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## Three arrested for motor vehicle theft and burglary

Two males and a female were arrested and charged with the theft of two motor vehicles and burglary for stealing two vehicles from Farm Island Township.

Jefferey Lynn Bourcy, 37, of Brook Park; Edward Glan Garman, 48, of Nashauk; and Rebecca Lee Warmbo, 41, of Brook Park were all arrested Wednesday afternoon, June

15, 2016 after a homeowner reported that someone and broken into his garage and taken his Harley Davidson motorcycle. A motorcycle, Pontiac Trans Am and U-Haul truck were reportedly seen in the area.

A short time later, a Minnesota State Trooper observed a Harley Davidson traveling southbound on Hwy. 169 in

excess of the posted speed limit. When they attempted to stop it, the driver, Bourcy, then fled southbound – reaching speeds of 90 mph. Bourcy then jumped off of the motorcycle and attempted to flee on foot. He was subdued after being tasered.

Officers then encountered Warmbo in a white Trans Am in a parking lot near the Hwy.

18 and 169 junction. She was arrested without incident on outstanding warrants. The Trans Am was subsequently reported stolen from another Farm Island Township resident. Located in the Trans Am were some 30.06 ammo and 42 grams of methamphetamine.

Garman was arrested in a U-Haul truck after being spotted in Garrison by a Crow Wing County Deputy. He was arrested without incident. Also assisting the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office was the Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department.

The Aitkin County Attorney's Office filed complaints against the three in Aitkin County District Court on June 17.

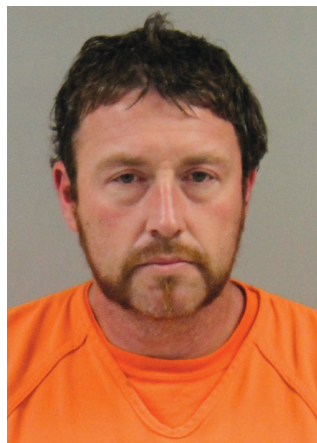
Bourcy was charged with two counts of felony theft of a motor vehicle, felony burglary – 3rd degree, felony fleeing police officer in a motor vehi-

cle and misdemeanor damage to property in the 4th degree.

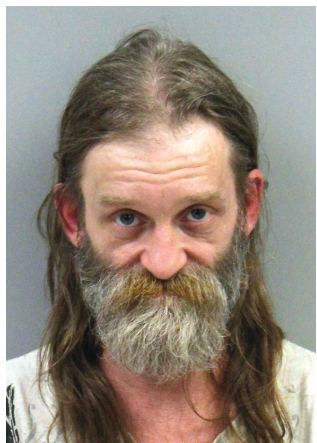
Garman was charged with two counts of felony theft of a motor vehicle, felony burglary -3rd degree, and misdemeanor criminal damage to property in the 4th degree.

Warmbo was charged with felony controlled substance crime – 1st degree, two counts of felony felon in possession of ammunition, two counts of felony theft of a motor vehicle, felony burglary – 3rd degree, felony possession of burglary tools, misdemeanor criminal damage to property-4th degree and misdemeanor tamper with a motor vehicle.

All three made appearances in Aitkin County District Court in front of the honorable Judge John R. Solien. Bourcy and Warmbo were remanded to custody. Bond/bail on Garman was set at \$5000/\$750. All three remain in the Aitkin County Jail.



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# CRMC Care Center residen Ethel Satre to celebrate 108th birthday

“There wasn’t a tree tall enough or a horse fast enough,” says 108-year-old Ethel Satre when asked her secret for living such a long life. “Not being afraid of hard work and living happily.”

Back in 1908 Theodore Roosevelt was the President of the United States, gas cost 2 cents a gallon and coffee was 15 cents a pound. The Model T Ford and vacuum cleaner were invented, it was the first time a ball was dropped at Times Square signifying the New Year and the first Mother’s Day was observed.

Nineteen hundred eight was a year of astonishing inventions and breakthroughs that propelled America into the modern age. It was also the year that Ethel Avery, who is believed to be second oldest living Minnesotan, was born. The Centenarian shares her birth year with such famous people as Rex Harrison, Louis L ‘Amour, Bette Davis, Percy Faith, James Stewart, Estee Lauder, Nelson Rockefeller, Milton Berle, Lyndon B. Johnson, and “Baby Face” Nelson.

Ethel was born in Garrison on June 28, the fourth eldest

in a family of 11 children. She spent her formative years milking cows on her father’s dairy farm and also delivering milk. A self-described tom boy, she frequently rode her pony with no saddle and would be found climbing trees.

She dated Carl Satre for a long seven years; they survived the Great Depression and eventually married in 1934. The couple settled in Brainerd where Carl worked as a blacksmith for the Northern Pacific Railroad and they raised a daughter, Phyllis, and son, Glen. Ethel was a hard working homemaker who made hearty meals for her family, cared for the children, baked, sewed, and gardened.

