



Tri County Canary

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Canadian Pacific Holiday Train made a stop in Plummer on December 12

Once again, Plummer was graced with the appearance of the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train on December 12th.

The CP Rail Holiday Train began its journey in Montreal, Quebec, on November 25 and 26, 2017, the two trains are making the festive journey, travelling through both the U.S. and Canada bringing holiday cheer to 171 communities along CP's network.

Each event is completely free, with Canadian Pacific encouraging every attendee to open their cupboards or wallets to ease hunger needs in their community. Local food banks are accepting donations at each stop to ensure those less fortunate can access adequate food this holiday season and year-round.

"The Holiday Train program is all about local food banks and food shelves and the critical role they play in our communities," said Keith



Canadian Pacific Holiday Train.

Creel, CP's President and Chief Executive Officer. "People come for the beautifully-lit train and stay for the incredible show – all in the name of community.

The event in Plummer started around 4 p.m. There was caroling, "Santa", sleigh wagon rides, serving at the community hall at 4:30 p.m.

Canned goods for food shelf were collected at the hall or museum.

Performing from the boxcar stage was Dallas Smith, Terri Clark and Kelly Prescott.



Terri Clark. She was the most recognized performer on the Holiday Train. She was very popular in the 90's and sang many songs that were recognized by the crowd who sang along with her.



Kelly Prescott singing from the stage of the Holiday Train in Plummer on December 12th. She was the opening performer.



Dallas Smith, also performing on the Holiday Train. The kids really liked him and he also bumped knuckles with the crowd of kids.

Annual Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Christmas Tea, Italian Style

On Dec. 2nd, Bemidji Bel-trami Electric was transformed into an Italian Christmas sight for the annual Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Christmas Tea. And what a sight it was!! A Bemidji High School string quartet composed of Sadie

Hamrin, Tommy Saxton, Nik Kivi & Katya Kivi played for them while guests & members arrived & during the meal, Italian cuisine of course!

Dr. Carol Ann Russell, Professor of English at Bemidji State University, (BSU) read a few of her Italian poems written while she was on sabbatical in Rome, then Deb Rossman showed a video her daughter composed while studying History & Health in Italy. It highlighted 3 cities that everyone would love to see!

Following the meal we were transported to the Italian Opera! Felice Dickey, a retired German instructor from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School and longtime professional opera singer, and Dr. Cory Renbarger from BSU gave us a taste of both the susceptibility & bombastic passion of human kind.

Thanks to the generosity of both guests and members we were able to add \$401 to our Scholarship Funds and a big THANK YOU to the members who put in the time and creativity required to bring us this Taste of Italy.



Dr. Carol Ann Russell.



Left to right: Deb Rossman, Dr. Cory Renbarger and Kate Pearson, President Delta Kappa Gamma.



Felice Dickey, a retired German instructor from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School & longtime professional opera singer.



The ladies who worked the Christmas Tea. DKG MU Chapter is the Bemidji organization, which includes educators from Bemidji, Clearbrook, Gonvick, Bagley, Blackduck, Walker and surrounding areas.



Operation Round-Up donates \$9,355 to local causes

Checks totaling \$9,355 were awarded from Clearwater-Polk Electric Co-op's Operation Round-Up recently. On hand to accept their donations were (from left, front row) Lloyd Engen, Clearbrook-Leonard Sr. Center; Pam Bagaason, Clearbrook-Gonvick School sixth grade; Janey Merschman, Clearwater Christmas Project; Marty Cobenais and Dawn Loeffler, Farm by the Lake; (back row) Cassie Dahl, Bagley Elementary fifth grade; Ken Braaten, Clearwater County Historical Society; Lorraine Brustad, Bagley Sr. Center; Brenda Rouland, Clear Waters Life Center; Lori Buell, Clearwater County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Envirothon; and Tamara Edevold, Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning. Other entities not represented but receiving donations were: BHS Robotics Club, Clearbrook-Gonvick After-Prom Party Committee; and Clearwater County Veterans Transportation.

2017-2018 Artist Fellows named

On October 28, 2017, a committee consisting of Region 2 Arts Council board members and established community artists convened to review 8 applications for the Artist Fellowship award. After discussion and review of each applicant's artistic quality, merit, and project proposal, Basketry artist Shannon Lucas-Westrum of Bemidji and watercolorist and collage artist Kelli Lien of Bemidji were named 2017-2018 Artist Fellows.

