



# Tri County Canary

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Thoughts from Dr. Newland, "So far the trip has been wonderful! All of my flights were good and I sat next to very friendly people. However I'm not in Kansas anymore Toto. Lots and lots of armed guards everywhere at the airport. And bomb/drug/food sniffing dogs. The highlight of my trip was that I was stopped by one! Its probably my own fault for smiling at a pair of them and their handlers. I couldn't help it.

They are beagles, and so darn cute! So one picked up a scent and gave his handler the sign, so the guard chased me down. He asked if I had food in my bag. I said yes, snacks like nuts and protein bars. Would you like to see them? He said no that's ok. I just had to check because the dog gave me the sign for food. I said ok. They are so cute! He said yes. I asked if I could pet him (the dog obviously). I got a flat No! Hmmmph!"



**Dr. Lisa A. Newland, Professor and Program Coordinator for Human Development and Educational Psychology Div. of Counseling and Psychology in Ed. at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion.**

## Presentations that Dr. Newland has given:

- Lawler, Michael J., Newland, Lisa, Giger, Jarod T., Roh, Soonhee, Brockevelt, Barbara. Ecological, relationship-based model of children's subjective well-being: Perspectives from the United States and ten other countries. Presented at the School of Health Sciences Research Conference, Vermillion, SD. (April 24, 2015)
- Carr, E, Newland, Lisa. Family resiliency: Fostered through positive parent-child conflict management.. Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA. (March 2015)
- Newland, Lisa, Giger, Jarod T., Lawler, Michael J., Roh, Soonhee, Carr, E. Individual and contextual predictors of subjective well-being in fifth graders. Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development,

- Philadelphia, PA. (March 2015)
- Lawler, Michael J., Newland, Lisa, Giger, Jarod T., Carr, E, Roh, Soonhee. Individual and contextual predictors of subjective well-being in seventh graders. Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA. (March 2015)
- Newland, Lisa, Shepherd, D D.. Parenting, attachment, and school-age children's subjective well-being. Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA. (March 2015)
- Newland, Lisa, Lawler, Michael J.. Understanding children's subjective well-being across age groups and contexts. Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA. (March 2015)
- Shepherd, D D., Price,

- H, Newland, Lisa. Perceived knowledge and valuing of national and global perspectives of childhood diversity. Presented at the Developmental Science Teaching Institute, Philadelphia, PA. (March 2015)
- Dykstra, Emily A., Newland, Lisa, Carr, Eliann R.. Parent and Child Perceptions of Discipline. Presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.. (August 2014)
- Newland, Lisa, Chen, H.H.. Cross-cultural studies of parenting: What we have learned..
- Chen, H, Sun, P C., Newland, Lisa, Liang, Y C., Chen, L H.. Mothers' beliefs, perceptions, involvement, and children's emotional and school well-being in Taiwan. Presented at the International Society for Child Indicators, Seoul, South Korea. (May 2013).



**Cape Town Boat Harbor Statue of Tutu, de Klerk, Luthuli & Mandela South Africa's four Nobel Peace prize laureates.**



**Cape Town boat works.**



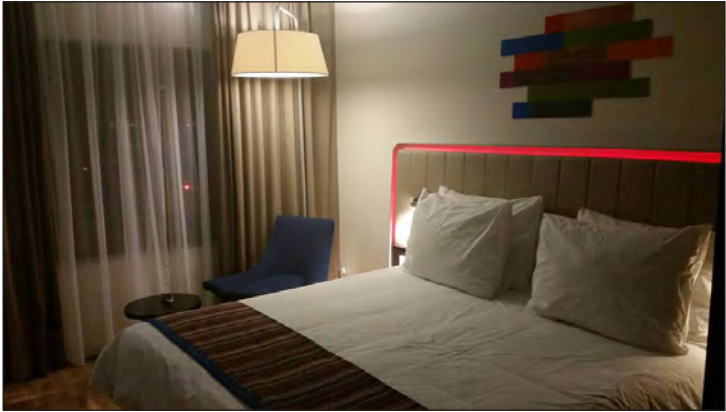
**Lisa Newland stated, "This is what. 32 hours of travel looks like on my feet! I look like the 'stay puff marshmallow man'!"**



**String trio at Cape Town University.**



**Playing chess at the harbor in Cape Town.**



**Lisa Newland's hotel room in Africa.**

## Dr. Lisa Newland lectures in Cape Town, South Africa

Dr. Lisa Newland, a 1990 graduate of Gonvick-Trail High School and daughter of Kathy Ollestad of Gonvick, was a guest lecturer at Cape Town, South Africa.

She gave some brief thoughts and comments on her stay.

In general my impressions were that:

- 1) the SA people are incredibly friendly, hospitable, and

- honorred to have others visit their beautiful county
- 2) It was much safer there than I was led to believe (except the Johannesburg airport, which felt scary, lots of armed guards everywhere), and
- 3) the aftershocks of decades of apartheid are still reverberating throughout the country. Its heartbreaking to see so many people still living in poverty

with few options for rising above their circumstances.

On the other hand, after seeing the prison on Robben Island (where the political prisoners including Mandela were held) its truly miraculous that they have made such huge strides to curb prejudice and spread peace and opportunity. It is most definitely still a country in the process of healing.



