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# Proposed jobs bill to create over 22,950 Minnesota jobs

Area expenditures include \$3.5 million Mille Lac Lake fisheries management station, \$3.5 million Brainerd Readiness Center update and \$3.5 million for new Camp Ripley Rail and Pipeline Safety Training Center

Governor Mark Dayton and Lt. Governor Tina Smith introduced a jobs bill January 4 that would spend \$1.5 billion in community infrastructure projects statewide, creating an estimated 22,950 Minnesota jobs. This estimated number of jobs is based on a 2015 economic model from the Bureau of Economic Analysis at the U.S. Department of Commerce that estimates that for every \$1 million in construction project spending in Minnesota approximately 15.3 jobs are generated.

The State of Minnesota has a triple-A bond rating and over \$3 billion in available bonding capacity for 2017-2018. The Dayton-Smith Administration's 2017 Jobs Bill proposal would remain well within these limits protecting the state's financial standing, while making these

proposed expenditures. "My proposals would put thousands of Minnesotans to work throughout our state, increasing economic opportunity and strengthening local economies," said Governor Dayton. "This bill will help deliver clean, reliable water to Minnesota communities, ensure our higher education institutions have the facilities they need to train our workforce, and build community projects across our state. I urge the Legislature to pass this Jobs Bill quickly, to support our local economies and create good jobs across the state."

The Jobs Bill proposed by Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith would help address many of the state's critical infrastructure needs, including essential water infrastructure, farming operations, college and university facilities, and community buildings that are the drivers of economic opportunity across Minnesota.

"Our top priority is to expand opportunity through an economy that works for everyone, everywhere in Minnesota," said Lt. Governor Tina Smith. "This bill will spend in classrooms for our students, affordable housing for more Minnesotans, and expanded, improved operations for Minnesota farmers. These community construction projects will strengthen our local economies and improve opportunities for all Minnesotans."

The Dayton-Smith Jobs Bill includes infrastructure projects distributed across Minnesota, with 35 percent of projects in Greater Minnesota, 30 percent in the Twin Cities Area, and 35 percent having impacts statewide. The proposed job bill will tap more than \$600 million in private, local, and federal expenditure in Minnesota's infrastructure.

### Area Projects in the Bill

Expenditures in the area include \$3.5 million to develop a fisheries management station on Mille Lac Lake to address the declining walleye population and another \$3.5 million on basic maintenance and repairs for the Brainerd Readiness Center. The bill also proposes \$3.5 million for in an oil train derailment and pipeline safety training center at Camp Ripley

If the bill is approved, here are details of some of the larger projects that Minnesota taxpayers will be obiligated

Spending in Main Street Minnesota

Lewis & Clark Regional Water System - Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would include a proposed \$11.5 million expenditure in the water system to deliver clean, reliable water to the City of Worthington to more than 20,000 residents.

**Duluth Energy Efficien**cv Upgrades - The City of Duluth's current downtown steam heating system is more than 80 years old, runs on coal, and needs significant upgrades to remain functional. The City will install a modern, efficient, closed - loop hot water system to reduce water, energy, and chemical consumption and allow for future integration of renewable energy. The purposed bill includes a \$21 million expenditure to help with construction of the new energy efficient system.

Red Wing River Town Renaissance – Jobs bill proposes \$4.5 million in expenditure to help complete the River Town Renaissance projects. This funding would help replace a deteriorating harbor retaining wall, renovate the T.B. Sheldon Theater, install new docks at Levee Park, and make other improvements to the park promenade.

Madelia Public Infrastructure - In February 2016, a devastating fire ripped through downtown Madelia in southeast Minnesota severely damaging businesses and much of the public infras tructure. The bill has proposed a \$98,000 expenditure to help the city rebuild essential infrastructure. Also there is assistance to help the community recover.