Shannon Lucas-Westrum is an artist who specializes in weaving baskets that incorporate natural elements into unique shapes. She has been weaving since 2000, taking traditional weaving styles and merging them to form pieces that are both functional and sculptural. She occasionally teaches beginner workshops in weaving and jewelry making in her Bemidji Studio. Her work can be seen during the annual American Craft Council Show in St. Paul, the First City of Arts Studio Cruise in Bemidji, in regional galleries, and in her home studio by appointment.

As a 2017-2018 Artist Fellow, Shannon has been accepted for an artist residency at Shankill Castle near Kilkenny, Ireland. From there she plans to travel to Galway to work with traditional master basket weaver Joe Hogan and his son Ciaren who is also an internationally recognized basket weaver. When she returns to Bemidji she plans to create contemporary baskets utiliz-



Shannon Lucas-Westrum

ing the traditional techniques and designs she encountered in Ireland made with locally cultivated materials, and plans an exhibition of her new baskets next year.

Kelli Lien has 20 years of experience working in watercolor and is a Signature Member of the Red River Watercolor Society. Her paintings have won top awards at national and regional shows, and her collages have been accepted into juried shows and will be included in the National Collage Society's Calendar for 2018. Kelli has taught a variety of art-related classes at elementary schools, senior centers, and at the Rapid City fine arts center when she lived in South Dakota. Currently, some of her recent art can be found at Wings'n Willows Art Gallery, in Grand Rapids.

As a 2017-2018 Artist Fellow, Kelli's plans focus on upgrading her studio, creating a new website to market her art,

and producing new work. She wants to explore acrylic painting and abstraction and to have more time to focus on creating new collages and watercolors. She also hopes to connect with the community through teaching workshops, attending arts classes, being more involved in artist groups, and continuing exhibiting throughout the region.



Kelli Lien

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Fertile resident Torpet selected for scholarship by MFU

Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) is pleased to announce that Elaine Torpet of Fertile, Minn., has been selected for a scholarship to attend the National Farmers Union (NFU) Women's Conference, held Jan. 14-18 in San Diego, Calif.

Torpet, a longtime active member of MFU, will join six other scholarship recipients and two MFU staff at the conference.

"I will look forward, at the National Farmers Union Women's Leadership Conference, to seeing young women taking leadership training seriously and watch them emerge as new, young leaders in our communities," Torpet said.

Each recipient sent in an application that was reviewed by MFU leadership.

"The NFU Women's Conference is a great opportunity for women to come together and learn how they can become stronger farmers and leaders," said MFU President Gary Wertish. "We are proud to be able to financially support our members to attend the conference."

NFU's 2018 Women's Conference theme is "Women in

Leadership." Women have been leading in agriculture for many years, and NFU hopes to build on this idea throughout the conference.

The conference will prepare attendees and their operations for their own future in many areas, including business planning, succession planning, running for local office, networking, telling their own stories, innovative marketing and much more. NFU hopes to provide attendees with both a network of female producers that they can reach out to throughout the year as well as important tools that will help set their operations up for a future of success.

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R39C



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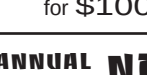
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Theology in the Trenches

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Miracles are messy, and it was messy from the start. Mary is pregnant and not a man in sight...except Joseph. Don't look at me, is what he's thinking. And so as not to mess up the plot line, the details of who thought what and which neighbor said what to whom has never been revealed. God in His magnificent wisdom didn't turn His story into a best seller by adding dirty details. Nope. He stuck to the basics. He stuck to the main story line because ultimately He knew everything else was just riff-raff.

Oh, if we could be so wise, we might see more clearly the pathway through the maze of the messy miracles we are each called to live out. Final edits would have us focusing on Him instead of all of the juicy details which tend to lead us away from the main story to be told.

We're all given a sneak preview, by hindsight, if you will. After all, we know the outcome. So when we see a picture of the angel of the Lord visiting Mary, we're all in. We get it. It doesn't show Mary's mama trying to explain it to the ladies at church what on earth was going on. No doubt eye rolling was in back then, too, as well as behind the back whispering that tends to breathe life into the rumor mill.

