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Deerwood Bank shows off new remodel and history



cal facade on Deerwood's main street.

Inside, it boasts a completely redesigned and updated lobby with custom office and teller furnishings, along with new paint, carpet and windows.

Hy-Tech Construction of Brainerd was the lead contractor for the remodel.

There is still time to come in and view some history. "We were able to bring a lot of things out of the basement, including ledgars and various memorabilia," said Carpenter.

Vern Smith has a \$10 bill framed that bears the name of Deerwood Bank on it. Carpenter explained that in the 1920's, National Banks Notes were a form of United States currency that could be issued in all denominations. The bank has archived a few



Open space in the lobby with neutral decor and the expansive, curved windows on the building's west side.

of the original issue notes.

On December 20, pre-Christmas festivity was in the air as customer mingled, looked around and sampled some treats at the Grand Opening. Santa and Mrs. Claus were to make an appearance later.

The final phase of the renovation is wrapping up this month, which includes modernizing the technology that serves the existing drive-up lanes. A pneumatic tube system was installed to both drive-up lanes and includes interactive LCD monitors. The monitors allow drive-up customers to in-

teract with Deerwood Bank staff who process drive-up transactions from the front lobby of the bank. "Centrally locating our drive-up staff in the main teller area allows us to have more staff available to assist our customers, whether they are needed in the lobby or the drive-up," said Carpenter.



Be sure to check out the historical memorabilia in a bank showcase.

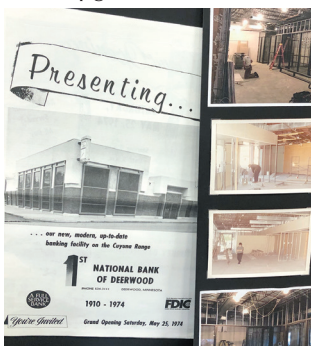
By ANN SCHWARTZ with info supplied by Deerwood Bank

"The last major remodel in our Deerwood office took place in 1974. We're all very excited to showcase the new upgrades," said Rachel

Carpenter, Vice President of Retail Banking at Deerwood Bank.

The 1974 remodel was state-of-the-art for its time, including carpeting on the walls and other 1974 touches.

The new space, recently reopened, marries old and new, with wide open spaces in wood tones with brown and gray accents. The bank was established in 1910 and the exterior has been restored with the original 1910 windows. The rectangular sign will be hung again soon. Brick work and limestone arches highlight the histori-



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Ongoing Events:

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30, Mon. Step Study 7:00pm Open, Tue. Big Book Discussion Meeting 6:30pm Open, Open Meeting 8:00pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9am.

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 Lions meet on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm at the Aitkin Forty Club restaurant. Call 218-839-3954 for more info.

Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1st 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" Workforce Center - 20-3rd St. NE, Aitkin, 4th Tuesday of month at noon Pre-registration required call 218-723-4005

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. 218-927-1383.

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.

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.

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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. only 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency food, call 3320-433-9435 and state needs, name & phone number, or leave message of same if no answer.

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.

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 Eye-Care Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin, MN

2020 January 6th - Cuyuna Range Women's Club meeting 1 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Bingo will be the game of the day. Prizes will be awarded Guests are welcome.

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## Right Resolutions

Yes, it's that time of year. We're all rolling out the master plans for "getting in shape" and living the amazing life that we were thinking about all last year. Thankfully, the magical January 1st has arrived and this year it's going to work... until January 14th, that is.

OK, so maybe that doesn't happen to you. I have, however, seen it consistently over the past 25 years when patients show up February 1st looking for a little help. I'm always interested in their resolutions and goals because it tells me the target they're looking to hit. Here are few top tips that can help you to maximize your success that we do with our patients.

1. **Choose wisely.** We usually spend time reviewing their goals and crafting a game plan that makes it doable, healthy, and sustaining. Weight loss is a pretty consistent topic, and some mention our Zerona laser that can take off inches in weeks. We'll discuss it, but I let them know that it's the first part of our "Take it off, Keep it off, Get healthy™" program. The other parts are designed to help you keep it off and go for the real goal of getting healthy. I like them to have a clear idea on why they want a particular goal, what it will feel like, and what it will do for them. This actually activates a variety of areas in the brain that heighten their chances for success. The more specific, the better.

2. **Build for the long-haul.** This means that if a goal is important enough to make the resolution list, it is probably something that would be great for your overall well-being well into the future. Don't feel like you need to get it all done in the first month. In fact, spend the first month building a good habit and erasing the old. It's better to develop a small, but healthy habit than to do something that's over

in a couple weeks.

