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Emergency air base opens at Brainerd airport Lifelink helicopter stands by 24/7 to respond emergencies



Laura Adamek, base lead nurse, points out the sophisticated medical equipment aboard a \$5 million Lifelink helicopter that is stationed at a new base in Brainerd. Ann Schwartz photos



Crew members signed a photo for their manager Nate Lebeck, who manages the Brainerd and Alexandria bases.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
As more and more people live, work and play in the Brainerd Lakes Area it's nice to know that five nurses, five paramedics, four pilots and two mechanics are ready to

provide care with their Lifelink helicopter.

Lifelink, known for its bright blue helicopter, opened its seventh base in the Brainerd area in May. A grand opening was held on July 28 with dignitary speeches and a ribbon cutting, followed by an open house and tours.

The base consists of an existing hangar that Lifelink brought from a private party and a new manufactured home for the crew, who work 12-hour shifts. The crew home includes several bedrooms, offices, bathrooms, a kitchen and living area and even a laundry room.

A \$5 million AgustaWestland helicopter and a single

engine aircraft are stationed in Brainerd.

Flight crews include a pilot, a paramedic and a nurse.

Laura Adamek, base lead nurse, pointed out all the

medical equipment on the helicopter, including a flying laboratory, a cardiac monitor, an automatic CPR machine, an ultrasound and

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Fresh blood is kept in a small refrigerator in the Lifelink hangar.



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Lifelink helicopters are bright blue with light blue and yellow accents.



Laura, front, and Matt Smiles, a manager, in the crew house living room.



Pilot Neal McCafferty of Baxter on the job in the crew house.

other equipment to monitor critically ill patients in the air. There is a black bag for emergency medicine, a blue bag for airway issues and a ventilator. They can also print out results of in-flight exams and labs and bring them into the facility where the patient lands.

Lifelink picks up patients at small hospitals, such as Brainerd, Aitkin and Crosby, and brings them to metropolitan area hospitals. They can also land at a public access for a drowning or alongside the highway after a bad car accident.

"It is a 20-minute flight to St. Cloud and a 40-minute flight to the Twin Cities or

Duluth," explained. Adamek.

Commonly, patients have suffered heart attacks or strokes, emergency accident trauma or are very medically sick.

The helicopter always has two pints of O-positive blood on board.

Inside the hanger, a small refrigerator contains pints of blood. There is a U-capit, a sort of secure vending machine that dispenses drugs needed for such things as heart attacks, pain and high



This secure vending machine contains drugs needed by critically ill patients.

or low blood pressure.

In the crew home, those on duty can use office computers to complete training. A television in the dining room links to the other Lifelink bases, in Alexandria, Willmar, Anoka, Hibbing, Cloquet and Rice Lake Wisconsin.

If area residents see a helicopter flying into a local hospital or accident, the Lifelink helicopters are blue with light blue and yellow accents. North Memorial helicopters are white with salmon colored bottoms.

Earlier in the day, chambers of commerce, medical and law enforcement officials praised the addition of the Lifelink base to the Brainerd Lakes area.

Dr. Peter Henry, chief medical officer at Essentia in Brainerd, noted that 20 years ago the emergency department in Brainerd saw 14,000 patients a year. That statistic has leapt to 28,000 patients a year and that doesn't even include Aitkin and Crosby.

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Memories of the Itasca County Fair as 125th anniversary nears - part 1

It is county fair time. The Itasca County Fair is celebrating its 125th year on August 16-20.

Below are memories for Evalyn (Ahlm) Carlson, formerly of Grand Rapids, MN. Her father, Bernie Ahlm, was president of the Itasca County Fair for many years between 1950-1979. These are her memories of the fair as a child that she wished to share.

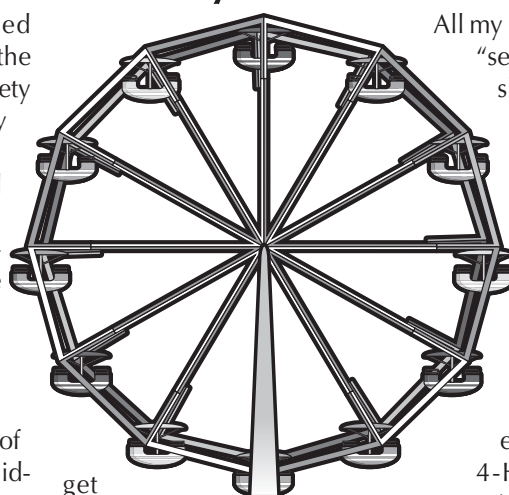
"FOUR BIG DAYS THREE BIG NIGHTS" at one of the most beautiful fairgrounds in the State of Minnesota. Groomed grassy hillsides with shade trees setting off the white Exhibit buildings ready to show off the finest displays from flowers to baked goods to ducks and horses.

