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## Sign up now for Ready Set Grow Garden Expo in Brainerd



Complete renovation of the main garden, adjacent to the parking lot, at Northland Arboretum last summer was undertaken by Master Gardeners and their families. A Crow Wing Master Gardeners grant was awarded to the project.

What better way to spend a Saturday in Brainerd than learning about gardening and consuming a lunch catered by the Prairie Bay Restaurant? Coralee Fox, treasurer of the Crow Wing County Master Gardeners who host the expo, urges you to sign up now. The event features four break-out session classes on a wide variety of topics from roses to lilies to herbs, beekeeping, composting and vertical gardening. It will be held on Saturday, March 24, at Central Lakes College from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"We are planning for 300 and last year we had 279 attend," said Fox. "It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we are really pushing preregistration for this great event."

Log onto [www.crowwing-mastergardeners.org](http://www.crowwing-mastergardeners.org) for the form or call 218-454-4769 for information.

There are 52 local master gardeners whose home base is now the Northland Arboretum. Throughout the year, they work with children, adults, senior citizens and with other organiza-

tions to promote their love and knowledge of gardening throughout Crow Wing County and the regional area.

It is a formidable task getting certified to be a master gardener, Fox said, akin to completing a college course. And these knowledgeable gardeners are ready and willing to share what they know. It is a University of Minnesota Extension program and was started in 1977.

For example Fox, a retired city administrator, tends nearly full-time to 11 life-size fairy gardens on a one-acre plot at her home north of Brainerd. Her daughter Angela Busch, is the creative designer.

"Each of the areas in my gardens has a color theme and many outdoor fairy statues from a couple inches tall to two or three feet high," Fox explained. It includes flowers, plants, shrubs and more, along with various

seating areas, trellises and other features.

Attendance at the Expo is so important as it funds the activities of the Master Gardeners through the year. Chair Pauline Condon and Co-Chair Deb Nelson do a marvelous job of pulling the delightful day together, Fox assured.

Master Gardener officers

include President JoAnn Weaver, Vice President Jennifer Knudson, Secretary Ken Lueken and Treasurer Cox. They meet the second Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Northland Arboretum.

The photos show the Gardening 101 class, with master gardeners teaching children

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In addition to the Spring Expo, Master Gardeners work with children throughout the summer at the Northland Arboretum, teaching them and helping them to grow vegetables. It culminates with harvesting and cooking their produce. Photo courtesy of Crow Wing County Master Gardeners.

## Chicken & Fish Dinner

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The Crow Wing County Master Gardeners Present...  
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**Presentation Schedule for Garden Expo 2018:**

- Miniature Gardens
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- Container Gardening
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- Growing UP: Vertical Gardening

For information on how to register go to Crow Wing Master Gardener Website at:  
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## New northern pike fishing regulations coming for fishing opener

New regulations for catching and keeping northern pike will be the most significant change anglers will see when they open up the 2018 Minnesota Fishing Regulations Booklet being distributed throughout the state.

“Anyone who wants to keep pike in Minnesota’s

inland waters needs to take a close look at these regulations and be prepared to measure the pike they want to keep starting on the Saturday, May 12, fishing opener,” said Al Stevens, fisheries program consultant with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The new fishing regulations have three distinct zones to address the different characteristics of pike populations in Minnesota. While not designed to manage for trophy pike, the new regulations are meant to restore pike populations for better harvest opportunities across the state

for sizes that make good table fare, up to around 28 inches or so.

“It’s almost go-time and we’re happy to be at this point after years of discussion on these issues with pike,” Stevens said. “This has been a long-running topic of conversation and is becoming reality in the 2018 fishing season.”

The move toward new regulations was a response to anglers’ concerns about the over-abundance of hammer-handle pike in much of central to north-central Minnesota; the low numbers of pike present in southern

waters; and a desire to protect large pike in the northeastern part of the state.

The new pike harvest regulations apply to inland waters of the state.

