## January Spotlight on Support Staff: Sheree Hoie, Paraprofessional

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." ~ John Quincy Adams



Sheree Hoie is in her third year at Clearbrook-Gonvick as an elementary special education paraprofessional.

Sheree was born and raised in the Walker area. She moved to Bagley in 1981. She and her husband, Marvin, have three children: Misten, Matt, and Steven and seven grandchildren: Jackson, Charlie, Makalyn, Mazie, Matsen, Natalee, and Blake.

Why did you choose to work at a school? I've always done a lot of volunteering at Bagley schools, when my kids were younger and when my grand-kids started school. I enjoy being around kids.

## What did you do before coming to

**Clearbrook-Gonvick?** I was a dairy farmer for 31 years. We sold our dairy cows in 2012 and currently have 150 beef cows and 20 Boer goats.

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? I truly enjoy working with the students and staff at the school. They're the best!

What is the biggest challenge of your job? Making sure I do my best every day for our students' success.

**If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why?** I would be an English teacher. That was my favorite subject in school and I enjoy helping students with Language Arts.

What do you do when you are not working at the school? I help on our farm, am a basketball coach for Bagley Elementary, enjoy riding horse, and help my grandsons show their goats.

What is something you like to do to pass the time during a snowstorm or the frigid cold weather? I like to attend basketball games, read, and visit family. I love hanging out with my grandkids.

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? I grew up in a small community with a combined K-12 school and really enjoyed it. The school and community have been very welcoming and I feel lucky to be a part of it.

And now a few words about Sheree from the staff that work with her...

"Sheree is amazing!! She is kind and caring, students respond to her and respect her. She is always willing to lend a helping hand. If she sees something that needs to be done, she will take the initiative and do it. If she is not busy, she will ask if anyone else has something she does. We need more individuals like her in the world." "Sheree always has a smile on her face. She forms bonds with all students and staff that she works with. She goes the extra mile to make sure her kiddos know the concepts, get their work done, but also feel comfortable and unstressed. Thank you for all you do!" "We are blessed to have Sheree in our school. She is kind, patient, and happy every day." I loved working with her in my classroom last year and so did the students." "Sheree has been one of the best additions to our school, staff, and students. Everyone needs a Sheree:) She is knowledgeable, insightful, caring, understanding, empathetic, willing, consistent, flexible, reliable, witty, funny, and pleasant." "Sheree takes each day as it comes and gives students a fresh start each day, sometimes several times within the same day. She is a natural when it comes to working with our students and staff. Sheree knows how to lighten things up and make them fun. She can joke with our students and put a smile on their face, even when they are struggling. She just has a way with kids, she cares about them. More often than not, I find myself looking to Sheree for guidance, whether it be professionally or personally, she is my go-to girl. She has been able to be the voice of reason many times in my world and I don't know what I'd do without her!!! Thanks to Sheree, our room finds balance with her daily contributions! We love her:)"