She also worked for some years housekeeping for the Schaeffer family and was an active member of the Brainerd Garden Club. The harvests from Ethel’s extensive

vegetable gardens not only feed her family but all of her neighbors as well. She was also very active in her church circle and led a bible study. After Carl retired, they spent many happy years together travelling across the country in a motor home.

Sadly, their son was killed in a snowmobiling accident in 1997 and at that time they moved from their long-time family residence to Woodland Senior Living. Carl passed away in 1999 and she continued to live there on her own until 2009.

When she was 100 years old, Ethel moved in with her daughter and son in law. In the spring of 2014, she became ill and relocated to Cuyuna Regional Medical Center’s Care Center. Today, Ethel sleeps and reads a lot but looks forward to her daughter’s daily visits as well as occasional trips to the Dairy Queen.

She also enjoys visits from her five grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren who live throughout the country. Ethel frequently goes back and forth with a few giving them grief while they tease each other. Her pastor also regularly visits and after he gives her communion, they enjoy provoking each other.

Her daughter says she is as easy going as can be and that in all her years; she has only heard Ethel get angry twice.

An avid reader, the alert and petite 5-foot woman recently sat in the Care Center’s Activity Center with her



hair styled and nails polished delving into the daily newspaper surrounded by her daughter and a group of friends. Although she sat in a wheelchair she does walk.

“Aren’t we lucky to have such a nice place to live, they feed us so well here,” Ethel said to the other residents.

While she officially cele-

brates her birthday on June 28, family and friends will gather on Saturday, July 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Care Center’s Activity Center to share in her milestone. They’ll serve cupcakes for her birthday party visitors; Ethel hopes to enjoy her favorite dish--creamed asparagus on toast.

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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 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!

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, 2nd Tue. of month at noon.

Bay Lake Lions Auction - Taking donations every Saturday thru July 30th from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at the Bay Lake Lions building located at 18257 State Hwy 6 for the auction on August 6. If you have larger items that need pickup please call 218-678-9090.

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

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 first Wed., 1-2 pm, Aicota Rehab Center, Aitkin & 3rd Tue., 3-4 pm, DAC, McGregor. 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 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting. Meet in member's homes. Info call Vern 320-684-2244 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Closet is open second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8 am - noon. Free clothing for men and women. Narrows Community Church, 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing (look for yellow signs). Call Pastor Stanley Mikles at 218-820-5365 for more information.

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 Cuyuna Range Community Center, lower level.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 5:30pm social, 6:00 pm dinner/meeting, at the Heartwood Senior Living. Call

218-831-5683, if you need more information or would like to join our club. Lions affordable hearings aids available to those who qualify. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.

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

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Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.

Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, every Thu., 1 pm, 210 2nd St. NW, suite A, Aitkin, 927-3748.

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.

Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

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 served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the Third 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.

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 September through May and 2nd Tuesday in June and 4th Tuesday in August at 7:30 PM above the Eye Care Center in Aitkin; dark July, January & February.

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.operationminnesotanice.com.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Interscessory prayer Wed 6-7 pm; 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.

RSVP Bone Builders Tue. & Thu from 10-11 am First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 at Black Rock Terrace. 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.

White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

**June**

25th - Amateur Radio Field Day at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds. The public can visit in the afternoon and it is free. For more information, contact Lyle Amundson, K0LFV: cell 218-330-5110 or home 218-765-3100 or e-mail k0lv@arll.net

25th - Malmo Free Church Summer Gospel Concert Sarah Mae and the Birkeland Boys - They mix original acoustic music such as bluegrass and gospel to uplift all ages at 7 pm. Come as you are and bring a lawn chair. In case of rain or excessive heat the concert will be inside the air-conditioned church. Refreshments will be available and a free will offering will be received.

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## Do Christians share blame for Orlando?

JIM DALY, PRESIDENT OF FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Have Christians created a harmful atmosphere for gays?

That's the question *The New York Times* asked me last week in the aftermath of the massacre in Orlando by self-proclaimed ISIS supporter Omar Mateen.

If you think the question is startling, you're not alone.

While Christians have mourned the loss of life in Orlando and area Christians have jumped in to provide tangible love and support for those impacted by the violence, there's been a push by some to put some of the blame on Bible-believing Christians - specifically, those of us who support God's design for marriage and who have advocated for it in the public square.

Last week *The Washington Times* reported on LGBT activists who blame Christians for the attacks. Since then, the opinion pieces keep coming in.

A few examples:

Slate accuses conservative Christian activists of spending "decades fomenting anti-gay hate in Orlando."

A senior correspondent for the CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Company) accuses Christian traditionalists (among those of other faiths) of portraying their "homophobia as a matter of religious freedom."

Saying "hate crimes don't happen in a vacuum, *The New York Times* Editorial Board blamed Christians (and Republicans) for helping to create an atmosphere that facilitated Mateen's "hatred toward gays and lesbians."

The *New York Times* also ran an article saying the biblical book of Romans "calls for the execution of gays."

As a Christian, it's hard not to be outraged by these accusations. Like I wrote last week, it's hard not to hit back.

