



Tri County Canary

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Daniel McDougall and his wife Samantha run the Bagley Bakery on Main Avenue. They make everything fresh every day, from among 38 types of pastries to breads and buns. Other specialty items like the Jalapeno and Wild Rice breads they make in the fall, and Fruitcake are seasonal.

On the Job-Daniel & Samantha McDougall

By Karen Edelbach
Bagley Bakery is housed in a narrow piece of real estate between Galen SuperMarket and Galli Furniture along Main Avenue. It has been in business for 74 years, and is still going strong due to the persistence of Daniel and Samantha McDougall.

Born and raised in Bagley, Daniel is second generation owner of the bakery, and took over from his father, and brother Jerry who also ran it for a while. He's has been owner and baker for the past 25 years, but including earlier years, he's

been in the bakery business for 40 years. When Daniel's father Lowell returned from World War II, he heard there was a need for a baker at the Red Owl Store in Bagley. Lowell had been a cook in the army, so he moved up here from the Ulen-Hitterdahl area and soon after started a bakery of his own. "I started working with my dad in the bakery when I was only five years old," Daniel says. "I'd come here to help my dad during school years at 5 a.m. before school, and again after school. I didn't have a chance

at school activities. But I wasn't into sports, so that didn't matter to me." Daniel first bought it from his dad in 1977, then sold it to his brother Jerry in 1984, and bought it back again in 1992. His dad and mom Anna had seven kids in the family, and they all helped out at some time in their life. Daniel was second to the youngest. "None of the others had an interest in taking over the bakery when dad wanted out. That's the way I remember it." Samantha, who says, "I'm the newest McDougall" has been married to Danny for just a year, but has worked at the bakery for four years. "I'm trying to bring a woman's touch to the bakery with new choices for sweet rolls and donuts, and a little decorating like the shelf for some of Danny's cookie jar collection."

They have 38 flavors of pastries now, up from the previous 14. Lots of specialties are on the list like Sweet Jalapeno Jelly, Peaches and Cream, S'mores, Chocolate Crunch, and Maple Long Johns. Some flavors are available every day, and some are rotated. After trying Danny's pot pies, she told him, "You have to put this on the bakery menu! They are frozen, and we can hardly keep up with the demand. Of course, that means more work for Danny."

They have seasonal favorites like jalapeno, wild rice, and wild rice-cranberry bread, which Daniel makes just in fall for the hunters. Their regular breads are wheat, cracked wheat, rye (made from all rye), and white bread, as well as buns and other things by special order. "Our breads and items are baked fresh daily," says Samantha. "There are no preservatives, and we don't want any leftovers. They aren't like your breads from the grocery store." Daniel comes in at midnight and does the baking until about 8 a.m. daily, but often stays until noon when special projects are being worked on. He uses canola oil in the breads and pastries, and to fry the sweet rolls and donuts. No lard or shortening is used.

"Every night I make 30-40 dozen pastries, 20-50 dozen buns, plus bread and cookies. Today I'm starting the first batch of 100 pounds of fruitcake. I use all real fruit like candied cherries and pineapple, nice pecans, and real butter. No figs or orange peel. Also there are 15 pounds of raisins in a batch that are soaked in rum," he explains. "People don't understand about fruitcake. It has to be all hand mixed or it breaks up the fruit. Then it has to cool for ten days. The first batch will be ready the first of November. This is my dad's recipe - most things I make are his recipe. I haven't changed much since I took over."

In November, he'll also begin making peanut brittle, another seasonal item.

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November 1 Nell Program "Use of Force:

Northern Exposure to Life-long Learning will wrap up its fall season on November 1 with Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson. Sheriff Halverson will talk about what officer's face when making the critical decision "to shoot or not to shoot."

Sheriff Halverson has been in law enforcement for 25 years. He started in 1992 as a part-time officer in Clearbrook and then became a part-time deputy in Clearwater County in 1993. In 1995, he was hired as a full-time officer in Bagley and served there until 2013. During his time at Bagley he served as a patrol officer, Assistant Police Chief, K9 handler and Police Chief. In 2013 he was hired by Clearwater County to be the Chief Deputy. Sheriff Halverson was appointed Sheriff in October of 2014 and elected Sheriff in November of 2014 and is currently serving in that role.

Join NELL on November 1 at 9:30 am at the Clearwater County Courthouse (old Courtroom) 213 Main Avenue North in Bagley for an opportunity to learn more about the decisions



Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson.

peace officers must make. NELL programs are free and open to all ages. For more information contact Tamara Edevold, program coordinator at 694-2856

What is a Fair Farm Rental Agreement?

