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## Bridges of Hope receives \$4,800 from Open Your Heart

At a time when individuals and households throughout Minnesota are experiencing hardships in numbers never seen before, Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless (OYH) Foundation is working hard to ensure their funding reaches those in need in every corner of the state.

In their most recent winter funding cycle, Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless granted Bridges of Hope with \$4,800 to help increase their warming shelter capacity.

Bridges of Hope serves children and families in Crow Wing County and the surrounding communities. Over the past 20 years, they have built a strong community support system that provides Resource Connections Services to neighbors in the Brainerd Lakes Area. Funding from Open Your Heart will provide Bridges of Hope with 10 new mattresses and 14 bed frames. Bridges of Hope's warming shelter currently has 10 full beds (mattress and frame) and 10 cushioned mats for guests experiencing homelessness to sleep on. On average, the shelter hosts nine

guests per night but has seen a high of 19 since opening in mid-September. 10 additional beds will ensure a total of 20 guests have a place to sleep, and when the need is great, there are sleeping mats provided to ensure we are not turning guests away.

### How you can help

In addition to monetary donations the following items are needed for the Bridges of Hope overnight shelter: coffee cups (26 packs of 50), two big boxes of sugar packets, six large boxes of creamer, ear plugs (4 packs of 50), 2 boxes plastic spoons/forks, 6 bottles of floor cleaner for mopping, 50 boxes of individually wrapped snacks like fruit snacks, granola bars, soft Nutri-grain bars and trail mix, 30 adult-sized new or gently used snow pants, 30 adult-sized new or gently used winter boots, 30 adult-sized new or gently used thick



winter gloves (no small/thin pairs as they have plenty), 30 adult-sized new or gently used sweatpants, 30 adult-sized new or gently used sweatshirts, 100 hand/feet warmers, 30 packs of toilet paper rolls and 100 rolls of paper towels.

All donations will be accepted at the shelter located at 1926 South 7th St, Brainerd. Donation drop off is each week on Wednesday from

1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. If this time doesn't work please call 218-892-2400 to set up a time that works for you. Since 1986, the Open Your Heart Foundation has ensured that emergency shelters, food shelves and domestic violence shelters throughout Minnesota have the tools, equipment and infrastructure necessary to best serve those in need.

Open Your Heart awards funds every three months and provides emergency support within days during a crisis. They support programs in communities where many

traditional funders do not reach – food shelves, domestic violence shelters, and homeless programs in small communities and sparsely served remote corners of the state. Through this direct support, Open Your Heart helps these organizations provide safe and dignified environments for people across Minnesota.

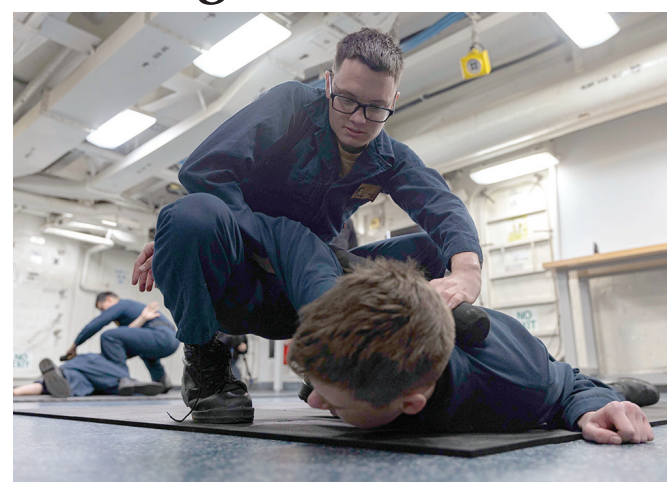
For more information about Open Your Heart, grantees or the grant application process visit [www.o yh.org](http://www.o yh.org). To learn more about Bridges of Hope, visit <https://www.bridgesof-hopemn.org/>.

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## Vaske part of security department training exercise in Pacific



On December 8, Machinist's Mate Fireman Samuel Weaver, top, from Leesburg, GA, practices a mechanical advantage control hold (MACH) takedown with Aviation Support Equipment Technician Jenz Vaske, from Breezy Point aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Abraham Lincoln is underway conducting routine operations in U.S. 3rd Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Clayton A. Wren)

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# Tara Snyder excited to start as new Aitkin County recorder



By ANN SCHWARTZ

Husband Steve Snyder, who works as the maintenance head for the Aitkin School District, tried for years to get wife Tara to move Up North from the Twin Cities. In 2014, they finally took the plunge and moved.

