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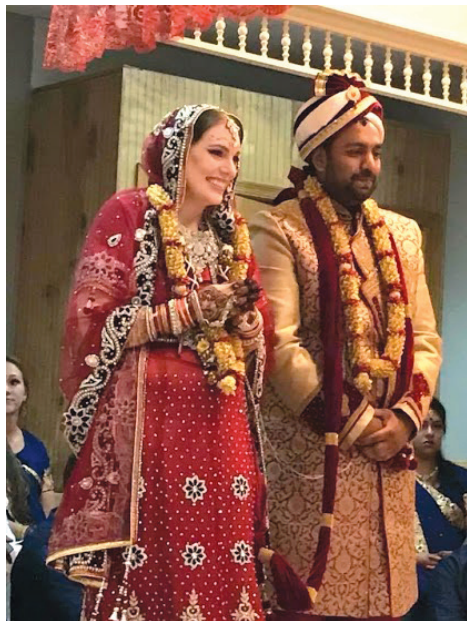


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## Spiritual and “magical” Hindu and American ceremonies



Misty DeForrest and Adrian Singh in their traditional Hindu attire.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Little did Maria Friedlund, a nurse at Riverwood in Aitkin, know that she would be out-danced by two Indian grandparents from overseas.

But out-danced and out-celebrated she was, as her daughter Misty DeForrest, 31, and her fiancé, Adrian Singh, 31, partook in both a traditional Hindu and an American wedding this summer on August 17 and 18.

Adrian was born in London and he has family in London and all over England. The

her in-laws' home in Blaine.

Thursday, August 16, was the Matikore/Dig Dutty when the groom and bride are prepared physically and spiritually for the upcoming wedding ceremony. The Dig Dutty is just as it sounds — digging dirt. The offerings are placed in the ground and prayers are offered. It is followed by the Rub Dye, during which a paste that is made of turmeric dye is rubbed on the groom's and bride's body to purify them for the nuptials. “Thurs-

day, the bride and groom were separated and didn't see each other until the ceremony on Friday,” noted Maria.

The Hindu wedding took place at a place of worship, the Mandir, in North Minneapolis. The male officiant was called a Pundit and there was a canopy (mundap) over the couple and lots of symbolic practices. The Hindu ceremony is comprised of a series of religious ceremonies and rituals. It is meant to unite two persons so firmly, that, although they retain two sep-

arate bodies, they become one in spirit. It is a sacred, spiritual partnership between two individuals in mind, body, spirit and soul in this and their future lives. Misty wore a red lengha.

Red signifies prosperity and fertility and she'll wear this attire again for weddings and celebrations. Otherwise, she'll wear traditional American clothes.

Maria, who is Hispanic, looked fantastic in her sari, provided by the mother of the groom.

There was food after the Hindu ceremony and the next day the American ceremony was held at a wedding venue in Fridley called Banquets of Minnesota. Misty had a gorgeous traditional white wedding gown. The six bridesmaids traded in their saris for navy blue bridesmaid gowns



Misty, on the left in red, and Maria Friedlund, mother of the bride, from Aitkin, in yellow.

and the men wore tuxes.

“I've never had that much fun at a reception,” noted Maria. “They played tons of Indian music and the Indian family never quit dancing. Grandma and Grandpa came from England and were in their 90's and they made it even longer than I did.”

### Fashion and décor

Misty describes her bridal gowns and the décor used. Her love of Harry Potter was incorporated:

“For the American wedding I wore a white Calla Blanche

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The couple during the American wedding ceremony.

dress, that I purchased from the Wedding Shoppe in Saint Paul and for the Hindu Ceremony we actually purchased that lengha at a shop in England when we went there for Christmas two years ago. That is the same trip when

Adrian proposed to me at King's Cross Station. It is where Harry Potter catches the train for Hogwarts. As for the Harry Potter decorations — they were mainly at the American wedding/reception.

"The head table was decorated with all the house banners and Hogwarts crest banner with corresponding colored candles. The centerpieces for all other tables was Golden Quidditch Goal Hoops with chocolate truffles that looked like golden snitches. Our gift table had a bird cage for cards with Hedwig (Harry Potter's owl) perched on top, and the sorting hat, with a sign that said 'Please put your cards and gifts

here we'll sort them out later.'

