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Donations Wanted for Aitkin County Historical Society Garage Sale

Clean, unbroken items are being accepted by the ACHS for the annual garage sale in August. No upholstered furniture, electronics, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, hardbound books (particularly encyclopedia sets), mattresses and clothing will be accepted.

Bring donations to the Aitkin County Depot Museum Wednesday- Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Colleen Bremner at 218-927-3815.

Former area lumber yard gets new life as Salem West

Moving on from March 1 arson fire, grand reopening is set for July 10 with pig roast

By ANN SCHWARTZ

In the early-morning hours of March 1, a fire was set by an arsonist, destroying the Salem West building in downtown Deerwood.

The ministry, supported by Salem Lutheran Church of Deerwood, provides free furniture and household goods to needy families. Mustard Seed, its thrift store in Deerwood, also supports the mission.

The building that burned down was the former Deerwood Laundromat, which was empty and deteriorating



On May 22, Salem Lutheran Church purchased the former UBC/Stenerson Lumber yard on the eastern edge of Crosby, at 22348 State Highway 6, Deerwood to house their Salem West ministry. Eric Heglund photo

in 2002. Members of Salem Lutheran Church bought the building, and, along with

community members, fixed up that building and added an addition to it in 2004.

From the first day of the fire, leaders vowed to carry on. They began accepting donations at the church and

then in a temporary location in Deerwood across from the church. A semi-truck was filled with donations and grants and donations poured in.

On May 22, Salem Lu-

theran Church purchased the former UBC/Stenerson Lumber yard on the eastern edge of Crosby, at 22348 State Highway 6, Deerwood. On the 25th anniversary of Salem West's founding in the church, a big grand opening at the new location and community thank you is planned. A pig roast is being held on Monday, July 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new location to thank the Brainerd Lakes area all the support it has received since the fire.

Last week, volunteers and staff were busy moving into the remodeled space

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The former Salem West building destroyed by an arson fire on March 1 of this year. Ann Schwartz photos



Volunteers work to accomplish the big task of organizing a social needs ministry in a large lumber yard building.



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However, there will be an **EARLY DEADLINE** of noon on **Friday, June 30** for the issue of **July 8.**
- Thank you!

With innovation Crow Wing County Landfill is anything but a dump



Panoramic view of the Crow Wing County Landfill located east of Brainerd and west of Ironton on Hwy. 210.

Submitted by
DARCY DWYER,
CROW WING COUNTY

When you hear the word ‘landfill’ what comes to mind? Do you think of piles of garbage or a mile-high heap of waste?

The Crow Wing County landfill, however, is benefiting from smart technology. A mountain of trash may be a slight exaggeration, but up until the late 1960s, landfills in America had few regulations or systems in place to break down trash. This is why

you might find decades-old papers and other items in near perfect condition.

“Education is key,” Doug Morris, the County’s Solid Waste Coordinator, says it best in the simplest of terms. Morris explains that there is always a smarter, more beneficial, and efficient way to do something. “We’re led to believe that the trash business is a dirty game with seemingly no positive outcomes in sight; the water is bound to become contaminated and the air is filling with pollut-

ants as we speak.” Morris knows firsthand that’s it’s just the opposite. “Many can’t believe what a positive difference we’re making at the landfill. There are great new innovations to help reduce pollutants and save on the pocketbook.”

21st century waste management run like a business: zero tax dollars!

Crow Wing County’s landfill program is built to be self-sustaining, with adequate revenue through tipping fees to cover operating costs and future capital projects. This is how the county is able to operate such an advanced facility without relying on tax dollars. Years ago, landfills did not have the ability to contain or convert the toxic by-products given off by decomposing waste such as methane gas which is one of the most potent greenhouse gases contributing to global warming.

By decreasing greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere, Crow Wing County is not only helping the en-



Landfill technology changes: here is a methane gas vent pipe from an inactive gas well in the old landfill that was closed in 1992. The current landfill has an active gas system that gathers all the gas to be sent to the gas flare (pictured at right.)



Crow Wing County Landfill gas flare is utilized to combust the landfill gas collected within the landfill.

government mandated that all municipal solid waste landfills be lined to prevent hazardous chemicals from leaking into the groundwater. That fall, over 25 years ago, Crow Wing County opened the first stand-

alone lined landfill in the state of Minnesota.