**Melrose Public Infrastruc**ture – In September 2016, the city of Melrose in central Minnesota suffered its second major fire in six months with a blaze that damaged eight apartments and six businesses along Main Street. The bill has \$3.85 million proposed a expenditure for public infrastructure to help the city rebuild as well as funding to help the city expand their municipal electric substation loop. The expanded electrical substation loop will improve

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**Ongoing Events:** 

AA- Aitkin - Meeting closed Wednesday 3 pm Aitkin Alano Club

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am, Friday Night Grape Vine 6:30 pm.

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

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

room, 2nd Tue. of month at noon.

Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Weslayson Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295

Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin, 218-9271383.

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

Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need. We are open the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. noon. NARROWS COMMUNITY CHURCH, 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing (follow the yellow signs). Call 320.857.0182 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 VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday

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

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of 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 availalible to those who qualifiy. 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

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm,

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

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

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info.,

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

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 Com-

munity Center on Highway 65 on the Third Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30

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, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 pm; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

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 & Fri: 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 Deerwood (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Deerwood Legion, 23659 Forest Rd, Deerwood. For more information, please contact Lucy Bartz 218-839-2218 or Gwenn Smith 218-246-2180.

TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanual 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.

January

9th - Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the Lakers Lions of Emily, Outing and Fifty Lakes, 12:30- 6:30 pm at the Emily City Hall. To schedule an appointment or to volunteer to help at the blood drive, please call Nancy Moritz at 218-763-3097 or Kathy Harvet at 218-792-5314.

14th - Vespertine tribal-style modern dance troupe from the Brainerd lakes area and Sestri Slavic choir from Little Falls performing CLC.More details at 218-568-9200.

14th - Sons of Norway Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 meeting at I.R.E.C. in Isle, MN. Program will be Jerry Jacobson regarding the Drarken Viking Ship that sailed here from Norway this past summer. We will have installation of our new officers and coffee with light lunch. If you have questions call Bill @ 1-320-679-2380 or Candice at 1-320-983-

19th - 21st - Annual Antique Snowmobile Rendezvous, Pequot Lakes includes trailride, show, races, swap meet. Hosted by the Pequot Brush Pilots Snowmobile Club.

21st - Benefit for Theresa Dehning, Tae Kwon Do Master, with cancer. Spaghetti dinner for \$7 with entertainment and silent auction, 6 p.m. at Harbor Inn in Garrison.

27th - Dueling Pianos Fishing Extravaganza Kick-off Party 5:30 9:pm Grand View

28th - Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravganza on Gull Lake. The contest is from Noon - 3 pm. Place in the top 150 and take home a prize. The contest raises money for Confidence Learning Center and other local charities.

29th - Annual Lumberjack Jaunt Northland Arboretum, 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd

February

2nd-4th - Crosslake 14th Annual WinterFest 25th - Comic juggler Alex Clark More details at 218-568-9200.

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# Palisade man in critical condition Upon arrival of Crosby ter. Evidence at the scene

On January 4, at approx. 4:12 a.m., the Crow Wing Ambulance, Kokesh was indicates that Kokesh walked County Sheriff's Office re- brought to Cuyuna Regional out of the ditch and continceived a call of an adult male that was found lying in the middle of the road in the 27000 block of CR #32, north of Cedar Lake.

The man was later identified as Brian Andrew Kokesh, 47, of Palisade.

Kokesh was reported to be wearing snowmobile type clothing and was unresponsive.

Medical where he was immediately flown to Hennepin County Medical Center.

As of press time, Kokesh was listed in critical con-

Deputies at the scene determined that Kokesh was operating a snowmobile in the ditch of CR #32 north of Hwy. 210, when he crashed into a ditch filled with wa-

ued walking northbound on CR #32 for approx. one mile where it appears he collapsed on the road. He was later found by a passerby who called 911.

It was later determined that Brian Kokesh's wife had reported him missing to Aitkin County authorities earlier in the evening as he was overdue from a snowmobile ride.