North-central: Limit of 10 northern pike, but not more than two pike longer than 26 inches; all from 22 to 26 inches must be released.

Northeast: Two pike; anglers must release all from 30 to 40 inches, with only one over 40 inches allowed in possession.

South: Two fish; minimum size 24 inches.

Darkhouse spearing regu-

lations for pike change slightly and those regulations are listed in the spearing section of the regulations booklet.

Meanwhile, the new pike regulations do not affect border waters fishing regulations and special regulations that cover individual lakes, rivers and streams.

For more information on the new zone regulations visit [mndnr.gov/pike](http://mndnr.gov/pike) or contact a local area fisheries office. Contact information can be found in the fishing regulations booklet, available online at [mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing](http://mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing).

## Cuyuna Crusher receives award

On March 5, Cuyuna Lakes Chamber’s annual mountain bike race, Cuyuna Crusher, received the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series 2017 Race of the Year Award. Five hundred Cuyuna Crusher racers voted on the recognition, rating the course and volunteer

support of the event as outstanding.

The Cuyuna Crusher took place in the Mahnomon Unit of the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area on August 20, 2017. This the second time the event received the honor; the Cuyuna Crusher also received the Series’ Race of the Year Award in 2015.

The Cuyuna Lakes Cham-

ber has partnered with the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series Race since 2015. The organization coordinates about 10 mountain bike races throughout the state each year. It was established in 2010 following the efforts of volunteers who coordinated events beginning in 1990.

This year’s Cuyuna Crusher is scheduled for August 19. Visit [www.mnmtbseries.com](http://www.mnmtbseries.com) or call the Chamber at 218-546-8131 for updates.





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## Crosslake man killed snowmobiling

Crow Wing County Sheriff Todd Dahl reported Crosslake man was killed February 28 in a snowmobile crash near Ruth Lake, just north of the city of Emily.

Jeffery Weber, 52, was located just off a snowmobile trail and pronounced dead by emergency personnel.

Weber had been snow-

mobiling with a friend. The friend reported that when he arrived at the Ruth Lake, he noticed that Weber was no longer behind him. The friend back tracked his way down the trail, located Weber and called 911.

Weber was transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office. The inves-

tigation remains open and the Sheriff's Office is awaiting word on the cause of death.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Enforcement Division, Crosslake Police Department and Emily Fire Department / First Responders.

## Backus man arrested of burglary




Crow Wing County Sheriff Todd Dahl reported that Don Anderson, 45, of Backus was arrested on Tuesday, February 27, shortly after 10 a.m. for burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Sheriff Dahl said the arrest was due to “good old fashioned police work.”

A Crow Wing County Sheriff's Deputy was on

patrol on the area of County Road 1 and County Road 15 when he noticed a vehicle parked in front of a pole building with a locked gate. The vehicle was occupied by an adult female seated in the passenger seat. Upon investigating, Anderson was located inside the pole shed and arrested without incident.

Sheriff Dahl said “this arrest was a perfect example of what our deputies can and do run into while out on patrol. We continue to encourage the public to report any and all suspicious activity and keep watch over our neighbors. Our deputy was in the right place at the right time and knew something just didn’t seem right.”




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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.  
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!  
Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.  
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.  
Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.  
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 the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.  
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.  
Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.  
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@mfos.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.  
Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd.

This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.  
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 sponsored by ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd 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.  
McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.  
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 each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin, MN  
Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanic.com.  
Overeaters Anonymous Open Meeting, Sat. 9:35am, Aitkin Library. Everyone welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12-step fellowship of people recovering from compulsive eating. OA is not a diet club. We are dedicated to helping individuals recovering from com-

