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Adriana (Addy) Peck is new administrator at the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook.

New administrator appointed to Clearbrook Good Samaritan

The new administrator has started at the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook. Gail Blocker who has been serving as Interim Administrator has handed over the reins to Adriana (goes by Addy) Peck.

Addy is a product of northern Minnesota as she is a 2012 graduate of Crookston High School. She was in school plays and played in the band. She was also the girls swimming manager for four years. She attended Minnesota State University in Moorhead (MSUM) and graduated in 2016. While in college she worked as a CNA in Moorhead at Evergreen and Maple View Memory Care Unit in Fargo. A CNA certified nursing assistant, helps patients or clients with healthcare needs under the supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

She has a Business Administration Degree with Health Administration from MSUM. Her emphasis was on long term care.

She did a three month internship at Villa St. Vincent in Crookston. That is affiliated with the non-profit Benedictine Health System. They are committed to serving everyone of any faith in a friendly environment with a true sense of community. They provide holistic senior care and services in Short Term Care and Rehabilitation; also called Transitional Care or Post Acute Care, Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing Care and Memory Care. Addy's mother has worked there for 30 years and she worked there for six years while in high school in the laundry department.

Her professor at MSUM advised her to check out Good Samaritan Society. She spent a three month internship at Good Samaritan Society - Fairlawn Village at Gresham, Oregon. It is an average sized, not for profit, nursing home with 97 beds.

She now takes over Good Samaritan Society in Clearbrook. It is a smaller facility with 43 beds and has nonprofit, corporate



Sheryl Ehlers, seated, is the Good Samaritan Society Way Caregiver for the year at the Clearbrook Center. Two other awards were given. Dani Churness, the Director of Nursing won the leadership and Ladell Peterson won the Employee GSS Way Award.

ownership. Good Samaritan Society - Clearbrook is not part of a continuing care retirement community. It participates in Medicare and Medicaid.

Her duties are to make sure that the facility runs smoothly and to serve the staff and residents.

Her first impression of the Clearbrook facility was the hardworking staff was like a family. They really care about the residents. There needs to be some work done on the building and that will be one of her projects.

For more than 55 years, Good Samaritan Society - Clearbrook has been providing quality re-

habilitation and skilled care to seniors and others in need in northwest Minnesota. Other Good Samaritan Center are located in Warren, Pine River, Blackduck, International Falls and East Grand Forks.

Dedicated staff members provide this care in a Christ-centered environment that promotes life, love and compassion.

Addy enjoys running and reading and she is a gamer. At the present time she is living in Bemidji.

The center is there to help you find the best possible care for your needs. For more information about them, call (218) 776-3157.

Nominations sought for 2017 Clearwater County "First Lady"

On March 11, The Clearwater County Historical Society will once again host the Clearwater County "First Lady" award. Since 1977, Thirty-seven women in Clearwater County have been recognized for their accomplishments either for their service in a variety of community projects and organizations or for success in their

careers. On Saturday March 11th a new name will be added to the honor roll. The event will take place at St. Josephs Catholic Church in Bagley. The \$10.00 tickets are available at Thrifty White Drug in Bagley, Northern State Bank in Gonvick, First State Bank in Clearbrook and at the history center in Shevlin. Advance

purchase only- no tickets will be available at the door.

Your help is needed to select the 2017 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her

Nominations..
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Body Worn Camera public hearing receives favorable input from Commissioners and public

By Karen Edelbach

The required hearing for public input on a Policy for Body Worn Cameras in the County was the first thing on the agenda when the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on January 31, 2017.

Sheriff Darin Halverson was present to explain the use of Body Worn Cameras and to answer questions.

"At this point we're not using any Body Worn Cameras, but any video or audio device is considered a camera, such as cell phones," Sheriff Halverson stated.

"Policies and recommendation are given for officers' use of the cameras as a tool," he said.

Attorney Richard Mollin, who was also present, said he was in favor of the use of the Body Worn Cameras.

"I personally think it's good - it protects officers and the public as well," stated Bagley resident Andy Simons.

"I think it's a good idea," stated Commissioner Arlen Syverson.

"How far away are we (Clearwater County) until we have Body Cameras here?" asked Commissioner Dan Stenseng.

"Not far at all," stated Sheriff Halverson. "We will try a couple out at first. The officer can log in and start their camera as long as in cell range."

He said the recording can be printed off for court cases, etc. later when needed.

"The cost is \$50 a month per phone - about \$3,000 per year - which will come out of Drug & Alcohol money. No tax dollars will be used."

The use of Body Worn Cameras has become more and more common among law enforcement departments, and often discussed in the news.

"Body Worn Cameras are only useful if officers are trained properly," said one recent news report. "Implementing the cameras remains a work in progress. It is about transparency" the report stated.

At the conclusion of the Hearing, Chair Person Dean Newland thanked the public for coming.

Attorney Richard Mollin has presented a letter of resignation effective March 10, 2017, about six weeks away. Attorney Mollin is retiring.

"I would like to thank you and Clearwater County for the past six years as County Attorney," his letter stated. "However, it is time for me to step down."

"I wanted to complete some court cases I am involved in before leaving," he stated.