But responding in kind will do little to demonstrate the reality of Christian teaching.

We now live in a culture where those of us who hold to a biblically orthodox view of sexuality are in the minority. As mainstream church attendance and Bible reading wanes, more people will be learning about Christianity second-hand through media pieces like the ones I've listed above.

That means that now, more than ever, we should take our mandate to witness carefully.

We must witness through our actions and deeds, of course. But we also need to witness with our words.

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" (Romans 10:14)

More than ever, Christians need to understand what the Bible says about issues like homosexuality - and how they tie into the bigger picture of sin, grace, and redemption. We need to have boldness to share this message with our friends and family, online, and with our neighbors. Not with a pushy arrogance, but with the humility of someone who was lost but now is found.

That's why when *The New York Times* asked me to respond to the startling question I shared at the start of my post, I said I would.

I wanted to unequivocally defend our right to live out and share our Christian faith - but to do so by sharing some context about what the Bible teaches.

You can read my full answer, "Restricting Free Expression Is Not the Answer to Terrorism," online in the Room for Debate section of the paper's website. I'll leave you with an excerpt:

It's a big mistake to link events of this nature with the cultural debate about same-sex marriage and L.G.B.T rights. Taking away someone's right to express his views openly is not the answer to terrorism.

To be sure, the Christian faith includes very strong views on sexual morality, but it also teaches tolerance - not violence and murder. It tells us to express our understanding of God's eternal truths by loving our neighbor, not killing him.

Christians aren't trying to control the culture by means of force. Instead, our goal is to influence it by presenting a Christ-like example to the world.

I hope you'll head over to the *Times* and read the entire piece. I also hope you'll pray for us here at Focus on the Family as we continue to engage the culture - we need the Lord's wisdom and grace to do it well.

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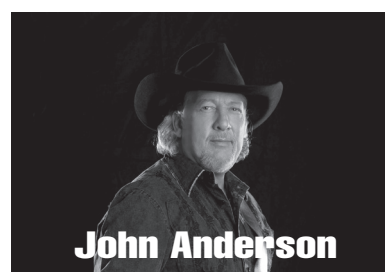
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# OBITUARIES

## ANNA MARIE BERG



Anna Marie Berg, 104, of Tamarack was called home to be with her Lord on Thursday, June 16, 2016.

Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, June 25 2016 at First Presbyterian Church in Tamarack with Reverend Rick Mann officiating. Visitation will be 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Friday at McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Round Lake Cemetery.

She was born February 10, 1912 in Hebron, ND to German immigrants, William and Fredricka (Holzapfel) Scherle. She was one of 12 children. She married Martin Berg of Norway on August 8, 1931 in Wibaux, MT. They started their family in North Dakota and later moved to Minnesota. She has been a beloved resident of Tamarack for 72 years. She lived to see her family of seven children grow to include 26 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren, and 30 great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was the heart and soul of her family and was known and loved as Grandma Anna by countless others in her community and beyond. She had many occupations in her lifetime. She and Martin farmed, she peeled poplar for the paper mill, harvested

wild rice and Christmas boughs, and later in life developed a passion for quilting and that was the perfect outlet for her. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and its guild in Tamarack and Tamarack Golden Age Club.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Darrell (Daisy) Berg, Tamarack, Helmer "Fred" (Ginny) Berg, Stanchfield; Leonard (Kathleen) Berg, Maple Plain; daughter and son-in-law: Helen (Gene) Berg, McGregor; daughter-in-law, Carol Berg, Tamarack; 26 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren, 30 great-great-grandchildren; brothers and sister-in-law: Fred Scherle (Carol Jean Dalquist) and John (Hennie) Scherle all of Ramsey; sisters-in-law: Muriel Scherle, Mora and Evelyn Scherle, Virginia, MN; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Martin Berg on August 23, 1959; daughter Marlene (Norman) Latvala; sons: Ole Berg and Martin (Linda) Berg, son-in-law Burton DeMenge, six brothers: August, Otto, Emil, William, Carl, and Paul Scherle, three sisters: Martha Fosjard, Clara Berg, and Emma Clark, and her parents.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## SHIRLEY LOFQUIST



Shirley Rae Lofquist, 66, of Bay Lake Township died on Sunday, June 19, 2016 at her home.

Funeral services will be 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the church.

She was born in St. Paul, on February 22, 1950 to Palmer and Darlene (Nellis) Goppelt. She was a registered nurse with 35 years of service at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby, a nursing instructor at Central Lakes College for 26 years. She was also a former

4H leader for the Bay Lake Area.

She is survived by five daughters and sons-in-law: Becky and Seth Pakarinen, Deerwood; Gretchen and Adam Gilmer, Burleson, TX; Rachael and Matt Beehler, Brooklyn Park; Heidi and Dan Burgstaler, St. Paul; and Vanessa Lofquist, Crosby; one daughter-in-law, Kristi Lofquist, Brainerd; six grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law: Marlys and Wayne Krech, St. Paul; and Nancy and Dennes Burney, Blue Grass, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Gregory Lofquist.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

## HARVEY CHRISTENSEN



Harvey Orville Christensen, 65, of Deerwood died on Monday, June 20, 2016 at his home.