"It's a whole different world, it's great, the small community was so beneficial. The schooling, the small class sizes, were great for our family," Tara said in a recent interview.

The couple has three chil-

dren, Gabby 28, with granddaughter Aliciana, 3; Cody 22 and Sophie, 19.

Tara Snyder, 47, was elected the new Aitkin County Recorder in 2022. She will take office in 2023.

Snyder was most recently the chief deputy recorder. She started at the recorder's office in 2017. She trained for three years under Roxy Hoppe, then the chief deputy. Snyder became chief deputy in 2020.

**Why did she run for office?**  
 "I've been doing it for quite some time. For the past couple years the current recorder (Mick Moriarty) was absent quite a bit. It gave me experience to learn the different role—I learned a lot about the various tasks of the recorder's job. We weren't sure what the current recorder was going to do so I decided to throw my hat in the ring."

Her number one priority for her first term is to get all the documents online. She is not yet certain if it will be struc-

ured as a prescription service for professionals but it will be free to taxpayers.

The deed from selling homes is the most common item recorded. They also record many other documents, disburse birth and death certificates and military records. They also keep track of notary credentials.

"We get challenges every day. For instance, a transfer on death deed, which not everyone knows about, is very important. It is only a legal document once it is recorded. You can't just sign it and stick it in a safe. It only becomes

valid once it is recorded. Wills do not get recorded until after a death."

It is imperative to ensure that you record your important documents. Once recorded, there are no worries if you lose a copy of, say, your mortgage, because the recorder's office keeps it safe.

Her philosophy at work is to collaborate. "Everyone works together really well and we all have a piece of the puzzle."

The recorder's office has three workers and there are two floating employees shared among the recorder, assessor,

auditor and treasurer. Besides Hoppe, Sally Huhta retired from the auditor's office recently and Julie Hughes from the treasurer's office. These long-time employees had a wealth of knowledge.

"I spent all summer volunteering for the people I wanted to vote for me. I worked with the Aitkin Flyers and McGregor Lions and VFW. I found out that Aitkin County has so much to offer. It really opened my eyes."

"I also like to be outdoors and want to explore the trails and waterways. I am also joining the Aitkin Lions because

I enjoy volunteering in my spare time."

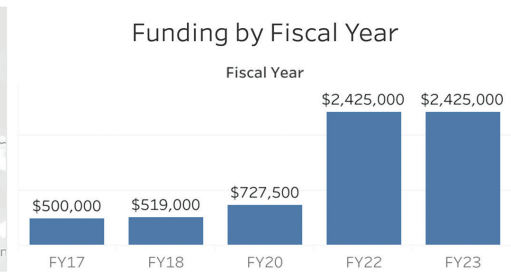
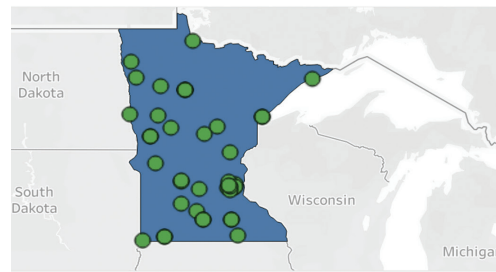
Snyder has worked in real estate, as an executive assistant and in the recorder's office.

Her education includes business management from the University of St. Thomas, a real estate license and training in the real estate and recording fields.

If you find yourself on the first floor of the new Aitkin County government center, introduce yourself to Snyder and you might want to welcome her to her new and important role.

## Funding for affordable child care across state

### Child Care Economic Development Grants - Project Map



The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is awarding nearly \$2.5 million to 17 child care organizations representing communities throughout Minnesota. This latest round of grant funding will help increase the supply of quality child care providers to support regional economic development.

"In every community across the state, we hear from families and small businesses that increasing access to affordable child care is the best way to support our workforce, grow our economy, and foster economic prosperity," said Governor Tim Walz. "These grants reach commu-

nities across our state to help increase child care access and ensure families and our youngest Minnesotans receive the care and early education they deserve."

