



# CITY OF Clarkfield, Minnesota

"HEART OF THE PRAIRIE"

JANUARY 2017

# PRAIRIE POST

## 2016 LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

In the City's local election, **Jeff Lobdell** won his re-election bid to continue to serve as the City's mayor, with 363 votes. Congratulations Mayor Lobdell!!

In the City Council races, congratulations go to **Susan Fritz** to being re-elected after appointment to her position with 254 votes. Congratulations also to **Dale Stringer Jr., and Jerry Kaupang** as each earned his or her way to the City Council, with 195 and 174 votes, respectively. Fritz, Stringer, and Kaupang will join Emily Bruflat to fill out the City Council.

Many thanks are in order to **Scott Vold** and **Paul Anspach** as they retire from the City Council. While the City will miss their experience and steady hands, everyone wishes them well and the entire community owes them a heartfelt **"Thank You"** for their great service!!

## PUBLIC WORKS

**Winter Reminders - Sidewalks** need to be cleared as quickly and completely as possible after a snowfall. **No parking on City streets when plows are operating.** Parking tickets will be issued and cars may be towed if parked cars interfere with snowplowing or removal.

The City of Clarkfield invites your interest for the position of **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**. This is a full time position with competitive pay and excellent benefits. The Public Works Director oversees a department that provides the full array of public works services including water and wastewater, streets, facilities, equipment and vehicle maintenance, and engineering. Duties also include staff supervision, record keeping, assistance in preparing the City budget, and maintaining a safe working environment. The City of Clarkfield is under new Administration and City Council. We are dedicated to the safety of our City and believe in working together to achieve an exceptional quality of life. If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a cover letter, resume, and application to: [cityofclarkfield@frontiernet.net](mailto:cityofclarkfield@frontiernet.net).

### COUNCIL MEETING

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS of each month at 7:00 PM.

**City Hall Meeting Room**

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MAYOR

Jeff Lobell

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Emily Bruflat

Dale Stringer Jr.

Sue Fritz

Jerry Kaupang

### CITY OFFICE HOURS

#### MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

### LIBRARY HOURS

#### MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

#### THURSDAY

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM /

2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

#### FRIDAY

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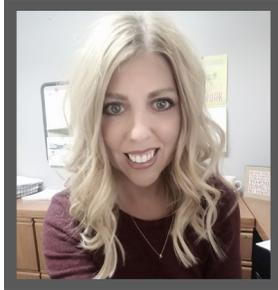
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## NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR



Amanda Luepke joined the City of Clarkfield family on December 5, 2016. She graduated from the College of Saint Scholastica with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management.

Through her past experience, she has a growing appreciation and passion to unite, promote, and serve the economic development of local communities. She believes that there is enormous strength in unity and great benefit to be gained in the exchange of information and ideas. In her role as Executive Director of the Nisswa Chamber of Commerce, she gained leadership and knowledge of organizational and program management, staff development, volunteer development and administration, community development, budgeting, finance, public relations, economic development, networking, marketing, and advocacy.

Amanda moved to Granite Falls with husband, Justin Luepke; native of Belview, MN in May 2012. Amanda recently worked for Mycogen Seeds in Olivia, MN and built their complaint department and process from the ground up. Justin is the Field Production Manager at Remington Seeds in Olivia, MN. They have 2 daughters, Sloane (3 years) and Mila (20 months) and they attend daycare at Prairie Land in Granite Falls. She is excited for this new venture and to meet individuals in the community. She is looking to get involved in the community. Come visit the City Office and meet her!!

## 4 PAWS DOG PARK

There first anniversary is January 1, 2017!! The dog park is open all year - snow or no snow. With the snow we have encountered recently, it's a joy to watch your dog leap, run, roll and sniff the snow. Take your dog(s) for a treat to 4 Paws Dog Park!

## H.A.A.G TASKFORCE

The City of Clarkfield is asking you to watch around town and in local newspapers for public meetings regarding the old school building. We would like your input for the solution!

### "TEAM<sup>♥</sup>WORK"



**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2017**  
**City Hall**  
**Meeting Room**

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## CLARKFIELD CARE CENTER

Clarkfield Care Center has an admirable standard for all those that enter their doors. That standard is to celebrate life. For their staff that's an ongoing attitude that begins on their first day of work when they are encouraged to make a positive difference each day in the lives of their residents. From that point their mission is to positively influence each life they touch. Each employee will help make you feel right at home.

This unique approach to resident care creates an environment at Clarkfield Care Center that becomes part of their daily life as they help them to look past limitations and find those aspects of their life that they can enjoy. The relationships between the staff and residents are just as significant as the services they provide. They do all they can to make life better with perseverance, endurance and patience including in-house rehabilitation and therapy. Whether you need long or short term skilled nursing services their approach to each day with a focus on celebrating life enhances their medical program and elevates their quality care to a level that supersedes people's expectations of a nursing home or rehab experience.

When you're searching for the best home, or rehab center, for yourself, or someone you love, it is with great joy that we encourage you to call 320-669-7561 and schedule a tour of their excellent facilities at 805 5<sup>th</sup> Street and learn more about this "5 Star" care center.

## CLARKFIELD CHARTER SCHOOL

**BOARD MEETING • MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017  
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

In addition, there are public meetings regarding the lack of daycare in Clarkfield. The school would like input from parents and community members about this topic as they are researching how to address this concern. You are invited to the board meeting to express concerns and share ideas!

## NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

The City of Clarkfield created a NEW FACEBOOK page that is much easier to



find and navigate! Please make a point to like the new page to stay abreast of happenings of Clarkfield.

## WWW.CLARKFIELD.ORG



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