**The highlights: a full day of conference presentations, delicious food, a playful stroll through the botanical gardens, face painting, dinner with friends from Korea, Sweden, Zimbabwe, Germany, Australia, the UK, South Africa, Israel, Ethiopia, etc. More dancing. And finally sharing a glass of wine with a group from Scotland. And then a full night's sleep. Then she had to hustle because she a presentation in a few hours!**



**Dr. Newland stated, "Amazing day. Productive day on campus learning about child well-being. Dinner at Mama Africa with friends from South Korea. I tried BBQ crocodile, ostrich, springbok, kudu, and venison. Yummy! And the live band was fantastic!"**

## Mandela prisoner at Robben Island



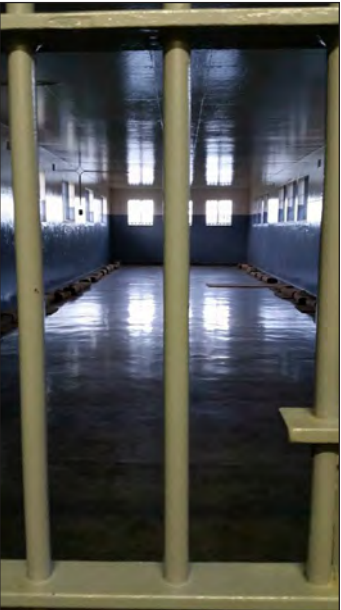
In the winter of 1964, Nelson Mandela arrived on Robben Island where he would spend 18 of his 27 prison years. Confined to a small cell, the floor his bed, a bucket for a toilet, he was forced to do hard labor in a quarry. He was allowed one visitor a year for 30 minutes. He could write and receive one letter every six months. But Robben Island became the crucible which

transformed him. Through his intelligence, charm and dignified defiance,

Mandela eventually bent even the most brutal prison officials to his will, assumed leadership over his jailed comrades and became the master of his own prison. He emerged from it the mature leader who would fight and win the great political battles that would create a new



**"Rough waters and heartbreaking tour of Robben Island. So sad what the political prisoners went through just for protesting apartheid" said Lisa Newland. This was a Leper Graveyard on Robben.**



**Robben prison hallway.**

democratic South Africa.

For nearly 400 years, Robben Island, 12 kilometers from Cape Town, was a place of banishment, exile, isolation and imprisonment. It was there at Robben Island that rulers sent those regarded as political troublemakers, social outcasts and the unwanted of society.



**Limestone quarry where they were forced to work 8 hours every day of the week regardless of the weather conditions.**

## Winners announced in the John Deere coloring contest at RLCC

The Tri River Pioneer sponsored a John Deere coloring contest to commemorate John Deere's birthday (February 7th). Grades 3-6 participated. The Tri River Pioneers would like to thank the students for participating as well as the teachers for taking the time from their busy schedules to promote agricultural history.



1st place Kendra Christianson, 3rd Grade.



2nd place Guy Bergeson, 3rd Grade.



1st place Kaden Lee, 4th Grade.



2nd place Abraham Sepulveda, 4th Grade.

### Meeting Notice

The Headwaters Regional Development Commission (HRDC) will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltrami Electric Cooperative Meeting Room, 4111 Technology Drive NW, Bemidji, MN 56601.

### Marshall County Sheriff

On February 9, 2016, Felony & Gross Misdemeanor charges were filed in Marshall County District Court against Blake A. S. Baxter age 21, of Grand Forks, ND. Baxter was arrested Friday afternoon near Sisseton South Dakota. He is charged with one felony count of "Depriving Another of Custodial/ Parental Rights-Prohibited Acts" which is (Taking a juvenile from home without the juvenile's parental permission). The maximum penalty is 2 years prison and/or a \$4,000.00 fine. Baxter is also charged with one Gross Misdemeanor charge of "Contributing to delinquency of a child or status as petty offender" (Any person who by act, word, or omission encourages, causes or contributes to delinquency of a child or to a child's status as a juvenile petty offender). The maximum penalty is one year imprisonment and/or \$3,000.00 fine.

Baxter and the juvenile left Marshall County in the early morning hours of February 4. Baxter and the juvenile were apprehended February 5th by South Dakota State troopers near Sisseton South Dakota. Baxter is currently in custody in South Dakota and is being held there on violation of no contact order. He is awaiting extradition back to Minnesota where he will face Marshall County Charges. The incident was investigated by the Marshall County Sheriff's Office with assistance from South Dakota State Patrol.

Sheriff Jason D Boman

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## Jerry Loud Announces Candidacy for District 2A Puposky Resident Will Seek DFL Endorsement

Puposky resident Jerald "Jerry" Loud announced his candidacy for the Minnesota House of Representative 2A seat today. Loud will seek the DFL endorsement for the 2A seat. District 2A includes most of Beltrami County except the city of Bemidji, all of Clearwater and Lake of the Woods Counties and northern Hubbard County. DFL endorsement for Senate District 2 candidates will take place at the community center in Ogema, MN on March 19, 2016.

Born and raised in Bemidji, Loud attended Bemidji area schools, and attended Bemidji State University graduating with a Bachelors degree in Indian studies. Loud is also a ten-year veteran of the United States Navy and has three adult daughters.

Loud says he will bring a fresh voice to the Minnesota House because of his extensive educational and technical background. He has achieved stability and advancement throughout his career, and prides himself in a creative attitude to meet and even exceed career goals.

"I believe I have an ability to build working relationships and establishing confidence within a team or individual colleagues," says Loud. Loud worked in corporate America for a decade with Novartis Pharmaceuticals, and has ten years working for the Red Lake Band of Chippewa in various positions. He currently is the Executive Director of the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program where he has established strong working relationships with Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs), which has helped him, understand how large organizations operate and maintain a productive environment. In addition he spearheaded the Red Lake Green Step Nation.

Loud's legislative priorities include:

- 1) Education - Curriculum that meets today's workforce



Jerry Loud.

- 2) Economic Development - Breaking down disparities
- 3) Technology - Tools to create a competitive environment to attract new Industries
- 4) Veteran Affairs - Advocate for the Benefits all veterans deserve
- 5) Environmental Issues - Water & Evasive species control

"I believe my background as an educator and the diversity of my accomplishments enables me to relate to multiple levels of business from C-Level executives to blue-collar employees," said Loud. "I understand State and Federal procedures, and how the corporate environment works, and knowing how to negotiate contracts with the State of Minnesota makes me believe that I am a good choice for the MN State Representative 2A seat."