Eli Gindele, Extension Educator
Landlords, Farmers, Agri-Business Professionals should make plans to attend one of the informative meetings being held across Minnesota. These free meetings are being provided by the University of Minnesota Extension. Farmer profits are low or negative and farm land rental rates declined slightly while commodity prices have decreased significantly. Determining a fair profitable farm rental agreement is a challenge in today's economy with recent record corn and soybean prices and record farm land values as recently as 2012 but commodity prices continued to decline since then. Negotiating a fair rental agreement that satisfies the

land owner and the farmer is a challenge. Nathan Hulinsky, Extension Educator in Ag Business Management, will provide several ways; by examples, factsheets and worksheets to determine a fair farm land rental rate for both parties. Topics covered at the meetings will include local historic and projected farmland rental rate trends, current farm land values and sales, a worksheet that will help determine a fair rental agreement. Input costs for 2018 will be presented along with current 2018 corn and soybean prices. Worksheets will examine 2018 costs and what is affordable rent that a farmer will be able to pay in 2018, the rate of return to the landlord at current market values and

examine flexible rental agreements. Make plans to attend one of these forty-two meetings now. Attendees will receive several informative worksheets and factsheets that will help to determine what is a fair 2018 farm land rental rate is. **November 30, 2017** Grygla - Grygla Community Center - 127 N Main Avenue, Grygla, 9:30 AM Red Lake Falls - City Hall - 08 2nd St. SW Red Lake Falls, 1:30 PM **December 7, 2017** Crookston - VFW Post #1902 - 121 North Main St. Crookston, 9:30 AM Clearbrook - Clearbrook Community Center - 200 Elm street Clearbrook, 1:30 PM



Samantha likes to create new flavors of pastries like Lemon Zest and Chocolate Crunch. She's upped the choices from Danny's 14 to now 38 rotating flavors. "I just create them - I don't eat them," she says when queried about the temptation of so many goodies available.



Daniel is making his daily quota of 30-40 dozen buns. "Then I'm starting my first batch of Fruitcake for the season which contains only real fruit and real butter, and rum-soaked raisins among the ingredients."



Heather Bauer, Garden Valley Service Representative

Bagley Store / Office Grand Opening Was Successful!

Garden Valley is pleased to announce that the Bagley store / office grand opening was a huge success! The event was held the week of October 16-20 at Garden Valley's new Bagley location at 105 Main Avenue North. The grand opening invited customers to stop in to check out the new store, enjoy refreshments, giveaways and register to win an Amazon Echo Dot. Many customers viewed the products and services on display which included GVTv, Security,

Smart Home, Cellular, and Internet. While others applied for new services, made changes to their accounts, paid their bill, or purchased an electronic item or accessory. The winner of the Amazon Echo Dot will be posted on GV's website and Facebook. Thank you to everyone who stopped by during the grand opening. Our Bagley Store / Office hours will be Monday through Friday, 10am to 6pm. Garden Valley is a progres-

sive telecommunications company serving 25 exchanges and surrounding communities in beautiful northwest Minnesota since 1906. Garden Valley is a member-owned cooperative providing business and residential consumers with advanced integrated communications solutions; high speed Internet, Digital HD TV, Security, 4G LTE Cellular, Smart Home technology and Voice services. Your Technology Leader.

Headwaters Science Center Resumes Normal Operations

Headwaters Science Center (HSC) is pleased to announce that we reopened our doors to visitors today, October 17th, 2017 after being closed for seven weeks. Our science center has been closed since Monday, August 28th due to extensive water damage to both the exhibit

floor and the basement due to a burst pipe. The HSC invites the community to visit our newly remodeled exhibit floor during our regular business hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 9:30-5:00 pm and Sunday 1:00-5:00 pm. We especially encourage

the community to attend our Grand Reopening on Saturday, November 4th. For additional information, please check our website, www.hscbemidji.org, Facebook page (Headwaters Science Center) or give us a call (218-444-4472).



A hobby of Daniel's is a unique collection of cookie jars, which are displayed in the bakery.

Bagley Bakery...

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Samantha fills in at the Legion from time to time, besides being the one behind the counter most of the time.

"I have three sons. They love to come up here with their snowmobiles in winter and I cook for them."

"We have customers who come from all over, and as far away as Missouri," Samantha says.

Daniel's sister Peggy Knutson helps in the bakery too waiting on the many customers who frequent the store.

"Danny and I clean and do custodial work at Faith Lutheran three or four times a week too," Samantha says.