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# OBITUARIES

## **DOUGLAS RHODE**



Douglas Joseph Rhode, 77, of Emily died on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Monday,

January 9, 2017 at St. Emily's Catholic Church in Emily with full military honors given by the Myrin-James American

Legion Post #443 of Ironton.

Visitation will be an hour prior at the church. A memorial mass will also be held on Monday, January 16, 2017 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted, MN. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

He was born on September 25, 1939 in Winsted, MN to Fritz and Frances (Steiner) Rhode. Doug married Bea Loew on February 4, 1961 in Winsted. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of St. Emily's Catholic Church in Emily, the Pine River Watershed Alliance, Emily Lakes and Rivers Association, and the Outing Senior Club.

He is survived by his wife, Bea; daughter, Sharon Brower, Brainerd; mother-in-law, Zoa Fasching, Winsted; brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Shirley Rhode, Elk River; sister-inlaw, Peggy (Tony) Lachermeier, Waverly, MN; two grandchildren: Chad and Douglas Brower, Brainerd; nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Giles Rhode and nephew, Jake

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

### **ELIZABETH SODERQUIST**

Elizabeth (Koenig) Soderquist, 79, of Aitkin died Monday, January 2, 2017 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

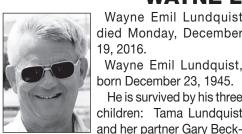
Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2017 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. David Becker officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the spring at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery at Cedarbrook.

Elizabeth, known to us as Betty and Liz, was born Oct. 8, 1937 to John and Annette (Wedel) Koenig. She attended school at Aitkin and graduated in 1955. She attended UMD graduating Cum Laude in Elementary Education. She was listed in "Who's Who" in American college in 1959. In March of 1959, she was hired by the Aitkin School District to teach spring primary in the new elementary school her father had just completed building. She continued to teach in that district at several grade levels. She often commented that she loved her job when the kids were there and also sitting at her desk after hours preparing for the next day. She was involved in her church, St. John's Lutheran, as Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, VBS Coordinator, Choir and Bible Study. After her retirement in 1995, she was involved in the community she loved; working on the board for Kinship and the Keller Foundation, Hospital Auxiliary, as an Election Judge, member of the Jaques Art Center and reading for storytime at the library. In July 1959 Elizabeth, married John Soderquist. She and her husband loved to travel which they did often. In most recent years were fortunate to spend winters in Orange Beach, AL.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, John; daughters and sons-in-law: Julie and Scott Smith, Jane and Chris Hills and Paula Soderquist; four grandchildren: Emily O'Neil, Eric O'Neil, Colleen (Brett) Christensen and Brenda (Jake) Mehr; three great grandchildren: Lydia, Jonah and Matthias; sisters and brothers-in-law: Kathy and Terry Hanlon, and Maryann and Pat Holder.

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

### **WAYNE LUNDQUIST**



Wayne Emil Lundquist died Monday, December 19, 2016.

Wayne Emil Lundquist, born December 23, 1945. He is survived by his three children: Tama Lundquist

er, Tena Lundquist Faust and her husband

Tyson Faust, Luke Lundquist and his wife Gretchen Lundquist; two granddaughters, Taylor and Simone Lundquist and grandson, Harrison Cole Owen. He is also survived by his girlfriend Laurie Vivant.

He is preceded in death by his Father, Emil; mother, Lauraine and brother, Gary.

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### JEANNE THOMPSON

Jeanne Louise Thompson, 83, of McGregor, died December 24, 2016 at Solvav House in Duluth after a brief illness.

Memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Grace Lutheran Church, McGregor with Reverend Erika Foss officiating. Visitation will begin at 11:30 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. service at the church. Burial will be in Pine Needle Cemetery. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be sent to Solvay House or the charity of your choice in her memory.

