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# Salem West fire tragedy turns to triumph and a new home New donation site thrives — old site becomes Habitat home for Salem West employee

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addition to it in 2004.

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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 from the community and grants and donations poured in.

On May 22, 2017, they purchased the former UBC/ Stenerson Lumber yard on the eastern edge of Crosby,



DeeDee Frahm, program facilitator at Salem West, displays a chicken sculpture that is one of many unique items that are donated. Ann Schwartz photos

Critation

Although it may look overwhelming, each donated item is put in a labeled spot in Salem West's donation center in Deerwood. Plenty of outbuildings at the old lumber yard site leave room to accept furniture and other large items. Bring your donated items in Monday through Friday from 9-4. Saturday hours will start on Memorial Day Weekend.

at 22348 State Highway 6, Deerwood.

As of last week, the donations center was thriving in the new Deerwood site.

"We officially opened last June 25," said DeeDee Frahm, program facilitator. "It's going well. It slows down during the cold of the winter but the lull in donations let us get organized. When the weather gets warmer the donation come in

fast and furious."

Salem West is open Monday through Friday from 9-4 to accept items. They will look through what you bring to make sure they can accept your items and then allow them to be unloaded. Starting on Memorial Day Weekend they will add weekend hours of 10-2 on Saturdays.

Frahm said to come in through the gate and have

your load checked and then you can unload smaller items in the main building and larger furniture at an outbuilding.

Right now, they are in need

of beds of all sizes with bedding; and also couches, kitchen tables and chairs. In a twist of fate, the old

In a twist of fate, the old lot in Deerwood was donated to Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity.

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# **EASTER BRUNCH BUFFET**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1** | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

A little over a year ago, the Salem West donations center in Deerwood burned in an arson fire. So far, no one has

been charged with that crime.

Salem Lutheran Church of

Deerwood, provides free fur-

niture and household goods

to needy families. Mustard

Seed, its thrift store in Deer-

wood, also supports the mis-

The building that burned

down was the former Deer-

wood Laundromat, which

was empty and deteriorating

in 2002. Members of Salem

Lutheran Church bought the

building, and, along with

community members, fixed

up that building and added an

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# COMMUNITY EVEN

Ongoing Events:

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 IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2

Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1 st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting

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 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, 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 availalible to those who qualifiy. 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@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

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

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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. Ait-

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.

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 compulsive 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

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.

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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 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.

March

28th-Waukenabo Dance, "Two for the Road" 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

2nd - Pain management will be the topic at the next Cuyuna Range Women's Club meeting at 1:00 at the Hallett Community Center in Crosby. Presenters will be Dr. Joshua Horowitz, DO, Pain Management Director and Shelly Beseman, PA-C, of the Cuyuna Range Medical Center Pain Management Clinic. Musical entertainment will be provided by Kris Hasskamp. Hostesses are Ruth Anderson, Jerry Kester and Cathy Peterson.

4th - Department of Natural Resources Senior Climatologist Kenneth Blumenfeld. "Climate Chaos in Minnesota" at noon on in the Chalberg Theatre, Central Lakes College's Brainerd campus. The event is free and open to the public.

7th - Crossing Arts Alliance Macrame Wall Hanging with Marty Gegner workshop. The Crossing Arts Alliance is located in downtown Brainerd, at 711 Laurel St., Brainerd. For more information, please contact 218-833-0416.

10th - Ripple River Quilters monthly meeting 12:30 p.m. at the Aitkin VFW (new location).

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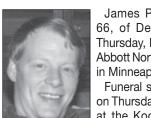




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# OBITUARIES

#### JAMES THORSON



James P. "J.T." Thorson, 66, of Deerwood died on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial was at the

Deerwood Scandia Cemetery with full military honors given by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post.

He was born on October 6, 1951 in Edgerton, WI to Theodore and Margaret (Anderson) Thorson. He was a graduate of the Bemidji High School, class of 1969. Jim was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving as a Aviation Hydraulics Technician from 1970 to 1974. He was a member of the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557, Deerwood. He was a longtime employee of Oberg Fence in Deerwood and was a former Industrial Arts teacher.

He is survived by his parents, Ted and Margaret Thorson, Bemidji; brothers and sisters-in-law: Robert and Kristine Thorson, Storrs, CT; Leif and Kahy Thorson, St. Anthony; Erik Thorson, Bemidji and Thor and Kimm Thorson, Brainerd; sister and brother-in-law, Ingrid and Peter Koller, North St. Paul; and special friend, Rose Beneke. Jim was preceded in death by one brother, Ted Thorson Jr.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## MARTIN BUTCHER



Martin Louis Butcher, 65, of McGregor, died, Monday, March 19, 2018.

Visitation will be Tuesday, March 27 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Service at Journey North Church, Aitkin with Pastor Dallas Smith officiating. Military Honors will be provided

by Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin V.F.W. Post #1727. He was born September 25, 1952 in Hibbing to Orland and

Mary (Byerly) Butcher. Martin attended McGregor High School before joining the United States Navy. Martin was a Dairy Farmer as well as a Bus Driver

for McGregor Schools for several years.

Martin is survived by his wife, Terri Butcher, Aitkin; son and daughter-in-law, Jacob and Erika Butcher; daughter and sons-in-law: Alysa and Andrew Mentges, Dawna and Jake Bernhagen, and Raechel and Sam Crites; nine grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law: Roland and Gayle Butcher, Jim and Sue Butcher, and Leland and George Ann Butcher; sister, Roberta Perpich, several nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Tom, Ken and John.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest reaister.

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#### **ERNEST BURMAN**



Ernest E. Burman, 93, of Aitkin formerly of Malmo died Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. A memorial service will be

held Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 11 a.m. from the Malmo Evangelical Free Church with Rev. Ken Polle officiating. Visita-

tion will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Malmo Cemetery.

