

Tis the Month Before Christmas

Tis the month before Christmas, we're all going nuts; With so much to do, there's no ifs, ands or buts.

Buy presents, hang tree lights, pop cards in the mail, Send gift packs, thread popcorn, find turkeys on sale.

Decorations need stringing up all through the house.

And you haven't a clue what to buy for your spouse.

School concerts, receptions, open houses with friends,

Long lineups, short tempers, tying up the loose ends.

With all our mad dashing, we're reeling from shock;

Let's stop for a minute and really take stock.

It's crassly commercial, the cynical say;

If that's true, that our fault-it's us and not they.

Take time for yourself-though hard as that seems—

Enjoy your kids' laughter, excitement and dreams.

Take a moment out now, don't get overly riled,

Instead make an angel in snow with your child.

The shortbread can wait, and so can the tree;

What's important to feel is a child's sense of glee.

The holidays aren't about push, rush and shove;

They're for friendship and sharing and family love.

Hear the bells, feel the warmth, light up with the glow Of a message first sent to us so long ago:

Peace, love and goodwill, and hope burning bright.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

Joke time...

A mother sees her daughter drawing something and asks what.

Daughter - I am drawing Santa's reindeer.

Mom - but I see only one deer with Rudolph

Daughter - That's Olive

Mom - Olive?

Daughter - Yes Olive the other Reindeer



Wearing their Christmas sweaters at the Gonvick Santa Claus Day were Eileen Horn and Sharon Bergerson.



Ready to do crafts with children at Gonvick Santa Claus Day were Renae Bakke and Bobbie Dyrdaahl.



Linda Hines from Shevlin was one of the many people who displayed their goods at the Clearbrook Santa Claus Day craft sale.



Warmest Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Craig Roy visits with Santa Claus.

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24



Ready to do crafts with children at Gonvick Santa Claus Day were Denise Buer and Eileen Lien.



Jagger and Phoebe Neese at Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook.



Derek Roy and Justin Zarling with Santa Claus.



Bo Erickson wasn't very happy with Santa.



Looking at all the crafts in Clearbrook.



Santa Claus makes his appearance in area towns



Mason Profit



Olivia Halverson



Virgil Carver



Sophia Halverson



Andrew Nickolas



Harvey Nicholas Jr.



Syrus Stough



Keenan Smith



Brennan Mathison



Deztiny Smith



Mia Hagen



Kayaii Halverson



Landen and Lian Dawes.



Keegan, Asher and Greyson Thompson.



Corrine, Anika and Wyatt Able.



Quincy and Brody Gustafson.



Braela and Natalie Stalboerger.



Macie and Miller Farr.



Hadley and Lainey Fawver.



Aiden Ehlers



Keegan Hruby



Colton Anderson



Nora Goltz



Parr Gustafson



Gracie Petite



Layla and Shya Engebretson and Elleigh Emle.



McKinley, Lettie and Harper Watne.



Donny, Wyatt, Jimmy and Spencer Robertson.



Avery and Elias Haugen.



Kristain and Keiran Woodruff.



Tate Nordlund



Ellyse and Payton Berg.



Avery Anderson



Isabelle Mathison



Clayton Anderson



Gunner Olson



Layla and Shyla Engebretson.

Merry Christmas

TO ALL...

...and to all

a great year!

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