"As for jewelry: for the Hindu wedding, I had two necklaces, a nose ring, earrings, bangles, bracelets and a maang tikka (an ornament that dangles at the hairline) and no shoes, as shoes are not allowed to be worn at the Mandir. For the American wedding I just wore a pair of my mom's blue earrings. The Mandir was decorated very traditionally for a Hindu wedding with reds and yellows and flowers. I had very dramatic makeup for the Hindu wedding, as everything is so elaborate and for the Ameri-



Misty, Adrian and their two daughters (from Misty's previous marriage) in their American wedding attire.

can wedding my makeup was more natural, I didn't want to take away from the dress."

Adrian and Misty are living in St. Paul. He works at Firestone in Bloomington; and she works at a law firm in Burnsville. They enjoy traveling and hope to take their two daughters (from Misty's previous marriage) to England soon.

## Library needs books



The Deerwood Lakes Lions have a small library for free books for little children to teens. They are running a little low on supplies to re-stock their library. If you have any books that you would donate, please call Donna at 218-251-3593 or Nancy at 218-678-4165 and they will arrange for a time to pick them up.

## Cascade Harvest Supper



Cascade United Methodist Church of Deerwood will be serving their annual Harvest Supper on Saturday, September 22 rom 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the church. The menu consists of meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, seasonal vegetables and dessert. This is also a time to meet Reverend Dr. Regenia Garrett, the new pastor at Cascade UMC. All are welcome. A free will offering will be accepted and will be greatly appreciated. The church is located between Crosby and Deerwood on Highway 6 and 210.

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AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tues. Big Book Discussion Open Meeting 6:30 pm., Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am.  
AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.  
ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.  
ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.  
Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.  
Aitkin IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2 pm  
Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1 st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting  
Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!  
Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.  
American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m.  
Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm "Ask an Attorney," Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 4th Tues. of month at noon.  
Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.  
Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.  
Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyan Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295  
Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-9271383.  
Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.  
Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 or Roxy 218-927-4558.  
Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.  
Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.  
Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.  
Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.  
Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.  
Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday  
Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.  
Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Heartwood Senior Living Complex. Social begins at 5:30pm followed by Dinner/Meeting at 6:00pm. We are very involved in community events and would love to have you join us. If you would like to come to a meeting and see what we do or going to be doing, please call Lion Nancy at 218-678-4165 and let me know by the Thursday before our meeting.  
Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.  
Emily Community Care N Share is serving meals on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church, Highway 6, Emily  
Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.  
FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and

networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org  
Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402  
Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org  
Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin  
Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.  
Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.  
Food Shelf (Emily) First Wednesday of the month for produce and bakery only, 9:30 – 11:00 am. Third Wednesday distribution 9:30 – 11:00 am, followed by Thursday distribution 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Enter from south door.  
Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.  
Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.  
Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm  
Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon  
Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.  
Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.  
Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd. This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.  
Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.  
Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.  
Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club  
McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.  
McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.  
McGregor Community Meal sponsored by ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.  
McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.  
McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.  
MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.  
Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.  
National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.  
North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.  
ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Woodland Chapter #122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin, MN  
Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanic.com.  
Overeaters Anonymous Open Meeting, Sat. 9:35am, Aitkin Library. Everyone welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12-step fellowship of people recovering from compulsive eating. OA is not a diet club. We are dedicated to helping individuals recovering from compulsive eating, anorexia, bulimia, food addiction and obesity. If you are struggling, you are not alone any more. For more info: OA.org, or call Cheryl, meeting contact, 770-576-5984. Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St.,

McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.  
Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.  
Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.  
RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Mon.: 10 Glory Baptist Church; Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.  
Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.  
Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.  
TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm  
TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.  
Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.  
White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.  
**September**  
15th - Flower Arranging Workshop at Crossing Arts Alliance 10 am -noon, Mary Schaeffbauer of Sonnenblume Flowers will teach a flower arranging workshop \$50 for Crossing Arts Members, \$55 for non-members. All flowers are supplied. Call TCAA at 218-833-0416 to enroll. Pre-registration is required. call 218-833-0416 for more details.  
16th - American Legion Riders Post 255 Dedication of the Memorial to the Heroes of the Benghazi Terror Attack to take place at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery at Little Falls MN at 10:30 a.m. The Cemetery is located at 15550 State Hwy. 115, Little Falls MN 56345 (near Camp Ripley & just west of the junction of State Hwy 371 & 115).  
18th - Minute To Win It game nights at the Aitkin Public Library at 6 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required on the East Central Regional Library events calendar at eclrib.org.  
22nd - Cascade United Methodist Church of Deerwood will be serving their annual Harvest Supper 4-7pm at the church. The menu consists of meat balls with gravy, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, seasonal vegetables and dessert. A free will offering will be accepted. This is also a time to meet Reverend Dr. Regenia Garrett, new pastor at Cascade UMC. All are welcome. The church is located between Crosby and Deerwood on Highway 6 and 210.  
25th - Birth of Our Nation: The American Revolution, a presentation by Arn Kind, at 6 p.m. at the Aitkin Public Library. The Aitkin Public Library is located at 110 1st Ave. NE in the downtown area. For more information, visit eclrib.org.  
25th - #BeThere For Your Veteran & Caregiver training session 6 - 8 p.m., in Bldg. 96 at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center, 4801 Veterans Drive, in St. Cloud Veterans, caregivers, and