She was born January 24, 1933 in Akron, OH the second of three children to Robert and Vesta Greathouse. While home on break from Bowling Green University, a friend's brother introduced her to his Air Force buddy, Charles T. Thompson. They married in 1955 and settled in Silver Bay, then Two Harbors

where she worked with pre-school, elementary and special education students as a speech therapist. Following retirement they moved to their cabin on the lake where she was a fixture as the organist at Grace Lutheran Church until November of this year.

She is survived by her sons and daughtersin-law: Robert and Lori, Greg and Kim and Rod and Karen Thompson; godson, Scott Lind; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Shirley Greathouse; and sister, Peggy Hackett.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband Chuck.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

\* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

### **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

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-

### **ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; Sunday Morning Service 9:30

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

Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids

Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

### Study Thurs. 7 pm.

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; Wor-

ship 10:30 am.; 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.

Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30. Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession

Deerwood — St. Joseph's, 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. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sun. 11:15 am.

McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:45 am

Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST** 

Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland

Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship

10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362 Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS** 

Aitkin - Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; Sacrament 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

Aitkin — The Journey North; 810 2nd Street NW, Aitkin; 9 &10:30 am (218) 824-5617 thejourneynorth.com Baxter — The Journey North; 6785 Woida Road, Baxter;

Sat. 5 pm Sun 9, 10:30 & 11:45 am (218) 824-5617 Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005

Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 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-denominational). Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 11; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, second and fourth

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.

Aitkin — St. John's, Rev. Karl E. Bell, Holy Communion

# Service 9

218-545-5433, visitlifespring.com

**EVANGELICAL FREE** Crosby - Lifespring Church, 9:30, 30 Hallet Ave NE

Crosslake - Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@ crosslake.net

Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm

Malmo — 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. HEBREW/MESSIANIC

Dell, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN Aitkin - Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Kari Foss; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

Aitkin - First\* Pastors Darrell Pedersen & Bob Munneke;

worship Sun., 8:15 am and 10 am: Sunday School 9:45

am; Wed. 5:30 pm; Sat., 5 p.m; communion every Sat.

Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank

and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd and 5th Sun; nursery staffed; Sunday service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) at 10 am and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 am, Wed; community meal every Mon. and Thurs., 5 p.m.; food shelf second and fourth Thurs, each month, 9:30 am - 5 pm

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.

Baxter - Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.popbaxter.org Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st &

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church-AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study at 9, Worship 10, Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.llchurch.org) Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd - Pastor 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 Breezy Point\* - Eagles Nest, Pastor Jonathan Lemaster,

218-562-5252, Worship 10:30 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. 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, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson;

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

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

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

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15. Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli

Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101. Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Peterson. 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 M. Eckert;

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;

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Wor-

ship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner: SS 1st & 3rd

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.

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

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. Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed - 10:15 am. Wed. Worship 5:45 pm. Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 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; 1st, 3rd and

4th 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.

# **PENTECOSTAL**

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10. 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily: 218-763-2939.

Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall\*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10

Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Mishtry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

# **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

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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; fel-

lowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947 Emily — Rev. Jeff Drake; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10;

SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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### Governor's Proposed Jobs Bill| Continued from Page 1

reliability to the region to support the expansion of Jennie - O Turkey, the community's largest employer.

**Spending in Engines of Com**merce

**International Falls - Kooch**iching County Airport – The Jobs Bill would spend \$3 million at the Falls International Airport to finish construction of a new terminal building that would include necessary security and customs improvements and better public spaces for travelers.

Completion of the terminal project will allow the City of International Falls and Koochiching County to retain their position as a critical hub for international commerce.

Spending in Minnesota Ports - Minnesota's commercial ports located on Lake Superior and the Mississippi River connect our businesses to markets across the country and around the world. The state's Lake Superior ports alone generate \$1.3 billion for the state's economy and support over 6,200 jobs. To ensure our ports can continue to support Minnesota's growing economy, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith have proposed a \$10 million expenditure to upgrade facilities, essential infrastructure, and expand port capacity in Duluth, Red Wing, Winona and St. Paul.

