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Essentia Health to open doors May 2023 in Deerwood

By ANN SCHWARTZ

You may have noticed the demolition and removal of the old Thoroughbred Carpets building in Deerwood.

In its place, Essentia Health is building a new, \$5 million, 6,500 square-foot clinic plus a 700 square-foot pharmacy that should be complete by next spring.

"We will have a pharmacy with a retail store, a drive-through pharmacy window; general surgery, rehabilitation, family practice, orthopedics, cardiology, a lab and imaging," explained Sandy Zutz-Wiczek, vice president for Essentia ambulatory services in the Brainerd Lakes Area.

"We know that community members are more likely to get care when it is close to home," Zutz-Wiczek observed. "Our current patients can continue getting their care there. And local families may find it convenient to get their pharmacy needs, flu shots, boosters, or other care at the clinic."

The 700-foot pharmacy will feature a drive-through window. Patients can consult



An artist's rendering of the new \$5 million, 6,500-square-foot clinic and 700-square-foot pharmacy, which is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2023.

with a pharmacist, get their prescriptions filled, buy their over-the-counter supplies, and, if it is cold or wet outside, never have to leave their vehicle.

The specialists will be part of the existing Essentia staff, but a local clinic manager as well as family practice providers will be recruited for Deerwood. "For the manager, we will have someone on staff locally. We look to professionals who have worked as a nurse in a clinic setting and understand joint commissions, patient care, workflow, quality and what providers need for support. We are patient-centered in everything we do."

Zutz-Wiczek noted that patients who need 6-8 rehab sessions will love having that option close by. "It will be much better than driving 40 miles to get to numerous rehab sessions."

patient-centered, upgrading everything from the workflow to the colors, doorways, size of rooms, aesthetics... We want whatever we build to fit in with the character of the community."

All of Essentia's satellite clinics are similar, but each new one they build is refined to make it flow better for staff and patients.

"We work with an architect and tweak our previous plans based on feedback from our patients, providers, nursing – the whole staff team. We try to improve each new clinic to make it more

Because the Minnesota Department of Transportation may be putting a round-about in front of the clinic in the future, the new clinic parking, entrance and drive-up will be accessed from the back side.

Rice Lake Construction is the general contractor – with its headquarters right down the road from the clinic. "We were able to hire a local con-

tractor."

In the Brainerd Lakes Area, St. Joseph's Hospital is the center. Clinics, in order by size, are the Brainerd Medical Clinic, Baxter Medical Clinic and Urgent Care, Brainerd Northern Orthopedic Clinic and rural satellite clinics in Pine River, Crosslake, Pequot Lakes, Pillager, Pierz, Hackensack and Emily. Essentia Health is headquartered in Duluth, with a huge new downtown hospital set to open in the fall of 2023.

Essentia recently held a groundbreaking in Deerwood, and will open their doors to Essentia Health – Deerwood Clinic and Pharmacy, in May 2023.



Essentia Health broke ground September 7 on a new clinic and pharmacy located at the intersection of Minnesota Highways 210 and 6, at the site of the former Thoroughbred Carpets.

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Gallery's annual open house includes arts activities and bird release

Ripple River Gallery's 22nd annual fall open house, set for Saturday, Sept. 24, celebrates the season with a colorful combination of art, fun and fall color. Create an owl from natural materials or try your hand at weaving, take a walk in the woods and learn about

natural dying, enjoy refreshments—all while supporting Wild and Free Wildlife Rehabilitation Program in Garrison.

Along with original work by more than 60 outstanding regional artisans, "Wood and Weaving," work by Bob Carls and Amy Sharpe, will

be featured in the gallery. Carls will give demonstrations of his work on the lathe and Sharpe will offer an opportunity to try weaving on small card "looms."

At noon join Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Elizabeth Carls for a leisurely guided walk in the woods. Participants will learn to identify several species of native trees and plants, and perhaps spot some birds along the way. Closed-toe shoes and long pants are advised. Throughout the day Carls will also demonstrate dying with native plants. A dye pot will be brewing throughout the day and examples of dyed fibers will be on display.

Feeling creative? Fellow artists will be on hand throughout the day to help you create an owl with pine cones, acorns and other natural materials.

Volunteers with Wild and Free Wildlife Rehabilitation Program in Garrison, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about wildlife and habitat will be on hand to talk about the program. Veterinarian Dr. Debbie Eskedahl heads the volunteer-based program, which provides food, shelter, medical and surgical



With a crowd watching, veterinarian Dr. Katie Baratto describes this barred owl ready for release at Ripple River Gallery's annual open house. The event is a benefit for Wild and Free Animal Rehabilitation Program.

care to orphaned or injured wildlife under permits from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Donations for Wild and Free will be accepted. Wild and Free functions completely on charitable donations, fundraising and the generosity of its members.