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### College News

## UND releases its Fall 2015 D.J. Robertson List of freshmen with straight A's

The University of North Dakota has published the names of students, mostly freshmen, who are eligible to receive the D.J. Robertson Award for earning "straight A's" during the 2015 Fall Semester.

The award is presented to students who earn 4.0 grade point averages (straight A) for the semester, while completing a minimum of 12 graded hours of academic coursework. The award honors the late D.J. Robertson, the first dean of UND's University College and a faculty member for 37 years. Robertson helped create University College in 1955 and served as its dean until retiring in 1978. He passed away in 1993.

**Brooks**—Mickala Morinville; **McIntosh**—Zachary Plante; **Oklee**—Ric Ven Anthony Auman.

## UND releases Fall 2015 Deans List of Minnesota students

The University of North Dakota released its 2015 fall semester Deans List. It comprises students whose grade point average are in the top 15 percent of the enrollment in each of the University's degree granting colleges and schools. A student must have completed no fewer than 12 semester hours of academic work for the semester, of which eight or more hours must be graded work rather than "satisfactory/unsatisfactory."

Here, are the students from Minnesota who made the fall 2015 list:

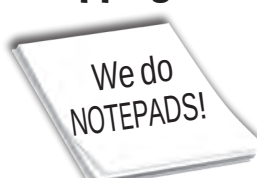
**Brooks**—Mickala Morinville; **Oklee**—Ric Ven Anthony Auman; **Erskine**—McKenzie Bixby; **McIntosh**—Derrick Haugen, Travis Plante, Zachary Plante; **Newfolden**—Hayden Brodersen, Christopher Rokke.

## The Train Premiere

Saturday, February 20, 10:00 a.m. at Bemidji Theater, 5284 Theater Lane, Bemidji

Catch the premiere of "The Train" on Saturday, February 20, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bemidji Theater, off Highway 2 on 5284 Theater Lane, Bemidji. "The Train" is the story of a train and track system hand-built by Roy Hagstrom and Todd Hafes. Their engines and train cars travel over a 1/2 mile of tracks on 20+ acres of land near Lake George in Northwest Minnesota. This film explores how Roy and Todd built the train system and takes viewers on a ride through their railroad and their railroad stories. Produced by David Quam. Runs 1 hour, 30 minutes. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Free for kids 16 and under. Proceeds support Beltrami County Historical Society exhibits, programs, and events.

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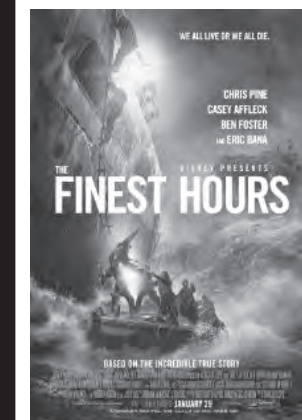
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### After the Waterloo Boy

By Auctioneer, Eric Mickelson  
So what happened after John Deere bought the Waterloo Gasoline Tractor Co. in 1918? A few different Waterloo Boy models were built, but John Deere went to work experimenting on a new tractor of their own. Between 1919 and 1922 many experimental models were made, finally developing into the John Deere model D.

Tractor sales were poor and John Deere's board of directors were not sure of they should release their model D. Who would buy it? Farmers bought the model D and John Deere tractor sales grew. Starting with the 1923 the very early D's had a 26 in. spoked flywheel, and the steering on the left side. In 1925 the 24 in. spoked flywheel was used, and in 1926 a solid flywheel replaced the earlier spoked flywheels. This of course makes a "spoker D" a real collec-

tor's item. These early unstyled D's had 2 forward speeds and one reverse(not known for it's speed!). In 1939 the model D was styled. The new sheet metal design streamlined the tractors, just as automobiles were doing during this time. The D went through many changes over the years. It became the longest produced tractor model in history.

One of my fondest memories of tractor stories includes hearing my dad tell about the 1925(?), "spoker D", they owned on the farm near Clearbrook in the late 1940's. When they moved to the farm it came with an F-20 Farmall. Grandpa traded with George Felch of Shevlin. So long F-20, hello Model D John Deere! I think this was the start of a family farming with mostly John Deere tractors. So I guess this old D is the reason I love John Deere!!

**Tractor Trivia**  
1. The model D was produced from 1923-\_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 1951 B) 1952 C) 1953

2. John Deere claimed the early D produced \_\_\_\_\_ hp on the draw bar.  
A. 15hp B) 22hp C) 30hp

3. During the end of production John Deere claimed the D produced \_\_\_\_\_hp, although when tested they produced even more.  
A. 15hp B) 22hp C) 30hp

4. The cost of a model D in 1924 was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. \$1000 B) \$1295 C) \$1750

5. The 1924 D was rated a \_\_\_\_\_ plow tractor.  
A) 2 bottom B) 3 bottom C) 4bottom

## Third Annual Creative Spirit Fiber Festival in Bemidji

Watermark Art Center and Willow Wood Market present the third annual Creative Spirit Fiber Festival on February 27th at Calvary Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come celebrate a day of the best in fiber arts! Just \$7 admission gets attendees into a vendor market filled with fiber-related items, classes taught by experienced instructors, coffee and homemade treats, door prizes, and more. No pre-registration needed!

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## Reminder on upcoming Minnesota precinct caucuses

As a reminder to residents of Polk County, the Minnesota precinct caucuses are approaching quickly; the 2016 caucuses will be held on Tuesday, March 1, and will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

The Polk County DFL precinct caucuses will meet at the following locations below:

1) East Grand Forks Senior High: East Grand Forks Wards 1-5, Fisher, the Townships of Bygland, Esther, Farley, Fisher, Higdem, Huntsville, Keystone, Nesbit, Northland, Rhinehart, Sandsville, Sullivan, and Tabor.