A Memorial Gathering will be on Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

He was born on November 21, 1950 in Crosby to Chester and Alice (Duzan) Christensen. Harvey was a retired Deerwood Fireman.

Harvey is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law, Jim and Rebecca Christensen, Baxter

and Joe Christensen, Lake Shore; three grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law: Ronald and Mary Lee Christensen, Douglas and Judy Christensen, John and Sharon Christensen, all of Deerwood and Dave Christensen, New Iberia, LA; sisters and brothers-in-law: Betty and Jim Stirewalt, Deerwood; Dee and Lester Chileen; Lois and Jerome Bayliss, all of Crosby and Pauline and Roger Johnson, Sartell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bill Christensen and sister, Linda Christen.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## Kids learn to be safe at Safety Town



About 73 small children spent a week in Aitkin learning about all ways to be safe at Safety Town, held at Westside Church this year. At graduation, Kenzie gets a cold pop as a reward. Ann Schwartz photos



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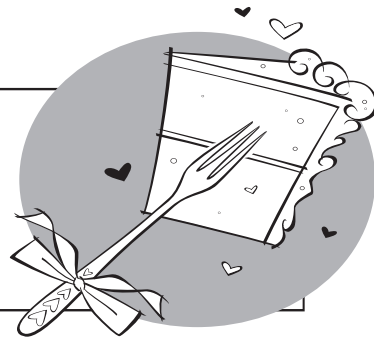
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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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**ALLIANCE**  
Aitkin\* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Sunday School JAM session 9 am; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Youth Group, 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; SS 9; Worship 9:30; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30  
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45  
Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 pm.  
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

**BAPTIST**  
Aitkin — Westside, Pastor D. Smith; Worship 10; Bible Life group 11:11; [aitkinwestside.org](http://aitkinwestside.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 a.m.; Wed. 6 pm Glory Family night, Kids' Club age 4-6, 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. 9 am.  
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, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 10:30.  
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmstemihsy.org](http://www.ihmstemihsy.org); Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.  
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun 8:30.  
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. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.; Sat. 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)  
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483  
Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10  
McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Larson, Mass: Sun. 11 am.  
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.  
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; Sacramento 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  
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 Community Church (the little white church in Jacobson), 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; 43242 Hwy. 65 N, 2 mi. N of Hwy. 210 on Hwy. 65. 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 9:15; Service 10:30; 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, (non-demoninational), Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-820-5365 Worship 11; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, second and fourth Saturday  
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, Rev. Karl E. Bell, Holy Communion Service 9

**EVANGELICAL FREE**  
Crosby-Ironton — Lifespring Church, 9:30, 30 Hallet Ave NE 218-545-5433, [visitlifespring.com](http://visitlifespring.com)  
Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email [thelogychurch@crosslake.net](mailto:thelogychurch@crosslake.net)  
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm  
Malmø — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15; Young Families Fellowship 2nd and last Fri. of month, 5 pm  
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

**INDEPENDENT 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 Ironton Town Hall\*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.

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

**LUTHERAN**  
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Cindy Gray; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.  
Aitkin — First\* Pastors Darrell Pedersen, Melissa Carmack & Bob Munneke; worship Sun. 9; Wed. 6 p.m. at Maria Chapel; Sat. 5 p.m.; communion every Sat., and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd and 5th Sun.; nursery staffed. Sunday service broadcast live on KKKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 a.m., Wed. Community meal every Mon., 5:30 p.m.; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each month, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10  
Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church (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.pobpaxter.org](http://www.pobpaxter.org)  
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.  
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church- AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Worship at 10 am. Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.  
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 Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; 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 Glen Bickford; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 10 am.  
Giese Immanuel — Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.  
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). Worship 10 with communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. [www.shepherdofthelake.org](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org).  
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor Volkert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.  
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Jean Megorden; 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.  
Malmø — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 pm; Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; 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. Donna M. Olsen, Worship 8 & 10; SS 10; Wed. Worship 5:45 pm; Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm.  
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; 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 mi. 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.

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Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, 218-768-3585, Pastors Ken and Robin Fairbanks, Praise and Worship, Sat., 11. Everyone Welcome!