families and friends of Veterans are invited to attend a training session focused on delivering straightforward, no-nonsense training for family and friends on how to help support Veterans or others who may be at risk for suicide. Pre-registration is not required. For more information contact Jess Behrends, Caregiver Support Coordinator, at (320) 252-1670 ext. 7283, or jessica.behrends@va.gov. Veterans and their supporters are reminded that if warning signs are noticed by yourself or a Veteran loved one, call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or text 838255 to get confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.  
**October**  
4th - Crossing Arts Alliance, 8x8 Art Auction and Gala fundraiser, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, hors d'oeuvres, wine and craft beer tasting. Michelle Sakry-Winkelman will provide musical entertainment. The cost is \$20 at the door.  
6th - Teravail Oremageddon on the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Trails in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
16th - Minute To Win It game nights at the Aitkin Public Library at 6 p.m.. Space is limited and registration is required on the East Central Regional Library events calendar at eclrib.org.  
18th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Annual Dinner at Rutgger's Bay Lake Lodge. Call 546-8131 for more information.  
20th - Rutgger's 33rd Annual Oktoberfest celebration at 7 p.m. at Rutgger' Bay Lake Lodge.



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**VEHICLES:** 1947 Willys Jeep CJA2 ser. 148689 (not running at time of pictures), 1940's Willys Jeep CJA2 (not running at time of pictures), Dodge Dakota Extended cab pickup 3.9 Liter V6 91,000 miles 2WD (nice condition) **FIREARMS & RELATED:**Browning Buckmark .22LR semi auto pistol, Hi Point Model C9 9MM Semi Auto Pistol, Smith & Wesson Model 66-2 .357 Revolver w/Pro Point Scope, Smith & Wesson .38 Cal Revolver Nickel w/ Ivory Style Grips, Llama Super Comanche .44 Mag Revolver w/holster, Bond Arms Snake Slayer 45/.410 Break Open Double O/U, Ruger Single Six .22LR Revolver, Smith & Wesson Model 46 Semi Auto .22LR 7" barrel, Kel Tec Model PF9 9MM Semi Auto, Taurus Judge 45/.410 Revolver, American Auto Regina .25 Cal Semi Auto, Colt Combat Commander .38 Cal Super Semi Auto, Smith & Wesson Model 19-6 .357 Revolver, Marlin Model 81-DL .22 LR bolt action, Remington Mohawk Nylon .22 LR Semi Auto Browning A5 Semi Auto 12 GA Belgium, Remington model 742 30-06 BDL w/Scope, Remington model 1100 .410 Semi Auto 3", Winchester model 77 .22LR Semi Auto Tube Feed, Stoeger Uplander SXS .410, Ithaca Featherweight Model 37F 12 GA Pump, Mossberg Model 500AG 12 GA Pump, Browning BAR .338 Win Mag Browning 12 GA Semi Auto Shotgun Ogden Utah, Winchester model 62A .22LR Pump Westernfield Model SB808M .22 LR Semi Auto, Ruger 10/22 .22LR Semi Auto, Stoeger Uplander SXS 20 GA. Made in Brazil, Mossberg Model 500AG .410 Pump Shotgun, Kel Tec Model P-3AT .380 Semi Auto Pistol, Remington Model 6 .22 S, L, LR Single Shot Gun Safe, Fort Knox Digital 36 Gun **MOTORCYCLES:** 2008 Yamaha Royal Star Venture 1300 V4 Four Stroke, 16 Valve Liquid Cooled, 5 Speed Electric Start, 10,500 Miles Immaculate Condition, 1964 Norton Motorcycle odometer reads 25,000 miles, **TRAILERS:** Redi Hauler 6x15 tandem axle trailer w/ramps, Alumna brand 2 place snowmobile trailer 6x12, 6x10 Utility trailers tilt bed w/ winch, 5x8 Utility Trailer tilt bed, Older 6x12, tandem axle custom built flatbed style trailer, Custom built truck box trailer w/topper, 4x6 yard trailer w/ wood sides **SNOWMOBILE:**1998 Ski Doo Grand Touring Special Edition Snowmobile 2 up seats, 700 Rotax Triple, 900 miles very good condition **LAWN & GARDEN:** Honda 5.0 HP pressure washer, Craftsman Snowblower 10 HP 29"Lawn General Sprayer, trailer style w/pump, Snapper rear tine tiller 6 HP, Husqvarna 261 chainsaw, Snapper gas leaf blower **SPORTING RELATED:**14' Aluminum Canoe square back, Collectible Johnson 3HP OB on Stand, Elgin outboard motor **GARAGE RELATED:** Campbell Hausfeld upright air compressor on wheels 5 HP 26 gallon, Companion 10HP 5000 watt generator on castors, Snap On tool cabinet, Daytona Floor model drill press, Delta band saw bench model, 2 Ton Engine hoist like new, Century 230 amp AC welder, Large metal tool cabinet on casters w/ball bearing drawers, Craftsman professional series router, (2) Bench top tool boxes, Craftsman 1400 watt generator, Metal cutting band saw, Acetylene tanks & cart, Milwaukee Saws All like new, Oregon chainsaw sharpener, Air stapler, Porter Cable skil saw, Smaller Campbell Hausfeld air compressor, Ryobi belt sander & numerous other hand power tools, **ITEMS OF INTEREST:** Large amount of leather working supplies, stamps, leather tools, patterns & much more, Antique wall phone excellent condition, The Dazezy Churn wooden sided churn Sanitary Scale Company platform style Belvidere Illinois, Autographed Tom Kelly baseball bat & other MN Twins memorabilia, Beer Steins, Set of Bull Hornspates