2) Crookston Highland School (Cafeteria): Crookston Wards 1-6, the Townships of Andover, Angus, Belgium, Brandt, Brislet, Euclid, Fairfax, Fanny, Gentilly, Hammond, Helgeland, Kertonsonville, Lowell, Parnell, and Russia. Also, Climax, Niesville, and the Townships of Hubbard, Roome, Scandia, Tynsid, and Vineland.

3) Win-E-Mac Public School (Library): Erskine, McIntosh, Winger, and the Townships of Badger, King, Knute, Lessor, and Sletten.

4) Fertile Community Center

(Senior Room): Fertile, Beltrami, Mentor, and the Townships of Garden, Garfield, Godfrey, Grove Park-Tilden, Liberty, Onstad, Reis, and Woodside.

5) Fosston Civic Center (Glass Room): Fosston, Gully, Lengby, Trail and the Townships of Brandsvold, Chester, Columbia, Eden, Hill River, Johnson, Queen, and Rosebud.

For questions regarding caucus sites or times, please visit [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us) or contact the Polk County Auditor-Treasurer's office at 218-281-2554.

## Operation Round Up® Grant Applications due Wed., March 2nd

Organizations involved in community projects and charities are encouraged to apply for funds from Operation Round Up at this time. Completed grant applications are due in the Red Lake Electric Cooperative (RLEC) office by Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Operation Round Up is a program adopted by RLEC headquartered in Red Lake Falls. Members choosing to "round up" their monthly electric bill payment provide funds for this effort. Today 94% of RLEC members now choose to contribute pennies each month to enhance their communities.

Funds will be donated primarily to nonprofit organizations to help fund specific projects or programs. Since the program began in 1993, \$465 thousand has been granted to community organizations and charities. Money is donated for the betterment of the community within the outside service area boundaries of RLEC.

The Red Lake Electric Trust Board of Directors determines grants. Board members are Patty Mickelson, Oklee; Van Swanson, Thief River Falls; Tishara Melcher, Middle River; Roger Johanneck, Red Lake Falls and Bonnie Christians,

Crookston. To apply for Operations Round Up grants, organizations should contact the RLEC office in Red Lake Falls at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068. A short application must be completed and submitted along with a financial statement from the organization. The grant application form is available on the Cooperative's Web site: [www.redlakeelectric.com](http://www.redlakeelectric.com)

For more information contact Roger Johanneck, General Manager of RLEC, at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068.

## Owl Hooting Snowshoe Hike: Exploring the North Country Trail at Dusk

Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 3-6 p.m. Meet at the North Country Trail Head at the South Entrance Itasca State Park (along Highway 71)

Join us for a late afternoon invigorating snowshoe hike along the North Country Trail as we make a loop past Sibilant, Iron Corners and Josephine Lakes. February is the time of year that owls begin to call as they establish nesting territories. The hike will go past the shores of several lakes, over a rolling landscape and through a mature mixed pine and deciduous forest, an ideal area to potentially see and hear barred owls. Portions of this 3 mile route will be a strenuous.

Notes: Dress for being outdoors, bring along your snowshoes, water and sunglasses. A limited number of snowshoes are available at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center for use during the program and are first-come-first-serve. Please check out the snowshoes before the start of the hike. Route may change based on weather and snow conditions.

Meet at the North Country Trail Head Parking at the South Entrance to Itasca State Park at 3 p.m. The route will follow the North Country Trail west, parallel the Ozawindib trail to the north and return across Red Pine Trail to the South Entrance Road.

This is the second of 12 hikes to be held as we celebrate 125 years of Minnesota State Parks and Trails and 100 years of the National Park Service. This event is sponsored by both Itasca State Park and the Itasca Moraine and Laurentian Lakes Chapters of the National North Country Trail.

Learn more about the North Country Trail in Itasca State Park and east, at the Itasca Moraine Chapter site: <http://northcountrytrail.org/itm/>

Learn more about the North Country Trail in Itasca State Park and west, at the Laurentian Lakes Chapter site: <http://northcountrytrail.org/llc/>



### Theology in the Trenches

By Kathleen Kjolhaug

#### An Attraction for all Things Good

Anderson: "Wouldn't it make sense that we truly worship that which we most fear?"

McCoy: "Yes, it does make sense. Our fear drives us to adjust our behavior so that we honor the object of our fear."

Anderson: "Many Christians fear satan more than God... and, that which you fear most becomes a god to you."

McCoy: "I was guilty of allowing my fear to drive me to worship a lesser god."

Anderson, Dr. Neil, is a worldwide best-selling author on spiritual warfare. McCoy, Leighann, has written "Spiritual Warfare for Women: Winning the Battle for Your Home, Family, and Friends."

The book has been organized into four parts: 1) McCoy desires to help us discover the inexhaustible love of God. 2) She exposes the enemy for who he is. This may not seem like a pretty package at first glance, but it will prove to be a useful tool. 3) She looks more in-depth at the specific areas of a woman's life that is targeted for attack: marriage, children, friends, health, and church. And finally, part 4)

is where she shows us how God has already equipped us to live triumphantly while doing some serious damage to the spiritual forces which come our way.

Beginning with a verse and ending with prayer, each chapter equips us in areas we like to pretend do not exist. Blessing us with powerful insight, the author writes, "Jesus called Satan a liar. Satan is the worst kind of liar. He doesn't merely lie; he deceives by twisting and contaminating truth. Your best defense against the lies is the Word of God. When Jesus prayed for His disciples, He prayed, 'My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one...Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth'" (John 17:15, 17).