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McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; No Sunday Service Worship Sat. 5 pm.  
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.  
Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:00; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; [www.aitkinadventist.org](http://www.aitkinadventist.org); 218-927-4107

**UNITED METHODIST**  
Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.  
Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.  
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.  
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; 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.  
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 220-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947  
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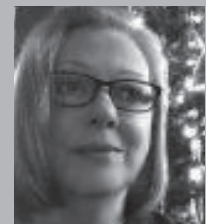


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Diane Hopson Smith  
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(pop. 1,304)

-Janet

### Muffuletta Stuffed Burger

#### What You Need

- 1 lb ground chuck or ground meat of choice
- 1/2 c stuffed olives, sliced, drained
- 1/2 c black olives, sliced, drained
- 1 carrot, shredded
- 1 tbsp capers, drained
- Olive oil, extra virgin
- Hard salami
- Sliced mozzarella cheese, shredded
- All-purpose seasoning
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Hamburger buns, or bread of choice, lightly toasted
- Lettuce leaves
- Tomato, sliced
- Dijon mustard

#### Directions

- Combine stuffed green olives, black olives, carrots, and capers; pour just enough olive over veggies to barely cover.
- Store in a jar and refrigerate for a few hours. You can add cauliflower and peppers to this mixture if you desire.
- Form four patties, 1/4 lb each. With the bottom of a round glass form a well in two of the patties. You will fill with olive mix.
- Place a spoonful of olive mix into well of

- two patties, top with mozzarella and a slice of hard salami.
- Place the second patty on top and seal edges.
- Season patties with all-purpose seasoning, salt, and pepper.
- In an iron skillet over a medium heat, fry four to five minutes on each side.
- Serve on toasted bun or bread of choice with a little spicy dijon mustard, topped with lettuce and tomato.

Submitted by: Diane Hopson Smith, Pine Mountain, GA (pop. 1,304)

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## Lueck encourages participation in broadband information sessions

Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, is encouraging citizens, local government officials and other broadband stakeholders to participate in a series of upcoming webinars/toll-free conference calls hosted by the Minnesota Office of Broadband Development.

The informational sessions will detail changes made to the program during the 2016 legislative session and will provide key details about the application process.

Over the past two years, Lueck has worked tirelessly to increase rural broadband funding. This biennium's state budget includes a historic investment totaling \$45 million. That investment is more

than double the previous two-year state budget total. Minnesota is expected to see well over \$100 million in broadband investment in the next year alone when combined with federal and private funds.

"Tools are available to help improve rural broadband service," Lueck said. "With this unprecedented additional funding we can continue to move forward. These sessions will provide current information to help people better understand exactly how areas – such as ours – can benefit by accessing resources from the State Office of Broadband."

Three conference calls will

be held:

Thursday, June 23, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, June 30, 8 to 10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 13, 9 to 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 13, 1 to 3 p.m.

Information presented will be the same across all of the meetings. Interested parties must register to participate by sending contact information including name, organization/community, address, email, and phone number to David.J.Thaos@state.mn.us or by calling 651-259-7442. Registration is required to obtain meeting access information.

## GRS features great young violinist

Annie Goodwin of the Cuyuna Range was selected to be a part of the 2016-2017

Minnesota All-State Orchestra. Annie started playing the violin at age 7. She has been a

part of the Great River Strings for seven years. She plays classical and sacred music and occasionally enjoys contemporary and fiddling music. Her instructors have included Arnie Anderson (Garrison); Dr. Sally O'Reilly

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Annie will play her violin at local Great River Strings concerts in the Cuyuna Range and Aitkin areas on November 19 and 20.



Annie Goodwin is an outstanding young violinist.

## Water wreaks havoc with AHS

Though not to the extent of last summer's major flooding disaster, Aitkin High School once again was plagued by water problems.

On Sunday, June 19, there was a significant rain storm in the area, which caused a drain pipe to come loose, causing water problems on the second floor of the high school, according to Superin-

tendent Bernie Novak.

Due to road construction, all programs that would normally be held at Rippleside Elementary this summer are held at the high school, making it a busy place. Due to the water issue, the ASK and Extended School Year programs were cancelled on short notice Monday morning, June 20, leaving many

working parents in the lurch.

Due to the location of other programs, high school summer school, EXTRA for Kids, weight training and the summer food program were able to continue. Novak expected the damage to be repaired soon and the programs to resume by Tuesday morning or later.

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# Two Hasting residents arrested and released in death of 10-year-old girl

## DNA matching girl was found on trailer / Meier's next court appearance is August 1

Two Hastings residents were arrested and released in connection with the hit and run accident on Hwy. 18 near Mille Lacs Lake that killed 10-year-old Caylin Donovan of Lake Park on June 10.

Steven Lee Meier, 44, and Deborah Lynn Chandler, 45, both of Hastings, were arrested after the Minnesota State Patrol recieved a tip from the public.



Steven Lee Meier, 44

Meier was charged on June 22 with two felony counts: one count of felony criminal vehicular homicide – leave scene of collision and one count of felony criminal vehicular homicide – fail to notify law enforcement of collision. He was released on a conditional bond of \$50,000.

His Omnibus Hearing is set for August 1, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Meier has previous offend-

es: one DUI in 2007, one seatbelt and two speeding, violations.

Chandler has been released with no charges at this time.

According to Aitkin County Attorney Jim Ratz, "This is an active investigation at this point." Chandler could be charged later.



Deborah Lynn Chandler, 45

According to the criminal complaint, Meier was driving a white Jeep Cherokee with a boat and trailer. Chandler was following Meier to Myr-Mar Resort, driving a Chevrolet Tahoe and a camper.