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# OBITUARIES

## LLOYD JOHNSON



Lloyd E. Johnson, 81, of Aitkin died Monday, September 10, 2018 at Aitkin Health Services. Following the wishes of Lloyd and his family, there will be no public services at this time. He was born June 20, 1937 in Aitkin to Lloyd E. and Gladys (Wickstrom) Johnson. He graduated from Aitkin High School in 1955. He attended Duluth Business University where he earned his accounting degree. He was a member of the Army National Guard for a time and then discharged. Lloyd was employed as an accountant with Radford Lumber Company in Duluth. He moved back to the Aitkin area and invested and

developed lake shore property, worked with his brother, and logged on his own with a goal to retire at the age of 50 which he accomplished. Lloyd enjoyed his family , especially spending time with his nieces and nephew, whom he loved very much. Lloyd is survived by his brother, Donald L. Johnson, Palisade; nephew, Todd Johnson, Palisade; nieces: Valerie Dawn Johnson,Minneapolis and Tiffany Johnson, Grand Rapids He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## JEFFREY STIREWALT



Jeffrey Scott Stirewalt, 48, of Brainerd died on Friday, September 7, 2018 as a result of a motor vehicle accident near Pequot Lakes. A Memorial Service was held 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2018 at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Baxter. Visitation was from 3:00 p.m. until the time of service on Friday at the church. He was born on June 10, 1970 in Crosby to Richard and Brenda (Hann) Stirewalt. Jeff married Nicole Barber on June 24, 1995 in Brainerd.

Jeff was a long time partner with Stirewalt and Associates. He was a devoted husband and father with a passion for the outdoors that he shared with his children. Family and friends will remember him as an extraordinary host and gourmet cook. He will be dearly missed by all. Jeff is survived by his wife, Nicole; son, Alex Stirewalt, Brainerd; daughter, Olivia Sitrewalt, Brainerd; parents, Rick and Brenda Stirewalt, Crosby; two brothers, Cory Stirewalt of Deerwood and Ryan (Tara) Stirewalt of Crosby; one sister, Nicole (Ron) Huber of Brainerd. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## RICHARD HAKES



Richard (Dick) Allen Hakes , 79, died peacefully, surrounded by family at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin on Saturday, September 8, 2018. A celebration of Dick's life will be held Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 10 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. Darrell Pedersen officiating. There will be a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. All are welcome to come and celebrate Dick's life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the donors' choice. Dick was born August 1, 1939 in Springfield, MN to Kenneth and Merry Hakes. He graduated in 1957 from the Springfield High School. That fall, he attended the University of Minnesota on a baseball scholarship for one year. He then attended the University of Minnesota at Mankato for the remaining three years, obtaining a degree in mathematics and physics. Dick married Mary Mueller on August 1, 1961. The couple welcomed two children into their home. They parted in the early 1970's. After graduation, Dick taught one year in Fairfax, MN. At the close of the first year teaching, he was offered a job in New Ulm, MN.