Next up we see Mary visit-

ing Elizabeth in full bloom as their little ones jumped for joy. Was the reality that easy? The words in His Word make it look as though it were. Again, we're not bogged down with the he said/she said in the story line. That sort of nitty-gritty paralyzes and could keep anyone from moving forward in the direction they are to go. With a smile on her face, Mary met Elizabeth, and they embraced. That embrace alone could be a catalyst to keep one going in the direction of Love's pure Light.

Soon, the little family is kneeling before Jesus in the manger. A sigh of relief comes because Joseph is now in the picture and somehow, the burden appears lighter. He's got her back, and no matter what anyone says, he is obedient to the voice of the Lord. Joseph doesn't gather a second or third opinion; he simply has the God given strength to be obedient to the voice of the Lord. To be able to put in the ole ear plugs so the white noise of this overly opinionated world wouldn't intrude upon His voice speaking would sure be a game changer for most of us.

We get it this storyline. After all, who can't cheer on a little child, especially one born into poverty finding respite in a barn of all places? It's sacred, it's holy and best of all, it's truly plau-

sible. We love the hope new life brings. We even find ourselves chuckling at the thought of this child, once older, having the audacity to go off for days on end to teach the elders in the temple. So far...not only do we get it...but we're still in.

But are we in till death do us part? That's when the story line gets a little crazy and the miracle gets messy. There's betrayal, blood, murder, mocking, fighting, sadness, tears, pain, and even though one doesn't normally associate a garden with anything but peace...in this story there is agony within the one He chooses to spend time in.

It's a mystery at best, and His best is what He gave. Joy is a mystery. Light shed is a mystery. The sorrow is a mystery. And the glorious mystery comes with His resurrection, ascension into Heaven, and the descent of the Holy Spirit bringing life everlasting. Yup, if you love a good mystery...this is the one for you...and me.

Mark said in 9:23, "Jesus said, 'Everything is possible for one who believes.'"

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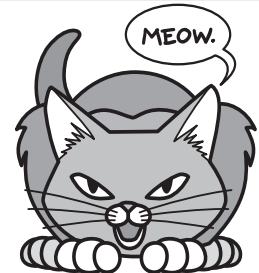
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A black and white photograph of a smiling man holding a small, spotted dog. The man is balding with a friendly expression, and the dog is looking towards the camera.

Bill graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, New York) in 1946. Prior to graduation, Midshipman Lamb served a tour of duty aboard a U.S. Merchant Marine ship from August 1944 until March

Lane Marlin Kotrba was born on December 12, 2017 at Sanford Hospital in Thief River Falls, MN, the son of Jason and Sarah (Olson) Kotrba. Lane was diagnosed with a genetic condition in utero. His family knew that his time here on earth would be limited. He was lovingly baptized by Jenelle Espe,

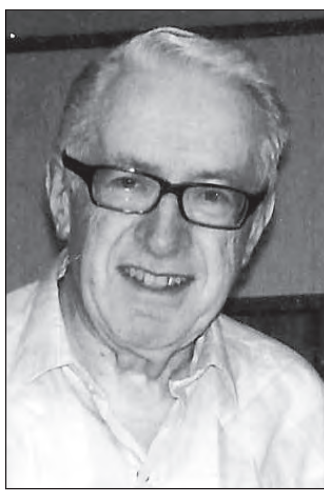


Elvera E. Just was born on November 15, 1919 at Wood Lake, Minnesota to Emil and Marie (Plath) Just. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and had remained in that true faith all her life. She attended St. John's Lutheran School and Wood Lake High School, graduating in 1939. She worked as a waitress in Gran-

A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

Lane is preceded in death by his paternal and maternal great-grandparents and his cousin, Emaleigh Olson.

She was loved and will be missed by her family and many friends. Blessed be her memory.



Glenn had a great love of God, family, and country which was evidenced by his community involvement. He

A memorial service was held honoring Glenn on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 2:00 PM with visitation at 1:00 PM at First Baptist Church, 205 Highway 92 SW, Clearbrook.