On June 10, 2016, at approximately 7:56 p.m., Joel Jader contacted the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office and reported a hit and run crash at 38714 State Highway 18 in Wealthwood Township, Aitkin County. Jader reported the victim, Caylin Donovan did not have a pulse. At

approximately 8:19 p.m., ambulance personnel arrived on scene and pronounced Donovan dead.

At approximately 8:10 p.m., Aitkin County Deputy John Wersal arrived at the crash and spoke to Jader who stated he had been in his screened-in porch when he heard the crash. Jader stated he saw a big truck, which had loud howling tires, traveling westbound. Jader heard a loud bang and then heard the vehicle accelerate. When Jader looked out at the highway he saw a white pickup pulling a 5th wheel camper, which also accelerated quickly. Jader thought the two vehicles may have been traveling together and the driver of the second vehicle could have witnessed the accident.

Troopers did not observe any marks on the pavement indicating a vehicle had braked.

On June 12, 2016, William Granholm contacted State Trooper Keith Benz and reported he had observed a maroon Tahoe or Suburban with Wisconsin license plates driven by a female, which was pulling a camper.

Shortly after meeting the Tahoe, the reporting party came upon the crash. Granholm stated he remembered

the vehicle because he did not see many women driving a vehicle pulling a camper

Officers reviewed security video at the Junction Gas Station.

On June 13, Trooper Benz located the Chevrolet Tahoe, and a camper, parked at Myr-Mar Marina. Trooper Benz noted there was also a white Jeep Cherokee, boat and trailer at the campsite.

Chandler stated on June 10, they drove I-35 north to Finlayson, then traveled westbound on State Highway 18 to State Highway 47, turned westbound on State Highway 18 in Malmo, south onto US Highway 169 to Myr Mar Resort. Chandler said she did not know the way to Myr Mar Marina, so she was following Meier. Chandler denied seeing anyone walking or sitting along State Highway 18; she denied knowing anything about the crash.

The troopers noted at no point did Chandler appear tearful, remorseful, or upset about the crash.

Meier stated he drove the Jeep pulling the boat and he said he did not see anyone walking or sitting along State Highway 18 and denied hitting anything.

Sergeant Turcotte observed the boat trailer had right side damage by the wheel well fender, which Meier indicated was from when a tire blew and wrapped around the wheel well.

Sergeant Turcotte learned in the days following the crash multiple people had reported seeing Donovan sitting on the shoulder of the roadway near the fog line. On June 15, 2016, Sergeant Turcotte and BCA Special Agent Eric Jaeche spoke to Joel Jader who stated Donovan may have been picking up rocks.

Sergeant Turcotte learned from the Medical Examiner that Donovan did have multiple rocks in her pocket.

On June 16, 2016, Sergeant Turcotte viewed security video from Barnacles Resort, which is located less

than three miles from the crash site. Sergeant Turcotte noted Meier's Jeep traveled westbound by Barnacles Resort at approximately 7:49:12 p.m., followed by Chandler's Tahoe at approximately 7:49:17 p.m. Sergeant Turcotte noted the closest vehicle in front of Meier and Chandler traveled by Barnacles Resort approximately one minute and 25 seconds ahead of them and one minute and 45 seconds passed before the next westbound vehicle traveled by Barnacles Resort behind them. Using time distance calculations with average road speeds, Sergeant Turcotte determined Meier and Chandler would have been at the crash site at the approximate time of the crash.

Sergeant Turcotte received a photograph of what appeared to be a tire tread mark on Donovan's thigh.

Sergeant Turcotte compared the photograph to a photograph Trooper Benz had taken of the tire tread on Meier's boat trailer, whereupon Sergeant Turcotte determined the tread on the outside edge of the tire closely resembled the mark on Donovan's thigh.

Sergeant Turcotte and Special Agent Jaeche went to Meier and Chandler's residence in Hastings, to speak to Meier and Chandler. The officers took a taped statement from Meier who denied seeing anyone on State Highway 18 on June 10, 2016.

Meier stated when they got to Myr-Mar Resort, Chandler told him she saw a lady on the side of the road.

Meier stated he believed Chandler thought the lady on the road was a deer.

Meier denied swerving, hitting anything, running anything over, going off onto the shoulder, or hitting any bumps while traveling on State Highway 18. Meier stated the boat and trailer had been put into two different lakes over the weekend of June 10.

The officers next took a

taped statement from Chandler who stated she thought she saw a deer and then at the last second realized it was a lady on the road by the fog line and had to move over to the left to avoid striking the body.

Chandler stated she was traveling approximately 15 yards behind Meier and he did not swerve for anything. Chandler admitted she did not call 911 or any authorities to report the body on the highway.

When they arrived at Myr-Mar Resort, Chandler asked Meier if he had seen the body on the highway, to which he indicated he had not seen anything. Chandler stated she was unaware Donovan had died until the next day when someone at the bar told her. Chandler stated she felt guilty for lying to Sergeant Turcotte at the campground and felt horrible for not stopping.