**Duluth Airport Runway Reconstruction** – The primary runway at Duluth International Airport is more than 60 years old, leaving it unable to handle the demands of commercial air travel and the 148th F-16 Fighter Wing based in Duluth. To begin making the necessary improvements at the airport, \$6.6 million expenditure has

been proposed. This funding is expected to help leverage an additional \$39 million in Federal Aviation Administration funding.

**Local Road Improvement** Fund - Unsafe roads result in deaths, injuries, and damaged property throughout Minnesota every year. The bill includes a \$70 million proposed expenditure to help cities, counties or townships with local road projects that should reduce traffic crashes, deaths, injuries, and property damage. The funding also could be used to help pay the local share of improving state highways.

**Local Bridge Replacement Program** – Approximately one in ten locally maintained bridges longer than ten feet are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete in Minnesota. It would cost cities and counties approximately \$460 million over the next five years to replace most of them. To help local communities shoulder the cost, \$70 million is proposed for expenditure in the Local Bridge Replacement Program to fund the rehabilitation or replacement of local bridges across the state.

Supporting Minnesota Farm-

Financial Assistance for Farmers – Minnesota's Rural Finance Authority helps eligible farmers restructure existing debt, recover from disasters, expand their operations, and provides assistance to beginning farmers.

After several years of low commodity prices, many Minnesota farmers will likely face a credit crunch in the spring, making it difficult for them to plant new crops and pay their day - to - day bills.

The bill includes a proposed expenditure of \$35 million to fund the Rural Finance Authority.

**Agricultural Utilization** Research Institute Expansion- Scientists at Minnesota's Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI) play a critical role in developing new uses and opportunities for the agriculture products grown by Minnesota farmers. This year, the Governor and Lt. Governor have proposed a \$690,000 expenditure to help build a developmental kitchen for food entrepreneurs at AURI's facility in Crookston and add new equipment and technology upgrades at AURI's Waseca and Marshall Facilities that will be used to develop new products from otherwise unusable Ag waste.

Critical Expenditures in Min-

nesota Students **Maintaining World-Class Higher Education Facilities** - To ensure that Minnesotans have access to high-quality education facilities, the Jobs Bill would spend \$135 million in basic infrastructure maintenance at the Minnesota State and University of Minnesota campuses statewide. The type of projects that would be funded include roof repairs, heating and cooling system repair and replacement, and electrical equipment repairs.

**Expanding Facilities for** our Littlest Learners-School districts across Minnesota lack the space to house classrooms for preschool and kindergarten students. However, school levies can place a heavy burden on local property tax payers. In response, the Governor and Lt. Governor have proposed a \$15 million expenditure in their Jobs Bill to help schools expand their facilities without burdening local property owners.

Health Education and **Research** – To strengthen the University of Minnesota Medical School and Health Sciences, the Jobs Bill would spend \$67 million in a health science education facility at the school. The renovated facility will include additional classrooms, new simulation centers, small group rooms, and an advanced technology- rich biomedical library to better prepare students for careers as doctors and other health professions.

St. Cloud State University Eastman Hall Renovation Project - The Jobs Bill would spend \$18.6 million to transform the largely vacant, 85-year-old Eastman Hall building into a modern health services facility. The new facility will consolidate the student health services office and create a learning environment for students in health related fields to be trained in multiple disciplines - meeting the demand of the professional communities and better preparing students for careers after college.

University of Minnesota **Duluth Advanced Sciences Building** – The University of Minnesota Duluth's current chemistry building was originally constructed in 1948 and lacks adequate ventilation, chemical storage space, safety infrastructure, and working gas lines and valves. Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would give \$2 8.3 million to help the University of Minnesota Duluth construct a new Chemistry and Advanced Materials Science Building to prepare students for careers in chemistry, engineering,

and material sciences.