pulsive eating, anorexia, bulimia, food addiction and obesity. If you are struggling, you are not alone any more. For more info: OA.org, or call Cheryl, meeting contact, 770-576-5984.  
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.  
**March**  
10th - Jacobson Community Center celebrates St Urho's Day with a Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the Jacobson Community Center, 3 miles south of St Hwy 200 on Cty 10, the Great River Road. \$8 donation, kids under age 7 eat free. The breakfast features hot cakes and sausage served with coffee and orange juice and, of course, grapes.  
10th & 11th - Aitkin Area Chamber's Commerce & Outdoor Show at the Aitkin High School  
13th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning presents "For Peat's Sake" Peggy Jones VP American Peat Technology, Heartwood Senior Living, 500 Heartwood Dr., Crosby, 1:30-3:30 p.m., non-members welcome \$5.  
14th-Waukenabo Dance, "Jerry & Ramblin Leroy" will be performing 1-4 p.m. at the Waukenabo Community Center located 15 mi. north of Aitkin on Hwy. 169 to Co. Rd. 3, west 1 1/4 mi. on left.  
16th - Lenten Fish Fry at the St. Francis Church Social Hall in Brainerd, located at the corner of 9th & Juniper Streets, 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (ages 11 & under). This is a fundraiser for St. Francis Catholic School  
17th - Crossing Arts Alliance Beginning Sewing - felt bunny - with Lisa Jordan workshop. The Crossing Arts Alliance is located in downtown Brainerd, at 711 Laurel St., Brainerd. For more information, please contact 218-833-0416.  
19th - Great Decisions: Russia's Foreign Policy, 11 a.m., Heartwood Senior Living Community, Crosby.  
19th - Business After Hours: Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library, meet the new librarian, 5 - 7 p.m. To make your reservation, call the Chamber office at 218-546-8131  
23rd - Aitkin Habitat Contractors Lunch at noon at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin, located at 107 2nd St. SE. The free lunch will give contractors a chance to learn more about Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity and its spring build in 2018. It will also include valuable door prizes and a nail-pounding competition. For more information, contact Matt Thaemert at 320-279-9101.

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**Friday, March 16**

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OBITUARIES

SYLVIA HAUSER



Sylvia Hauser, 100, of Aitkin and formerly of McGregor died Sunday, March 4, 2018 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McGregor with Reverend Joshua Reinke officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in the Menahga Village Cemetery.

She was born May 7, 1917 in Menahga the daughter of Nick and Hilma (Jarvinen) Luoma, both Finnish immigrants. She attended school and graduated from Menahga High School. She married Alec Bokovoy on February 28, 1942 in Minneapolis, where they made their home. Alec passed away May 13, 1964. On September 4, 1970 she

married Wilbert Hauser. In September of 1971 they moved to Aitkin County near McGregor, where they had a 10,000 chicken farm operation for the sale of eggs. They sold the farm in 1979 to retire. Prior to 1971 Sylvia was employed by the State of Minnesota for 33 years, 10 years with the Secretary of State and 23 years as a statistician with the Department of Employment Security. Sylvia was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in McGregor from 1971 to the present. She enjoyed reading, music, sewing, and travel. She was fluent in the Finnish language and enjoyed 3 trips to Finland to visit relatives. She had also studied the Spanish language and found that useful when traveling in Mexico, Spain, and Costa Rica.

She is survived by three step-children and their spouses: Grant Hauser, Jeffrey Hauser, and Camille Dombovy; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Alec Bokovoy in 1964, her second husband Wilbert Hauser in 2001, and a brother and sister, both in infancy.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

BRENDA BOHLIN



Brenda Jean Bohlin, 58, of Aitkin died Sunday, February 25, 2018 at her home. She was born December 30, 1959 in Minneapolis to William Hollis and Donna Lee (Larson) Bohlin.

A gathering is being planned by Brenda's family and will be posted when completed.

She graduated from Aitkin High School in 1978. She worked as a dispatcher for the Carpenters Union District Council.

DARREL OLSON



Darrel R. Olson, 85, of McGregor, died peacefully, Thursday, March 1, 2018, at his home.