3. **Write your goals down.** Just this one step increases the chance of success by almost 50%. This helps you gain clarity in what you a setting out to do and how you're going to do it. Remember, be specific. Post them on your mirror, on the fridge, a discrete place at work. Anywhere you will see them and be reminded by them.

4. **Get up, dust off, and start again.** I have fallen off the cart and blown my resolutions. It happens all the time with goals. The part that helps in being successful anyway is to get up, dust off, and start again. Perseverance will go a long way in achieving your goal.

5. **Find a friend to tell about your goal.** They can be a great support and hold you accountable during the tough times. Sometimes this is the reason they are showing up February 1st.

Setting healthy goals that have steps that are written down and doable will add up over time to the massive success you are seeking. Make the SHIFT today!



Dr. Murray Smith DC, cAcu, CSCS, CCSP is a Board Certified Doctor of Chiropractic, Board Certified Acupuncturist, Clinical Nutritionist with a passion for helping people reclaim their health naturally and empowering them to keep it! He is the co-founder of SHIFT Integrative Medicine serving the Cuyuna Lakes and Brainerd Lakes areas of central Minnesota for over 25 years.

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# OBITUARIES

## DIANE WILLIAMS

Diane Faye (Jones) Williams, 74, died on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019, peacefully with family by her side at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, WA.

Cremation services were with the Heritage Memorial Chapel, Wenatchee, WA. Cards and memorials may be sent to her daughter, Diane Sheppard, PO Box 224, Crosby, MN 56441.

She was born July 27, 1945, in Crosby to Earl and Anita (Brannan) Jones. She loved the outdoors, flowers, wildlife and mountain views. She also shared her artistic ability with others

by creating unique ceramic pieces, jewelry and blankets (just to name a few). She had a heart for serving others, working as a nurse in a nursing home in Kirkland, WA, and caring for friends and family until she was not able.

She is survived by four children: Diane Lee (Scott) Sheppard, Crosby; Richard Leroy Price Jr., Washington; Janice Jo "Joie" Price, Washington; Theresa (Brett) Bear, Twisp, Washington; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two sisters: Carol Jones and Annette Jones.

## STELLA CZECZOK



Stella L. Czeczok, 89, of Brainerd, died peacefully Friday, December 20, 2019 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, December 27, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Catholic Church in Brainerd. Interment was at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the All Saints Building Fund.

Stella was born September 27, 1930 on a farm in Harding, the oldest of ten children born to William J. and Angeline (Froncak) Dembowski. After she graduated high school, Stella married Joe Czeczok on June 24, 1950. They shared many

happy and fun years together. Stella worked for more than 30 years at the Brainerd Medical Center. She was a friend of all, devout Catholic, and joke teller extraordinaire. She was an avid fan of golf and cribbage and faithfully cheered for the Minnesota Twins and Vikings.

She is survived by her children, Don Czeczok, Jim (Toni) Czeczok, Jojo (Rena) Czeczok, Tom (Sharon) Czeczok, and Jeff Czeczok; three grandchildren, Jack Joseph (Darcy), Grace Louise, and Mike; and four great-grandchildren, Carter, Emilia, Levi, and Sawyer.

Stella was preceded in death by her husband, Joe; son, John; her parents; sister, Mary; brothers Eugene and Richard.

Arrangements were with Nelson-Doran Funeral Home in Brainerd.

## SANDRA DRAVES



Sandra Gwendolyn Draves, 78, of Brainerd died from complications of Alzheimer's on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at Good Samaritan Society - Bethany in Brainerd with her loving family by her side.

A celebration of Sandra's life was held at noon on Friday, December 27, 2019 at the Bethany Chapel in Brainerd with Pastor Barb Lapka officiating. A private interment will take place at a later date.

Sandra was born on July 17, 1941 in Brainerd to Cromwell "Bud" and Grace (Leimers) Stanley. She was an only child, and is a 1959 graduate of Washington High School in Brainerd. Sandra

married Duane Draves on April 26, 1960. The couple and their daughters enjoyed many years of traveling and loved spending time at their cabin on North Long Lake. Sandra was a loving mother to her two daughters, Shawn and Leigh. She was compassionate and generous to family, friends, and everyone she met through life. Sandra fought a brave battle with Alzheimer's, but never complained. The family rejoices that Sandra is finally at peace.