Though Daniel says the hardest part of the job are the long hours, and coming in at midnight, and the best part is when he gets to go home, he obviously is proud of the high quality baked goods he produces along with Samantha his helpmate.

"Don't sit still," they say. "You've got to set an example for the kids."

"Buy our donuts if you want good ones," Daniel says.

Birk to address Farm Bureau members at 99th Annual Meeting

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Annual Meeting will be November 16-18 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington. The meeting will include policy development, sessions on agricultural issues, Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) contests, and award banquets.

Keynote Speaker: Matt Birk
Matt Birk is a former football center who played college

football at Harvard. He was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in the sixth round of the 1998 NFL Draft. Birk is a two-time All-Pro and six-time Pro Bowl selection. He retired in 2013 after winning the Super Bowl as a member of the Baltimore Ravens.

Birk says he never let football define himself. The sport taught him a lot of important life lessons, enough to fill a

book titled, "All-Pro Wisdom: The 7 Choices that Lead to Greatness."

In his motivational program, "Leading to Win," Birk explains how star players can win games, but it's the bottom of the roster that ultimately win championships.

Schedule: The voting delegate session will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, November 17.

On Friday from 8:30 a.m. until noon attendees can participate in Agriculture in the Classroom visits with the Promotion & Education (P&E) Committee. Pre-registration is required. In the afternoon, there will be a service project at the hotel for attendees to make sandwiches for Love One Another, "The Sandwich Guy."

At 4 p.m., there will be a social hour with elected officials.

Many distinguished Farm Bureau members will be recognized at the Friday, November 17, 5:30 p.m. banquet including Awards of Excellence, Honorary Life Awards, the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award and the MFB Foundation Awards. The Friday awards banquet will also feature MFBF President Kevin Paap's address and the MFB Foundation fundraising auction.

On Saturday, November 18, members can attend general sessions, the Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) Discussion Meet and the Collegiate YF&R Discussion Meet. The Saturday Noon luncheon will include the final round of the YF&R Discussion Meet and the announcement of the YF&R award winners.

The conference will conclude on Saturday with the grand prize drawing - a non-transferable air and hotel expense paid trip for one paid Farm Bureau member to the American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, January 5-10, 2018.

Speakers and Panels

There will be three general sessions for participants to attend on Saturday, November 18.

*A National Issues update provided by Mary Kay Thatcher - American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Senior Director, Congressional Relations. Thatcher has worked through seven previous farm bills. She knows the opportunities and challenges associated with writing the next one. Get updated on the 2018 Farm Bill's progress, AFBF priority issues and more.

*A Rural Resiliency panel will discuss farm family stressors such as commodity prices, health care, weather, etc. and discuss ways to handle stress on the farm. Gather tools and resources to help build rural resiliency.

*Economic Challenges Facing Agriculture session speaker will be Betsy Jensen, Farm Business Management instructor, Northland Community & Technical College. She shares her struggles with crop marketing and farm management through blogging and a regional magazine column. As both an educator and farmer, she loves numbers and will keep you entertained while covering the basics of farm management.

Registration

For registration information, contact your county Farm Bureau or Lori Wiegand at 651-768-2102 or lwiegand@fbmn.org. Registration forms and online registration information can be found at fbmn.org. Pre-registration deadline on November 1.

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10/13/2017 06:36
Sgt. Jesse Grabow
St. Cloud District

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Road Condition: Dry
Outside agencies: Sherburne County
2 Vehicles involved.

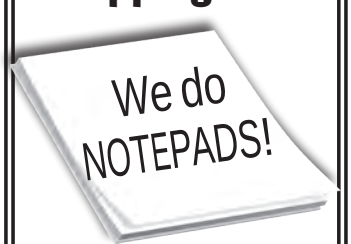
Vehicle 1: 2012 International Prostar Truck. Airbag Deployed: No

Driver: Jeffrey John Pederson, 56, from Big Lake. Injury type: None Seat Belt: Yes. Helmet: Not Applicable; Alcohol Involved: No

Vehicle 2: 2015 Toyota Prius; Airbag Deployed: Yes

Driver: James Paul Gustafson, 66, Leonard. Injury type: Life Threatening, Health Care Facility: HCMC, Seat Belt: Yes. Helmet: Not Applicable. Alcohol Involved: No.

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Steve Knutson recently visited the Bagley Senior Center and had lunch there with his grandma. He enjoyed visiting with many of the guests, and to their amazement, before he left Steve finished this puzzle that was being worked on. Steve is the son of Dean and Tresa Knutson from Clearbrook, grandson of Karen Edelbach of Bagley, and Lloyd and Janet Knutson of Gully.