Rosella was born on October 26, 1940, the daughter of Otto and Ragna (Ranisate) Oien, on a farm outside of Bagley where she attended country school. She graduated Salutatorian from Bagley High School in 1958 and received a scholarship for tuition and fees to Bemidji State College where she attended one year. While Rosella went to college, she worked as a nanny to cover her room and board. Rosella married Gary Nelson on April 1, 1961 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Holst Township. They moved to Havre, Montana in 1961, returning to Minnesota in 1963 when they loved on a farm in Greenwood Township. In 1971, They moved to a farm in Leon Township. Rosella and Gary farmed from

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Gerald E. Hoeft, age 71, of Erskine, MN, passed away on Friday, December 15th, at Pioneer Memorial Care Center in Erskine. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 23rd, at Grace Lutheran Church in Erskine with the Rev. Timothy Lundeen officiating. Interment will be



Agnes was united in marriage to Arne Kujanson on August 16, 1941. To this union six children were born: Joyce, Carol, Arnold, Karen, Gary, and Sandi. They made their home in the Grygla area where Agnes was a stay at

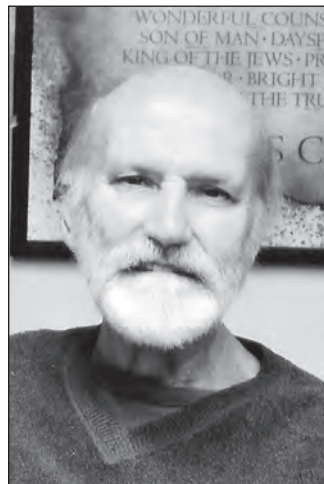
in Fairview Cemetery, rural Erskine. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service on Friday, December 22nd, at the Carlin Funeral Home in Erskine. Family will also greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Saturday morning at the church. Arrangements are with the Carlin Funeral Home of Erskine and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinfuneral.com.

home mom, babysat, made homemade wreaths, and worked at Diamond Jim's. Arne passed away in 1995. She continued living in Grygla until 1997, when she moved to Thief River Falls, MN and resided at the Sky-lite. Agnes also resided in Moorhead, MN with her family, and moved to Forman, ND to live with her son Arnold, and most recently at the Villa Maria in Fargo.

Agnes enjoyed baking for her family – especially cinnamon rolls and spicy apple wrap-ups. She also enjoyed knitting, crocheting, quilting, and gardening.

Agnes is survived by her children, Joyce Lambeth of Bloomington, MN, Arnold (Shawna) Kujanson of Forman, ND, Karen (Russ) Delorme of Moorhead, MN, Gary (Conni) Kujanson of Milford, IA, and Sandi Mason of Minneapolis, MN; grandchildren, Scott (Jenny) Kujanson, Jason Kujanson, Trent (Hillary) Kujanson, Daniel Kujanson, Isiah Kujanson, Noah Kujanson, Maggie Kujanson, Bryan (Nicole) Delorme, Corey (Tami) Delorme, Joshua Kujanson, Lindsay Kujanson, Ashley (Cody) Chamberlain, and Allison Eaton; 13 great-grandchildren; son-in-law, George Wikert of Grygla, MN; brother, Donald (Lois) Stratton of New Brighton, MN; and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Arne; daughter, Carol Wikert; her parents; and several brothers and sisters.



college, he worked at several secular radio stations in Iowa, Michigan, and New York. He returned to Minneapolis after his father's death to help his mother who was in frail health. He worked at Dayton's for 10 years and was in the Army Reserve. Bill met his wife-to-be, Elizabeth "Bette" Anderson. They dated for 7

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Friends and social connections are important

The importance of friends cannot be overstated. Maintaining a healthy group of friends can help relieve stress by enabling a person to have a go-to network of close companions with whom to share the ups and downs of life.

The Mayo Clinic says that friends can increase one's sense of belonging and purpose; help one cope with trauma; encourage change, including avoiding unhealthy lifestyle habits; and help one improve his or her self-confidence and self-worth. The medical group also says that people with strong social support systems have a reduced risk of depression, high blood pressure and unhealthy weights.

While friends are important, some people find that making new friends - particularly in adulthood - can be challenging. That's because making friends may not be too great a priority compared to caring for families or tending to work responsibilities. Those resolving to broaden their social circles can explore these tips for making new friends.

- Start at school. School is often the first place children make friends, but school also can be a great place for adults to meet new people. By attending school functions, you will be thrust into a circle of people similar to you. Parents who get to know their children's friends' parents may find that they have more in common than just their children.
- Join groups. Kids find it



easy to make friends due to consistency. They see the same kids each day at school and through sports teams and clubs. Adults can replicate this consistency by joining groups that spark their interests, finding like-minded people who meet week after week.