"We continue to hear that a lack of quality child care is one of the major hurdles preventing the growth of our workforce," said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. "This grant program has a direct effect on creating more child care slots for parents across Minnesota. That's why the Governor's Council on Economic Expansion recommended increasing this funding as a key strategy in growing our state's economy and workforce."

The community organizations receiving the grants will use a variety of approaches ranging from partnering with local employers to build new child care facilities, to training and assistance with licensing. These projects will help grow the supply of affordable, quality childcare in Minnesota.

Program funds will be used for child care business start-ups or expansions, training,

facility modifications, direct subsidies or incentives to retain employees, or improvements required for licensing, and assistance with licensing and other regulatory requirements. Priority was given to communities with a documented shortage of child care providers in their proposed project area. The definition of documented shortages may include disparities in access to affordable, quality child care among targeted groups including but not limited to rural communities, low-income communities, Black, Indigenous and people of color individuals, persons with disabilities, veterans, and women.

The following organizations received Child Care Economic Development Grants during this latest round of funding:

- Aitkin County, Aitkin, \$100,000
- Chinese American Chamber of Commerce, Bloomington, \$200,000
- City of Hills, Hills, \$120,000
- Cook County and Grand Marais EDA, Grand Marais,

- \$180,000
  - Duluth Area Family YMCA, Duluth, \$150,000
  - Faith Community Development Initiative Inc, Brooklyn Park, \$75,000
  - Greater Bemidji, Inc, Bemidji, \$200,000
  - Jasmin Child Care and Pre-school, Moorhead, \$120,000
  - Kandiyohi County and City of Willmar, Willmar, \$200,000
  - Morning Glory Montessori, Minneapolis, \$120,000
  - Nobles County Community Service Agency, Worthington, \$150,000
  - Northland Foundation, Duluth, \$250,000
  - Northwest Minnesota Foundation, Bemidji, \$50,000
  - Otter Tail County, Fergus Falls, \$160,000
  - Somali Community Resettlement Services, Minneapolis, \$50,000
  - Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, Owatonna, \$200,000
  - Wildflower Foundation, Minneapolis, \$100,000
- Since 2017, DEED has awarded more than \$4 million to Minnesota organizations focused on increasing access to affordable, quality child care across Minnesota. In total, the funding is expected to create 9431 new child care slots across the state. Find out more and view the funding map in more detail go to <https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/deed-programs/child-care/>.

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- Demolition materials may be disposed in the demolition landfill for a fee
- Large appliances, electronics, tires with or without rims, and scrap metals can be disposed at the site for a nominal fee for recycling.

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# Holiday Worship Schedule

## CHRISTMAS EVE - SATURDAY, DEC. 24

**Aitkin**  
Mass, St. James Catholic Church, 299 Red Oak Drive ..... 5:00 p.m.

**Brainerd**  
Mass, All Saints Catholic Church, 16898 Carlson Lake Rd. .... 4:00 p.m.  
Mass, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1108 Willow Street..... 4:00 p.m.  
Mass, St. Francis Catholic Church 404 N 9th St ..... 4:00 p.m. & Midnight  
Candlelight Service, Good Shepherd Free Lutheran, 5878 Pine Beach Rd ..... 4:00 p.m.

**Crosby**  
Service, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 SW 4th St ..... 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.  
Mass, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 617 Poplar St ..... 4:00 p.m.

**Crosslake**  
Mass, Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, 35208 County Road 37 ..... 4:00 p.m.

**Deerwood**  
Candle Light Services, Salem Lutheran Church, 21276 Archibald Road ... 3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

**Fort Ripley**  
Mass, St. Mathias Catholic Church, 4529 Co. Rd. 121 SW ..... 8:30 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS - SUNDAY, DEC. 25

**Aitkin**  
Mass, St. James Catholic Church, 299 Red Oak Drive ..... 10:30 a.m.

**Brainerd**  
Mass, St. Francis Catholic Church, 404 N 9th St ..... 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Mass, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1108 Willow Street..... 10:00 a.m.  
Mass, All Saints Catholic Church, 16898 Carlson Lake Rd ..... 10:30 a.m.

**Crosby**  
Service, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 SW 4th St..... 9:00 a.m. with fellowship at 10:00 a.m.  
Mass, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 617 Poplar St..... 10:30 a.m.