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Secret Sister Club

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That's sort of how it all began you know, the Secret Sister Club. Attending a parochial grade school with nuns in full vestments as my teachers, was nothing short of amazing. Stalwart Christian soldiers were how I perceived them to be as their love poured out upon each of us. Coolest thing ever when Sister Klenric placed that Kleenex right on up her big flapping sleeve as she continued directing the second graders before her. Yup...that did it for me. I wanted one of those sleeves to hide things in. It just looked cool!

And so, we gathered, the three of us. There was Joan, one other whose name I have forgotten, and myself. We met in a room upstairs ever so oft whispering in low tones. We'd speak about the possibility of joining the convent and dream our dreams. The Secret Sisters Club was born.

Off to the post office we would go with our letter which explained all of our hopes and dreams. In turn, the Franciscan Mother House would send us back a little packet which included a post card, prayer cards, and a general letter of greeting. Our hearts quickened when we actually received that response, and gather we would to share the good news.

Not sure how many times we actually met, but my best recollection is that it was several for sure. I remember well sitting in a circle upon the floor while passing the delivered goods round for all to see. Best part about it? Nobody knew. It was our secret.

Not a one of us became nuns, but truth-be-told, we were sisters of another kind. Each one shouldered up beside the other and so it goes. We were sisters in Christ just like those we stand shoulder to shoulder with today.

As we look deeply into the eyes of the one God has placed beside us, we pray He finds us faithful in ways that are not so secret. Perhaps it's as simple as a glance, a tender touch that validates. I not only see you, but I accept you where you stand. I see you in your loneliness. I see you in your weariness. I see that you have a different sense of style called “this is all I have in my closet because I've had no money to update.” I see the worried creases across your brow.

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Ken Brein and Betty Landseth took their turn at selling meal tickets to the many who attended the annual meatball dinner that was held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Leonard.



Gayle Lofthus served up the many different kinds of pie to those who attend the annual dinner at Our Saviors in Leonard.

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With nearly 500,000 firearms deer hunters in the state, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages hunters to purchase their licenses early to avoid long lines and any potential system issues associated with the high sales volume.

The 2017 Minnesota firearms deer season begins a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Nov. 4.

"Buying a deer license early gives you more time to pack that tater tot hotdish for deer camp, and do everything else associated with your deer hunting tradition," said Steve Michaels, DNR licensing program director. "Every year people do wait until the last minute and last year we sold more than 140,000 licenses the Thursday and Friday before opener."

Deer licenses can be purchased at DNR license agents across Minnesota, by phone at 888-665-4236 or online at mndnr.gov/buyalicense. There are additional fees for telephone and internet transactions. Deer licenses and tags ordered by phone and internet take three to five business days to arrive, so hunters who choose these options should allow enough time for delivery. Hunters must have a valid deer license in their possession when hunting deer. Hunters need to be familiar with deer hunting regulations, which are available at any DNR license agent or online at mndnr.gov/regulations/hunting. Hunting questions should be directed to the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Peterson Announces New Agriculture Committee Staff

WASHINGTON – House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Collin Peterson today announced that Prescott Martin has joined the House Agriculture Committee Minority staff as Counsel.

"Prescott will serve an important role as the Committee begins its work on a new farm bill," Peterson said. "His understanding of farm bill issues will serve the Committee well and I welcome him aboard."

A North Carolina native, Martin holds an undergraduate degree from George Washington University and a law degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Washington, D.C., and worked for the American Sugar Alliance during consideration of the 2008 and 2014 Farm Bills.

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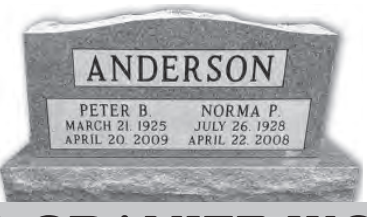
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Services held for Rose Odegaard

Rose Odegaard, age 100, passed away Monday, October 16, 2017 at First Care Living Center in Fosston, MN.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick, MN. A visitation will be held on Friday, October 20, 2017 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. at Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, MN, as well as one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at Samhold Lutheran Cemetery in Gonvick, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Rose was born on May 8, 1917 in Gonvick to parents Albert and Ida (Nelson) Johnson. She was raised and attended school in Gonvick, and then attended Beauty School in Fargo. Rose was united in marriage to Verner Odegaard

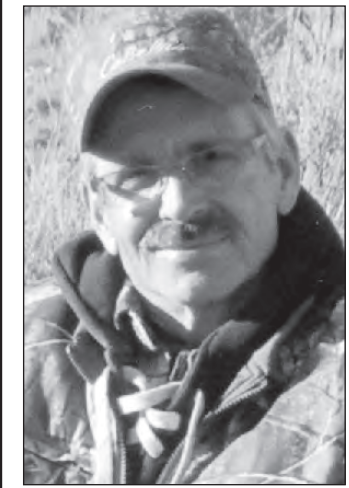
on September 8, 1940. To this union four children were born.