Sandra is survived by her daughters, Shawn (Bruce) Miller, Fifty Lakes; Leigh (Mark) Melby, Brainerd; two grandsons, Spencer Melby and Peyton Melby.

She was preceded in death by her father, Cromwell "Bud" Stanley; mother, Grace (Clarence) Moyer; and husband, Duane Draves.

## CLARENCE HARRINGTON



Clarence "Shorty" Harrington, 95, of Pine River, died on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at Good Samaritan Society - Bethany, Brainerd.

Services were held on Monday, December 23, at Pleasant Hill Community Church, rural Pequot Lakes. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

He was born to Marcus and Ora Harrington on November 18, 1924, in Pequot Lakes. Clarence enjoyed the outdoors, farming, gardening, hunting, fishing and watching the birds, deer and turkeys out his picture window. He loved playing

baseball with his family and was a MN Twins fan. Clarence worked at Durkee Manufacturing in Pine River for many years. He was a PFC in the Army during WWII, serving in France and Germany in the 787th Military Police Battalion.

Clarence is survived by his children: Michael Harrington (Grace) of Tyler, TX, Donna Strom-Kirkpatrick of Pine River, Larry Harrington of Pine River, Clarence Harrington, Jr. of Milaca; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Katherine; infant daughter, Susan; brother, Clayton; sister, Hazel Garner; and grandson, Jeff Parks-Harrington.

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Baxter — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org  
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

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Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Hayden Loven ; Sunday Morning Service 10:45  
Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; 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 Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityyagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662  
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

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Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9: 30 and 11, thejourneynorth.com  
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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.; fbcbrainerd.com  
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthe wiseroad.org  
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30, 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.imstmiliys.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; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10  
**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; Family 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; 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. Lijja Behr; 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**  
Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Steve Anderson; Worship at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:30 pm  
Crosslake — Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake.net  
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm  
Malmö — 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 Doug Larson, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10 am, Wed. 5:30 pm w/supper; communion every Sat. and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd & 4th Sun.; nursery staffed

during 10 am Sun. service; Sunday service is live streamed on YouTube (First Lutheran Church Aitkin); broadcast on KKKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 am Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thu. 5 pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thu. 9:30 am-5 pm. 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.  
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.pobpaxter.org  
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.  
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellowship 11, Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church  
Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.llchurch.org)  
Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd - Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.m. Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org  
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCCM, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.  
Crosby — Immanuel (LCCM, 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  
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.  
Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaa; 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)  
Malmö — 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 Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9.  
Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes\* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.  
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; 4163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210  
Thor — Zion, 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.

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984

**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 — Pastor Tony Oltmann, 218-692-4769; Worship 10; Fellowship 11:15; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10:14444 Daggett Pine Road just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org  
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.lifespring.com

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
Aitkin — Pastor Peter Emig; Worship Sat. 9:30 a.m., Bible Study 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933

**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, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew at Block North Brew Pub.  
Crosby/Deerwood\* — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.  
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.  
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9  
Emily\* — Pastors Luke and Bethany Nelson; Worship 8:30; fellowship follows.  
Fleming\* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.  
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10  
McGregor\* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.  
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 bks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

**WESLEYAN**  
Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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## Bipartisan Youth Workforce Readiness Act introduced in Senate

U.S. Senators Tina Smith (D-Minn.) and David Perdue (R-Ga.)—along with Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)—introduced a bipartisan bill to promote partnerships between afterschool providers and businesses so young people can explore career paths and opportunities that help them land their first jobs and thrive in the workforce.

Right now, communities in Minnesota, Georgia, and across America face significant challenges in ensuring youth gain the skills needed to be adequately prepared to enter the workforce. Many young people share concerns about whether they have the skills necessary to secure a job. This lack of adequate workforce readiness also leads to negative economic impacts for employers, who often say they struggle to find workers with the right skills for open jobs. The Youth Workforce Readiness Act would support high-quality programs that help youth gain skills and connect these skills to critical real-life work experiences and learning opportunities. It would set up a grant program for national, youth-serving, out-of-school time organizations like the Boys & Girls Club to fund

workforce preparation programs while also increasing coordination between local workforce boards and experts in youth policy.

"I hear from young people about their hopes for the future, which include contributing to their communities and getting good jobs," said Sen. Smith, a member of the Senate Education Committee. "And I hear from employers that they need help getting connected to great employees. That's where afterschool and out-of-school time providers can play a role in helping young people gain skills and make connections to mentors, opportunities and local employers. Our bipartisan bill would help support youth success for years to come by exposing young people to the varied ways they can participate in the workforce."

