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Multi-million dollar Brainerd project must finish by freeze up



A large new area houses a sewer lift station and fresh water boosting station near Lum Park and the Sinclair Station in northeast Brainerd. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Those driving to Brainerd from the east or hanging around northeast Brainerd have seen the huge, \$11 million Brainerd Airport Utility Extension project that's been underway this whole construction season.

Tom's Backhoe is the general contractor and he has eight backhoes on the job. His subcontractors include Northern for dewatering and Rice Lake Contracting to pour Cemstone cement.

Work has taken place by

the old East Brainerd Mall, by the northeast Sinclair Station on Hwy 210, the Lum Park area and out 1.5 miles east to the Brainerd airport, crossing over to the south side of the highway.

A lift station and fresh water boosting station are being installed in the gas station/Lum Park entrance area, on property the city of Brainerd already owned. The new lift station will bring sewage back to the Brainerd Public Utilities plant, according to public utilities staff. "The

water boosting station will take clean water and push it out toward the airport," noted Mike Larson, wastewater supervisor. He said the large booster station will come as one piece on Sept. 21 and be installed.

Once all the hookups are complete to the new Lum Park lift station, the old station, about 20 feet away, will be taken out of commission and all pipes filled with cement, similar to filling an old well.

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Felicia Forder straightens the tempting pie plates at Holy Catholic Church during McGregor's Wild Rice Days on September 3. Ann Schwartz photos



Aileen DeMenge, Barb Martz and Liz Hartinger man the McGregor Chamber trailer on Maddy Street during Wild Rice Days. Festival-goers bought buttons for a chance to win prizes and money. The winner of \$750 is button number 799. If you have that button, call 218-429-1883 to redeem your prize.



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Ongoing Events:

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.operationminnesotanic.com.
 Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory 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 (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo; 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.
 Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.
 Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.
 TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm
 TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.
 Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 5:45 pm at the Sno-Serpents building in Deerwood at 24197 Mohs St (next to the Deer Stand restaurant). Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.
 White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.
September
 10th - Crossing Arts Alliance, Brainerd, Pressed Flowers for Kids. The class runs 10

am until noon in the cafeteria, lower level of the Franklin Arts Center in Brainerd. A \$3 per child/\$5 per family materials donation is requested but no child will be turned away due to need. No pre-registration is required, but class is limited to the first 40 children.
 10th - Regional Plant and Produce Swap at Green Island on the north edge of Wade-na 10 am-2 pm. This is a gathering to trade and sell gardening and horticultural items of all kinds and everyone is invited. Set-up is the day before, or up until 9 am on the date. There is no cost for a 10 ft. x 10 ft. space, bring your own needs such as: table, chairs, blanket, umbrella, etc. You should reserve a spot well ahead by calling Mary Schmit 631-3854.
 11th - You are invited to the Palisade Assembly of God Mission Convention. Marti Roman will be sharing his ministry during the 9 am Sunday school and 10 am morning worship. Marti and Brenda, his wife, have been missionaries to Benin, West Africa for 26 years.
 12th - The Central Lakes College Community Band first rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall of Central Lakes College's Brainerd Campus. The CLC Community Band meets Monday evenings through the fall season with a concert on Tues-

day, Nov 15. Membership is open to interested musicians from high school grade 11 and older. If you play a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument, come join this merry group of musicians. There is also an optional performing tour of Ireland coming up this summer and still have a few spots open. For more information, call Steve Anderson at 218-831-3652 or email at SAnderson@clcmn.edu.
 13th - Unlimited Learning: Film and Discussion of Short Story "The Dead" by James Joyce 1:30-3:30 pm, Heartwood Senior Living Community, 500 Heartwood Drive, Crosby, non-members welcome \$5. For more info, call Karen Wilson 651-270-1778
 16th - Aitkin Football Alumni Night, 5 pm Aitkin High School Football Field Tailgate cook-out, field house tour, form an alumni tunnel, sit in special section, reminisce, retire Steve Sandberg's jersey 40

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OBITUARIES

DAVID MILLER

David W. Miller, 76, of McGregor died Thursday, September 1, 2016 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 2016 at McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Visitation started at noon at the funeral home.

He was born June 22, 1940 in Pine City to Chris and Violet (Jensen) Miller. He graduated from Pine City High School. He married Delores (Hansen) on September 24, 1960 in Lyle at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. He worked as a quality engineer for FMC for 25 years and was a member of the Lions Club for 41 years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family.