Rose loved knitting, sewing, and all types of needlework. She did a beautiful job on anything she attempted. She was wonderful at canning, cooking, (especially potato klub) and baking. Making Buns was her specialty. She also dabbled a bit in wine making. Rose could fillet a walleye faster and better than anyone in Gonvick. She also gave a few lessons on her talent of fileting fish. Rose and JoAnn loved traveling country roads looking for wild flowers to press. She loved her grandchildren and was always eager to talk and get pictures of them. She also did extensive traveling with her brother Arne and his wife Nancy. She was a proud member of Samhold Lutheran Church and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Gonvick. Rose was a beautiful lady, a wonderful mother, and had a wonderful life. She will be deeply missed, especially by her grand-dog Bentley.

She is survived by 3 children, JoAnn Birkeland of Gonvick, MN; Arvin (My) Odegaard of Rochester, NY; and Debbie (Dave) Heitke of Paynesville, MN; five grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son - Dennis; her brothers - Arne and Ben; and her sister - Evelyn.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com



Services Saturday for Jeff Ose

Jeff Ose, age 56, of Erskine, MN and formerly of Fargo, ND, passed away on Wednesday, October 18th, at his home in Erskine following a courageous battle with cancer. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 28th, at Grace Lutheran Church in Erskine with the Rev. Timothy Lundeen officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery, rural Erskine. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service on Friday, October 27th, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Erskine. Family will also greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are with the Carlin Funeral Home of Erskine and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Jeffrey Lester Ose was born February 10, 1961 to Lester Obert and Donna Mae (Matzke) Ose of Fargo ND. He grew up in Fargo and attended Fargo South High

School. He worked for various contractors in the Fargo area. He later moved to Erskine MN where he met his future wife Tami. Jeff and Tami were blessed with two amazing children, Tahlor Jeffrey (Son) and Jordyn Mae (Daughter). His children were the love of his life.

During his time living in Erskine, Jeff owned his own lawn service and also worked for Danny Ness for many years. In 2010 he moved to Billings MT where he worked for Scotts Lawn Service. He, then, moved to Fargo ND in 2015 to be closer to his children. He worked for Rusco Windows in Fargo until he had to quit due to his illness in March of 2017. The family moved him to Erskine MN in September 2017 where they cared for him until the end.

Jeff loved the outdoors along with hunting and ice fishing. He made many friends and had some great adventures while living in Montana including going to one of his favorite places- the Harmon cabin in East Rosebud MT.

Jeff passed away on October 18th 2017 at the age of 56 years.

Jeff is preceded in death by his parents and by both sets of his grandparents along with several aunts and uncles. He is survived by his son Tahlor Ose of Erskine MN, his daughter Jordyn Ose of Fargo ND, his former wife and friend Tami Ose of Erskine MN, his sister Connie Olson (Mark Harmon) of Billings MT and his niece Leslie Cadreau of Billings MT.

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Services Saturday for Lois Harwood

Lois J. Harwood, 81, of Bagley, MN, died on Monday, October 23, 2017 at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley, MN with the Reverend Mark Olson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at the Bagley City Cemetery. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

Lois was born on April 5, 1936 at Clearbrook, MN, the daughter of George and Martha (Lund) Lene. She attended school in a one room school house, and was baptized and confirmed on July 1, 1951 at the Greenwood Lutheran Church. Lois moved to Grafton, ND where she babysat for about 3 years until she moved back to the Bagley area. She met Eugene Harwood while she was babysitting for Mary Lou and Bill Swanberg. They got married on September 18, 1954 at Bagley, MN. Lois and Gene lived in Bagley and in the mid 1960's, they bought a farm and moved there. In 1970, they bought Amundson's Oil, renaming

it Harwood Oil. Lois was the bookkeeper for the business and they sold it after 20 years of serving the community. After their retirement from the station, they traveled many states. Mostly their destinations were western and southern states. They loved Hawaii so much, they traveled there 3 times. Lois was a very active member of Faith Lutheran Church. She was a member of the Ladies Aide, she was a Sunday School Teacher and was a member of the Ruth Circle. Lois enjoyed gardening, sewing, square dancing and old-time dancing. She also volunteered at Greensview Nursing Home for many years.