This job included being a basketball coach and an assistant baseball coach. He taught in New Ulm until his retirement in 1996. Dick was an accomplished ball player, tennis player, and in his retirement, a pretty decent golfer. Also in his retirement, he loved to fish, play cribbage, and sing in church and in the Northern Knights quartet. A springtime hobby was helping his brothers tap trees for maple syrup. His sharp wit was enjoyed by his friends, as well as his students. He was passionate about learning and making opportunities for kids to learn. Dick was a kind, gentle man, and as a parent, he encouraged his children to pursue their goals. Dick is survived by his wife of 44 years, LeeVae Hakes; daughters and sons-in-law: Denise and Jeff Baker, Grants Pass, OR; Jody and Randy Slinger, Aitkin; and Kathy and Chriss Fastener, Aitkin; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three brothers: Kenneth Hakes, Aitkin; Bill Hakes, Aitkin; and Jim Hakes, Deerwood. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Herbert Hakes. Arrangements were with the So-rensens-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

# Flower arranging workshop at CAA

Mary Schaeffbauer of Sonnenblume Flowers will teach a flower arranging workshop at The Crossing Arts Alliance on Saturday, Sept 15, from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn the skills and design techniques to create a stunning floral arrangement with unique Brainerd-grown flowers. Participants will take home their centerpiece arrangement, as well as a set of skills that can be used again and again, any time flowers come into one's life. Mary has worked in professional floral design, and has been growing her own flowers, for 3 years. She will provide all of the flowers for the class. All flowers are supplied. The cost is \$50 for Crossing Arts members or \$55 for non-members. Call TCAA at 218-833-0416 to enroll. Pre-registration is required. Visit [crossingarts.org](http://crossingarts.org) or call 218-833-0416 for more details.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

\* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

**ALLIANCE**  
Aitkin\* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Adult Sunday School 9 am; "Elevate" youth group for 7th-12th graders, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.  
Garrison\* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.  
McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10  
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino;Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; Sunday Morning Service 9:30  
Crosby — Interim Pastor Greg Kalyvas; Worship 10:30  
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45  
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Onamia ; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662  
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

**BAPTIST**  
Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9 and 10:30, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Brainerd\* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; [fbcbraingerd.com](http://fbcbraingerd.com)  
Brainerd- The Church On The Wisse Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org](http://www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org)  
Brainerd — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673, Worship 11, SS 9:45.  
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.  
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm  
Deerwood\* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.  
Glory\* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12.  
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.  
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.  
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

**CATHOLIC**  
Aitkin — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10 AM. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm.  
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.  
Brainerd — St. Francis , Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.  
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.  
Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun 10:30.  
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmstemilys.org](http://www.ihmstemilys.org); Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.  
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.  
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Elias Gieske, Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession Sun 7:15-7:45 am.  
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483  
Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.  
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.  
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362  
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; Sacrament Mtg. 10 , SS 11;10 Priesthood/Relief Society noon

**COMMUNITY**  
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959  
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005  
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.  
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm  
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Sunday Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm  
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.  
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church;Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.  
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.  
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.  
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.  
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10  
Outing\* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon 4th Saturday, 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge  
Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.  
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

**CONGREGATIONAL**  
Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

**EPISCOPAL**  
Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 \*Brainerd - St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

**EVANGELICAL FREE**  
Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email [thelogchurch@crosslake.net](mailto:thelogchurch@crosslake.net)  
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm  
Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15  
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

**HEBREW/MESSIANIC**  
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

**LUTHERAN**  
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.  
Aitkin — First\* (ELCA) Pastor Darrell Pedersen, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 10am (coffee fellowship at 9am); communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed nursery for Sun. service. Sun. service broadcast live on

KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9am on Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9:30am- 5pm.  
Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10  
Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. [www.christbaxter.com](http://www.christbaxter.com).  
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 [www.poppbaxter.org](http://www.poppbaxter.org)  
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.  
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, 5878 Pine Beach Rd, Brainerd - Pastor David Franz. Summer Schedule Worship 9, Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. ([www.lchurch.org](http://www.lchurch.org))  
Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd – Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. – Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: [www.trinitybrainerd.org](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org) Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto:trinity@trinitybrainerd.org)  
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walthe, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Breezy Point\* – Eagles Nest, Pastor Jonathan Lemaster, 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m.  
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct.  
Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.  
Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.  
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910  
Crosslake —(ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10, 218-692-3682.  
Crosslake —Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30; Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, [www.missionofthecross.org](http://www.missionofthecross.org)  
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15.  
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.  
Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. [www.shepherdofthelake.org](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org).  
Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.  
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.  
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)  
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.  
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.  
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.  
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.  
Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.  
Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)  
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.  
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.  
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.  
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm  
Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.  
Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.  
Pequot Lakes\* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed – 10:15 am. Wed. Worship 5:45 pm. Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5: pm.  
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.  
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 ml. South of Hwy 210  
Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.  
Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.  
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

**PENTECOSTAL**  
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.  
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall\*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.  
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
Crosslake — Rev. Mark Ford from 1st Presbyterian Church of Brainerd will be preaching at the 9:00 service; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Road; 218-692-4769  
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.  
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.  
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

**REFORMED**  
Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, [www.visitlifespring.com](http://www.visitlifespring.com)

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; [www.aitkinadventist.org](http://www.aitkinadventist.org); 218-927-4107

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**  
Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

**UNITED METHODIST**  
Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.  
Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett ; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.  
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.  
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Hornstad; Worship 10; SS 9  
Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.  
Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.  
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10  
McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.  
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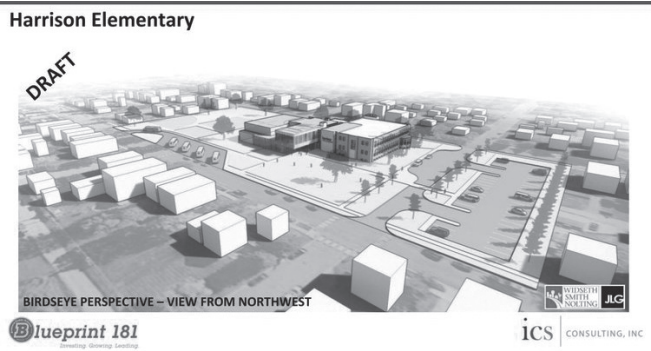
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Brainerd School Board approves schematic design plans for elementary

Designs for Harrison, Nisswa and the new elementary school in Baxter move forward



The Brainerd Public Schools Board of Education took an important step in the Blueprint 181 building process by approving the schematic design plans for Harrison Elementary, Nisswa Elementary and the new elementary school to be located in Baxter.

“These designs really showcase the hard work done by each building’s team and the architects to study effective 21st century learning environments and come up with preliminary plans that take into account the wishes of our community and the professionals who work with our students in the buildings every day,” said

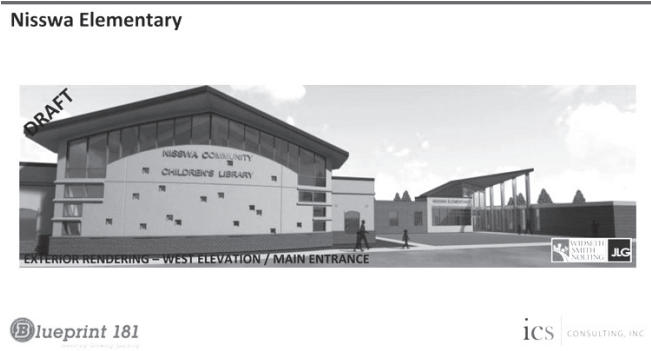


Board of Education member Sue Kern.

Schematic Design is an important first step in the building process. This phase establishes the design in a conceptual manner and illustrates the sizes, adjacencies and relationships between programmatic spaces in the building.

The primary purpose of Schematic Design is to define and describe all the important aspects of the project. The design team, composed of the principal, teachers and staff, carried out this work during several meeting held over the summer months.

Community input was



ings in the district in spring 2019.

Community members can continue to offer comments, ask questions, and find in-

formation about Blueprint 181 by visiting [www.blueprint181.org](http://www.blueprint181.org), emailing [blueprint181@isd181.org](mailto:blueprint181@isd181.org), or by calling 218-454-6900.

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Committed to protect Crosby

A little over three years ago, I was working a fulfilling job with the University of MN Police Department. I was a Detective and specialized in sex crimes investigations. I worked diligently to gain justice for victims and was humbled by the national attention attributed to rape victims because of my work. I could have easily worked the rest of my career with the U, but I wanted something more and I found it in Crosby.