"Currently, there are 7.3 million job openings and only 5.8 million people looking for work," said Sen. Perdue. "It is important that we invest in the future of America's workforce by giving children the skills they need to succeed. This bipartisan effort with the Boys & Girls Club and other youth organizations will support the development of out-of-school programs that

are focused on preparing our youth to pursue the career of their choice. I'm proud the Boys & Girls Clubs of America calls Georgia home, and I share their commitment to helping kids and teens reach their full potential."

"Making sure young people are equipped with the skills they need for a successful future is a win for everyone, especially as more employers have jobs that America's youth are eager to fill," said Sen. Wyden. "This bill puts workforce readiness front and center to set our young people on the fast track to earning a living wage."

"A well-educated, well-trained workforce is a key component to future economic development," said Sen. Graham. "This legislation is great news for South Carolina and an important investment in the future of our nation."

"We can see what the future looks like by how we set up our kids and teens for success today. But to solve these challenges as a nation, we must start by investing in young people early. The Youth Workforce Readiness Act recognizes the time kids spend after-school and during the summer, to develop these skills, as critical for ensuring

equity for all young people," said Jim Clark, president and CEO at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. "We are grateful for the leadership of Senators Smith and Perdue to address the needs of our country and future generations to ensure economic prosperity. By supporting out-of-school time youth development organizations, we can close the opportunity gap that exists for so many kids and teens today."

"The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities thanks Senator Smith for her commitment to changing the lives and future opportunities for the youth in our state and around the country," said Terry Brumm, CEO Boys & Girls Clubs of

the Twin Cities. "This bill is an investment in a transformational and effective program model that will support achievement of essential skill-building starting at an early age when we at Boys & Girls Clubs know we can make a difference. We've seen firsthand that providing a safe environment where young people are engaged and challenged to build and practice essential skills ensures that they can reach their full potential and are well prepared to enter the workforce strengthening the economy today and into the future."

**The Youth Workforce Readiness Act of 2019 will support programs that pro-**

**vide youth with:**

Essential-skill development by embedding social-emotional through formal and informal learning experiences;

Career exploration through community-based business partnerships, including discovery opportunities, career assessments and planning into a variety of career paths;

Employability skills including interviewing, resume writing, financial literacy and credential/certification opportunities that help youth find their first job; and

Work-based learning opportunities to practice and apply skills in hands-on work environments through local community business partnerships.

## READER RIBBETS

### No good viewpoints

Let's take the viewpoint of the small group of supporters, and those writing for the former Crosby police chief and say arbitration is not important, equivalent to *National Enquirer* news. At the same time, remove the wrongfully terminated officer, it's not about them either. That done, shouldn't supporters be concerned the former police chief chose to lie, distort the truth, alter documents, make three ring binders disappear, conduct biased, prejudiced, flawed investigations, twice, when it's menial, not important? Are supporters exposing a huge lack of character, integrity, and honesty in the former police chief? Their viewpoint doesn't add up unless they are.

Crosby played a significant role in choosing the arbitrator in both wrongful termination

lawsuits, which is why the findings are so important. They chose to deceive, and undermine the arbitrators and the process, it can be surmised the arbitrators weren't biased, they weren't going to stand for what Crosby represented and documented it.

Recently, the former police chief confirmed they collaborated with the city administrator to get an officer on paid administrative leave, undermining the current chief. They also collaborated in early Feb 2019 to willingly and maliciously break data privacy laws, undermining the lawsuits. The city administrator stiffed the sewer district for \$120,000 shortfall of reserve funds, has shorted a hostile workplace environment where employees, residents, surrounding communities are

at risk. The former police chief was found to lie, judges found them not credible, ruled they arbitrarily and discriminately enforced laws and policies, and failed eight times to criminally prosecute two former mayors, consistent with what supporters are eluding to and what arbitrators and judges have documented.

The relentless pursuit of justice continues, the residents have been served the second of many potential lawsuits and the Crosby council and mayor's failure to act is negligent, period. The situation in Crosby can be looked at from multiple viewpoints, none of them are good, tragically, Crosby residents will pay the consequences.

**Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood Concerned Observer**

### Concerned about concerned observer

I only receive the Hopper periodically, maybe once a month, yet every issue has a letter from a concerned observer from Deerwood of all places railing about Crosby politics and, specifically, the Crosby police department. The vitriol shown by this person towards individuals living and working in Crosby is beyond comprehension. Near as I can tell, Observer wanted the Crosby PD gutted, starting with the chief of police. I think the council also had to go. The chief retired along with at least one officer. Was that enough? Apparently not.