She is survived by her husband – Eugene Harwood of Bagley, MN

Daughter - Bonnie (Brad) Borene of Clearbrook, MN and their daughter – Kali (Seth) Flower of Benson, MN

Daughter – Susan (Randy) Sims of Gonvick, MN and children Amy Monson of Waseca, MN and Andrew (Emily) Monson of Waseca, MN along with their children – Addison, Felicity and Nolan.

Son-in-law – David Kern and his children – Mary (Stefan) Wick at Stockton, MO and their children, Isabelle, Veronica, Josephine, Samuel, Rosemary, Caroline, Marcellus and Ava Joy.

Beth (Alfred) Bulcher of Athens, WI and their children – Maximus, Zoe, Gus, Olivia and Romulus

Charity Kern of Baxter, MN and her daughter – Cecilia Leuring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Her daughter – Marcia Kern on February 5, 2012; and her siblings – Lloyd, Burnette, Alice, Lester and Joyce.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com



The Great Terracotta Warriors & Horses will be part of the Travels to China with Linda Nordlund.

NELL Travels to China

The Fall of 2015 Linda Nordlund and a friend travelled to China. Through her photos and research you will see the Great Wall, stroll the Forbidden City & explore one of the greatest finds of the 20th Century, the Great Terracotta Warriors & Horses. You will travel down the Yangtze River, continue on to Gulin & Yangshuo where you'll float on the Li River with

unusual mountain peaks and find rural countryside. Then onto Shanghai, known as the "Paris of the East." Linda will share her experiences, as well as photos and history of the regions where they travelled on October 25 at 9:30 am at the Gonvick Community Center. Light refreshments served at 9am. NELL programs are free and open to all ages.

Managing Concerns About Falls

Have you turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because you were concerned about falling? Have you cut down on a favorite activity because you might fall? If so, A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a program for you.

Fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Many older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with family and friends. A Matter of Balance can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent.

A Matter of Balance is de-

signed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

Clearwater County Nursing Service is offering A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls starting November 7th. Classes will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 – 11 a.m. for four weeks. A workbook is provided and refreshments are served.

Please call (218) 694-6581 to register or for more information. There is no charge for the class. Class size is limited to twelve.

Minnesota AgriGrowth to Host Largest Gathering of Governor Candidates

St. Paul, MN – Minnesota AgriGrowth Council (AgriGrowth) is holding its Annual Meeting and Conference Thursday, November 9th. AgriGrowth's Annual Meeting and Conference is the pinnacle gathering of leaders from the production agriculture, agribusiness and food production community in Minnesota, and is known for excellent networking opportunities, renowned speakers and access to the top minds of policy, business and agriculture. This year's conference will add a special and timely new feature, as AgriGrowth has invited candidates from both political parties running for governor to address Minnesota's largest agriculture community and share their views on agriculture, agribusiness and our state's economy.

"We're pleased with the number of governor candidates who have already confirmed their attendance at this candidate forum. Attendees to AgriGrowth's annual conference will have the first opportunity that we're aware of to see this many candidates from both parties at one event," said Perry Aasness, AgriGrowth Executive Director. The Governor Candidate Forum will provide prominent candidates from both sides of the aisle an opportunity to share with attendees why they are running to be Minnesota's next Governor, and what their priorities would be to help support and enhance the business climate

for Minnesota's agriculture and food sector - the second largest sector of Minnesota's economy. "It's important for our next governor to understand the critical issues and challenges affecting production agriculture and agribusiness across the state of Minnesota," Aasness continued, "AgriGrowth's Annual Conference will be a great opportunity for candidates to share their vision and ideas, and for our members to ask questions important to their industry."

Confirmed Governor candidates include:

- Representative Erin Murphy (DFL)
- Representative Matt Dean (GOP)
- Former Chair of the MN GOP Keith Downey (GOP)
- Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson (GOP)
- Senator Dave Osmeck (GOP)
- Representative Paul Thissen (DFL)
- State Auditor Rebecca Otto (DFL)

Minnesota AgriGrowth Annual Meeting Governor Candidate Panel at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30pm
Time: 3:15 – 4:40 PM
Date: Thursday November 9th

AgriGrowth's annual meeting and conference is open to both members and non-members. The full conference agenda and registration information can be found at: www.agrigrowth.org

Low-income Minnesotans encouraged to apply for heating assistance

Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman announced that the state's Energy Assistance Program is receiving over \$102 million (\$102,230,040) in federal funding to help low-income Minnesotans pay their heating bills this winter.