The departure date is prior to the end of his elected term in office. He will be advertising in local papers and attorney web sites for County Attorneys in order to begin the process for the county to hire a replacement. The general details of the position and salary range will be outlined.

By Karen Edelbach
Environmental Services Director Dan Hecht gave an update to the members of the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners at their meeting on January 31, 2017.

Director Hecht addressed costs for trash sent to the incinerator in Fosston, what's happening at the county's demolition debris landfill, and how counties are pushing back regarding new regulations being imposed by the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency).

"Everything regarding solid waste is becoming more and more expensive. My budget account that pays for fees for MSW (Municipal Solid Waste), or garbage, that we send to the

"I'd like to see the full Board there for the interviews," stated Commissioner Stenseng.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé presented a resolution for the County to act as the project sponsor for the City of Clearbrook for a Transportation Enhancement Project identified as "Clearbrook Multi-Use Trail Project".

Lucie Thompson, Clearbrook City Clerk, was present as representative for Clearbrook.

The bike trail will be located from downtown Clearbrook near the pool and proceed to the Clearbrook-Gonvick School, and to be paid for from grant proceeds. The resolution was passed by the Board.

The County knows this includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project, and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion. The City will reimburse Clearwater County for the cost not covered by grant funds. The City of Clearbrook will assume ownership and maintenance of the trail.

The Engineer brought a list of construction projects for 2017. He received approval to advertise these projects and setting of letting dates.

After 17 years of employment with the Highway Department, Bob Lawson resigned and moved to Arkansas. Sauvé was authorized to advertise for a heavy equipment operator and to hold a "Road-ee" to evaluate the skills of applicants for potential future employment.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht addressed costs for trash sent to the incinerator in Fosston, what's happening at the county's demolition debris landfill, and how counties are pushing back regarding new regulations being imposed by the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency). See related article regarding increased land fill use, costs, and regulations.

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



Jacey Tronnes, a sophomore at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School, competed in the Region 1 FFA Wildlife Career Development Event in Crookston.

Tronnes Qualifies for State FFA Wildlife Career Development Event

Jacey Tronnes, a sophomore at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School, competed in the Region 1 FFA Wildlife CDE at the University of Minnesota Crookston campus on Wednesday, January 25, and placed fourth individually, qualifying her to participate in the Minnesota State Wildlife CDE in April at the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus.

The wildlife competition involves the identification of a multitude of wildlife species in-

cluding mammals, fish, birds, and insects, as well as a written exam on a broad spectrum of general knowledge of wildlife life cycles, wildlife health, wildlife habitat, and wildlife management and conservation.

Jacey provides a great example to other students of how hard work and focus pay off! The Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Chapter is very proud of her efforts and success! Good luck in April, Jacey!

Increased land fill use and new regulations cause future concerns to the County

incinerator in Fosston, ended the year with only about \$700 to spare out of an account that was budgeted at \$330,000," Mr. Hecht explained.

"I brought this up to relate the fact that our garbage tonnage has been increasing by 3 to 4% yearly over the past four years after about 10 years of remaining fairly stable, a trend that adds about \$12,000 to the annual cost each year that it continues. With this growth spurt, the County is up to a total of 4,494 tons for 2016. This seems to be the trend with all of the stuff we accept at the landfill/transfer station as well - appliances, scrap metal, tires, etc."

Right now he is working on

an application to the MPCA to renew the permit the county has to operate the landfill. The current permit expires at the end of this year and the application will be due by the end of June, 2017.

"Each time a new permit is issued, the County will come under new requirements imposed by MPCA in accordance with State rules governing landfill operation that the County needs to adhere to in order to stay in compliance with the permit and continue to operate. An example of a rule that has been in place for many years that anyone us-

Commissioners...
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BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Feb. 8 - Turkey Pot Pie over a WG Biscuit, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Thurs. Feb. 9 - Dunkers with Sauce, Green Beans, Fruit and Vegetable Choice, Milk.

Fri. Feb. 10 - Grilled Chicken on WG Bun, Sweet Potato Puffs, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Mon. Feb. 13 - Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli, WG Breadstick, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Tues. Feb. 14 - Turkey Subs with fixings, Oven Fries, Fruit and Vegetable Choice, Milk.

Wed. Feb. 15- Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Ed

Sunday Afternoon Open Gym

The high school gym is open for recreation until March 12 from 2:00-4:00 pm for grades 4th-adult. 3rd grade & under may attend only with an adult.

\$2.00 fee per time or buy a pass: Individual=\$15.00, Family=\$25.00. Parents are free if they attend with their child/children. NO STREET SHOES.

Toddler Open Gym

The Elementary gym is open on Sundays for 0-5 year olds and their parents to come



Jayson Johnson took care of the lights for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Theater Cast and Crew at the Sub-Section 29A play contest.



Xavier Goodwin (above) and Jazmyn Smith (below) getting their makeup ready for the Clearbrook-Gonvick one-act play at the Sub-Section 29A contest.



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

School News

CG Robotics team received a sendoff to the State Robotics competition in St. Cloud this morning! Brandon Quern, Michael Tollefson, Josh Lavin and Mr. Vettleson! Good Luck! GO BEARS!!!

BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR WE BAKE FOR CHANGE CUPCAKE SALES FEB. 14. BUY ONE ... BUY ONE FOR A FRIEND! VALENTINE'S DAY TREATS! Will be sold at the game. All sales will go to IMPACT to support projects of their choice.

Night of the Arts Taco in a Bag Fundraiser: Thursday, February 16 from 4:30-6:30 during Parent-Teacher Conferences. See below for more info.

THANK YOU!! to all students and parents that helped with the 4,5,6th grade basketball Game Day last Saturday. Your help made the day a great big success!

BoxTops: Please turn in all BoxTops, Labels for Ed, etc by February 15.

C,B,A games vs WHA that were canceled on January 4 will be made up on Monday, February 13 with the following schedule.

5:00 - BBB C game @ CC
6:00 - GBB Var. @ HS, BBB JV @ CC
7:30- BBB Var. @ HS, GBB

JV @ CC
Position Opening
The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an opening for a long term substitute for an elementary Physical Education position. The opening has the possibility of turning into a permanent position.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, credentials, and two references to:

Clearbrook-Gonvick School
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
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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

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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

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Thur, Feb 9: JV/V GBB vs RLCC at CG. JV at 6:00 V at 7:30

Thur, Feb 9: JH BBB vs Bagley at CCC. 7th at 4:30 8th at 5:30

Thur, Feb 9: JV/V BBB at RLC (Oklee). Leave at 4:30. JV at 6:00, V at 7:30

Sat, Feb 11: JH GBB at Kel-liher/Northome tournament. Leave at 7:15, game times TBD

Mon, Feb 13: JV/V GBB vs WHA at CG. V at 6:00 at HS, JV at 7:30 at Com Cen (make-up game)

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Tue, Feb 14: JH BBB at WEM. Release at 3:00, leave at 3:15, 7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30

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Tue, Feb 14: JV/V GBB vs Fosston at CG. JV at 6:00 V at 7:30 (Parents Night)

Fri, Feb 17: JV/V GBB at Pine River. Release at 2:0, leave at 2:15, JV at 5:00, V at 7:00

Fri, Feb 17: JV/V BBB vs Fisher-Climax at CG. JV at 6:00, V 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 site (see address above) under District--Food Services.

Knowledge Bowl Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays during first lunch in Mr. Carter's room.

Listen to the school news every Tuesday at 2:05 on KKQC 96.7 or if you miss it listen online at: <http://www.rjbroadcasting.com/index.cfm?page=school-news>

Please turn in all BoxTops, Campbells Labels for Education UPC's, Loaves for Learning UPC's, ink cartridges, and old cell phones for recycling.



Kendehl Ballard, Elizabeth Bodenstainer, and Jeanette Ballard were invited to participate in BSU's 2017 Honor Band. They attended a day's worth of rehearsals and sectionals with Bemidji State University music faculty and performed in a concert on Saturday, January 28th. Liz was selected to perform a solo passage in one of the pieces. Katrina Stewart is the band director. Thank you ladies for your representation of our music department!

SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight of the Month on Elementary Students



February Elementary Students of the Month Pictured in back: Wyatt Westrum, Daniel Rankin, Presley Westrum, Pictured in Front: Raina Jarnot, Seneca Johnson, Tatum Melby, McKenzie Bachmann.

February Elementary Students of the Month

"Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace."

~Confucius

Student: McKenzie Bachmann, Kindergarten
Parents: Heather and Matthew

Comments: *McKenzie is a delightful 6 year old who is full of happiness daily! She is a hard worker and enjoys being at school and learning. She is a friend to all her classmates and works well with others. McKenzie is a good listener and great at answering questions. Keep up the good work McKenzie!*
Student: Raina Jarnot, Grade 1

Parents: Aimee and Craig Jarnot

Siblings: Colin Jarnot in 5th grade

Comments: *Raina is a quiet and very observant first grader. She studies information and details in her reading and math and confidently suggests answers to the questions. She works hard on her daily work and works well with others. Keep up the good work Raina!*
Student: Seneca Johnson, Grade 2

Parents: Julius Johnson, LaTeale Kingary, and Danielle Sauvahean

Siblings: Kameron (6), Keegan (4), Calista (3), and Chantelle (1)

Comments: *Seneca is a pleasure to have in class. She greets everyone with a smile each day as she enters the classroom. Seneca is a hard worker who is always willing to try new tasks.*



McKenzie Bachmann getting her Award from Princip al Jeff Burgess.

She pays close attention in class and always has her hand up! She treats everyone with respect and is always there to help her friends. Keep up the good work Seneca! Thank you for being YOU!