The science behind Crow Wing County’s purpose built landfill

Since then, Crow Wing has made it a priority to stay on top of technology in the waste industry. Marvin Stroschein, the Landfill Operator of 34 years, proudly stated, “Crow Wing County uses science to let nature do its process. Other folks use manpower,

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Doug Morris (left), Solid Waste Coordinator and Marvin Stroschein (right), Landfill Operator plan for the future of the Crow Wing County Landfill.

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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 room, 4th Tues. of month at noon.
Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.
Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.
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 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, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.
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 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@motas.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., 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 p.m. 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 p.m.; 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.
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) Mon.: 10 Glory Baptist Church; 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 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.
Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. 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.
June
24th - Malmo Evangelical Free Church Summer Gospel Concert, 7 pm, bring a lawn chair. Four Fools for Old School – Toe tapping old time gospel music for all ages. 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. Located Hwy. 18 near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs.
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Keeping it loose

While the conventional landfill compacts trash as tightly as possible to take up less space, Crow Wing County does the opposite. Each layer of trash is only driven over three times so oxygen and moisture can work its way through the loosely packed fill and decompose the waste more rapidly. By exposing trash to the elements, space is used far more efficiently and the landfill uses up less space over time.

Engineers that come out to take regular measurements at the site were even led to believe Crow Wing hadn’t been dumping any trash in their landfill, as the levels hadn’t varied between surveys, all due to the way the trash is handled. Mountains of garbage are a thing of the past in Crow Wing County as with the current system in place, each layer of garbage can be broken down completely.

On-site leachate treatment

A significant risk from landfills is leachate. Think of it like the “coffee” that is generated as rainfall percolates through the waste and is collected on the liner below. The water accelerates the decaying process of the trash but, in doing so, it takes with it all the soluble elements of whatever is decomposing. Metals such as arsenic, zinc and nickel as well as organics like ammonia used in fertilizers all end up in the water coming out of the landfill. As the leachate reaches the bottom, it goes through a layer of sand filtering solids before entering the piping systems at



Aerial view of the four Leachate Treatment Ponds at the Crow Wing County Landfill. The treatment ponds are aerated to promote metals precipitation and volatilization of organic contaminants. The ponds are operated in series. The circulating water in the landfill system helps break down trash five times faster.

the bottom. That leads to yet another unique feature at Crow Wing County’s Landfill: the water treatment ponds.

Rather than trucking out the leachate to an offsite wastewater treatment plant facility in another county (like most other landfills do at costs exceeding roughly \$500,000 every year). Crow Wing instead treats everything that comes out of their own landfill in-house. The water goes through an aeration and settling process which takes out contaminants until it is nearly drinking water quality.

About 8 million gallons of water comes out of the landfill per year and is processed in the ponds. About half of the collected leachate is then put to use by recirculating it back into the landfill through pipes that furthers the breakdown of the waste. The advancements at Crow Wing County’s Landfill allow trash to break down at a rate five times faster than in traditional landfills. This expedited process decreases the amount of time the noxious gasses have to generate and reduces pollutant concentra-

tions in the leachate, which in turn significantly reduces the chance of extremely hazardous outcomes such as contaminated groundwater or even spontaneous combustion in the landfill. Each time the water goes through the county’s landfill, the leachate quality improves and requires less treatment in the ponds. Leachate collected from the Landfill meets most drinking water standards.

Beyond this filtration process, the landfill also has a double containment system in place which is comprised of two feet of clay and a layer of 60-mil. high density polyethylene plastic with an advanced leak detection system beneath the fill. Eventually, once the water has made its final circulation, it will be treated one last time before being sprayed onto the fields near the landfill. Throughout the summer, these fields are mowed and the grass is gathered into hay which is composted on top of the Landfills and then used as temporary cover on landfill side slopes and as a topsoil

amendment on site projects. Crow Wing County has essentially turned its Landfill into a treatment vessel, something relatively unheard of in the rest of the country.

Using landfill resources

They utilize gravel/sand from the landfill site for on-site purposes.