The funds from the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are used to reduce home heating costs by making grant payments directly to utility companies and heating fuel vendors on behalf of eligible Minnesota homeowners and renters.

The new funding, which is at the same level as last year, is about 90 percent of the total federal funds expected for the state's program this heating season.

"Year after year, Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program has helped needy families with their heating bills during the winter," said Rothman, whose agency administers the program. "These federal funds provide an essential safety net to protect vulnerable Minnesotans from losing heat during the coldest months of the year. As temperatures drop and heating bills rise, we want Minnesotans to know that help is available from the state's Energy Assistance Program."

Local service providers have reviewed thousands of applications for energy assistance already this fall, and payments for many who qualified will begin as early as this week.

There is still plenty of time for new applicants and for those who qualified last year to reapply, but funding is limited and administered on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be taken until May 31, 2018, or until funds run out.

Qualifying households must apply for assistance with the local service provider in their area. To get more information about the program and contact their local service provider, Minnesotans can call 800-657-3710 or visit the Energy Assistance section of the Commerce Department website.

Cold Weather Rule Protection

In addition to applying for heating assistance, low-income Minnesotans are encouraged to contact their utility and seek protection under the state's Cold Weather Rule.

The Cold Weather Rule, in effect from Oct. 15 to April 15, protects residential utility customers from having their heat shut off.

Customers must contact their utility to establish and maintain a monthly payment plan. Households that need to reconnect for winter should contact their utility now to take advantage of the payment options. Minnesotans who use delivered fuels such as propane, fuel oil or wood to heat their homes are not covered by the Cold Weather Rule, but they are eligible for financial help from the Energy Assistance Program.

More information on shut-off protection and the Cold Weather Rule is available at by calling 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782.



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Other payment sources for Assisted living apartments and services include: assistance through the County, Long term care Insurance and Private pay.

For more information to see if you qualify for financial assistance for assisted living apartments and services, call Nicole Harmon, Housing Manager, at **218-435-6333**.

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First flight winners at the Hospice Golf Scramble were from left to right; Dana Johnson, Ethan Johnson, Marcus Johnson and Paul Ostby.



Second flight winners at the Hospice Golf Scramble were from left to right; Brady Laudeon, Tom Hjort, Jeff Westrum and Chris Westrum



Third flight winners at the Hospice Golf Scramble were from left to right; Russ Meyer, Jim Hubbard, LeRoy Riewer and Jim Trucke.

Hospice Golf Scramble held at Twin Pines

The Clearwater Hospice Golf Scramble was held on August 25th at the Twin Pines Golf Course. The golf course was in excellent condition and it was a great day for a game of golf.

The winner of the first flight was the Clearbrook Honey Farm's team consisting of Marcus, Dana and Ethan Johnson along with Paul Ostby.

The second flight was won by Ton Hjort, Jeff Westrum, Chris Westrum and Brady Laudon. Winners of the third flight were LeRoy Riewer, Jim Trucke, Russ Meyer and Jim Hubbard.

Winner of the longest putt on #3 was Brad Mayer, closest to the pin on #6 was Paul Ostby, longest drive for women on #1 was Kelly Blair and longest drive for men was Ethan

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-Photo by Eric Mickelson.

Football

Red Lake County 44, Badger-G-MR 0
RLC 22 16 6 0—44
BAD 0 0 0 0—0
R—Matt Vettleson 59 run (Ethan Vettleson pass from Derek Peterson)
R—Adrien Verbout 6 run (Peterson run)
R—E. Vettleson 29 pass from Peterson (run failed)
R—Verbout 5 run (Dalton Mugaas pass from Peterson)
R—E. Vettleson 11 pass from Peterson (Verbout run)
R—Chris Longtin 46 run (run failed)