The "fair" in the Ahlm household really began early each summer as my Dad, who was on the fair board and long time president of the board, took his vacation time to work with other members hiring crews to prepare for the August event. Buildings were cleaned, repaired and repainted as necessary. New

buildings were designed and added to enhance the opportunities for the variety of interests that a county fair can offer. Earlier in the year the board would have decided on the main attractions for the grandstand shows, booths were allotted and a carnival hired. Most often the chosen was Rogers Bros. who had a pretty good record of clean shows, a variety of rides and booths for the midway and relatively few conflicts between the carnies and the townies. At times during the summer months, I got to go with Dad to check out this or that, or just see how everything was progressing. We'd check things out and then stop and have coffee and lemonade with the caretakers who lived on the site. (or at least I remember them living there.)

Fair trouble

I do remember, however an incident late on a Friday night when I wasn't supposed to be on the midway, but wanted one more ferris wheel ride (the only ride where I didn't



get sick!). An altercation between a carnie and a townie broke out. It was the longest ride I have ever been on, as all of the carnival ride employees and young town men began to duke it out in the middle of the midway.

The untended ferris wheel kept going around and around AND around ... and the view of the excitement below was exciting to watch as finally the fair patrol and local police quickly put an end to the fighting.

My only concern then was that the ferris wheel attendant not be arrested.

All my Dad said to me was "see, this is why you shouldn't be on the midway at night". I was sick enough not to argue.

4-H competition

The main Exhibit buildings were on the hillside and included the 4-H building where exhibits of the many 4-H club members were judged. As a 4-Her myself, I can't remember ever getting a blue ribbon, but I always got a ribbon ... pink, or some other color that wasn't first, second, or third. But then, there were a lot better aprons sewn and prettier sewing boxes made and I couldn't grow flowers or bake anything that judges were willing to sample.

Forestry building

The forestry building was

an add on during my youth and it offered fascinating displays of fish right up close and personal as trout and walleye and northern and other species swam in specially made tanks. It was there you could learn of the history of conservation ... "the wise use of our natural resources". There would be logging history, displays of stumps of trees showing the rings that told the age of the tree. Smokey the Bear would visit and there would always be a picture display of the destruction of forest fires. Many of the pictures were submitted by my Dad. You could catch up on the new laws of hunting and fishing.

Home-ec building

I thought of the home-ec building, as the 4-H for older people with all of the dainty needlework, quilts, woodworking. Wall hangings, baked goods and other

entries vied for a trip to the state fair.

Agriculture building

The agriculture building was a mixture of the fragrance of flowers and the various odors of vegetables, things that I would never consider eating, but made really nice displays. Everything was orderly, clean and well staged.

Old settlers building

It was at the old settlers building that in deed you could learn about the people who were the history of Itasca County. It was a welcoming place for those who had enough walking and needed a place to rest. The sheltering trees made it a popular place to meet up with old friends each other. A picnic would take place and it was fun to just listen to the conversations and stories that would be occurring all around you.

See next week's issue for the rest of the story.

Man's body found in fish house fire

On June 31, at approx. 12:25 a.m., The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office received a call of a possible suicidal male at a residence on the 3400 block of CR #113

residence and located a fish house that was fully engulfed in flames. Upon examining the burned remains of the fish house, deputies located a body inside. It is believed that the remains are that of

the suicidal male, the sheriff's office reported. The remains were transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner. The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office is awaiting positive identification on the victim.