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Improvements at North Mankato's South Central **College** – Healthcare, STEM, agribusiness, and manufacturing are among the fastest growing sectors of the economy in southeast Minnesota. To help South Central College in North Mankato better prepare students, the Governor and Lt. Governor would funnel \$6.4 million to renovate classroom and lab space for health care, manufacturing, and agribusiness. These improvements intended to better prepare students for careers in growing fields.

### Winona State University **Education Village** –

Winona State University has more than 2,000 education majors, comprising 20 percent of the student body. The Education Village project would complete the renovation of existing space into modern, integrated classrooms for students pursuing careers in teaching. Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would spend \$16.9 million to help Winona State University complete the

project, and ensure its graduates are ready for careers teaching Minnesota students.

Fergus Falls Community College – Minnesota State Fergus Falls prepares students for careers in fields from accounting and business to healthcare and equine science. The Governor and Lt. Governor have proposed a \$652,000 expenditure in their Jobs Bill to renovate the library and underutilized classroom spaces, which haven't been improved since the early 1970s. The funding also would allow the school to create a new Center for Student and Workforce Success that integrates the Regional Workforce Center to help students and community members find good jobs. The rest of the project cost would be covered by \$750,000 in donations from community members.

Bemidji State University Classroom Space -Hagg-Sauer Hall, the current main classroom building at Bemidji State, has not been renovated in over 40 years. It lacks modern classroom spaces and has limited student gathering spaces. It also lacks modern research facilities, requiring students to use facilities built in the 1960s and 1970s. Governor Davton and Lt. Governor Smith have proposed a \$12.6 million expenditure to help renovate the facility.

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### **WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE** FILING FOR TOWN-SHIP **OFFICE**

Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for the Township officers to be elected at the Wealthwood Township Annual Meeting which will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Fillings will be open January 3, 2017 and will close January 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Filing hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the office of the Clerk Office will be closed on

legal nolidays.

Call for an appointment 218-678-2880.

Offices to be filled are one Supervisor for a three (3) year term and one Clerk/Treasurer for a two (2) year term.

Filing fee is \$2.00. Dated: December 25, 2016 LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township

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### **WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT**

The Board of Audit for Wealthwood Township will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow.

Dated: December 25, 2016 LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township

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### **NOTICES BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL AUDIT AND BUDGET MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL**

JANUARY 24, 2017 6 P.M. Alternate Date Due to Inclement Weather JANUARY 25, 2017 6PM

**ABSENTEE VOTING** AT THE TOWN HALL MARCH 11, 2017 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

### ANNUAL ELECTION OF **TOWN OFFICERS**

POLLING HOURS WILL BE OPENED BETWEEN THE 4:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL ON MARCH 14, 2017 Alternate Date Due to Inclement Weather for Annual **Election of Town Officers** MARCH 21, 2017 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

**ANNUAL MEETING FOR** THE BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP WILL BE HELD AT THE BAY LAKE TOWN HALL MARCH 14, 2017

8:30 P.M. Alternate Date Due to Inclement Weather for Annual Meeting/ Election/Board Of **Canvass Meeting** MARCH 21, 2017

### **BAY LAKE TOWN HALL BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING**

MARCH 14, 2017 AFTER ANNUAL MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL

**REORGANIZATION MEETING** MARCH 29, 2017 7:00 P.M.,

BAY LAKE TOWN HALL Alternate Date Due to Inclement Weatherr for Rorganization Meeting MARCH 30, 2017 7:00 P.M., BAY LAKE TOWN HALL

### MARCH MONTHLY BOARD **MEETING**

MARCH 7, 2017 7:00 P.M. **BAY LAKE TOWN HALL** Dated: December 26, 2016 CAROL PUNDT, Clerk Bay Lake Township 218-678-3256

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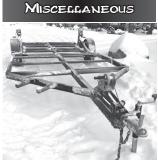
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Hibbing Community College—Hibbing Community College trains students on the Iron Range for a wide-variety of careers, including in law enforcement, diesel mechanics, heating and cooling system maintenance, health care, information technology, and business. The Governor and Lt. Governor have proposed \$7.5 million in their Jobs Bill to remove unused buildings and renovate other facilities to reduce long-term maintenance costs and provide students access to modern classrooms and technology.