Kittson Co. Central 29, Clearbrook-Gonvick 17
KCC 13 10 0 6—29
C-G 7 0 8 2—17
KCC—Alex Donaldson 68 pass from Nick Johnson (Jadyn Swenson kick)
KCC—Donaldson 73 run (kick failed)
C-G—Damen Bakke 1 run (Josiah Hubbard kick)
KCC—Trent Peterson 30 pass from Johnson (Swenson kick)
KCC—Swenson 33 field goal
C-G—Ethan Dorman 25 run (Dorman run)
C-G—Safety
KCC—Trent Peterson interception return (PAT failed)
Individual leaders
RUSHING—KCC: Alex Donaldson 33-218, Jesse Stark 9-49; C-G: Ethan Dorman 21-137, Damen Bakke 19-90, Ben Solberg 11-78
PASSING—KCC: Nick Johnson 3-7-1, 104 yards; C-G: Levi Nelson 1-2-1, 68 yards; Dorman 3-8-1, 41 yards
RECEIVING—KCC: Donaldson 1-68, Trent Peterson 2-38; C-G: Dorman 1-68, Hunter Voxland 2-31, Bakke 1-10

Fosston 34, Polk County West 6
FOS 0 0 22 12—34
PCW 0 0 0 6—6
F—Krister Anderson 67 kickoff return (run failed)
F—Jackson Paulson 25 pass from Anderson (pass good)
F—Brett Sundquist 3 run (pass good)
F—Sundquist 35 run (run failed)
F—Anderson 26 run (run failed)
PCW—Hayden Reitmeier 8 pass from Sam Modine (pass failed)

Warroad 13, Bagley 8
WAR 0 7 0 6—13
BAG 0 0 8 0—8
W—Tristan Johnson 3 run (Johnson kick)
B—Kyle Thorson 74 run Tannen Agnes pass from Carson Grover)
W—Dylan Cain 3 run (pass failed)
Individual leaders
RUSHING—W: Spencer Musgrove 23-141, Cain 10-37, Jeremy Cole 3-23; B: Thorson 21-130, Jarret Merschman 10-22
PASSING—W: Johnson 4-9-1, 37 yards; B: Grover 3-4-0, 40 yards
RECEIVING—W: Isaac Falk-Stoskopf 2-27; B: Merschman 2-26, Thorson 2-24

Win-E-Mac 30, Northern Freeze 8
WEM 6 0 16 8—30
NOR 0 0 0 8—8
WEM—Mikah Olson 31 run (pass failed)
WEM—Olson 18 run (run good)
WEM—Olson 31 run (run good)
NF—Ty Anderson 64 run (Zak Anderson run)
WEM—Nathan Fortmann 15 run (run good)

When wolves visit hunters, what does it mean?

It happens almost every time we set up our booth at events across the state. Once we put out the green tablecloth with our logo and the words "International Wolf Center" printed on it, a man in a camouflage hat steps up to talk.

He tells us a story of a remarkable moment.

There he was on deer opener, perched carefully atop his tree stand, rifle in hand. In the distance, he caught sight of something he didn't immediately recognize. Soon enough, he figured out a wolf was watching him. There the wolf sat, seemingly staring up at the hunter. The man didn't know what to think, or what to do.

Finally, he decided to call a friend for backup. Together, they walked out of the woods and headed home.

As the number of wolves is reportedly increasing in Minnesota (according to the state's Department of Natural Resources there are now about 2,850 wolves in the state), encounters like this one are likely to become increasingly common.

Here's why: New studies show that wolves understand cause and effect much better than we'd thought. And they know it even better than domesticated dogs.

Some wolves have learned that when deer hunters are in the woods, the wolves may get a free meal. When a hunter harvests a deer, he or she needs to gut the deer before transporting it. What do hunters do with those gut piles? They leave them sitting right there in the woods.

The public is always cautioned against feeding any wild

animal and, while hunters don't intend to feed wolves by leaving the gut piles behind, that's exactly what is happening. Obviously, some wolves have figured out that seeing a hunter (cause) may lead to finding a free meal (effect).

Also, another reason why wolves may stare at a hunter in his or her stand is because, in many cases, the area immediately surrounding the hunter often smells like a deer. Many deer hunters spray the area around their deer stand with deer scent when they get in the woods. You'd better believe all of that scent could attract a wolf.

So, let's say you are in your tree stand this fall and a wolf keeps an eye on you from afar. What do you do?

First, there's no legitimate reason to be fearful of the wolf. In the state's history, very few instances of wolves attacking humans have been documented.

Here are some tips should a wolf pay you a visit in your stand:

- * Do not entice the wolf in an effort to get closer to it.
- * Don't approach a wolf.
- * Leave room for the wolf to escape.
- * If a wolf acts aggressively or approaches within close range of you, raise your arms and wave them in the air to make yourself look larger. Back away slowly. Make noise and throw objects at the wolf.

Wolves prefer to avoid humans and they should not be seen as a threat to hunters. They should, though, be treated with caution, as they are unpredictable, wild predators.

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