Student: Wyatt Westrum, Grade 3

Parents: Corey and Sue Westrum

Siblings: Presley (5th)

Comments: *Wyatt is a delight to see every morning. He has a friendly and positive attitude and always helps his classmates. He makes students feel comfortable when working with partners and includes everyone in small group activities. Wyatt is always prepared for tests, with homework and in class. Congratulations Wyatt! Be Proud!!*

Student: Tatum Melby , Grade 4

Parents: Jacob and Cindy Melby

Siblings: Lauren (8th) and Dana (7th)

Comments: *We are very pleased to announce that Tatum Melby is 4th grades student of the month! Tatum is a pleasure to have in class. She is happy, helpful, attentive, willing to learn and make changes when needed. She works well in any group. She studies for tests and is ready for the day ahead of her with determination and a smile. Congratulations Tatum you deserve it!*

Student: Presley Westrum, Grade 5

Parents: Corey and Sue Westrum

Siblings: Wyatt

Comments: *Presley comes to school every day with a positive attitude! She's always willing to help her classmates, teachers, and anyone in our school who needs it. We can count on Presley to participate with enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn! Thanks for all of your hard work, Presley!*

Student: Daniel Rankin, Grade 6

Parents: Nick and Amy Rankin

Siblings: Savanna (9th) and Matthew (3rd)

Comments: *Who is enthusiastic, inquisitive, optimistic, resilient, and a mental math whiz? Our 6th grade student of the month, Daniel Rankin! With a spring in his step he comes in with a thirst for knowledge! Daniel loves spending his time reading; you can usually find around three to four nonfiction books piled up in his desk! He also loves sharing the fun facts that he has learned! Congratulations Daniel and keep up the good work!*

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Expected projects to be advertised in 2017 include:

- Aggregate Crushing and Surfacing
- Cracksealing
- Pavement Markings
- Grading and Aggregate Surfacing on CSAH 30 and CSAH 31.
- Mill and Bituminous Overlay on CSAH 2, CSAH 20, CSAH 27 and CSAH 45.

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

A reminder that the 1-500 snowmobile race has changed course and will be heading through Gonvick on its way to Bemidji on Friday, February 10. There will be a fuel stop on the David Bakke property, the old golf course in Gonvick that day. That is across from the NB&C station. There will be many snow mobiles coming through in the morning. The race originally set to go to Wilmer will not be heading that way due to snow condition. There is enough snow up north. See complete schedule in the Canary Sports section this week.

Next Tuesday February 14 is Valentines Day. There are places locally to take your better half so they don't have to cook. You can go to Dee's Leonard Cafe or Sportsmans' Lodge at Pine Lake for a Valentines Day Special dinner.

I won my bet. I bet that the New England Patriots would win the Super Bowl. I was sure that I was going to lose my bet until the last quarter, when there was hope. That was a great game.

The 34th Annual Mission Day at Our Savior's Lutheran in Leonard, on Saturday, February 11th, 2017. Salad Lunch at noon and program at 1 o'clock. Special Speaker is Becky Dorman, sharing their mission of the Clear Waters Life Center. Terri Godtland will be the special music. Lots of Door Prizes.

It's that time of the month again. The Gonvick American Legion will be having their fish fry this coming Saturday. Good time for visiting with friends and neighbors.

The speed limits on several highways in northwest Minnesota increased from 55 to 60 miles per hour beginning February 1. The new speed limit signs are posted so it is now legal. Highway 92- Bagley to Red Lake Falls is included in the increase.

Small world department... The substitute UPS driver Brent Kondziolka came in the other day to tell us that he had dinner with Dick's cousin Leather Tiggelaar and her son Matthew in Orland Park, Illinois. He played football and basketball with Matthew before coming to Bemidji State University to play football. He was the captain his senior year. He graduated and played for the Axemen as a linebacker and loves northern Minnesota.

A reminder that Radon test kits are available at Clearwater County Nursing Service in Bagley. Call (218) 694-6581 if you have questions.

There will be the third annual small scale sustainable sheep farming event on Saturday, February 18. It will be held starting at 10:00 a.m. at the New Journey Church in Fosston. One can register by calling 218-657-2502. Sustainable Sheep networking group is for producers wishing to make raising sheep a locally supported and viable pursuit or those interested in locally raised fiber or meat.

We have been taking a lot of passport pictures lately. I think people are getting tired of

the winter. Check your dates on your passports so that they can be renewed without too much hassle. Renew before they expire. Call Leader-Record in Gonvick 487-5225 to get set up for a time to take and get them right away.

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.

The Leader-Record is the official legal newspaper for the county for the coming year.

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.

Make your plans now... The Gonvick Lions Rodeo will start at 6:00 p.m. both Friday and Saturday nights July 14 and 15. Rodeo will be approximately two hours in length. Parade at 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

Joke time...

One day Ole was walking in the woods when he got lost. For two days he roamed around trying to find a way out. He had not eaten anything during this period and was famished. Over on a rock ledge he spotted a bald eagle. He killed it, and started to eat it. Surprisingly, a couple of park rangers happen to find him at that moment, and arrested him for killing an endangered species. In court, he pleads innocent to the charges against him, claiming that if he didn't eat the bald eagle he would have died from starvation. The judge ruled in his favor. In the judge's closing statement he asked Ole, "I would like you to tell me something before I let you go. I have never eaten a bald eagle, nor ever plan on it, but what did it taste like?" Ole answered, "Well, it tasted like a cross between a whooping crane and a spotted owl!"

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Madelynne Faldet goes up for a basket as the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted the Red Lake Warriors. The Bears were 39 to 39 against the Warriors at half time. The Warriors took the game in the second half out scored the Bears by 10 points. They have an 18 and 2 record.



Brynn Hetland scored 14 points as the Clearbrook-Gonvick bears hosted the Red Lake Warriors. She was 5 out of 8 at the free throw line, three 2 point buckets and 1 three point bucket.