**Crosslake**  
Mass, Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, 35208 County Road 37 ..... Midnight & 8:30 a.m.

**Deerwood**  
Services, Salem Lutheran Church, 21276 Archibald Road ..... 9:00 a.m.

**Emily**  
Mass, St. Emily's Catholic Church, 39922 Lake Street ..... 10:30 a.m.

**Garrison**  
Mass, Our Lady of Fatima, 27332 Central St. .... 8:30 a.m.

**McGrath**  
Mass, Our Lady of Fatima, 102 S Hwy. 65..... 10:00 a.m.

**McGregor**  
Mass, Holy Family Catholic Church, 2 S Maddy Street ..... 8:00 a.m.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE - SATURDAY, DEC. 31

**Brainerd**  
Mass, All Saints Catholic Church, 16898 Carlson Lake Rd ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Mass, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1108 Willow Street..... 4:30 p.m.  
Mass, St. Francis Catholic Church, 404 N 9th St ..... 5:00 p.m.

**Garrison**  
Mass, Our Lady of Fatima, 27332 Central St. .... 4:00 p.m.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY - SUNDAY, JAN. 1

**Brainerd**  
Mass, St. Francis Catholic Church, 404 N 9th St ..... 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.  
Mass, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1108 Willow Street..... 10:00 a.m.  
Mass, All Saints Catholic Church, 16898 Carlson Lake Rd ..... 10:30 a.m.

**Crosby**  
Mass, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 617 Poplar St..... 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Fort Ripley**  
Mass, St. Mathias Catholic Church, 4529 Co. Rd. 121 SW ..... 8:00 a.m.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

- December**
- 17th - Cuyuna Fire Department Christmas Open House 1-4 pm at the Cuyuna Fire Hall. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit from 1-3 pm. Lunch will be served and there will be door prizes, treats and photo opportunities.
  - 18th - Breakfast at the VFW, 8am-Noon, Located just two blocks south of Brainerd's famous concrete water tower, 309 South Sixth Street, Brainerd. The cost is only \$9 per person.
  - 19th - Free frozen meals for Crow Wing County seniors age 60 and older distributed 11am- noon in the Deerwood Auditorium parking lot located at 23770 Forest Road, by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud's Senior Dining program. Seniors will receive pre-packaged bags of 10 frozen meals. Each senior may receive up to 30 meals in a month There is no fee for the meals, however, contributions are accepted. For more information, contact CFMC Social Worker Kari Lee Pietz at 218-545-5361.
  - 31st - Fireworks over Lawrence Lake in Outing at 6 pm. Hosted by the Outing Area Chamber of Commerce.
- January**
- 14th - GreatWorks Theatre Company performs "Mythomania!" at the Chalberg Theatre. A fast-paced, raucous comedy that presents the greatest hits of Greek Mythology in under an hour! Fun for the whole family! Doors at 1:30pm and 6:30pm, with shows at 2pm and 7pm, respectively. Tickets between \$5-\$15. Family package of 4 tickets available for \$35.
  - 15th - Breakfast at the VFW, 8am-Noon, Located just two blocks south of Brainerd's famous concrete water tower, 309 South Sixth Street, Brainerd. The cost is only \$9 per person.
  - 20th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Annual Dinner. Call 218-546-8131 for more information.
  - 23rd - "OboeBass!" performs at the Dryden Theatre. This internationally known, multi-faceted instrumental duo creates a sense of wonder for their audiences with original works and re-imaginings of classic standards. Doors open at 6:30pm. Show at 7pm. Free ticket reservations open on December 23.
  - 24th - 26 & 31 - 2nd - Brainerd Community Theatre presents "9 to 5 The Musical" at the Chalberg Theatre. Doors open at 6:30pm. Show at 7 pm. Tickets between \$10 - \$17.

# OBITUARIES

## FRANK BALL



Frank Russell Ball, 73, died on Friday, December 9, 2022 at home in the arms of his devoted wife with family at his side following a courageous battle with glioblastoma. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 16, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mathias Catholic Church. Interment was in St. Mathias Parish Cemetery.