### **Rail and Pipeline Safety**

**Moorhead Rail Grade Separation**– An average of 85 trains pass through the City of Moorhead each day, many of them carrying crude oil from North Dakota. However, the current layout of the streets and train tracks makes it impossible to install railroad gates at the current intersection.

The Jobs Bill would provide \$42.3 million to separate motor vehicle and rail traffic, which will improve public safety and alleviate frequent traffic delays caused by passing trains.

**Prairie Island Rail Grade Separation** – Approximately 40 trains per day traveling at up to 79 miles per hour pass through the area. A derailment or crash blocking Sturgeon Lake Road could haveserious consequences because the road is Prairie Island's only public roadway and evacuation route. The need is heightened by the presence of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant and Lock and Dam Number 3. The Jobs Bill would spend \$14.8 million to separate Sturgeon Lake Road and the Canadian Pacific rail track, which will improve access to the island in the event of an emergency.

Coon Rapids Rail Grade Separation—The Hanson Boulevard rail crossing in Coon Rapids is regularly blocked by trains awaiting clearance to enter the nearby Northtown Rail Yard. The blockage can cut thecity in half—making it difficult for emergency vehicles to travel across town without detours. The bill would spend \$12.6 million to improve public safety and helpcommuters who travel through the intersection daily.

Rail and Pipeline Safety Training – Currently, Minnesota has 4,444 rail route miles used by 20 different railroads, which annually move more than one trillion tons of freight through the state. By 2030, rail traffic in Minnesota is projected to grow 25 percent to 40 percent. To better ensure first responders are prepared for emergencies, the Jobs Bill would spend \$3.5 million in an oil train derailment and pipeline safety training center at Camp Ripley.

**New State Emergency Operations Center** – The Jobs Bill would spend \$33.3 million in a new State Emergency Operations Center, to help coordinate during disasters and emergencies and serve as a training center for emergency operations.

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Brainerd Readiness Center Renovation – Decreased federal funding has left the Brainerd Readiness Center behind on basic maintenance and repairs. To help ensure the facility is ready to meet the needs of the National Guard and Minnesotans during emergencies, the Governor and Lt. Governor's Jobs Bill would spend \$3.5 million.

St. Cloud National Guard Readiness Center – More than 230 Minnesota National Guard soldiers are assigned to the St. Cloud Readiness Center. An additional 156 are expected to be assigned there as the facility transiti ons to become a battalion headquarters. However, the aging facility is inadequate for the National Guard's needs , having received a "poor" facility ranking in 2014. In response, bill would spend

\$4.5 million to renovate and expand the St. Cloud Readiness Center. These resources also would fund basic maintenance, including updates to the heating and cooling system, interior painting, and sewer connection improvements.

Minneapolis Veterans Home Truss Bridge Project—The bridge that carries Soldiers' Home Road over Minnehaha Creek was built in 1908 to connect the Minneapolis Veterans Home to Minnehaha Park. However, the bridge now lacks the strength to safely support vehicle traffic, which limits access to the Veterans Home to a single entrance. The Governor and Lt. Governor have included a \$7.9 million expenditure in their Jobs Bill to repair the historic bridge and improve access to the home.

### **Protecting Our Water and Natural Resources**

**Water Infrastructure** – Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would spend \$167 million to the fund water infrastructure to help communities rehabilitate wastewater and drinking water infrastructure systems, expand capacity, and meet water quality requirements.

Buffer Reimbursements – The Jobs Bill would spend \$30 million in the Respend in Minnesota Reserve program, which compensates private landowners for granting permanent conservation easements and establishing wetlands or riparian areas on their lands. The funds will help Minnesotans implement the new buffer strip law passed last session.

Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Program—Spring flooding can have significant consequences for affected communities by deterring further economic development in the flood plain and putting existing structures at-risk. The bill has a \$6.5 million expenditure to complete flood risk reduction projects in Halstad, Montevideo, the Cedar River, and the Redpath Impoundment.

Lake Mille Lacs Walleye Population –To address the declining walleye population of Lake Mille Lacs, the Governor and Lt. Governor's Jobs Bill would spend \$3.5 million to develop a fisheries management station on the lake, including a Department of Natural Resources' office, laboratory, and hatchery

**Supporting Minnesota's Pheasant Population** – As recommended at the Pheasant Summit convened by Governor Dayton in 2014, the Jobs Bill would provide \$9.5 million to acquire, develop, and improve lands for wildlife and aquatic management areas.

**Statewide Fish Population Support**— The Jobs Bill would provide \$1 million to improve fish hatcheries statewide to control invasive species, enhance production capacities, and upgrade water systems.

### **Spending in Health and Safety**

Minnesota Security Hospital Improvements—The Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter is facing staffing shortages and increasingly challenging patients. The Governor and Lt. Governor have included a \$70.3 million expenditure in their Jobs Bill to renovate and expand the facility, so that it is better able to serve patients with the most serious conditions. The renovated facility also would improve safety by eliminating blind spots and challenging sightlines that make it difficult for staff to account for all patients. The renovation would further improve safety by separating vulnerable adults from predatory populations.

Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center—Few security features were incorporated into the design of the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center when it was built two decades ago. This limitation has been compounded by a changing patient population, with increasingly complex psychiatric conditions

and histories of violent behavior. Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith have proposed a \$2.3million expenditure to install additional security cameras, upgrade the facility's alarm safety and electronic key card system, and improve safety at nursing stations.

St. Cloud Correctional Facility –To help protect public and employee safety, the Jobs Bill would invest \$19 million to complete a new intake and loading dock at the St. Cloud Correctional Facility. Their proposal also includes \$4.4 million to repair the aging perimeter wall that poses a security concern and make other essential improvements at the prison. Supporting Minnesotans in Need

Second Harvest Heartland – Second Harvest Heartland plays a critical role in alleviating hunger in Minnesota. In 2015, they delivered more than 77 million meals to nearly 1,000 food shelves, pantries, and other partner programs across Minnesota. This assistance benefited over 530,000 people who suffered a job loss, unexpected medical bills, or simply couldn't afford to feed themselves and their families. A proposed \$18 million expenditure is to help Second Harvest build a new distribution center, allowing them to better serve people across Minnesota.

Dyslexia Institute of Minnesota – Dyslexia affects approximately one in five people, however, few people with the condition receive the care needed to help them achieve their full potential. To help ensure that more Minnesotans with Dyslexia receive needed assistance, the Governor and Lt. Governor have proposed a \$1.5 million expenditure to help construct a treatment facility in Olmstead County. The facility would include a space for Reading Readiness classes for children aged four to six, four practicum spaces for small group training, and two smaller classrooms for school-aged classes.

North Country Food Bank – The North Country Food Bank in Crookston provides the equivalent of 5.8 million meals to people in northwest and west central Minnesota. However, the current facility has inadequate food storage space, especially for foods that require freezing or refrigeration. The food bank also struggles with logistical problems and parking due to limited space. If approved, the bill would spend \$3 million to help expand the facility.

Willmar Mental Health Hospital—The Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services program provides psychiatric healthcare to Minnesota youth who need crisis care and intensive treatment. Many patients at the facility are physically aggressive and have needs that exceed the capacity of other providers. The current facility at the former Willmar Regional Treatment Center makes it difficult to protect patient and staff safety. To improve safety and care, the bill includes a \$7.5 million expenditure to build a new 16-bed psychiatric hospital facility in Willmar to better treat these Minnesota children.





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