Liz Bodenstener scored 29 points as the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted the Red Lake Warriors. Also scoring were: Cassie Faldet 10, Brynn Hetland 14, Jackie Lynn Tadin 4, Danae Stenzel 1, Tamara Skinaway 4 and Madelynne Faldet 3.



Cassie Faldet scored 2 three pointers and 2 two pointers as the Bears hosted the Red Lake Warriors last week.

Connie Cox, Lead Naturalist at Itasca State Park. is guest speaker at Historical Society's annual meeting

By: Darlene Sawyer

Do you know that we have a real national gem at the south end of Clearwater County named Itasca State Park? Itasca State Park is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year and everyone is invited to come to see this treasure. There will be many events throughout the year to commemorate this anniversary. Your local newspaper will keep you updated about these special events.

Connie Cox, Lead Naturalist at Itasca State Park since 1995 and her husband Bruce Cox Land Commissioner for Clearwater County, were special guests of the annual meeting of the Clearwater County Historical Society. The special meeting was held at the Clearbrook Legion headquarters located in the old school on Sunday, January 29, 2017.

Cox explained, "As you all know, Itasca State Park is the source of the Mississippi River. Established on April 20, 1891, it is the second oldest State Park in the United States. The

first one in Minnesota was the Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. Last year, we invited 230 fourth graders from the Bagley and Park Rapids Schools to help us celebrate. We served them cake and lemonade following our lecture. Jacob Brower is considered 'The Father of Itasca'. He was commissioned in 1889 to do a survey of the Itasca basin by the Minnesota Historical Society. He was appointed the first Park Commissioner from 1891-1895. Early photos from 1895 show cutting a road through the wilderness at Itasca. The park was established to protect the Mississippi headwaters and protect the surrounding forests as an eco system was needed. A lot of the land was turned over to the government so there would be no settling of the land by immigrants or locals."

She continued, "Henry Schoolcraft was given credit for documenting the headwaters of the Mississippi in 1832... an Ojibway guide led him to it. Originally, Cass Lake was thought to be the Source of the Mississippi; however, the Indian guide and Schoolcraft proved where the true source was. Even though logging and the establishment of several Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps changed the look of Itasca from 1901- in the 1930's, they made a lot of improvements to the Mississippi source. The rocks where you can cross over the source were placed by the CCC and NOT by glaciers as originally thought. In the 1930's a sign was posted near the headwaters establishing its true source. At one time, Itasca State Park featured a zoo which included wild bison, elk, and moose. A golf course was located near Douglas Lodge, along with an airplane landing strip, besides its boat and bike rentals. In a brochure from the 1930's, there were many other activities featured, too, such as an Indian pow-wow and Indian pageants. Lind Saddle Trail was a 13 mile long horse trail which Jacob Brower put into the route. Today there are ad-



Connie Cox, Naturalist at Itasca State Park speaking at the Clearwater County Historical Society meeting in Clearbrook.

ditional trails for snowmobilers, four wheelers and bikers."

"The first State Park vehicle permit was issued in 1951 and cost \$1. Itasca State Park was also advertised on Minnesota license plates after 1951. According to documents and pictures, the first official picnic celebrating Itasca State Park was held in Preachers' grove within the park in 1891. We're excited to see what the next hundred years brings. 2016 was a BIG year. Here's to the next 125 years! If you have never been to Itasca State Park, now is the time to see this treasure. Minnesota has 67 state parks, 9 recreational areas, 8 wayside rests, and 62 forest campgrounds all managed by the Minnesota Park Commissioner. Our state is a favorite destination of many

visitors and vacation-bound families. We welcome your visits."

The annual meeting of the Clearwater County Historical Society was conducted by its Executive Director Tamara Edevold. She reported that current membership is around 750 with a goal of 1,000 members. In 2016, the Clearwater County Historical Society at Shevlin hosted 4,000 visitors, catalogued over 15,000 artifacts and filed over 1600 photos. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Historical Society, just contact the museum at Shevlin between the hours of 10 and 3 on weekdays.

A delicious pot luck dessert lunch and coffee was served following the meeting.



The Oklee Moonlighter's Snowmobile Club held their 50th Anniversary Safari on Saturday, January 28th. The many riders took off for the ride at 1:00 p.m. See video on www.TriCoCanary.com.

Flyer icemen tally three wins in a week

The Bagley-Fosston Varsity hockey team is on a roll after earning three consecutive wins last week. The Flyers traveled to Red Lake Falls last Tuesday, Jan. 24, and came home with a 4-2 victory over the Eagles. Goals were scored by junior Jarret Merschman, senior Joshua Dukek, freshman Tanner Levin, and senior Weston Johnson-O’Beirne. Senior goalie Ben Thoma had 28 saves.

The Flyers then faced the Wadena-Deer-Creek Wolverines at home on Thursday, Jan. 26. The puck dropped at 7 p.m. Both teams fought hard and, finally, nearly 15 minutes into the first period, Senior Dalton Agnes scored, making the score 1-0. There were no more goals scored by either team for the short remainder of the first period. Heading into the second period, Dalton Agnes scored again only six minutes after the puck dropped, making it 2-0. Senior Goalie Ben Thoma kept the Wolverines scoreless for over 15 minutes of the second period, until they managed to sneak one by him.