A highlight of the afternoon is the release of recovered birds that are ready

to fly. Over more than a decade, Wild and Free has released owls and several species of hawks at Ripple River Gallery's annual event. Enter your name for the drawing to see who gets to do the actual release, which takes place around 1 p.m. "With leather gloves, it's one-two-three, up, up and away! It's a thrill!"

Take time to celebrate the season, feed your creative spirit and travel the back

roads of the lakes country. For a fall destination, consider Ripple River Gallery, five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue. For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail: ripple-rivergallery@gmail.com.

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Make a plan for archery season

Minnesota's archery deer season opens today, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is encouraging hunters to make a plan for their season by considering safety, hunting regulations, chronic wasting disease and steps they need to take to process

their deer. Hunters can use the DNR's make a plan for deer season webpage (mndnr.gov/DeerHunt) to find comprehensive hunting and chronic wasting disease information they should review before going afield. **Archery Hunting Webinar** Anyone can register for

an outdoor skills webinar on preparing for archery hunting at noon Wednesday, Sept. 21, on the outdoor skills and stewardship page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/Discover).

Grouse and Woodcock Ruffed grouse and spruce grouse hunting season begins today and lasts through Jan. 1, 2023. Woodcock season is from Saturday, Sept. 24, through Monday, Nov. 7. Hunters can find a variety of grouse and woodcock hunting information, including where and when to hunt, regulations, and safety and educational resources for those who want to learn to hunt these forest birds, at the Minnesota DNR's grouse hunting webpage (mndnr.gov/Hunting/Grouse).

The hunting season in the northwest sharp-tailed grouse zone opens today and lasts through Wednesday, Nov. 30.

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OBITUARIES

JEFFREY PIKULA



Jeffrey Brian Pikula, 67, of Baxter, passed away surrounded by love and family on Friday, September 2, 2022. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, September 16 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Catholic Church in Brainerd with a visitation one hour prior and a luncheon followed. Jeff was born November 30, 1954, in Brainerd, the son of Frank and Viola (Christiansen) Pikula.

He married Dawn Marie Nelson on May 18, 1974, his high school sweetheart. The couple was blessed with three children, seven grandchildren as well as being the "rock" for many other children in their life. He will also be remembered by fathers, brothers, sisters, and many nephews and nieces. Jeff was in the construction business for 53 years, and had a passion for hunting, fishing, cooking, baking, and John Wayne. He had a personality that was larger than life, leaving his family with an endless number of stories.

ALBERT DEBLER



Albert V. Debler, 92, passed away on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at Edgewood Vista in Brainerd. A funeral service was held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 with the interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Brainerd.

He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and was the oldest member of the Brainerd Eagle's Club, serving for 61 years. His hobbies included playing cards and wood working. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Maxine; daughter, Kelly (Rick) Dean; two step-daughters, Gloria (Gary) Hanson and Susan (Tom) Breuer; four step-sons, Jerry (Diana) Allord, Kenneth (Sharon) Allord, Ronald (Peggy) Allord and Robert (Lisa) Allord; 14 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters.

He was born to Carl and Alga (Loom) Debler on February 14, 1930, in Brainerd. Albert married Maxine Smude on September 14, 1963. He spent his 45-year career working for the BNSF Railroad.

JOAN KIELEY



Joan Y. Kieley, 85, died peacefully on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at Edgewood Vista in Brainerd with family by her side. Prayers and support have eased the difficult journey in Joan's final years with Dementia.

She graduated from Grafton High School in Grafton, ND. In May of 1958, she earned her teaching degree from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. Joan taught Home Economics in Hibbing to begin her career. On June 11, 1960, Joan married William "Bill" Nelson Cossette. Joan grew up a North Dakota girl and it never left her heart! Bill and Joan had eight children. She and Bill resided in Roseville for many years before they purchased The Escape Resort near Ely. The resort is now a YMCA family camp. Joan also spent several years living in Woodbury, MN, Lakota, ND, Wasilla, AK, then returned to Grand Forks, ND before moving to Brainerd in 2017.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Friday, September 16, 2022 at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m. and rosary at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Brainerd. A luncheon will follow in the social hall. At a later date, she will be laid to rest in Grafton, ND. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in memoriam be made to Edgewood Vista for Staff Support, Seminarian Fund in the Diocese of Fargo, or Brainerd Lakes Catholic Church Youth Faith Formation via St. Andrews Catholic Church.