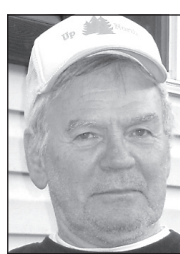
He is survived by his wife, Delores Miller, McGregor; sons and daughters-in-law: Kevin and

Julie Miller, Belle Plaine; Kirk and Kari Miller, Glencoe; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers and sisters-in-law: Michael and Clara Miller, Mission, TX; Jerome and Delphine Miller, Pine City; sisters and brothers-in-law: Myrna Williamson, Hinckley; Linda and Pete Schneider-Weissman, Bismarck, ND; Debra and Edward Miller, Sacramento, CA; brothers and sisters-in-law: Roger and Carol Hansen, Austin; Marvin and Marva Hansen, Groveland, FL; Laraine and Lyle Goskesen, Austin.

He was preceded in death by his son Keith Miller.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin.

ROBERT VOGEL



Robert "Bob" Stanley Vogel, 76, of McGregor died Friday, September 2, 2016 at his home.

A celebration of Bob's life was held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at Bann's Bar and Restaurant, McGregor.



He was born April 4, 1940 in Langdon, ND to Lyle and Evelyn (Peterson) Vogel. He graduated from Buffalo High School in 1958 and was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He married

Margaret "Marg" (Kempenich) on December 29, 1973 in St. Paul. He was employed as an assembler for Ford Motor Co. in St. Paul for 30 years. Bob was a great friend and offered his help to everyone he knew.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Marg" Vogel; children: Dawn Brooks (Kevin Rysavy) and Melissa (Pat) Parkhill; grandson, Michael Brooks; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Dennis Vogel. Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

ELIZABETH VANG



Elizabeth "Betty" U. Vang 97, of Deerwood died at her home on Monday, September 5, 2016.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood. Burial was in at the Deerwood Scandia Cemetery. Visitation was on Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood from 4 to 7 p.m. with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. and on Friday one hour prior to the services at the church.

She was born in Buh Township (Morrison County) on November 10, 1918 to Peter L. and Theresia (Pauluson) Virnig. She married Olaf G.

Vang on May 18, 1946 at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Minneapolis.

She was a charter member of the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Auxiliary 557 of Deerwood, and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and the CCW of Deerwood.

She is survived by one daughter, Evelyn Taylor, Deerwood; sons and daughters-in-law: Oliver and Pat Vang, Deerwood; Robert Vang, New Brighton; Roger and Cheryl Vang, St. Cloud; and Dave and Lisa Vang, Maplewood; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Olaf on March 4, 1967; parents; six brothers: Edward, Werner, Carl, Peter F., Fred, and Joseph;

and one sister, Odelia Otramba; son-in-law, Bill Taylor and daughter-in-law, Meg Vang.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

KATHI FROEMMING

Kathi Lynn Froemming, 50, of Deerwood died on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at the Cascade United Methodist Church in Deerwood. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Thursday. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

She was born on April 22, 1966 in Minneapolis to Helmet and Shirley (Gunst) Kruger.

She married Mark Froemming on May 3, 2003 in Hutchinson. Kathi was an employee of the Baxter Walmart.

She is survived by her husband Mark; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Mike and Deb Roberts-Kruger, Chanhassen; and Pat and Sarah Feehan, Las Vegas; one sister, Heidi Kruger, Chisholm; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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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 10:45; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
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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.
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Crosby — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 10:30.

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstemilys.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
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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.

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Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; Sacrament Mtg. 10, SS 11; 10 Priesthood/Relief Society noon

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Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun. 10, 218-927-6959
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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.
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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; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, second and fourth Saturday
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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 — Lifespring Church, 9:30, 30 Hallet Ave NE 218-545-5433, visitlifespring.com
Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake.net
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Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

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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 Ingewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.

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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.lhchurch.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 Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct.

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) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.

Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Glen Bickford; Worship 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 10 am.

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.

Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor 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.

Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA), 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.

Rosburg — 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; 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

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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.

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PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake — Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship Memorial Day-Labor Day at 9:30; Worship September to May at 10:15; Bible Study Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Rd. 218-692-4769

McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.

Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

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

UNITED METHODIST
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Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.

Cutter — 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.

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OBITUARIES

LILA SEELY



Lila Jeannette Seely, 74, of Cuyuna died on Friday, September 2, 2016 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial will be 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Motley Public Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday one hour prior to the services at the church.

She was born on February 17, 1942 in Grand Rapids to Everett and Georgine (Clafton) Beach. She married Douglas Seely on April 2, 1971 in Watertown, SD. She was a former owner and operator of The Smoke House in Deerwood, the Woodtick Inn in Cuyuna and

Lila J's Riverside Inn in Crosby. She was also a former cook at the Grand Casino, Mille Lacs.