Frank was born on June 16, 1949, in Minneapolis to Alice (Chapman) and James Ball. He graduated from Brainerd High School and proudly served in the United States Air Force. He received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement from Bemidji State University and his degree of Master of Management and Administration from Metropolitan State University. Frank had an impressive professional life and career. He served as a police officer in Nisswa, was the Sergeant Investigator for Crow Wing County, Crow Wing County Sheriff, Director of the NET 6 Drug Taskforce, and Chief of Police for the City of Brainerd. Frank then went on to serve as the Director of the Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and served for 15 months as the Contingent Commander of the Afghan-

istan National Police Training Program. When he returned from Afghanistan, Frank worked for Barrett Ag Service before accepting a position as the Executive Director of the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association as a registered lobbyist with the Minnesota State Legislature. In his retirement, Frank embraced living in the country within the St. Mathias Township where he found peace in what he considered 'the good life'. Frank cherished his time in his country home that reflects his creativity, his talent in repurposing old finds and his love of art. Frank was a talented, self-taught craftsman who thoroughly welcomed an opportunity to share his projects with family and friends. Frank could often be found working in his beautiful flower and vegetable gardens so that he could generously share the bounty with others.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne Vukelich; children, Jody (Donny) Andres, Tony (Rhonda Hyatt) Ball, and Danielle' (David) Kavanaugh; his grandchildren, Jeff Grimsley, Bailey (Andres) Mills, Kylie Andres and Jack Andres, Coleton Ball, Isabella, Lily, and Grace Kavanaugh; sisters, Barbara (Lance) Jensen, Elaine Phlager; and brother, Jim (Lesli) Ball; several nieces, nephews and many loving friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Alice and Jim; a grandson, Brody Patrick Kavanaugh, and Godson; Frank Handeland.

## VERA KEEP



Vera Alberta (Hochstatter) Keep, 99, passed peacefully in her sleep on Monday, December 5, 2022. Services were held on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at Union Congregational Church, Hackensack. Private family burial was held at Bethlehem Cemetery, McKinley Township.

She was born October 19, 1923, to Ethel (Stephens) and William Hochstatter in Estherville, Iowa. The family moved to the Hackensack area in 1935 and shortly after, moved to Park Rapids. Vera met the love of her life, Gerald "Mel" Keep of Hackensack, and they married on March 4, 1941. They lived their entire married life in the Hackensack area, raising two daughters, Peggy and Patsy. Vera was an excellent seamstress, quilter and gardener, always eager to share her abundant garden produce with friends and neighbors. She worked for many years

in the spring at Badoura Tree Nursery where she became friends with many co-workers. In November of 2019, she moved to the Bethany Assisted Living apartments in Brainerd, where she met many new friends and enjoyed games, Bingo and other activities they provided.

Vera is survived by her daughter, Pat (Jim) Puetz of Brainerd; brother, Melvin Hochstatter of Park Rapids; three grandchildren: Jodi (Victor) Brammann of Pennsylvania, Kyle (Lena) Richards of Pine River, Amy (Jim) Kalthoff of Brainerd; eight great-grandchildren; six great-great-granddaughters; numerous nieces and nephews; and special neighbor and friend, Sue Peterson of Hackensack.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Melvin Keep (2012); daughter, Peggy Richards (2004); granddaughter, Krista Richards (1975); siblings: Mildred Freed, Eugene Hochstatter, Lucille Bradshaw and Florine "Flossy" Kimball.

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LOOK WHOSE **baby** JUST ARRIVED

## TATE ULSETH

Tate Ulseth, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 3 ozs., was born December 9, 2022, in Aitkin, to Karlee and Tyler Ulseth of Aitkin. Grandparents are Mike and Audri Erickson, Isle and Randy and Jackie Ulseth, Aitkin.

## AALIYAH NORTINGTON

Aaliyah Grace Northington a girl, was born December 3, 2022, in Aitkin, to Jennifer and Lester Northington, III of Aitkin. Grandparents are Barry and Michele Borst, McGregor and Cynthia Williams, Warrenton, MO.

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# LEGAL NOTICE

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## FILING NOTICE BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed by appointment at the home of Clerk, Carol Pundt. Call 1-218-678-3256 for an appointment. Filing dates: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 through 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2023 for the offices of:

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The Bay Lake Town Hall will also be open for filing from 1-5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023:

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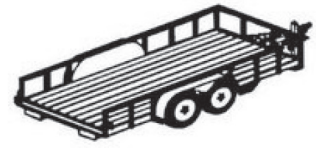
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