Joan was born the eldest child of Clyde Kieley, ND State Senator, and Agnes (Brusseau) Kieley on December 23, 1936 in Grafton, ND. Joan

is survived by her children: Tony (Julie) Cossette, Brainerd; David "Clyde" (Susan) Cossette, Sagle, ID; Ken "Duker" Cossette, Wasilla, AK; Mary Kaye (Kevin) Schneibel, Manvel, ND; Paul "Goob" (Natalie) Cossette, Bottineau, ND; Meg (Jayson) McGuire, Woodbury; and sister, Kaye, married to Jim McFarland. Joan is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill and sons, Mark and Tom.

ALFRED BOWERS



Alfred (Al) Bowers, 93, Brainerd, died Tuesday, September 6, surrounded by family at his home.

RV on adventures across the country. They attended their grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's football games, school programs, and graduations. Al was an avid Vikings fan, recording every game, but keeping only the games they won to watch again in the offseason. Their home was central to family gatherings, especially Thanksgiving. Four generations all under one roof resulted in a full house.

Memorial service for Al was held on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Interment was at the MN State Veterans Cemetery.

Al was born in Zwingle, IA to Alfred and Clara (Sprague) Bowers. He served in the US Navy (1946-1950), including a World Peace Cruise, stopping in 38 countries, and traveled through the Panama Canal. Al married Miriam Easton on February 17, 1951. Al retired from BN Railroad as a welder, and Miriam retired from the Brainerd School District as a cook. They took advantage of that retirement by taking their

Al is survived by his children: Deb (Steve) Borg, Rod (Linda) Bowers, Randy (Vicky) Bowers, and Scott (Janet) Bowers; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, and one schnauzer, Smokey. He was preceded in death by his wife, Miriam in September of 2016; brothers: Francis, Howard, and Vincent; parents and three great-grandchildren.

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Cascade Church Harvest Supper

The Rutabagas are back! Members of Cascade United Methodist Church are busy preparing for their annual Harvest Supper on Saturday, September 17 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Menu includes meat balls/gravy, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, seasonal vegetables and dessert. A free will offering will be accepted. The church is located on Hwy 6/210, north of Deerwood.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

September

- 17th - Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale in Outing, 9:30am-12:30pm. The luncheon includes sloppy joe sandwich, chips, pickle, slice of pie and a beverage for \$9. Hand-made craft items, quilted, knit and crocheted pieces, greeting cards and more. The church is located on the hill at 525 State Hwy. 6 NE, in Outing
- 17th - Car Show from 11am-1pm at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby. No registration fee. Free mini burger basket, root beer and cupcakes will be served. Call Sarah at 218-545-8531 for more info.
- 17th - Cascade United Methodist Church of Deerwood Annual Harvest Supper 4:30-6:30pm at the church located on Hwy 6/210. The menu includes meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, seasonal vegetables and dessert. All are welcome to attend this fall celebration of the harvest and a free will offering will be accepted for the meal. Proceeds benefit local missions.
- 22nd - Logtoberfest in Emily with crafters, vendors, beer garden, bonfires, music and more at the Log Cabin Bar in Emily. Call 218-763-2591 for a vendor space or more information.
- 22nd - Outing Area Chamber of Commerce Biggest Meat Raffle In The World at the Log Cabin in Emily.
- 22nd - The Crow Wing County Genealogical Society Meeting, 6-8pm, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd. Open to the public, the meeting is for research and as a social gathering. Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome to attend. Any questions call 218-828-0365.
- 24th - National Public Lands Day (NPLD) Fee-Free-Day at the Nortland Arb when entrance fees are waived at national parks and other public lands, 9am - noon. Sign up to volunteer by calling 218-829-8770.
- 24th - Ripple River Gallery annual Fall Open House Be inspired with original work by more than 60 outstanding regional artisans and create an owl from natural materials or try your hand at weaving, take a walk in the woods and learn about natural dying, enjoy refreshments—all while supporting Wild and Free Wildlife Rehabilitation Program in Garrison.

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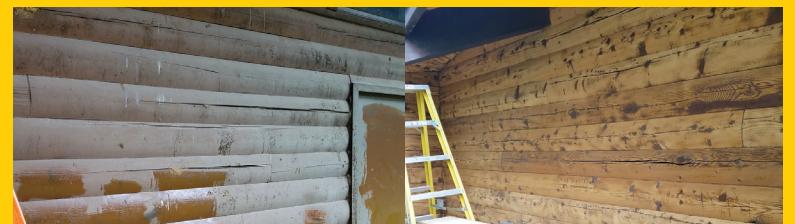
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