“We try to utilize our material to the maximum benefit, said Morris. “Overall our area is not very good for gravel, but we do hit some veins of material that can be utilized as gravel. For example we

screened for drainage layers within the landfill design, thus saving the cost of purchasing this material. We also utilize this material for cover on the landfill.”

Morris said they do have a policy where haulers who are utilizing the demolition landfill are allowed to remove fill material.

“They bring a load of demo and can leave with a truckload of fill material they then use at the demo site to fill in basements or other low areas,” said Morris.



A closer view of one of the on-site water leachate treatment ponds, Leachate Pond 4. The pond has a capacity of 2.4 million gallons and is aerated for treatment. The onsite system protects water quality and saves taxpayers about \$500,000 a year.

had enough to make class 5 to redo all the roads at the site last year.”

Morris said there is mostly sand at the landfill.

“We do utilize the sand once

2020 Vision: Taking the landfill to the next level

Currently, Crow Wing County is busy making further innovations to allow them year-round water treatment. Today,

the Landfill is only able to run their water treatment ponds in the warmer months, but through a reverse filter they could keep up with treatment all year with no additional taxes.

The County is always looking to improve the residential recycling rates. Although Minnesota requires all non-metropolitan counties to recycle 35% of total solid waste by weight, Crow Wing County has an impressive rate at 51.6%. However, as remarkable as that percentage is, only 10% of the county’s recycling comes from residents. Crow Wing County is working to develop ways to reach its residents and help emphasize the importance of recycling.

The employees at the Crow Wing County Landfill recognize there is always room for improvement and are doing their utmost to remain at the forefront of further advancements. They are searching for those innovative opportunities and the work is never done.

Crow Wing County, with just 62,000 residents, finds itself ahead of the entire state and even the majority of the country in terms of how waste is disposed, and they don’t intend to stop there.

Cuyuna Range Community Band



Submitted by
HEATHER GOBLE

The Cuyuna Range Community Band is gearing up for their 17th year of summer concerts. You can find this lively group at community celebrations, parades, and area care centers through the upcoming summer months. Their repertoire this season includes favorites from Sousa, Chicago, John Williams, as well as other familiar songs and band classics. You will be sure to tap your toes and hum along as Director Rich Peterson conducts this talented group of musicians!

You can find the Cuyuna Range Community Band at

the following locations this summer:

- June 28, Heartwood Center, Crosby, 6:30 p.m.
 - July 4, Aitkin County Fairground, 7:30 p.m.
 - July 13, Crosby Music in the Park, 7:00 p.m.
 - July 15, Emily Day, 11:00 a.m.
 - July 20, McGregor Family Fun Night, 7:00 p.m.
 - July 27, Brainerd Gregory Park, 7:30 p.m.
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- 8:30 p.m. at the Aitkin County Growth Center and members include musicians of all ages and abilities. The band’s goal is to enhance, enrich and expand the musical experiences that are available to individuals in the surrounding communities. The band is always open to new members.

Anyone interested in joining the band or making donations can contact Dick Gunderson, band president, at 218-527-0527 or Rich Peterson at 320-630-0149.

Keep updated on the group by searching “Cuyuna Range Community Band” on Facebook.

OBITUARIES

JAMES COLLINS



James Joseph Collins, 83 of Aitkin died Saturday, June 17, 2017.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 23, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. from First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. Sandy Berg Holte officiating. Burial was in the Saron Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the Aitkin VFW and American Legion Posts.



James was born September 6, 1933 in Aitkin to Joseph and Eileen Collins. He grew up and attended schools in Aitkin graduating from the Aitkin High School in 1951. He then entered the National Guard and was activated and served in the U.S. Army in Korea where he was wounded. Upon his discharge he worked for Johns-Manville Company near Chicago Illinois for a time and then returned to the Aitkin area where he worked highway construction for a time and then worked in the mines at Crosby. He married Judith Ann Sanbeck on August 17, 1957 in Aitkin. They made their home on a farm east of Aitkin where they eventually built their home. He farmed most of his life but also worked a milk route and

also had a contract mail route from the mid 1960’s to 2000. He served the Glen route which later was known as HC 5. In 1969, he went to work in Virginia, MN as a state patrol dispatcher for two years. He then worked for Rasley Oil Co driving a bulk oil truck and in 1972 he went to work for the Aitkin Count Sheriff’s office as a dispatcher, a job which he held for 25 years retiring in 1997. He enjoyed his farming, hunting, fishing, and especially enjoyed time with the grandchildren and family. He was a member of the Aitkin VFW, Aitkin American Legion Post, the Disabled American Veterans, the Teamsters Union and Bethesda Lutheran Church of Rossburg where he had served on council for many years and was also church treasurer for many years.

