



Tri County Canary

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Brad and Elizabeth Naplin, Red Lake Falls are Pennington County's participants.



Derik and Nan Nelson, Stephen are Marshall County's participants.



Dudley and Cindy Wishard, Clearbrook are Clearwater County's participants.

Extension will recognize leaders at banquet Saturday, March 25

The 2023 Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program is recognizing individuals from 15 counties in northwestern and west central Minnesota, who have taken part in educational sessions since October 2022. Four of the participants are: Noel Anderson, Crookston Polk (West) County; Derik and Nan Nelson, Stephen, for Marshall County; Brad and Elizabeth Naplin, Red Lake Falls for Pennington County and Dudley and Cindy Wishard, Clearbrook for Clearwater County.

They will be recognized for their commitment to leadership and their community during the Emerging Leadership Program's annual banquet on Saturday, March 25 in Crookston. Family and friends

and are invited to join program alumni at the event.

During the educational sessions, they have networked with leaders from across the region and gained insight on personal leadership styles, communication, rural issues, and facilitating effective meetings. The group will gather once more in Crookston to focus on setting goals for how they will lead and follow in their work and community roles, and to celebrate their completion of the program.

The theme for the Class of 2023, "Legacy" encouraged participants to think about what it takes to learn from, live with and grow their personal legacy. Jody Horntvedt, Extension Educator with the program, stated "I am so excit-

ed for these leaders to inspire everyone around them with the amazing legacies they are building."

Brad and Elizabeth Naplin for Pennington County

Brad is currently a sales individual for a large operation in Greenbush, MN selling liquid fertilizer products as well as liquid application systems. Elizabeth is a Pricing Analyst at Digi-Key. Brad and Elizabeth currently run a few head of feeder steers and a large garden operation. Brad also does all the tech work for the farm.

Derik and Nan Nelson, for Marshall County

Derik sells crop insurance in the Warren and Thief River Falls areas. Derik also has a

small farming operation in NW Minnesota, growing wheat and soybeans. Nan serves as Branch President for a local community bank with branches in NW Minnesota and NE North Dakota. Nan previously held the roles of VP of Lending and Security Officer for her current employer.

Dudley and Cindy Wishard for Clearwater County

Dudley is a Design Engineer for a company that makes equipment for testing circuit boards. Cindy is a substitute teacher.

Noel Anderson, for Polk (West) County

Noel is a Sales Agronomist. He works at Agrimax LLC in Fischer, MN; an independent

Ag retailer providing chemical, seed, research, seed cleaning and custom application for farmers.

University of Minnesota Extension coordinates the Emerging Leadership Program and provides educational content. The program is funded by many donors from across the region including the Red River Valley Development Association, ag producer groups, electric cooperatives, community businesses, financial institutions and individuals in counties throughout northwest and west central Minnesota who contribute each year. A regional partner, Northwest Minnesota Foundation, has provided fund management for the program since 1998.



Noel Anderson, Crookston is Polk (West) County's participant.



Two ladies were recognized by the Delta Kappa Gamma MU Chapter selected. Shown in the left photo is Kate Pearson, MU Chapter President on left, Missy Dodds. Also receiving the honor was Tamra Ragan of Fosston in the right photo. They are shown with their Women of Achievement Awards. This award is given to the DKG member for her service to Delta Kappa Gamma, the teaching profession and the community. DKG is an international organization of women educators. Dodds is a former teacher in Red Lake School and Ragan is presently teaching in the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



DNR reminds landowners to plan ahead for spring burning restrictions

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages Minnesotans who intend to burn vegetative debris – such as brush, grass, leaves, and untreated lumber – during spring clean-up to start planning now. The best time to burn vegetative debris is when there is ample snow on the ground, rather than later in the spring when wildfire risk is high due to brown grass and low humidity.

Every spring, burning permit restrictions are put in place after the snow melts. Restrictions remain in place until vegetation begins to "green up" and fire risk declines.

"Vegetative debris burn piles are the number one cause of wildfires in Minnesota," said Karen Harrison, DNR statewide wildfire prevention specialist. "Chipping and composting are the best options and are encouraged as an alternative to burning whenever possible."

If vegetative debris is burned, all fires must be supervised and put out by drowning with plenty of water or snow, stirring and repeating until out cold.

If a fire does rekindle or escape, the person who set it is liable for any damages and wildfire suppression costs. It is illegal to burn garbage, including chemically treated or painted lumber, tires, and plastics.

Visit the DNR's guide on

55+ Driver Discount Program Offered in Fosston and Clearbrook

The Minnesota Highway Safety Center will be offering 55+ Driver Discount Courses on the following days:

4 Hour Refresher Courses: 8 Hour First Time Course:

March 22, 2023, Course #51487- 1 pm to 5 pm

Fosston Embassy Community Center - 603 3rd St NE, Fosston, MN

April 3, 2023, Course

composting for woodland owners (mndnr.gov/wildfire/prevention/debris-composting.html) for more information on alternatives to burning vegetative debris.

For information and daily updates on current fire risk and open burning restrictions, visit the statewide fire danger and burning restrictions page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/BurnRestrictions).