She is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law: Keith and Rose Seely and Kraig and Leslie Seely all of Crosby; two daughters and sons-in-law: Julene and Richard Matthies, Denver, CO and Janelle and Tom Stanton, Crosby; many grandchildren; great grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law: John and Mary Beach, Zim; Keith and Linda Barcus, Bemidji; Kent and Connie Barcus, Shevlin; sisters and brothers-in-law: Amy and John Waffensmith, Bay Lake and Delores and Cleo Christopherson, Bemidji; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step father, Doug Barcus; husband, Doug and one sister, Sally Kloos.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

VERNON STROM



Vernon "Fuzz" W. Strom, 86, of Tamarack died Thursday, September 1, 2016 at the Golden Horizons Memory Care Unit in Aitkin. A memorial service will be held a later date to be determined at the Tamarack Presbyterian Church.



"Fuzz" was born July 10, 1930 in McGregor to George and Lela (Mundan) Strom. He attended schools in Tamarack and then Grand Rapids. He then worked for a time in Iowa with artificial insemination. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea as a medic from 1951 to 1953. Upon his discharge he returned to Tamarack and married Margaret A, Johnston on October 23, 1954 in Mason City, Iowa. They bought a farm near Tamarack and he raised dairy cattle for many years. He had served on many boards and committees that dealt with dairy farming. He served on the

state creamery board AMPI and also on the Aitkin County ASCS Board. In 1980, he and his wife and a delegation from the U.S went to Russia with the People to People Project. He also had the opportunity to go to England and Ireland in the dairy capacity. He also had been to Washington D.C., while serving on some of the boards. He and his family were named the outstanding farm family in Minnesota in 1980. He loved to hunt and fish and was considered quite the practical joker.

He is survived by his wife Margaret "Muggs" Strom, Tamarack; daughters and sons-in-law: Kathy and Sam Haugse, Tamarack; Nancy and Tom Martin, Baxter; Jeanette and Bruce Strand, Boyd; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and brother: Irving Strom, Bemidji.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers and one sister.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin.

SUSANN OLSON



Susann Marie Olson, 59, of Crosby died on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A Prayer Service will be held on at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. A visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Burial will be held a later date.

She was born on August 7, 1957 in St. Cloud to Lawrence and Ethel (Abfalter) Riley. She operated East Gate Mobile Home Park in Brainerd for 12 years and was an employee of the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby with 10 years of service. She showed

her horses during the 1980's and 1990's. She attended many horse shows in the upper Midwest and AQHA shows, including the World Show in Tulsa, Ok and Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH.

She is survived by her companion, Ray Montzka; special nephew, Darell (Sandy) Roehrich; close friend and travelling companion, Wendy Mull; one brother, Larry; long-time friends: Jodie French, Virginia Peterson and Donna Svoboda; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Sue in death are her parents; infant daughter, Mona; husband, Scott Olson and sister, Kathleen.

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A second lift station is being installed by Hassie's restaurant at Jordan Road on the south side of Hwy. 210.

With all the water this year, much de-watering took place on the project. Contractors put down a pipe with a submers-

ible pump and dewatered into Whitely Creek and then put it through a mesh strainer into Rice Lake. Contractors work closely with the DNR and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on the dewatering process, said Larson.

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Todd Wicklund, public utilities finance director, also contributed information for this article.



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Huge sewer improvement project in Aitkin

By ANN SCHWARTZ
The wear-course of bituminous tar got laid just in time for back-to-school as the Southwest Street and Sewer Improvement Project finished in Aitkin.
According to Bob Nicko, street commissioner, there was total water and sewer line replacement on 2nd Ave. SW from Bill Cline Way to Third St. NW.
Also replaced are lines that serve Paulbeck's County Market and a new housing development in south Aitkin. Those previously went to a Blackrock

Lift Station which was not adequate. Blackrock has been bypassed and a new lift station was put in at City Park.
Curb and gutter and new sidewalks are in place in the Rippleside Elementary and City Park areas. The street was widened at Bill Cline Way, which is north of the Wook baseball field and south of the City Park. It was widened to make it line up properly, as it was a bottleneck area for cars and buses.
Much of the work on this project won't be seen as it is underground, noted Nicko.

Utility Systems of American, Eveleth, was the contractor. They previously installed the Knox Bridge lift station in Aitkin.
There are some temporary bans from parking along the street in southwest Aitkin as this project is finished up, noted Nicko.
On the other side of the tracks -- at First St. NW/Fifth Ave NW area -- is where the lift station pumps into. One block was torn up and new sanitary sewer and water mains were installed and that street will be black-topped again.

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Nicko said an old manhole is collapsing and sewer pipes are bad in the area of Hwy. 210 and Aitkin Motor/old Easy Stop in Aitkin. It will be detoured on September 13 and 14 to replace the manhole and pipes.
In other development news, the Ryan Knoll development near Paulbeck's County Market, owned by Terry Betley, has seen recent activity with a contractor installing sewer and water pipes. That development will access both Westwood and Red Oak Drives.



One layer of bituminous and new sidewalks are laid in the area of Rippleside Elementary in Aitkin as a large sewer project nears completion. Ann Schwartz photo

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