The author's prayer is that as you read, you will unwrap a powerful understanding of how much God loves you. "Perfect love casts out fear" (1John 4:18). She explains that spiritual warfare is really all about love. The warfare, the battle, the victories, and the defeats; they are all driven by God's relentless pursuit...fueled by His uncompromising love. God loves you. And in His love, He has invited

you to face your fear, for there is another who "loves you not."

"God loved us, Satan didn't like it. In fact, you wouldn't even be reading this if God didn't initiate a love relationship with you. You are reading this right now because 'He first loved us'" (1John 4:19).

"As you learn to identify and embrace God's love, you will then be ready to learn more about your 'enemy's' ways. In fact, you do not have to be an excellent student of evil in order to avoid it. You simply need to develop an attraction for all things good. For when you do that, the mere hint of evil will become apparent (and disgusting) to you. The best place to anchor your understanding of spiritual warfare is in the firm foundation of God's constant love. And God loved us first when He created us. So we will begin our discussion of God's love 'in the beginning.'"

Thus begins the journey of reading, Leighann McCoy's, "Spiritual Warfare for Women: Winning the Battle for Your Home, Family, and Friends." I pray you join me in doing so... Amen.



### Ask a Trooper

by Sgt. Jesse Grabow Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I am an art major currently in college. For my senior art thesis I would like to use bones as a canvas, however I am unsure how to obtain the quantity of bones I need. I am interested in obtaining a permit to pick up roadkill, for art, not food or taxidermy during this next year. How would I go about this process?

Answer: The Minnesota State Patrol does issue permits for road-kill animals generally

right at the time of the crash or soon after. Any Minnesota resident may claim a road-killed animal by contacting a law enforcement officer. An authorization permit can be issued, allowing the individual to lawfully possess the animal. For your specific request, I would advise you to contact the Department of Natural Resources (DNR.) You can contact the Conservation Officer in the area you are closest to or where you'd want to pick up the road kill. They should be able to provide more information on the permits and

this process. The following link will let you find officers statewide. [www.dnr.state.mn.us/officerpatrolareas/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/officerpatrolareas/index.html)

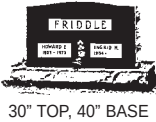
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## OBITUARIES



### Services for John Olaf Birkeland

John Olaf Birkeland, 52, of Roseville, formerly of Gonvick, MN died on February 10, 2016 at his residence in Roseville, MN.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the Church. Interment will be at the Samhold Lutheran Cemetery in Gonvick, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted the family with arrangements.

John was born on November 12, 1963 in Bagley, MN, the son of Arlen and Betty (Sundquist) Birkeland. He was baptized and confirmed at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick. He graduated valedictorian from Gonvick-Trail High School in 1982. John attended St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN graduating in 1988 with a degree in Mass Communications with emphasis in Advertising and Public Relations.

He worked at Target in St. Cloud. He also worked at AT&T in St. Cloud, Chicago, IL and San Antonio, TX for 14 years. He was the State Wide Support Liaison Self-Advocacy Solutions, North Dakota since 2003. He was passionate about human and civil rights, and authored a grant to teach people throughout the state of North Dakota on the Voting Process. In a short time period, John presented to over 600 people on the right to vote and the process. He completed a training and was certified on the Convention of Rights for Persons with Disabilities in Farmington, MN. In 2011, John assisted people with disabilities to testify and testified himself in Bismarck to have the "R" word taken out

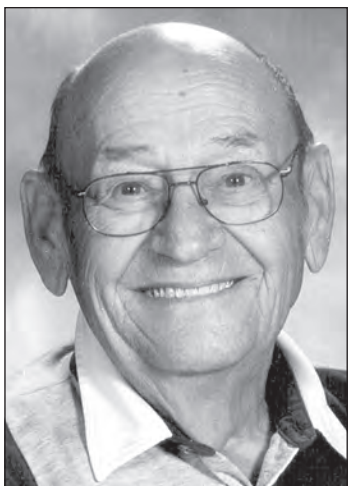
of the North Dakota Century Code. On April 19th, 2011, John was part of the historical day for people with disabilities in the state of North Dakota as they were asked to witness Gov. Dahrymple sign Bill 2142 into law. John was awarded the State Self-Advocacy Ally of the year in 2012. He also was a presenter at local, regional and state conferences in Minnesota and North Dakota. John was willing to share the message of equality and justice for all on any stage, including four National S.A.B.E. (Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered) Conferences. John also worked at the Listen Drop-In Center in Grand Forks for 11 years where he was the founder of programs such as the LSPN, (Listen, Sports, Programs, Network.) He also was a co-founder of "Performing for Change", a performing arts group made up of people with and without disabilities who use performances to bring about social change. He did grant writing and was managing editor of the newsletters for SAS, N.D. and Listen. In John's work with people with disabilities, his biggest attribute was his ability to listen to the needs, take action to see that change was made. He was patient and loved and respected each and everyone's gifts without limitations or conditions. He was a champion of fairness and justice for all people. Just as his title of "Favorite Uncle", John was the "Favorite Staff" at LISTEN. He moved to Roseville where he worked for Sprint and was currently residing there.

John was passionate about politics and loved discussing the issues. He enjoyed music and compiling CD's for family. John loved being with family and was especially fond of spending time with his many nieces and nephews. He loved "Saturday Night Live" if you missed a great skit, he would be the first one to make sure you saw it on YouTube. He never forgot a birthday or anniversary, everyone always received a card. He was a member of Samhold Lutheran Church, a St. Cloud State Husky Hockey Fan, loved poetry, traveling (the bigger the city, the better), and he was proud that he had traveled to almost every state in the USA. Along with his many passions, John loved dogs, he was the go to for every family dog, he would teach them to shake, and at every family gathering, where ever John was that is where you would find the dogs. He was very proud of being a Godfather to his niece Libbi. He had a heart of gold and everyone that met him loved him.