He is survived by his wife Judy Collins, Aitkin; sons and daughters-in-law: Doug and Jeanie Collins; Rick and Janice Collins, all of Aitkin; brother-in-law: Cliff Sanbeck, Aitkin and five grandchildren; and one great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary Gene.

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Former area lumber yard gets new life as Salem West | Continued from Page 1



Lots of items were hauled by trailer from downtown Deerwood to the former lumber yard location.

once occupied by the old lumber yard. The facility includes a huge main building and three large outbuildings, one of which held furniture.

Folks bustled about, cleaning and organizing goods on hand and bringing in load after load of items from Deerwood.

Please call ahead if you have items to donate, at (218) 534-4962. It is best to call before bringing anything as staff and volunteers are busy with the move.

Items that Salem West needs include:

Beds from non-smoking

homes including twin mattresses, box springs and frames and mattresses of all sizes except king. Crib items must be new and in the box and toddler beds and “pack n plays” are also needed.

Furniture needed from non-smoking homes includes couches and loveseats (but no hide-a-beds), futons, living room chairs, end tables, coffee tables, lamps, bookshelves, small desk and desk chairs and kitchen and dining room tables and chairs in sets or pieces.

Linens needed include crib and toddler bedding, kitchen

towels, dish rags, pot holders, rugs, bath towels, wash rags, rugs, shower curtains, curtains, non-feather pillows and throw blankets.

Kitchen items in demand include dishes, glasses, silverware, pots and pans, blenders, mixers, coffee makers, toasters, micro-waves, kitchen utensils and crock pots.

Baby gear needed includes toys, high chairs, booster seats and bouncy chairs. They don’t accept car seats.

Baby and children’s clothes are needed, to match the current season, clean and free of stains and rips. There is a more limited demand for

adult clothing so please call ahead.

The Mustard Seed Thrift Store may be able to take in additional items. Donated items for the Mustard Seed are funneled through Salem West.

Large appliances can be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

The needs of the surrounding communities are large and government cutbacks continue to happen. Salem West offers a perfect opportunity to recycle your gently used items that another family can get use of – keeping items out of landfills and giving them a new purpose with a local family.



New laundry appliances were being installed at the new Salem West location to wash donations in.

Broadband webinars

Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, is urging local organizations and individuals interested in applying for Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant funding to attend upcoming informational webinars.

The Minnesota Office of Broadband Development will host a series of webinar sessions on July 7, July 10 and July 12. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the meeting.

“These online seminars provide important information on the application process for those interested in applying for a grant,” Lueck said. “There is intense competition for the State Broadband Grants, they are awarded based on the overall merit of the project, it’s important that applicants provide a high quality application.”

The first hour of each webinar will cover the grant program and application process details. The second hour will be available for any additional questions from participants.

An additional \$20 million was provided for the broadband grant program through a

jobs and energy finance package that was enacted into law last month. This is in addition to the \$45 million in broadband grants that have already been awarded during the past 2015-16 legislative state budget period. When combined with federal ConnectAmerican Funds (CAFII), rural Minnesota will see over \$100 million in broadband expansion this year alone.

More information is available at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development’s website. Visit www.mn.gov/deed and search for the keywords “broadband grant.” People also may call 651-259-7610 or email broadband@state.mn.us for details or assistance with webinar registration.

The deadline for submitting this round of grant applications is 4 p.m. Sept. 11. Prospective applicants must contact wireline broadband providers in their proposed project area by July 31 to comply with the pre-application notification portion of the application process (or six weeks before filing an application, if filing before Sept. 11).



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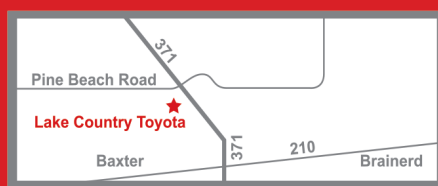


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