Burial will be at the Fort Ripley Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery with full military honors. A memorial service, and gathering for all family and friends, will be held at the McGregor VFW on Saturday, March 17, 2018, beginning at 1 p.m. with a Masonic Memorial.

Darrel was born September 14, 1932, in Ivanhoe, MN, to Wesley and Irene (Jacobsen) Olson. As a child he attended the Rat Lake School, on 232 near Larson's Barn in McGregor, and then in Minneapolis, returning to McGregor for high school. While still in high school, Darrel became a member of the National Guard of Aitkin and he joined the U.S. Army at the age of 18. For his courageous service during the Korean War, among other honors, he was awarded 3 Bronze Stars. Upon his discharge he returned to McGregor and married Jacqueline Knaack on September 3, 1955, in McGregor. They lived briefly in Princeton, MN, and Kansas before making their home in McGregor for the rest of their lives. For a time, he owned and operated Bowen & Olson Tree Cutting Service. He also worked in and around McGregor for Pineland Telephone Company, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Snelling

Brenda is survived by her life partner, Ross Dixon, Aitkin; sisters and brother-in-law: Lynn Shegstad, Minneapolis; Karen and Scott Cummings, Aitkin; brother, Joe Bohlin, Florida; nieces and nephews: Kelli (Brent), Kristi (Anil), and Bill (Missy); great nieces: Morgan and Brooke; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

Oil, Atec, and Yukon Furnace. On the side, he bartended for Roger's Bar and Mark's Bar. Darrel was a 20-year member of the McGregor Fire Department, a member of Mount Mariah Masonic Lodge 327 and Mystic Masonic Lodge 213, and the Duluth Valley of the Scottish Rite. He was a charter member of the McGregor Lions Club and their 2nd President. Military service, and being a veteran, was very important to Darrel. He was a member of the McGregor American Legion Dale A. Wayrynen Post 23 and as a life member of the McGregor VFW Post 2747 he served as the Post Commander for many years and also as the 6th District Commander. He enjoyed fishing, building things, gardening, and he "liked to mow."

He is survived by his wife, Jackie Olson, McGregor; four children: Wesley (Janet) of Duluth, Penny of McGregor, Duane of McGregor, and Roger of Biwabik; five grandchildren: Kristie (Robert), Travis (McKenzie), Amanda (Wesley), Wesley, and Dake (Stephanie); 14 great-grandchildren: Haley, Lexie, Aja, Jaren, Justin, Zane, Keaton, Kaleigha, Kacey, Malaya, Gloria, Kaylee, Sean, and Theodore; and two brothers: LaVene (Judy) Olson of Milton, WV, and Lyle (Shirley) Olson of Beach Island, SC.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant brother, Wesley.

Arrangements are with the McGregor Funeral Home.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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**ALLIANCE**  
Aitkin\* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Youth Group, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.  
Garrison\* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.  
McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10  
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino;Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; 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 — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662  
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

**BAPTIST**  
Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9 and 10:30, thejourneynorth.com  
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com  
Brainerd\* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com  
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org](http://www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org)  
Brainerd — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673, Worship 11, SS 9:45.  
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.  
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm  
Deerwood\* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.  
Glory\* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12.  
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.  
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.  
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

**CATHOLIC**  
Aitkin — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am.  
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.  
Brainerd — St. Francis , Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.  
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.  
Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 10:30.  
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmstemilys.org](http://www.ihmstemilys.org); Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.  
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  
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 May-Oct.  
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm  
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, 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; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) 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 10; Service 11; 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, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon 4th Saturday, 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge  
Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.  
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

**CONGREGATIONAL**  
Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

**EPISCOPAL**  
Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9  
\*Brainerd - St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

**EVANGELICAL FREE**  
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  
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