He is survived by his father – Arlen Birkeland of Gonvick, MN  
Brother – Dean (Teri) Birkeland of Fergus, Falls, MN  
Brother – Richard (Julie) Birkeland of New Richmond, WI  
Sister – Ruth Ann (Craig) Haugen of Becker, MN  
Sister – Donna Ballard of Elk Grove Village, IL  
Sister – Diane (Craig) Malkovich of Phillips, WI  
Sister – Sandy Danielson of Reno, Nevada  
Sister – Barbara (Dean) Halvorson of Harwood, ND  
Sister - Carla Tice of East Grand Forks, MN  
Numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his mother – Betty; his brother - Neal Birkeland and his sister – Peggy Brovold; his nephews- Brandon Edevold and Benjamin Brovold; his Niece- Dana Edevold.

Messages of condolence may be sent to [ceasefuneralhome.com](mailto:ceasefuneralhome.com).



### Services held for Lester "Tom" Waling

Lester "Tom" Waling, of rural Grygla, MN, passed away under the care of Hospice at Minnesota Greenleaf Assisted Living in Thief River Falls, MN, on Monday, February 8th, 2016, at the age of 84.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 11th, 2016 at Grace Lutheran Church in Grygla, MN, with Rev. Vicki Saude-Worthington officiating. Interment at Valle Cemetery, Benville Township, Beltrami County, MN.

Lester "Tom" Waling was born on July 2, 1931 in Kent, Indiana, the son of Lester and Vera (Standish) Waling. Tom's childhood was spent in Indiana, Minnesota, and Illinois where he met Evelyn Uhlig.

Tom and Evelyn were united in marriage in October of 1949. The couple raised their six children in Illinois and Minnesota. They settled in the Fourtown area in 1961 where they started farming. In 1965 the family moved to the Grygla area where they dairy farmed until 1985. Tom and Evelyn then moved to Alden, Illinois where he worked as the Township Commissioner until 1993. Upon retirement he moved back to Grygla. Tom had many other occupations through the years and did volunteer work including the Foster Grandparent Program at the Grygla School and driving for Marshall County Social Services.

Tom's interests and hobbies included fishing, hunting, watching the Vikings and the Timberwolves, watching the grandchildren's sporting events, and attending senior meals and morning coffee at the café in Grygla. Tom had a heart for helping those recovering from addictions. He spoke once a month at Glenmore Recovery Centers, attended AA meetings faithfully, helped other addicts by driving them to meetings, and started an AA group in Grygla for a while.

Tom "Grandpa Tom" will be missed by all of his family and friends.

Tom is survived by his special friend, Myrna Lane of Thief River Falls, MN; children, Patty (Wayne) Cox of Badger, MN, Dan (Renee) Waling of Pine-wood, MN, Ron (Evie) Waling of Grygla, MN, Tina (Jim) Waterson of Cambridge City, IN, Sally (Bill) Hedell of Ferndale, WA, Marcy (Ted) Mears of St. Cloud, MN; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; sisters, Arlene "Susie" Wiersma and Marilyn "Happy" Blank, both of Harvard, IL; brother-in-law, Harold Myers of Roscoe, IL; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; infant grandsons; brothers, John and Pete; sisters, Elizabeth Ihrke and June Myers.

## Trumpeter swans continue to be a conservation success story

Results from a recent statewide trumpeter swan survey show that Minnesota's population continues to grow. It is now estimated to be around 17,000 swans, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Nongame Wildlife Program.

Trumpeter swan in flight. Once eliminated from Minnesota and across much of the United States in the 1880s due to overharvest for food and value as a fur trade item to make powder puffs, trumpeter swans now grace the skies of Minnesota year round. The largest concentrations of breeding swans occur in north-central Minnesota and west of the Twin Cities.

"We are extremely pleased and encouraged by the results of this survey," said Carol Henderson, DNR Nongame Wildlife Program supervisor. "The survey was the first to occur in Minnesota during the trumpeter swan nesting season and is part of a cooperative effort to survey and monitor the status of trumpeter swans in North America."

The survey was funded by the Nongame Wildlife Program, The Trumpeter Swan Society, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife



Service, all longstanding partners in the reintroduction effort.

In the early 1980s, after a previous attempt to reintroduce trumpeter swans in the state was met with limited success, the DNR Nongame Wildlife Program decided to fund the restoration with Nongame Wildlife checkoff donations from state income tax forms. The DNR partnered with the Hennepin County Park Reserve District (now Three Rivers Park District), The Trumpeter Swan Society, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, White Earth Indian Band, U.S. Forest Service, the Dellwood Foundation and many other swan enthusiasts to continue efforts to restore these birds to Minnesota.

For more than 20 years, reintroductions occurred in various

areas throughout the state. By 2010, the state's winter population estimate was about 6,000 birds and Minnesotans could easily observe them throughout much of the state.

Today, Minnesota has the largest population of trumpeter swans in the upper Midwest. "Minnesota is one of the best places in the nation to see them," Henderson said. "The restoration of these magnificent birds has been made possible by donations to the Nongame Wildlife checkoff on state income tax and property tax forms, and the many trumpeter swan volunteers and enthusiasts who worked hard to recover this species."

The trumpeter swan is the largest native waterfowl species in North America. While the DNR believes the trumpeter swan population is doing well in Minnesota, these birds are facing continued threats. Risks include loss of wetland habitat, being shot illegally, and poisoning from lead shotgun pellets and fishing weights.

People can help support Minnesota's trumpeter swans by making a tax-deductible donation using the Nongame Wildlife checkoff this tax season.