The score was then 2-1 with less than a minute remaining in the period, and sophomore Griffin Brovold scored, but the Wolverines answered back fast with another goal only a mere 30 seconds after Brovold’s shot. The score was then 3-2 heading into the third period. Only three minutes into the third period, Joshua Dukek scored, making it 4-2. Then three minutes later, Dalton Agnes scored his third goal of the night,

making the score 5-2. Later in the period however, the Flyers learned to never get too comfortable. The Wolverines scored not one, not two, but three goals -- all in the six minutes that remained in the game. Tied up at 5-5, the game was sent into overtime. It was a nail biter, as both sides worked very hard for victory. After nearly four minutes of the overtime period, freshman Tanner Levin scored, ending the game with a 6-5 win for the Flyers. Senior goalie Ben Thoma had 34 saves. The Flyers were on the road again in Wahpeton, N.D. to face the Breckenridge-Wahpeton Blades on Saturday, Jan. 28. The puck dropped at 1 p.m. After about four minutes of the first period, Weston Johnson-O’Beirne scored the first goal of the game, making the score 1-0. Three minutes later, Dalton Agnes scored, making it 2-0. No other goals were scored by either team in the first period.

The second period was an

exciting one, starting with a goal by Tanner Levin, five minutes after the puck was dropped. The Blades answered back only 15 seconds after Levin’s goal, making the score 3-1. The Blades then scored two more goals within the next three minutes, tying the game up at 3-3. Both teams played back and forth for several minutes, with both goalies keeping the 3-3 tie. Finally, Dalton Agnes broke away and scored with two minutes remaining in the second period. Less than a minute after Agnes’ goal, Tanner Levin scored again making the score 5-3 heading into the third period.

The third period went in favor of the Blades, as they scored two goals, tying up the game at 5-5, and sending it into overtime. This nerve-racking game was ended by Dalton Agnes, three minutes into the overtime period. Agnes scored his third goal of the game, and sent the Flyers home with a 6-5 win. Goalie Ben Thoma had 30 saves.

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Lack of snow means burning restrictions will happen soon

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds woodland owners to take care of vegetative debris such as dry branches now, as annual open burning restrictions will take effect shortly after snowmelt.

“This winter burning permits have been required in areas of the state that have not been fully covered with snow,” said DNR wildfire prevention supervisor Linda Gormanson. “Warmer temperatures in February could quickly melt the snow that remains.”

A burning permit is required if there is less than 3 inches of snow on the ground. The chance for a fire to escape and burn into unintended areas and endanger lives, homes and property is greatly reduced when adequate snow cover is present. Check local city and municipalities for burning regulations prior to burning.

The DNR recommends composting leaves and twigs instead of burning to reduce air pollution and the chance of starting a wildfire. Visit the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s website for information on how to start composting yard waste: www.pca.state.mn.us/living-green/start-composting-your-backyard.

After the snow melts, spring fire restrictions take effect and open burning will be restricted until vegetation turns green. The highest number of wildfires are in April and May when vegetation is dry and people commonly do spring clean-up activities. Due to the high number of wildfires during this time, the DNR initiates open burning permit restrictions to coincide with spring fire season. The DNR has seen a sig-

nificant decrease in accidental fires when burning restrictions are in place. Depending on weather and spring green-up conditions, restrictions remain in effect for four to six weeks. Visit www.mndnr.gov/forestry/fire/fire-rating_restrictions.html for

information on open burning restrictions.

Overall, 98 percent of wildfires in Minnesota are caused by humans. Individuals are responsible for costs to control an escaped fire and the damage it causes.

Rousseau at Farm by the Lake

Richard Rousseau is Fourth Storyteller at The Farm By the Lake Master Storytelling Series.

He will be there Feb 19th at 4:00 pm. Open to the public and free of charge.

Richard Rousseau has been active in the Midwest region for 45 years, as an actor, director writer and storyteller. He presently does performing and re-enacting for the Minnesota History Society and the Science Museum of Minnesota. Richard has performed at 12 Minnesota Fringe Festivals. He was a founding member of the Northstar Storytelling League, and is currently the Minnesota liaison for the National Storytelling network.

Richard Rousseau is just that - A Master of the Storytelling art.

There is no better recommendation than the words of people who have seen his performances. Here are some quotes about Richard:

“The way he tells a story is like sitting with your grandfather while he reminisces about the past, and you always ask for more.”