Over the course of my career I developed leadership and relationship building skills and sought an opportunity to contribute to a department in a management position. The opportunity to do just that came about in the most random of ways. I happened to check the Minnesota Board of Police Officer Standards and Training website one day (something I rarely did) and saw the job posting for a Lieutenant position in the City of Crosby. I took the

chance and applied. A few months later, Chief Coughlin and the City of Crosby took a chance and offered me the position. I committed to protect the residents of the City of Crosby that day and remain committed to just that.

The last few years have been anything but easy. I have had some majorly complicated investigations that have led to controversial conclusions. Despite these conclusions being second guessed by external sources, I stand behind the fact that my investigations were conducted through the filter of truth and what was best for the City. And throughout all of this, I have stuck with Crosby.

My integrity, something that is precious to me, has been unfairly and inaccurately maligned in the public forum. And throughout this, I have stuck with Crosby.

This week, the City Council, on behalf of the good citizens of Crosby, voted to amend my

contract to appoint me Chief of Police when Chief Coughlin retires. This decision was a vote of confidence in my abilities to lead this department through the period of growth and change that is on our horizon, as well as that of Crosby.

I would like to sincerely thank the council and the citizens of Crosby for this tremendous honor. In exchange, I wish to pledge myself to continuing to make Crosby a safe, livable and enjoyable community. I promise to continue to make decisions that are just, lawful and in the best interest of Crosby citizens, as I have since I started here.

While I am not originally from Crosby, I have adopted it as my new home town. I now live here full-time, shop here, pay taxes here and even vote here, which is more than can be said for some of my most vocal detractors. Crosby is my home.

**Lieutenant Kevin Randolph**  
**Crosby Police Department**

Integrity not words — it is actions

The resume from one of the Crosby police leadership in the Sept. 5 *Courier* addresses the importance of integrity. It is fundamental when serving the public as a peace officer, their code of conduct states members of the Law Enforcement Profession are granted a public trust which requires they consistently demonstrate the highest degree of integrity.

Integrity is not words, it is actions.

BMS Case. No 17-PA-0260 is the document that reflects the police leadership is willing to compromise integrity and violate the public trust, to get what they want. They misled and lied to the council and Mayor, made it virtually impossible for them to pass fair judgement, used interview tactics for criminals on

their own officers.

As the arbitration report reads: “the untruthfulness of a police officer is so egregious it is destructive to continued employment, their honesty and integrity will forever be called into question.”

Integrity is important to all of us. People with it, bluntly refuse to compromise it, do the right thing, and use it when people are not looking. People without it, say they have it, use it when convenient, and use it only when people are looking. As public servants, they must be exposed in the public forum, integrity would be to resign immediately.

It was speculation that lead me to research the situation and integrity that concluded the police leadership, city

council and Mayor, needed to be exposed.

My commentaries to the local newspaper was an effort to educate tax payers of the unjust situation currently playing out in the community. The reactionary comments printed in local papers in response to sharing the facts, indicates accuracy and has encouraged me, as it should everyone, to hold them accountable.

Those involved in this cover up would like nothing more than for us to grow quiet and get on with our lives.

The council and Mayor’s failure to perform their civic duty to protect you from this, proves their level of integrity is not worth re-election.

**Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood**  
**Concerned Observer**

ing structure, mechanics, plumbing, electrical and interior finishes. The district expects to begin the design process on the other build-

Township control protection

There will be an informational township meeting on Monday, September 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mabel Community Center, 201 Main Street South, Mabel, MN 55954.

Contact Amanda Babcock at 612-722-6377 or [ababcock@landstewardshipproject.org](mailto:ababcock@landstewardshipproject.org) to register.

The cost is \$10 payable at the door. Make checks payable to the Land Stewardship Project.

Townships in Minnesota have strong powers of local control that include the ability to stop or limit unwanted, potentially harmful developments like large-scale feedlots or frac sand mines. For example, with leadership from local Land Stewardship Project members and members of Responsible Ag in Karst Country (RAKC), the Newburg Township Board of Supervisors passed a moratorium on new and large-scale feedlots on Aug. 23, 2018. This allows their community to be protected as they begin the process of planning and zoning to shape the future of their landscape.

This power of local control is key to keeping rural com-

munities strong and many townships are successfully using it. Join us to learn how to use township zoning and local control to shape the future of your township.

Who should attend? Township officers who want to learn the basics about adopting a moratorium, implementing planning and zoning, and strategies for developing ordinances to restrict or ban large-scale feedlots and frac sand mining.