## Polk County family farmer elected to Corn Growers board of directors

John Swanson has farmed near Mentor since 1971 on a farm homesteaded by his great grandfather in 1882

SHAKOPEE, Minn. - John Swanson, a family farmer from Mentor, Minn., was recently elected to serve on the Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA) board of directors. Swanson will serve a three-year term and represent District 6.

"I think it's really important that agriculture shares its story with non-farmers," Swanson said. "By serving on the MCGA board, I hope to strengthen the connection between farmers and non-farmers. I also look forward to working to open new markets for corn farmers and increase the use of homegrown ethanol fuel."

Swanson has farmed since 1971, growing corn, soybeans, wheat and sunflowers on his family farm in Polk County. He is currently farming in a partnership with his son. In addition to farming, Swanson worked 23 years domestically and internationally for Dahlgren & Company and 18 years as the Northern Crops

manager for Croplan Genetics, Land O'Lakes seed division. The Winfield Answer Plots started at the Swanson farm in 1995.

Swanson also currently serves as president of the Minnesota Sunflower Council. He has served on the National Sunflower board as Secretary/Treasurer and on the National Canola Association board. Non-agriculture service includes serving on his local church council and as a board member for the Fair Meadow Nursing Home.

"John's background and experience will be a tremendous asset to MCGA as we continue expanding our membership base in Northwest Minnesota," said Noah Hultgren, MCGA president and a family farmer near Willmar. "I look forward to adding John's voice to MCGA as we stand up and speak out for all Minnesota corn farmers."

MCGA has over 7,000 members, making it one of the largest grassroots agriculture organi-

zations in the United States. Working in close partnership with the Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council, MCGA strives to create new opportunities for corn farmers and improve quality of life.

To learn more about MCGA, go to [www.mncorn.org](http://www.mncorn.org) or follow @mncorn on Twitter.



John Swanson.



Jim Bjerknes laughs and hoists jars of cinnamon pickles and pickled kohlrabi as he stands in front of his pickles Show and Tell display at the Alexandria Senior Center.

## Passionate for pickles

Alexandria man has made pickles for 50 years and counting

By Jessica Sly  
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After 50 years of pickle production, Jim Bjerknes of Alexandria knows what he's doing. The hobby started long ago with his wife, Jo, and has carried on to today.

After marrying in August of 1965, the newlyweds headed to Lake Superior for their honeymoon.

"When we got to Marquette, Michigan, I found out I only had \$20 left, so we hightailed it to my hometown, and then we went into the Cities and bought a bushel of cucumbers and a dozen quart jars, and we made pickles on our honeymoon," Bjerknes said. "We have been making pickles ever since."

The Bjerkneses made about 98 quarts of dill pickles every year, and they "never lasted long."

Two years ago, Jo passed away, just after they celebrated 49 years together, but Jim carries on the pickle tradition,

### Editors Note:

The article and picture of Jim Bjerknes is courtesy of Jessica Sly with The Echo Press out of Alexandria. Jim is a 1952 graduate of Gonvick High School. His family started the Gonvick Mercantile in 1910 and continued the grocery and other lines until they sold the business in 1993. He has many family members in the Tri County Canary area.

making sure to include his wife's favorite, Russian dills.

Bjerknes' favorite pickles, and probably his most famous, are his cinnamon pickles.

"I got the recipe from a former neighbor of mine," Bjerknes said. "It takes a lot of sugar. I make a five gallon pail at one time, and it takes 10 pounds of sugar. The pickles are quite sweet. They're like eating candy. I made 160 pints of those this year."

Along with the cinnamon

pickles and Russian dills, Bjerknes also makes pickled kohlrabi, red cab-bage sauerkraut, regular sauerkraut, pickled green beans, beet relish and zucchini relish.

All of the produce comes from his daughter's and son-in-law's garden in Leaf Valley. He gets to work as soon as the garden begins producing, and he doesn't stop until the produce is all used up.

For the most part, he gives the pickles away, keeping some jars for himself, but recently, he started to sell them to raise money for the Alexandria Senior Center, earning about \$300 this year.

Last week, Bjerknes showcased many of his pickle products at the senior center's show and tell, and there were plenty to go around.

So what's his secret? He doesn't have one; that's the beauty of it. He merely enjoys creating delicious pickles, sharing the recipes with others and continuing on a tradition.

## MN Secretary Simon Announces Launch of Official Precinct Caucus Finder

Today, Secretary of State Steve Simon announced the availability of the state's official Precinct Caucus Finder for Minnesota's 2016 Precinct Caucuses on Tuesday, March 1. The Finder displays caucus locations provided by the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and Republican Party of Minnesota. Minnesotans can find their caucus location here: <http://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

Precinct Caucuses mark the beginning of the 2016 election in Minnesota. They are meetings run by the state's political parties where the candidate endorsement process begins, delegates are selected, and goals and values (called party platforms) may be set. Precinct Caucuses are entirely run by the state's political parties, including the selection of caucus locations and meeting procedures. This year, a major part of Precinct Caucuses

for Minnesotans will be to vote for the person they want their political party to support for President in the presidential preference ballot.

"Our vote is our voice, and I encourage all Minnesotans to go out and caucus on March 1st and make their voices heard," said Secretary of State Steve Simon. "This is an important election year in Minnesota and going to a caucus is a great way for Minnesotans to show support for their preferred candidates, raise an important issue, and meet people in their community."

In order to participate in a caucus, Minnesotans must be eligible to vote in the November general election, live in the precinct, and generally agree with the principles of the political party hosting the caucus.

Minnesotans also have the right to take time off work to be at a precinct caucus or political

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Red Lake Girls  
Basketball Team.

## Red Lake (Minn.) High School Honored as “Dream Team of the Week”

Lady Warriors currently lead their division with all Native American Roster

ATLANTA (Feb. 11, 2016) — The Atlanta Dream has selected Red Lake Senior High School in Red Lake, Minn., as this week's recipient of the “Addie” Award. The honor is presented weekly during the WNBA offseason to a girls' high school basketball team that exhibits exceptional on-court performance, academic achievement and an unquestioned passion to advance the sport.