“I have seen few master storytellers, of which Mr. Rousseau IS one who can create such a vivid mood and hold that mood for an entire show...we

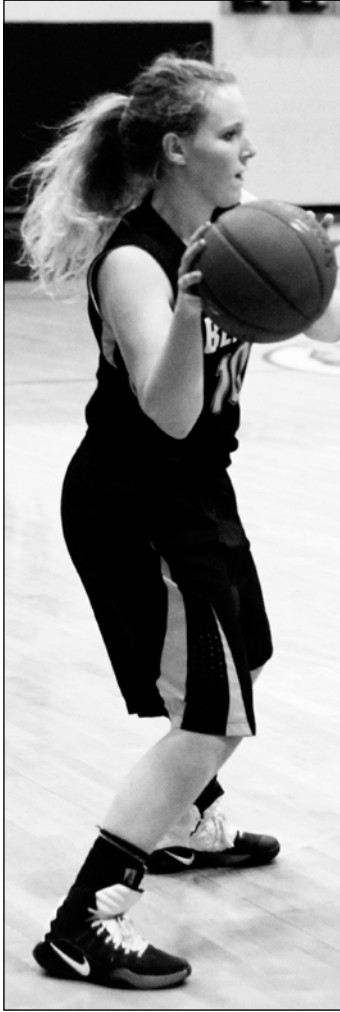


need these people to remind us that yes, the human condition can become dark and one can lose ones way, but if you just keep going, some sense can be made of it all in the end. You just got to hold on and hope for the best but be ready for the worst.”

“Why do I consider Richard Rousseau the best storyteller I’ve ever seen? His ability to craft a story line is a big part; even with expectation, it is a joy to watch a fun and random story suddenly become anything but random and something more than fun.

“If Rousseau told me he were telling stories in a Dumpster on a hot July night, I’d go.”

The element of surprise runs throughout Richard’s stories. Bring everyone you know to watch Richard spin these stories to life.



Alison Johnson looks for a pass as the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears put up a valiant fight against the Red Lake Warriors.

Clearwater County Sheriff

Be alert to phone scams that are circulating in our area. The first involves an individual calling and identifying themselves as a grandchild or other relative and saying that they have been arrested and need money to bail out. They will usually ask for you to go purchase a gift card and give them the number over the phone. If you do not know for sure if the person is a relative, do some checking before giving out any personal information.

The second scam going around is a caller, who once they have you on the phone, ask if you can hear them. Once you say “yes” they record your voice and now use it for fraudulent purchases of products or services.

A third scam that resurfaces this time of the year involves someone posing as an IRS agent and telling you that you owe money and if you do not pay the money right now you will be arrested. The IRS does not call you if you owe them money, they will send you a letter first. So if you receive this type of call, just hang up.

If you receive these types of calls or others that you feel are suspicious, please call the Clearwater County Sheriff’s Office at 218-694-6226.

Now hear this...
by Harry Hutchens,
Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer
(218)694-6618;
Cell/Text(218)556-5340

GIVE A VETERAN A LIFT 2017: THIS SATURDAY! The 10th Annual “Give A Veteran A Lift” music benefit fundraiser for the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program is THIS COMING SATURDAY, February 11th at the Bagley High School from 7:00 to 9:30pm., immediately following the Bagley Senior Center Sweetheart Dinner. A free will offering will be taken at the door and all during the performance, which goes directly to the County Revenue Fund line item “Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program”. As the administrator of that program, I so grateful for the faithful and selfless generosity of the collective local communities that literally breathe life into the Transportation Program. It is important to note that the program can only serve the veteran passengers when there is a covering balance in the County Revenue fund. I’d like to encourage local agencies and service groups to consider the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program as fully worthy of their financial support. I am ready to provide and even personally present information to townships, Veterans Service Organization posts, church groups and individuals whose heart for service is seeking to bless local veterans with transportation access to their VA Health Care.

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

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Carlie Bergerson goes for a three point shot as the Bears hosted the Red Lake Warriors last week.

Sustainable sheep farming event in Fosston February 18

There will be the third annual small scale sustainable sheep farming event on Saturday, February 18. It will be held starting at 10:00 a.m. at the New Journey Church in Fosston. One can register by calling 218-657-2502. Sustainable Sheep networking group is for producers wishing to make raising sheep a locally supported and viable pursuit or those interested in locally raised fiber or meat.

The Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community has upcoming events throughout the year, including a 4H fiber fun day in April, a Beginning Shepherd-ing workshop (in partnership with the UMN extension) June 10 and the Fosston Fiber Festival first weekend in October. We’re recruiting membership now to help support our long-term goals of continuing education, supporting and promot-

ing local producers and fiber artists, opening an education center and retail area and a possible woolen mill (obviously very long term).

You can find more information at sheepcommunity.com

Clearwater County Fair Calendar Winners

- Jan. 28** -Buddy Merschman, Shevlin, \$20.
- Jan. 29** Ellen Sovick, Bagley, \$20.
- Jan. 30** - Shawn Johnson, Clearbrook, \$20.
- Jan. 31** - Karen Weber, Trail, \$20.
- Feb. 1** - Steve Massmann, Winger, \$20.
- Feb. 2** -Joann Steindl, Bagley, \$20.
- Feb. 3** - Fred Halverson, Shevlin, \$20.

Midweek snowshoe hikes at Itasca State Park

Winter Wonderland Snowshoe!

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 from 1-2 p.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center Classroom

Get outside and enjoy Itasca’s winter wonderland on snowshoes! This beginner’s class will teach you the basics of snowshoeing as well as great places to visit in Itasca while wearing snowshoes.

Dress warmly and include snow boots. Part of the program will be outside on the trail trying out your new skills. Call ahead at 218-699-7251 to reserve a pair of snowshoes or bring your own. The number of snowshoes available is limited. Snowshoe rental is free with program attendance. Outdoor portion of program is dependent on snowfall.