Search warrants were executed by State Troopers and BCA Special Agents, wherein evidence was collected from the Jeep, boat and trailer belonging to Meier. Analysis of the boat trailer determined there was a suspected fabric type imprint on the grommet by the marker light on the passenger side of the trailer, near the damaged area. There was also obvious wiping/scrubbing visible on the passenger side of the trailer and on the underside of the wheel well on the passenger side tire compartment. There was no wiping/scrubbing seen on the driver side of the boat or trailer. The diamond plate foot step on the passenger side was easily removed and there were indicators the underside of the foot step had been wiped/scrubbed. Several blood swabs were taken from the passenger side of the trailer. DNA profiling was done on a swab taken from the damaged rear passenger wheel well of Meier's trailer.

The profiling revealed a single source DNA profile, which indicated a female and matched the DNA of Donovan.

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The district hired a firm (FJJ) to form and facilitate a committee of volunteer community members to study and discuss all of the relevant facts. They decided to pursue a new building rather than remodel the old building. The information that led to this decision is on the school district's web page. Rather than second guess the validity of the process, we should as a community do what the school board and superintendent were unable to bring themselves to do and get

behind the decision and work to make it happen.

The future deserves better than good enough. Consider the growth and size of the district's fund balance through the years in relation to the deferred maintenance that resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage from a roof cave-in at the high school last summer. That is what "good enough" looks like. School board members and administration are the sum of their decisions and choices. When those decisions are ineffective and unproductive the community should take notice.

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The students of Aitkin deserve that kind of creativity and courage. To retrofit and remodel a landlocked, outdated building with no opportunity for future growth is just buying time. The school leadership does not have the capacity to make this happen. If it did, we wouldn't be in the fix we are now. It is on the community and the community should not just choose to buy time but instead, invest in the future by voting to build a new school on Aug. 9.

Jake Jaskowiak, Aitkin

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## Northeast Brainerd celebrated for History Week

# Iconic Evergreen Cemetery resting place of prominent area citizens



Girl Scouts from Brainerd and Baxter area troops 306, 393, and 599, served water to thirsty history tour walkers.

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
Information taken from "A Brief History of Northeast Brainerd" by Ann M. Nelson

Whether you are talking about The Shops, The Mill, The Mall, the Triangle or the Red and White, these iconic locations are remembered fondly of those of us who grew up in Northeast Brainerd.

Roughly bordered by Lum Park on the east, the old paper mill on the north, the Railroad Shops on the south and Cemetery Hill on the west, northeast Brainerd is home to generations of Brainerd residents. It also was the site of much industry in the area -- industry which ultimately attracted many families to live and work in the Brainerd area.

As part of Brainerd History Week, Duane Blanck and John VanEssen hosted a walking tour of the Evergreen Cemetery, a huge, tree-lined expanse that follows along the Mississippi River and has been the interment site of local citizens for over 130 years.



Duane Blanck shared much history of Brainerd in a walking tour. He and John VanEssen led about 40 walkers around Evergreen Cemetery as part of Brainerd History Week.

The walk included highlighting the graves -- marked and unmarked -- of well-known Northeasters and also a lesson in the industry that built the area.

### Northeast Industry

The Northern Pacific Shops, which still exist as the NP Events Center and also a working space for the BNSF railroad, were once one of

the finest railroad shops in America. The complex included many buildings for doing various jobs of assembling and repairing rail cars and engines. Some of the buildings were built from brick that was also mined on the Mississippi River bank in northeast Brainerd. At times of high activity, The Shops, as they are known locally, employed over 1,000 people.

From 1872 to 1881, the Schwartz Brickyard operated on the east bank of the Mississippi River where the future paper mill would stand. From a bed of clay that was thirty-six feet deep, bricks were manufactured that built many buildings in Brainerd and elsewhere in Minnesota and the Midwest. A train spur was run to the brickyard to supply bricks for the growing Railroad Shops complex and brickyard staff was housed in a boarding house onsite. The former courthouse on the north side of Brainerd, now an apartment building on the southeast corner of Fourth and Kingwood streets, is one of the few remaining buildings that show off the high-quality light-colored brick that came from Brainerd.

### The Fill.

Many old timers refer to The Fill, which is gap on Washington Street on the south side of the street. The old football field by the former Franklin Junior High School is on the north side of The Fill.

People from northeast had a difficult time crossing the huge ravine to get to downtown Brainerd and had to walk way out of their way to cross by the cemetery or use the railroad tracks by The Shops, risking being hit by a train. There was also a rough plank bridge located barely above the stream at the bottom of the ravine, with steep, sandy fifty-foot banks to climb up or down on either side. Also, Northeasters were afraid to cross the ravine at night due to the suspicious characters who lurked there. A new bridge was built

across the ravine in 1885, and, subsequently, bridges were repaired and new ones built, which were always failing. In 1914, bids were awarded to fill in the area for a culvert bridge. Forty men were employed to fill the ravine along with an extensive operation of tracks and steam shovels. After the Washington Street Bridge over the Mississippi was constructed in west Brainerd in 1932, Kindred Street was renamed Washington Street and The Fill was widened to become part of Washington Street.