#51493 1 pm to 5 pm Clearbrook Community Center, 200 Elm St SW, Clearbrook, MN

Courses are also available to be completed online at www.driverdiscountonline.com

This class will save you up to 10 percent on your auto insurance. Completion of an eight-hour course qualifies you for the discount. To maintain the

NELL Spring Lineup planned

By Pamela Hagen-French

As some of you know, I am the Director of NELL, Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning, for Clearwater Co. And East Polk Co. I started this position day 1 of the Fall 2022 season. I have been in Bagley now for nearly 5 years. That may seem relatively short, but my roots here are deep.

My mother Jeanne was one of five girls born to Penn and Martha Mathewson of Bagley and my father Jerome, the oldest of eight, born to Myron and Lavina Hagen of Bagley.

I am involved in our community through the American Legion Auxiliary, member of the Clearwater Co. Historical Society, The Shevlin Garden Club, Clearwater Co. Yarn Group, Superintendent Creative Art Bldg. -Clearwater Co. Fair, as well and writer for the Farmers Independent Grapevine.

The Spring 2023 NELL lineup is quite diverse and hopefully pique your curiosity to attend. There is no cost to attend. The sessions start April 5th at 9:30 am at the Bagley Library, doors open at 9:00am. Light refreshments are served.

This Spring NELL season we honor Marvin Lee of Fosston who passed away February. He was a very active member of the board and treasurer. He will be missed.

The Spring 2023 NELL lineup is as follows:

April 5: Carole Euerle "Tapping Creativity at Any Age" Bagley Public Library

April 12: Professor Michael Herbert "Twenty College Students Who Enlisted in WWII"

Bagley American Legion Post 16

April 19: David Jones "The Statue of Liberty: Two Decades of Effort, Almost Impossible Odds"

Faith Lutheran Church Bagley

April 26, Cindy Kolling "Memoir vs. Memoirs --- Not as Scary as They May Seem" Gon-

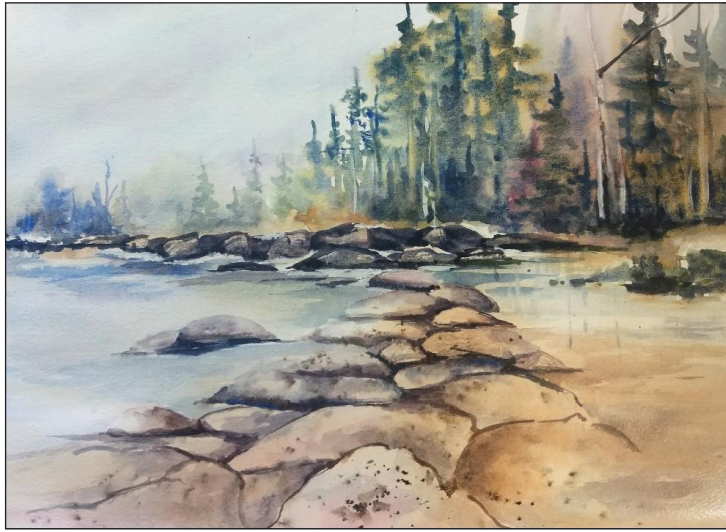
vick Community Center

May 3: Professor Dan Allosso -BSU "The Gilded Age"McIntosh Community Center

May 10: David Wall "Understanding Equality and Equity When Society Seems to be Confused" The Embassy in Fosston

May 17: Connie Nunemaker "Planting For Pollinators and Wildlife" Our Saviors at Elbro Corner

May 24: Brian and Kathy Brandt - Mustang Sally BBQ"BBQ Like a Pro" Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Clearbrook



Water Color by Carole Euerle

K9 Buffy To Medically Retire

K9 Buffy has been doctoring with an unknown medical condition. After many visits to the veterinarian and several trips to the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center, the sheriff's office received results of her medical condition. It is sad news, I feel it is the

best decision for Polk County and Buffy, that she retire. K9 Buffy was a great asset for the county during her years of service.

K9 Buffy responded to numerous types of calls during her tenure with Polk County, assisting multiple law enforcement agencies. Buffy's participation in close to 60 calls for service, K9 tracks, building searches for alarms/burglaries, drug searches at schools, houses, vehicles, and at the Tri-County Community Correction Center. Buffy enjoyed spending countless hours patrolling Polk County meeting our residents with Deputy Olson.

Buffy's partner K9 handler/Deputy Kyle Olson stated, "It is very unfortunate, but Buffy

has taken care of me and the residents of Polk County for the last 3 years, now it is my turn to take care of her." Buffy will continue to live with Deputy Olson and his family transitioning to "retired life".

The K9 program is still going strong with K9 Rex and handler Sergeant Ben Stout. The Polk County Sheriff's Office has plans to pursue an additional K9 to enhance the safety of our community.

Thank you for your service K9 Buffy. Enjoy your retirement!

I also want to thank the community for all of their generous donations to bring K9 Buffy and the K9 program back to Polk County.

Sheriff Jim Tadman

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