The Red Lake High Lady Warriors have been a model of excellence both on and off the court this season and are a huge source of pride for the Native American community they represent. The school is located on the Red Lake Indian Reservation on which members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa (Ojibwe) Indians reside. All students at Red Lake High take classes in Ojibwe language

classes and have the opportunity to learn Ojibwe traditions from community elders.

The Atlanta Dream's own Shoni Schimmel, a fellow Native American, has visited the school in the past and is among one of the program's top supporters.

The Lady Warriors currently boast an overall record of 17-6 and have captured the majority of their wins by a 25-point or larger margin. Red Lake leads

Section 8A (Minnesota Class 1A) and recently enjoyed a season-best eight-game winning streak.

In the classroom the team has excelled as well, boasting a combined team grade-point average of 3.0, led by Samantha Roy and Tanisha Beaulieu, each of which are members of the school's academic honor roll.

In the community, the Lady Warriors assist with a number of events including organizing and serving a Christmas dinner for the elderly, working the com-

munity soup line and decorating the reservation's cultural center for community events.

The Atlanta Dream would like to congratulate Sam Roy, Angel McCain, Danielle Seki, Alexis Desjarlait, Grace White, Averi Holthusen, Tanisha Beaulieu, Suanne Crowe and Sidney Beaulieu for their exceptional efforts and for earning this week's Atlanta Dream Girls' High School Basketball Team of the Week Award. Red Lake High School is led by head coach

Randy Holthusen.

The award was inspired by Lakeview High School (Ohio) 2016 team captain and senior Addison Becker. Becker contacted the Dream about her concern for the lack of coverage and recognition she perceived regarding the accomplishments of female high school athletic programs in her area, as well as nationally.

The passion Miss Becker displayed in wanting to be a part of creating awareness and fostering change was unquestioned, so the franchise has decided to name the Atlanta Dream's Girls' High School Basketball Team of the Week Award as the “Addie,” to recognize her commitment in bringing more attention to the dedication, talent and accomplishments of female athletes.

“I am writing because something has come to my attention that I feel can no longer be simply ignored,” Becker wrote. “I play basketball for myself and for the love of the game. However I have noticed that less girls are picking up a basketball in our community. I feel this is due to the lack of attention, recognition and most importantly the support they receive. Female athletes are just as dedicated as their male counterparts and I feel it is time young people brought attention to this matter. I want to change this mindset and what is now a social normality, so I am reaching out for help.”

The Dream will honor one team a week moving forward during the high school girls' basketball season. Each winner will receive 10 complimentary tickets to the May 22 season opener vs. Chicago and be recognized on-court at Philips Arena and the 2016 Atlanta Dream Girls' High School Basketball Team of the Year will be recognized.

In addition, each weekly winner will enjoy a postgame meet and greet with a Dream player on May 22 as well as a visit by Atlanta Dream mascot “Star” to their school.

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Deadline to apply is April 15th, 2016.



This is “Old Blue’s” niece. This 40 inch, 16.5 pound Northern was speared on Pine Lake south of Gonvick. Darren Sundquist was the lucky person to get this in the fish house belonging to Lester Sundquist.

## Plummer Area Sportsman Club meeting and awards night

PASC recently held their annual meeting and awards night. Around 90 members were present. Ross Hier from the MN DNR spoke to the group on wildlife around the area. Randy Dufault was on hand to measure deer horns and spoke about getting horn measurements recorded. Chairman Brent Hemly spoke on progress on the new trap range the club is building and will be ready for use this spring just in time for RLCC trap team to use for trap shooting. Awards for Sporting Clays were given out. 1st- Brent's Gun Supply, Brent Hemly, Aaron Janisch, Arnie Schmitz, Lee Schmitz. 2nd- Ride Logic Ron Black, Dave Garry, Derek Sorenson, Fred Olson. 3rd- Grove and Son's Const Jeremy Grove, Rick Anderson, Adam Cater, Heidi Garry, Top Gun, Aaron Janisch Deer Contest (weight) Buck, Randy Pahlen, 226# Doe, Vic Schiefert 110# Youth, Jed Duden 92#, Horn Contest (gross



Mark Wright, Big horns winner.

score) 1st Mark Wright 151 5/8, Pat Simpson 131 4/8, Chris Duchamp 128 7/8, Tough Luck towel Award, Brent Hemly.



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## Minnesota Farmers Union honors FFA during this year's National FFA week

ST. PAUL (February 11, 2016) – Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) along with over 600,000 students will celebrate FFA week February 20-27, 2016.

“FFA provides the opportunities personal growth and success in our future generations of family farmers; this is how the agricultural sector is able to maintain the level that they are at and contributing to the future of feeding America. We thank and salute FFA for their hard work,” said Doug Peterson, Minnesota Farmers Union President.

Minnesota Farmers Union supports FFA by:

- annually donating 30 FFA jackets through the Blue Jacks Bright Futures Program;
- judging numerous FFA competitions across the state;
- sponsoring an annual FFA essay contest encouraging students to learn about a new topic and its place in rural Minnesota and Minnesota's economy. The winner receives \$1000 for their FFA Chapter and a trip to Washington, D.C.;
- assisting and facilitating the Minnesota FFA ag policy experience, a program specifically for older students interested in public policy.
- MFU has been a continuous star partner sponsor of FFA.

Minnesota FFA's theme for the year is “amplify,” and this theme encourages the increase in the strength of family farmers and agricultural leaders everywhere. It is important help local farms have a larger impact in our communities. MFU encourages all students to call their school and become involved with FFA. The future of agriculture is waiting for you.