Township residents who want to organize for action at the township level and be effective at using township zoning to restrict or ban large-scale feedlots and frac sand mining.

Topics to be covered include:

- Successfully adopting interim ordinances and implementing township zoning—and what it means for your township.
- Common myths and misinformation about township zoning.
- Using zoning ordinances to address large-scale feedlots and silica sand mining and explanation of townships’ strong authority to use zoning powers to restrict

or ban unwanted developments.

- Using zoning as a tool to protect a township’s health, natural resources and rural character.
- Addressing what happens if a township is sued.
- Addressing effective ways for township residents to approach the township board about adopting a moratorium and updating or creating township ordinances.

Presenters at the workshop have deep experience on these issues and include:

- Einar Hanson is an attorney who represents townships in southeastern Minnesota on a wide range of governance issues.
- Barton Seebach is an attorney from Newburg Township in Fillmore County and, alongside his community, has successfully worked to pass an interim ordinance in his township and begin the planning and zoning process.
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# Bunyanland trip makes summer complete for parents and grandparents



Parents still take pictures of their children with Paul Bunyan, as they have since the first park opened in 1950. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Most of the kids in our large family got their first job working at the Paul Bunyan Center, where Kohl's in Baxter is now. Spending a summer spinning cotton candy and frying corn dogs, as well as listening to Paul's endless banter — and the cacophony of rides and music — made for a memorable summer of smells and sounds.

Taking my grandchildren to the new Paul Bunyanland,

about six miles east of Brainerd, was an experience in time travel back to the day. I recalled many of the rides and attractions and artifacts and the 30-something daughters recalled the old Baxter location. Only the elementary-aged children know the current Paul Bunyan where he lives today. It was a little discombobulating, however, to see the rides and attractions of old looking exactly the same but in a different spot in a different park.

Walking in, they announced the children's names and even remembered their names when we visited Paul later on. Even if some "tricks" help Paul to identify families it is a great day and fun for the kiddos.

My daughter from Minneapolis noted: "This is so much more low-key than the state fair."

The weather was cool and breezy and the lines were short. With the safe, family atmosphere, we could let the children walk around freely and easily keep an eye on them. And all of us enjoyed visiting the Pioneer Village.

For those of you who harken back to the old days, I think the miniature golf shack is repurposed as a concession stand, the old entrance and restaurant are now the old-time photo shop and Paul's pocket watch from downtown Brainerd now hangs in the Pioneer Village.

Babe the Blue Ox is still in the parking lot, the creepy-looking cowboy statue and the jail are inside, albeit in different locations, and the atmosphere of endless summer exuberance still reigns.

As I rode the carousel and the Ferris wheel, round and round and unchanged from the old days, I was instantly transported back to the 60s and 70s. In fact, since my older sisters were teens when I was little, I visited Paul and company when I could barely walk and talk.

Paul Bunyan Center was opened in Baxter in 1950. The statue of Paul was built in 1948 by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and displayed at the Chicago Railroad Fair of 1948-1950. Sherm Levis established the park in the Brainerd area and built it around the statue of Paul that Levis and Roy Kue-micheal bought. At its heyday, the old park had over 40 rides.

You can't go home again, but, in the right frame of mind, with the right company, as summer waves goodbye as surely as Paul Bunyan raises his hand to you, can let loose and ride a ferris wheel and

live as a child again for one afternoon. Yes, it highly recommended as a day trip for the entire family, put it on your calendar for next year.



The Wolleat Family in the early 1970s in their Mississippi River Home north of Brainerd. Front row: Ann, Ginny, Margie and Meridee. Back row: Pat, Dick and parents: Bea and Ken. (Pat, Ginny, Dick and Ann all worked at Paul Bunyan.)



Above: Sport the dog was sewn up wrong and has given rides to probably millions of children over the years.

Right: Taken at Paul Bunyan in about 1954 are the Wolleat girls of Brainerd and their cousins: Margie, Cathy, Meridee, Ginny, Pat, Jeanine. Cathy Wolleat and Jeanine Lively are cousins of the family. Pat and Ginny later worked at Paul Bunyan.



Ken Wolleat photo collection



The Wolleat girls and their cousins: Earl Wolleat Jr. (now the building coordinator for the Brainerd School District), Cathy, Pat, Margie, Ginny, Meridee and Jeanine. Earl and Cathy Wolleat and Jeanine Lively are cousins of the girls.

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