**HEBREW/MESSIANIC**  
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank 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\* (ELCA) Pastor Darrell Pedersen, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 8:15 & 10am, Wed. 5:30pm w/ supper; communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed

nursery during 10am Sun. & Wed. services. Sun. school 10:30am, Wed. night youth activities grades 3rd – 9th. Sunday service broadcast on KKIN (94.3FM) at 10am, and on TV cable channel 181 at 9am on Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9:30am – 5pm.  
Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10  
Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. [www.christbaxter.com](http://www.christbaxter.com).  
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 [www.popbaxter.org](http://www.popbaxter.org)  
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.  
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship at 10, followed by coffee fellowship. Wednesday 7pm Adult Bible Study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Rd, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, [www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church](http://www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church).  
Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. ([www.ilchurch.org](http://www.ilchurch.org))  
Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. – Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: [www.trinitybrainerd.org](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org) Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto:trinity@trinitybrainerd.org)  
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 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](http://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 Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. [www.shepherdofthelake.org](http://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) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)  
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.  
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.  
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.  
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.  
Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.  
Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)  
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st

& 3rd Sun.  
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.  
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.  
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.  
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm  
Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.  
Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 pm.  
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 5: pm.  
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.  
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210  
Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.  
Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.  
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School 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 & Wed. 7 pm.  
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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**AITKIN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PLANNING & ZONING NOTICE OF HEARING**

The Aitkin County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the adoption of amendments to the Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance and Aitkin County Shoreland Management Ordinance. The hearing will be conducted on March 26, 2018, at 4:00pm in the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Room of the Aitkin County Courthouse. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the proposed ordinance amendments to the County Board of Commissioners for final review at a regularly scheduled board meeting on or after April 10, 2018.

A summary of the sections of the Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance proposed for amendment are: Section 3 (Definitions) - add Exotic Animal, General Accepted Practices, Rural Land Use; Section 5 (Signs) - increase square footage and height of commercial signs; Section 11 (Conditional Use Permits) - add required permit application information; Section 12 (Non-conformities) - add "neglect" to destruction of a structure; Section 15 (Planned Unit Development) - increase minimum size requirement; Section 17 (Vacation/Private Home Rental) - change permit renewal time frame and add smoke detector/carbon monoxide detector requirements; propose Section 17.02 -(Cemetery standards); propose Section 17.03 - (Dog Kennel standards); propose Section 17.04 - (Rural land uses not a nuisance standards); Appendix A (Classification List) - include exotic animals, standardize Bar/Saloon/Tavern and Café/Restaurant/Supper Club classifications, standardize Resort/Cabin Rentals and Vacation/Private Home Rental classifications. In addition there are many references, section numbers and other language housekeeping items to correct.

A summary of the sections of the Aitkin County Shoreland Management Ordinance proposed for amendment are: Section 2 (General Provisions and Definitions) - Bluff definition - eliminate "it must slope towards the water body", add definition of vacation/private home rentals and exotic animals; Section 4 (Shoreland Classification and Land Use Districts) - eliminate subsection 4.21 and 4.22 already addressed in the land use table, 4.23 (Classification List) - define the purpose of the Classification List, change Dog Pound/Kennel to a non-permitted use in the shoreland areas, add exotic animals to classification list, change vacation/private home rentals to non-permitted use on Natural

Environmental lakes; Section 5 (Zoning Standards) - change setback distances of water oriented structures from lot lines, add vegetation standards from the shore impact zone to the building setback from the lake, change private boat accesses on lakes with a public access, add annual ice ridge standards, add rip rapping shoreline standards; Section 6 (Non-conformities) - add "neglect" to destruction of a structure, change the lot width and area standards to be consistent to those required in MN State Statute, add standards for flood proofing an existing structure without a variance; Section 7 (Planned Unit Developments) - change allowed density increases on slopes from 12 to 18 percent, eliminate density increase multiplier on Natural Environmental Lakes, and reduce open space requirements for the upland area from 75% to 50%. In addition there are many references, section numbers and other language housekeeping items to correct.