- Go on a blind "date." Have a friend set you up with a mutual friend and see if there is a connection there. You may be able to make new friends simply from an introduction.
- Take the lead. Pursue a new friendship by taking some initiative. Invite someone out for coffee or over to your home for a glass of wine. Follow up afterward to say you had a good time.
- Be positive. Be conscious of what you are adding to a potential friendship. Start off the relationship adding value and joy to the other person's life, and he or she may be more inclined

to do the same. Over time, you can have conversations about rough patches in your lives but wait until the friendship is firmly established to get so serious.

There is no magic number of friends a person should have, but individuals should value quality over quantity. Making friends may seem complicated, but it is actually easier than adults may think when they put themselves out there and shows a willingness to build relationships.

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Methods to treating arthritic knees



Osteoarthritis of the joints can affect people of all ages, but is one of the leading causes of disability in the aged population in the United States. A study published in the *Caspian Journal of Internal Medicine* found incidence of knee OA is rising by increasing average age of the general population. Age, weight, trauma, and repetitive movements are common risk factors for the condition.

According to Dr. Scott Paris of Central Jersey Spine and Wellness, more than 27 million people in the country suffer from knee arthritis. An estimated 37 percent of Canadians aged 20 or older who had been diagnosed with arthritis reported osteoarthritis, with 29 percent occurring in the knees, states Statistics Canada. Knee arthritis occurs when there is a degeneration of articular cartilage that covers and protects the patella (knee cap) at the knee joint, offers the online resource Arthritis-Health. Since this cartilage has no nerve endings, some people can experience arthritis but feel no pain. However, pain may occur when doing specific activities that cause impact between bones, like jumping, walking up stairs or certain sports.

Over time, knee arthritis may become worse, and pain can be accompanied by stiffness and loss of mobility. This may be accompanied by knee locking or buckling.

Those who suffer from knee OA may seek treatment. In 2014, the Osteoarthritis Research Society International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting osteoarthritis research and treatment, updated its recommendations for

the treatment of osteoarthritis targeted to different patient characteristics. The main categories of treatment include non-drug treatments, medication, injections, and surgery.

- Non-drug treatments: Examples of non-drug treatments include exercise, stretching and range-of-movement strategies. Weight loss can alleviate excess strain placed on the hips and knees and reduce pain. Braces, sleeves and orthotics may help reduce pain and joint stiffness when directed properly through a specialist.
- Medications: Many medications are geared around reducing inflammation and pain and include over-the-counter pain relievers and NSAIDs, such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen and naproxen sodium. Topical NSAIDs may be tried, and these can reduce the risk of gastrointestinal side effects from oral medications. OARS also found that the antidepressant duloxetine may help with chronic knee pain.
- Injections: The Arthritis Foundation says that some doctors can inject corticosteroid compounds directly into affected joints. Use of hyaluronic acid injections can supplement the natural substance that gives joint fluid its lubrication and viscosity. These injections may help relieve pain and improve mobility.
- Surgery: In cases when the aforementioned treatments are unsuccessful, doctors may suggest surgery. The Arthritis Foundation says joint lavage and arthroscopic debridement, which involve flushing the joint with a sterile saline solution and the surgical removal of tissue fragments from the joint, are controversial but may help some people achieve short-term relief. Partial knee replacement may be another option that offers a similar improvement in function, but fewer complications than a total knee replacement.

Osteoarthritis in the knee can be painful and restrictive. Working with a qualified doctor, individuals can develop a treatment plan that works for their specific conditions.

Local Basketball Results

7th Place game - Cass Lake Bena over Red Lake County Central 52-50

Consolation Championship - Clearbrook/Gonvick over Goodridge/Gryla 58-29

3rd Place game - Red Lake over EGF Sacred Heart 71-68

Championship - Stephen Argyle Central over BGMR 64-42

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2. Sydney Lloyd - EGF Sacred Heart
3. Savannah Riopelle - Stephen Argyle Central
4. Ivy Edwards - EGF Sacred Heart
5. Alexis Desjarlait - Red Lake
6. Angel McLain - Red Lake
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