New: Get vehicle permits in advance online

A vehicle permit is required to enter Minnesota state parks (\$5 for a one-day permit or \$25 for a year-round permit). Although permits are available at the park, visitors can now save time by getting one in advance. Visit www.mndnr.gov/reservations, log in (or create an account), click on “entry permit,” select a duration of “one-day” (\$5) or “year-round” (\$25), and continue as directed. Purchasers will receive an email with a permit that can be printed and displayed in a vehicle during visits.

Note that winter events may sometimes be changed or canceled due to weather. For updates, call (218-699-7251 or check the visitor alert online at www.mndnr.gov/Itasca.

Letter to the Editor

State Representative Matt Grossell off to a great start

Since taking office at the beginning of January, our State Representative for District 2A Matt Grossell has been doing a great job at delivering on his promises during the campaign. In the first week, he joined the entire House by unanimously passing a tax relief bill totaling almost \$22 million in relief for Minnesotans.

And before the end of the first month, they passed the Health Care Emergency Aid and Access bill. The bill deliv-

ers over \$320 million in relief for Minnesotans who need it most. It will also make sure that those currently receiving life-saving treatment will continue to have access to their doctors. It was passed by overwhelming majorities of both parties in the House and Senate and signed by the governor.

Getting work done is exactly why we sent Matt Grossell to Saint Paul. He is not a politician but a true citizen legislator who is there to get things done. I am proud to have him represent us at the Capitol.



The Minnesota House Swearing In Ceremonies which took place on January 3rd. Rep. Grossell is seated at his desk in the House Chambers, behind him are (from left to right) his son Matt Grossell, his daughter-in-law JoCee Grossell and his daughter Katie Grossell.



Jackie Lynn Tafflin brings the ball up court for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears.

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Pictured at the Good Samaritan Center are: Issabelle Haase, Sheree Lindgren, Elaine Anderson, Kitty Johnson, Viola Moen, Sheryl Ehlers, and Edna Dahlke.

Getting to Know at the Good Samaritan Center

This month at Clearbrook Good Samaritan Society they are getting to know Staff persons Sheree Lindgren and Sheryl Ehlers.

Sheree Lindgren is an LPN here. She is married to

Larry and they have 3 grown children; Jeff (Catherine), Pat (Calli), and Michael.

They have also been blessed with 3 grandchildren, Amelia 2, Lexy 4, and Aria 4 months. Sheree values Faith and fam-

ily most in her life. Some of her favorite things are steak and salad, contemporary Christian and Christian Country music. Her hobbies are horses, hunting, grandchildren, and music. She looks forward to traveling

and says one thing she has learned is to "Be Thankful" for each day, health, family and friends.

Sheryl Ehlers has worked on the care team since April of 2013. She is married to Wayne Ehlers. Sheryl and Wayne have three grown children,

Sara, Jason, and Jonathon. Their grandchildren are Trevor 11, Hayden 8, Kali 6, Anya 3, Brylie 1. Her favorite food is beef, and she likes Country music.

Her hobbies are gardening and spending time with family. One place she would like to visit is Washington State so she can visit her niece.

She is looking forward to the birth of another grandson and her son Jons wedding. One thing she has learned in life is "Do onto others what you want done onto you".

Haley McCoy wins Clearbrook-Gonvick Spelling Bee



Haley McCoy won the Spelling Bee competition at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

A district-wide spelling bee was held at Clearbrook-Gonvick School for grades 5-8 on Friday, January 20.

The local school spelling bee, part of the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., is held annually, with the winner earning a chance to move on to regional, statewide, and even the national spelling bee.

Each classroom grades 5-8 holds a classroom spelling bee in early January to determine who advances to the district wide competition. The participants included Abby Engen and Haley McCoy representing grade 5, Madison Gerlofs and Kirsten Wilcowski representing grade 6, Kaylee Westrum and Lane Cadreau representing grade 7, and Hunter Spears

and Gabe Lavine representing grade 8.

After about seven rounds of spelling, Haley McCoy won the competition. Cadreau placed fourth, Lavine placed third, and Spears placed second. McCoy will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee in Thief River Falls, on Wednesday, February 8. Contestants at the regional spelling bee first compete in a written round, with the top half advancing to the oral round of competition.

The winners at the regional level go to a Multi-Regional State Bee for a chance to advance to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. The Multi-Regional - State Spelling Bee will be held on February 21 at Lakes Country Service Cooperative in Fergus Falls.



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7th Annual Back Breaker's Vintage Snowmobile Show and Ride

The 7th Annual Back Breaker's Vintage Snowmobile Show and Ride was yet another success this year. It was held Saturday, January 28th. Many vintage sleds and enthusiasts showed up for the display outside of Yo-Hawn's in Grygla.

To the right... The trophy for the Most Unique/Custom went to Jamie Dougherty with her 1973 Polaris Colt.

Photos courtesy Grygla Eagle



Most Original/Unrestored went to Mark Stenseth for his 1971 Rupp Wide Track.



L-R: Gary Miller, Jamie Dougherty and Mark Stenseth with their trophies.



Best Restored sled went to Gary Miller for his 1963 Polaris Sno Traveler.