The above is only a summary; a full text version 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 ordinance amendments can also be viewed in its entirety on the Aitkin County website at [www.co.aitkin.mn.us](http://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](mailto:aitkinpz@co.aitkin.mn.us) before 4:00pm on March 23, 2018. Please include a full name and com-

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**LIBBY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Libby Township, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018 at the Palisade Community Center. The Annual Meeting will commence at 1:00 pm to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2018

JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT, Clerk  
Libby Township 3.75

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., March 3 & 10, 2018)

**KIMBERLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual election of Kimberly Township will be held at the Glen/Kimberly Community Town Hall on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 to elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term and one clerk for a two (2) year term.

The polls will be open from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. The board of canvass will meet following the election. The annual meeting will convene at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until March 20, 2018.

Dated: February 21, 2018

KIM MILLER, Clerk  
Kimberly Township 4.0

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**WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to the voters of Wealthwood Township.

The annual election of Wealthwood Township will be held at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, to elect one Supervisor for a three (3) year term. The polls will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The annual meeting will convene at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

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- Redesigned and renovated the main entrance garden at the Arb and refurbished an ailing rain garden there;
- Available to teach Community Ed classes in area school districts
- Teach classes the second Tuesday of each month at the Brainerd Library and will teach at the Crosslake, Pequot Lakes and Crosby libraries.
- Give horticulture presentations to area garden clubs.
- Worked with Teen Challenge to construct a garden and recorded teaching presentations.

- Worked with Montessori Discovery Woods School to create a school garden surrounded with native plants.
- Man a table at the Crow Wing County Soil and Water three-day tree and plant sale and assist again when plants are distributed in May.
- Staff an “Ask a Master Gardener” booth at the Crow Wing County Fair.
- Designed and constructed gardens at the Port Girls’ Home and continue educational offerings there.

- Designed a “Monarch Way Station: at the Loren Thompson Park in Baxter.
- Hold panel discussions about shoreland landscaping and rain gardens.
- Participated in the Buffalo Creek curb-type rain gardens helping 21 homeowners install them. This has been a widely recognized and lauded project.
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  - Hold the annual gardening expo and
  - Participated in the Crow Wing Energized Summit.
- There are nine men among the volunteers and Fox notes: “Gardening isn’t just for women anymore. It’s for men and children and the whole family. We’re hoping as some nice weather peeks through between the snowstorms that you’ll register for our gardening Expo that allows us to pass research-based education on to others.”

## Crosslake man killed snowmobiling

Crow Wing County Sheriff Todd Dahl reported Crosslake man was killed February 28 in a snowmobile crash near Ruth Lake, just north of the city of Emily.

Jeffery Weber, 52, was located just off a snowmobile trail and pronounced dead by emergency personnel.

Weber had been snow-

mobiling with a friend. The friend reported that when he arrived at the Ruth Lake, he noticed that Weber was no longer behind him. The friend back tracked his way down the trail, located Weber and called 911.

Weber was transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner’s Office. The inves-

tigation remains open and the Sheriff’s Office is awaiting word on the cause of death.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff’s Office was assisted on scene by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Enforcement Division, Crosslake Police Department and Emily Fire Department / First Responders.

## Taking charge of your farm finances

An free, interactive short course on farm finances will be held in Aitkin, at the Mille Lacs Energy Building, on Tuesday, March 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch is included.

“This short course will use an interactive and fun approach to teach participants how to organize and use financial records; develop and analyze financial statements; and make informed decisions regarding finances and production,” according to a press release from the University of Minnesota Extension. “The concepts covered promote

better internal decisions for farm management and stronger relationships with external partners, such as farm lenders.”

Participants should leave with an understanding of using a balance sheet, income statement, cash flow and organizing and using farm financial records.

Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative is located at 36559 Hwy 169 Aitkin, MN 56431. To register contact, Ross Wagner, [rwagner@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:rwagner@co.aitkin.mn.us) or 218-927-7305 by Thursday, March 22.

For more information, contact Nathan Hulinsky, Moorhead, MN at (218) 236-2009. Email: [huli0013@umn.edu](mailto:huli0013@umn.edu).

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