A couple months ago Observer was upset that those retired folks were hanging around the police station, as private citizens I would guess, which was also deemed inappropriate. I'm not sure these despicable individuals can move far enough away for Observer to be placated. I'm not sure exactly what we're hoping to accomplish here.

Again, I only get snippets of

what's occurring over there but from an outsider's viewpoint, it borders equally on amusing and ludicrous. My goodness, if there so many indiscretions occurring in that fair city, please move there, run for office, and try to accomplish whatever it is you're trying to attain.

Just for the record, I have no dog in this hunt. The only connection I have with anybody concerned is that I used to play basketball with one of the councilmembers.

And on what may or may not be related as it pertains to the criminal charges, lawsuits, countersuits, and whatever else, concerning the ex-mayor and the city, I found it quite amusing when the attorney representing the ex-mayor wanted it known he didn't want this whole thing played out and tried in the newspaper, yet scheduled a news conference to air out their side of the situation. I'll bet that was well attended. Also, Observer made it known that the City of Crosby was nothing short of vindictive

with charges filed against the ex-mayor, time and again. It should be noted that the City has nothing to do with charges filed. That responsibility belongs to our County Attorney, whom I know personally, and have found him to be extremely competent, diligent, and not the least bit petty or vindictive.

**Paul Ruff, Baxter Amused Observer**

## LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Dec. 28, 2019)  
**WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT**

The Board of Audit for Wealthwood Township will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow.

Dated: December 9, 2020  
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk  
Wealthwood Township  
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## Lions Soup Kitchen Christmas Party

The Deerwood Lakes Lions served 28 hungry guests on December 17. The meal consisted of ham, cheesy potatoes, California mixed vegetable, dinner roll, fruit filled Jello with whipped cream and green sprinkles on top. Costco supplied The Deerwood Lakes Lions with four pumpkin pies and Target donated money for table decorations (pictured right), candy for the guests and presents for the children showing up. Unfortunately no children attended, so the gifts went to the toy drive at the Crosby Fire Department.

Pictured above (left) are Lion Members (front row left to right) Diann Bates, Kay Bendorf, Char Akers; and (back row) are Lions Nancy Campion, Donna Sapa, exchange student from Bulgaria, Cristian Litra and chief cook Larry Koenig. Not pictured were seven cheerleaders from Brainerd High School who served the sit down meal to the guests.

## Touchstone Community Award winner

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# DNR officials stress snowmobile safety as fatal crashes trend up



Three riders have died so far this winter and there have been other close calls, including snowmobiles that have gone through the ice and an instance in which a person was hit while walking on the ice. Last winter, 10 riders lost their lives in snowmobile-related crashes, five died the year before and three people died in 2015-16.

"We want people enjoying the Minnesota winter, but we want them to do it safely," said Bruce Lawrence, recreational vehicle coordinator with the DNR's Enforcement Division.

Snow cover throughout Minnesota, including on many of the 22,000 miles

of trails that traverse the state (varying local conditions mean not all are yet groomed), have led to a surge in the number of people taking advantage of a fun and unique way to enjoy Minnesota's outdoors.

"Passing along your passion for the outdoors is one of the greatest gifts you can give another person," he said. "By modeling safe behavior, you can ensure that passion lives on in youngsters and new snowmobile riders."

**Lawrence offers the following tips to ensure a safe ride:**

- Stay on marked trails. The state's snowmobile clubs

work hard to keep trails in good riding condition. Riders who stay on groomed trails are less likely to strike an obstacle or trespass onto private property. In parts of the state, wet conditions where trails go through low areas or across lakes mean trails aren't yet groomed. Riders should plan ahead and check trail conditions before heading out.

• Leave the booze at home. Drinking and riding is one of two main factors in crashes, and plays a role in about 60 percent of those that are fatal.

• Watch the speed. Going too fast is the other main factor in crashes. Many serious and fatal crashes occur when

a speeding snowmobiler loses control or strikes an object.

• Be careful on the ice. During the past two winters, every through-the-ice fatality but one has involved people who were riding a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle when they fell through. There must be at least 5 to 7 inches of new, clear ice to support the weight of a snowmobile and rider.

• Take a snowmobile safety course. It's required of anyone born after 1976 and recommended for everyone. People with snowmobile safety certification are less likely to be involved in serious or fatal crashes.