### The dam

Charles F. Kindred led the scheme to build a dam across the Mississippi River in Brainerd. There was a fight whether to locate it where it is now, by the old paper mill, or in north



Robert Stitt, 1855-1913, a lumber baron, had this concrete log sculpture placed at his grave in Evergreen Cemetery. He was general manager of logging operations for the Northern Mill Company. Ann Schwartz photos

Brainerd at Kingwood Street. The northeast site prevailed and a dam was completed in 1888 that consisted of wooden pilings driven inside a belt a hundred feet wide, with spaces in between filled with rock. Material to build this dam, which is still operational today, were 2.5 million board feet of pine, 70,000 feet of oak, 800 tons of iron and 2,800 cords of stone. The city of Brainerd took ownership of the dam in recent years.

Other industry of note in northeast included the headquarters of the Brainerd and Northern Minnesota Railroad Company, the Lumberman's Hospital (which later moved and became St. Joseph's

Hospital); a Brainerd Lumber Company Sawmill, an electric streetcar line and a pulp and paper mill that operated in some capacity from 1908 to 2002. Other companies opened and closed mills on the site, and, in 2014, Mike Higgins of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, brought the old mill property for industrial and commercial purposes and renamed it the Brainerd Industrial Center.

### Well-remembered citizens

Northeast Brainerd has its share of citizens who contributed to the growth of the town and the area. There are also other Brainerd-area citizens from other parts of the community who are buried at Evergreen Cemetery. Blanck pointed out that "death is the great equalizer." While some families put up large monuments for their loved ones, which would cost about \$8,000 in today's money, others are buried in unmarked graves. Their final resting place is known and preserved due to cemetery records.

Many who grew up in or visited Brainerd, or those who live there now, may recognize some of these names.

Ahrens Hill, a large hill north of the Mississippi Bridge on CR 3 that overlooks the river, is named after John Ahrens, born in Virginia who came to Brainerd with brothers Charles and Richard. John was a well-known farmer whose property included Ahrens' Hill. He died in 1912 crossing the Northeast

Hospital.

Marie Ann Canan, who died in 1944, was one of two women photographers in Brainerd. She opened a studio in 1898 and operated it for 36 years. Many local families have photos taken by her.

Jessie Canniff, 1889-1974, operated a photography studio on South Sixth Street from 1918 to 1951. She lived with her sister Fleda Mae, 1885-1958, who was a school teacher for 41 years and the principal of Harrison School from 1910 to 1952.

Edward Albert Crust, Sr., whose grave is pictured, was

as "Mrs. Northeast". Born in New York, she came to Brainerd in 1876 and was a very popular Brainerd hostess, elected the first Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star. She was philanthropic, kept thoroughbred horses, planted maple trees along what is now H Street and held lavish parties at the Frosythe home on the corner of Third Avenue and D Street, which was torn down in 1976. Over 250 guests came to their silver wedding anniversary party held in that home. She owned considerable property, including the First Avenue Hotel and a downtown restaurant.



George Crust, an Englishman, was a blacksmith foreman at the Railroad Shops and held many political offices in Brainerd.

an Englishman who was foreman of the Northern Pacific blacksmith shop for 33 years. He served on the Brainerd City Council and the Crow Wing County Board, was a mayor of Brainerd and held various offices within the Masonic Lodge.

David Frank Ebinger came to town in 1878 and operated a brickyard after the Schwartz Brickyard closed down. He also ran a confectionary store on 4th Ave NE and a grocery store on South Eighth St. His son Howard and grandsons Bill and Ed were grounds superintendents at Evergreen Cemetery for over 60 years.

Henry Elvig opened Elvig Pharmacy in downtown Brainerd in 1944. The store was a fixture at the northwest corner of Laurel and South Eighth streets.

Edwin Farrar and George Forsythe platted what later became northeast Brainerd.

George's wife Emma Elizabeth (1851-1927) was known

This is just a taste of the people and industries that made Brainerd what it is today. On a fine summer day, take a stroll through Evergreen Cemetery.



Civil war headstones are restored and located in one area of the Evergreen Cemetery.

etery, a lovely piece of property full of trees, that holds the history that paved the way for Brainerd to become a thriving regional center.

## Crow Wing County Deputy squad crash

Crow Wing County Sheriff Todd Dahl reported that on Tuesday, June 14 at approx. 7:07 p.m., a Crow Wing County Deputy was involved in a one vehicle rollover accident on Hwy #371 near St. Colombo Road.

Crow Wing County Deputy Nathan Smolke was responding to a medical emergency call when

his squad car, which was traveling north on Hwy. #371, hit an area of standing water in the roadway causing his squad to hydroplane and go into the east ditch and rollover.

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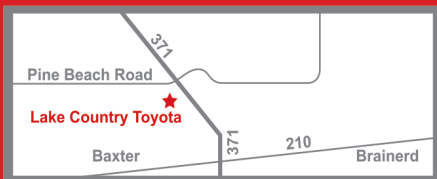
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