LEGAL NOTICES

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AITKIN COUNTY BUFFER ORDINANCE NOTICE OF HEARING

The Aitkin County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the adoption of the Aitkin County Buffer Ordinance. The hearing will be conducted on August 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Room of the Aitkin County Courthouse. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the adoption of the Buffer Ordinance to the County Board of Commissioners for final review at a regularly scheduled board meeting on September 12, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

The Aitkin County Buffer Ordinance is proposed for adoption in order to meet the requirements of MN Statutes 103B101, Subd.12a and MN Statutes 103E.48. The Buffer Ordinance identifies the width of buffer areas required on public ditches as shown on a buffer protection map, describes how to measure the buffer width, explains the uses that are allowed within the buffer area, allowed exemptions to the buffer requirements and alternative buffer practices. The remainder of the Ordinance explains how the County will handle complaints, noncompliance issues and enforcement. The above is only a summary; a full text is available for

public review at the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Office and the Aitkin County Auditor's Office in the Aitkin County Courthouse during regular business hours. A copy of the proposed Buffer Ordinance can also be viewed in its entirety on the Aitkin County website at www.co.aitkin.mn.us. Comments can be submitted in writing to the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Office: 209 2nd St NW, Rm 100, Aitkin, MN 56431, by facsimile (218) 927-4372, or by e-mail to aitkinpz@co.aitkin.mn.us before 4:00 p.m. on August 18, 2017. Please include a full name and complete mailing address with all correspondences.

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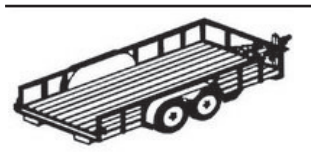
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Youth can apply to hunt with mentors on Youth Waterfowl Day

Youth ages 12 to 15 can apply to hunt waterfowl under the guidance of experienced mentors on Minnesota Youth Waterfowl Day on Saturday, Sept. 9.

"Helping a kid learn to hunt is a great way to share

your skills and show what the outdoors have to offer," said Mike Kurre, mentoring program coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Ducks Unlimited, the U.S. National Wildlife Service,

Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club, the Fox Lake Conservation League, the DNR and others have teamed up to offer the hunts, which will take place in four areas:

- Southern Twin Cities metro area locations.
- Sherburn private land between Fairmont and Windom.
- Private land in Fergus Falls.
- Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge near Zimmerman and Princeton.

Application forms must be received at the DNR central office by Friday, Aug. 18. Applicants will be drawn in a lottery if a hunt is oversubscribed, with preference given to novice hunters. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible and must attend an orientation on Friday, Sept. 8, in the location for which they were chosen.

Applications and more details about the hunt are available online at mndnr.gov/discover and by contacting Kurre at 651-259-5193 or michael.kurre@state.mn.us.

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Youth hunt deer with adult mentors during special hunts

Youth can apply to hunt deer in select state parks and other refuge areas during 16 special deer hunts in October and November.

"These special hunts provide the opportunity for parents or other adult mentors to go afield with youth to hunt deer," said Mike Kurre, Department of Natural Resources mentoring coordinator. "Deer hunting can be an extremely positive experience for youth."

Youth have through Friday, Aug. 18, to apply for the hunts. Of the 16 special

hunts, 14 are firearms hunts for youth ages 12 to 15, and two are archery hunts for youth ages 12 to 17.

Participation in other deer hunting seasons remains an option for youth who take part in the special youth deer hunts, but any deer harvested count against the youth's season bag limit. An adult parent, guardian or mentor must accompany the youth at all times while hunting, but only the youth may hunt. Both youth and mentor must attend a mandatory pre-hunt orientation.

A limited number of either-sex permits are available for each hunt. However, for the hunts in Buffalo River, Camden and Lake Shetek state parks youth need to harvest an antlerless deer before getting a permit to harvest a buck.

Youth must apply for the hunt of his or her choice, which can be done anywhere DNR licenses are sold, at the DNR License Center, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, or online at mndnr.gov/buylicense. For archery hunts, apply with code 630; for

firearms hunts, apply with code 631.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of permits, the DNR will randomly draw names to choose participants. Youth may apply for one archery hunt and one firearms hunt. Successful applicants also must meet all firearms safety requirements, purchase appropriate licenses and follow hunting regulations.

In addition to the 16 application-only hunts in state parks and refuge areas, any youth ages 10 to 15 also can

participate in the youth deer season that runs Oct. 19-22, in 27 permit areas that encompass portions of southeastern and northwestern Minnesota and portions of the Twin Cities metro area.

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