Conservation officers from the Department of Natural Resources are reminding all snowmobile riders to

make safety their priority as the number of fatal crashes around the state has trended upward the past few years.

# Wild deer protected with temporary ban on movement of farmed deer

Agency takes emergency action in response to discovery of chronic wasting disease in farmed deer in Douglas County

The Department of Natural Resources today issued an emergency rule that temporarily prohibits the movement of all farmed white-tailed deer within the state.

The rule, which goes into effect today, is a temporary, emergency action to reduce further spread of chronic wasting disease and protect Minnesota's wild deer. The action is in response to the recent discovery of CWD in

a farmed white-tailed deer in Douglas County in western Minnesota. The emergency rule is in effect for 30 days.

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health earlier this month confirmed an 8-year-old white-tailed doe tested positive for the fatal deer disease in a small, two-deer hobbyist herd.

The new discovery in Douglas County has connections to other Minnesota deer farms and the state needs time to investigate locations that either provided deer to, or received deer from, the hobby farm.

"We don't take this action lightly," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "The DNR is committed to proactively addressing CWD and doing everything we can do to protect Minnesota's deer herd. The Douglas County positive, with its connections to other farms in the state, poses a risk to wild deer that requires emergency action."

The temporary prohibition on all movement of farmed white-tailed deer in Minnesota would help control and contain the current spread of CWD, while allowing the state time to evaluate the

outbreak, generate potential solutions to containing and eliminating the disease, and protect the wild deer herd. The DNR is working closely with BAH on investigating the Douglas County discovery and tracing the farm's connections to other locations in the state.

The DNR is already monitoring for CWD in disease management zones in southeastern and north-central Minnesota where the disease has been detected in both captive and wild deer, as well as in a CWD surveillance area in central Minnesota

where it has been found in captive deer.

Prions, the infectious agent causing the disease, are found in urine, saliva, blood, feces, muscle and antler velvet of infected deer. Disease transmission can occur via direct animal-to-animal contact.

Since CWD was first detected in Minnesota in 2002, the DNR has tested more than 90,000 wild deer in the state. To date, 73 wild deer have been confirmed positive for CWD in Minnesota. Test results, including locations of confirmed positive test results and statistics, are available on

the DNR website at [mndnr.gov/cwdcheck](http://mndnr.gov/cwdcheck).



Sarah Strommen, DNR commissioner

# Green Card Voices exhibit

Community members are invited to visit the Green Card Voices of Central Minnesota Exhibit at Central Lakes College. The exhibit, hosted by the CLC Diversity Committee, will be on display at the Brainerd campus from Jan. 6 - 24 and on the Staples campus from Jan. 7 - Feb. 3. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular building hours.

The exhibit features eight first-generation immigrant and refugee stories from 12 different countries. Each incredible and unique story is told through full color banners displaying biographies, a personal quote and a QR code that viewers can scan with a smart device and watch a first-person video story.

The stories that make up

this exhibit are central Minnesota stories, told by community members who live, work, and serve in central Minnesota.

This exhibit honors International Migrant Day, which took place on December 18, 2019.

For more information please contact Rosy Hjermstad at 218-855-8109 or [rosy.hjermstad@clcmn.edu](mailto:rosy.hjermstad@clcmn.edu).

# Cantus to perform in Brainerd

*Cantus One Giant Leap* Lands in Brainerd January 17

Acclaimed as "the premier men's vocal ensemble in the United States" (Fanfare), *Cantus* will perform *One Giant Leap* in the Chalberg Theatre on Friday, Jan. 17. As part of the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center's Cultural Arts Series, the 7:30 p.m. concert features a group the *New Yorker* called 'engaging,'

and the Philadelphia Inquirer dubbed 'nothing short of exquisite.'

*Cantus* is widely known for its trademark warmth and blend, innovative programming and riveting performances of music ranging from the Renaissance to the 21st century. The Washington Post has hailed the *Cantus* sound as having both "exalting finesse" and "expressive power" and

refers to the "spontaneous grace" of its music making.

As one of the nation's few full-time vocal ensembles, *Cantus* has grown in prominence with its distinctive approach to creating music. Working without a conductor, the members of *Cantus* rehearse and perform as chamber musicians, each contributing to the entirety of the artistic process.

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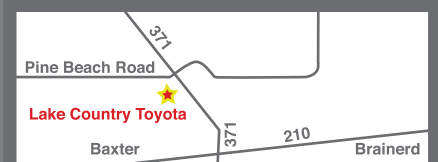
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