Military honors will be provided by the Aitkin VFW and American Legion Posts.

Ernest was born October 8, 1924 at home in Malmo to Charles and Ida (Larson) Burman. He grew up and attended school in Malmo. As a young man he set off with a neighbor friend to the farm fields of North Dakota to find work. At the age of 19 he was drafted into WW II. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Rockbridge in the South Pacific until his honorable discharge at the end of WW II. Upon his discharge he worked at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in California and then as a carpenter in Minneapolis. He returned home to Malmo and married Maria Johnson on June 29, 1956. He built his home and raised his

family in Malmo. He worked for the Aitkin Public Schools for over 30 years as a bus driver and mechanic until his retirement at age 65. Ernest was especially proud of his children and grandchildren. He loved spending time with his family. Over the years, holidays, birthdays and weekly gatherings were spent with brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. These were times that he greatly enjoyed and looked forward to. He enjoyed deer hunting with Tom and his friends but really enjoyed the stories and visits that came with it.

Ernest is survived by his daughter and son-inlaw, Cathy and Kurt Buhlmann; son and daughterin-law, Tom and Maureen Burman, all of Aitkin; three grandchildren: John (Sue) Buhlmann of Aitkin, Molly Burman of Aitkin, Brian Burman of Grand Rapids; sister, Loretta Weiss of California; sister-in-law, Ellen Burman of Aitkin; brother-inlaw, Jim Huber of Minneapolis, and many loved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maria; son, Robert, lost in childbirth; parents; brothers: Earl and Clarence Burman and sisters: Anna Jacobson and Irene Long.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

#### ARTHUR OLSON



Arthur L. "Art" Olson, 91, of Deerwood died on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at the VA Health Care in St. Cloud. He was born on November 8, 1926 in Minneapolis to Gustaf "Al" and Lillie Olson.

Funeral services were held

on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby with military honors given by Myrin-James American Legion Post #443, Ironton. Me-

morials are preferred to: Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library, 388 SE 6th Ave. Faribault,

MN 55021-6340.

Art was retired U.S. Navy veteran with 21 years of service. He served as a Sea Bee during WWII and as an electrician during the Korean Conflict and until his retirement in 1968.

Art is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Arthur L. and Lisa Olson, Jr., Brooklyn Park; two daughters and son-in-law: Patricia and James Cedar, Plymouth and Josephine L. Olson, Crosby; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Phyllis "Pat" in 1959; and a daughter, Helen Marie Pepple, Anoka.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

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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-

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, the journeynorth.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 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.

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 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.

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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 McGaffev 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

## CONGREGATIONAL

9:30; SS 10:45.

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. 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 Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Kari Foss; Worship 9:30;

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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. 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 Sut-

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

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15. Hillman - Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10.

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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.

Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French;

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

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun.

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McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11. Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship McGrath

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;

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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

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

Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at 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

## **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.

McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

## **REFORMED**

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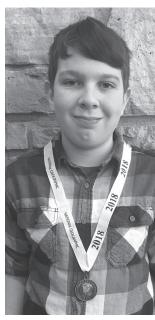


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# Dols named Minnesota National Geographic State Bee semifinalist



Colten Dols, 8th grade student at Forestview Middle School has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2018 Minnesota Na-

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tional Geographic State Bee at Minnesota State University, Mankato on Friday, April 6.

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 30th year. School Bees were held in schools with fourththrough eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in the State Bees.

To celebrate the 30th annual National Geographic Bee, the cash prize for the top three students in each state has will receive \$200, the National Geographic Visual Atlas of a trip to Washington, D.C., National Geographic Bee Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 20-23, 2018. Students that come in second place will receive first-place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society, including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and an all-expenses-paid Lindblad expedition to the Galápagos Islands aboard the new Na-II. Travel for the trip is provided

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Through the Habitat selection process Dennis Peterson, Salem West manager, was the family chosen to live in the new Deerwood home. That build will start as soon as weather allows it.

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Despite setbacks, this ministry was able to start again, creating a viable enterprise out of an empty building in the Deerwood area. And the old lot, which, once, sadly,

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and third-place finishers will org for more information on National Geographic Bee receive \$25,000 and \$10,000 college scholarships, respectively. Visit www.natgeobee.

the National Geographic Bee. National Geographic will stream the final round of the

Championship starting May 24 at www.natgeobee.org.

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# Handful for gun control in Aitkin



A little over half a dozen people turned out to March for Our Lives in Aitkin on March 24. They support increased school safety and gun control measures to stem the flow of gun violence. In Brainerd, about 300 marched. Protesters were led by student survivors of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas recent school shootings in Florida, who marched in Washington, DC. They call for an assault weapons ban, closing the gun show loophole and a ban on the sale of high-capacity magazines in the United States. A large crowd also gathered at the Minnesota capitol in St. Paula and elsewhere around the state.

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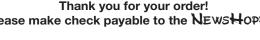
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## DNR elk survey shows slight population increase in Minnesota

Minnesota's elk range in northwestern Minnesota has three herds with a total of 97 elk, according to the annual aerial elk population survey completed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in Kittson, Marshall and Roseau counties.

Past surveys recorded 79 elk in 2017 and 83 elk in 2016.

"People often are surprised to learn we have wild elk in Minnesota," said Doug Franke, Thief River Falls area wildlife supervisor. "As biologists, our annual elk surveys are one way we collect information we can use to manage these large and often elusive animals."

Year-to-year, the survey results vary depending on the movement of the Caribou-Vita herd that travels back and forth across the Minnesota-Manitoba border. Meanwhile, the smaller Grygla herd in Marshall County



remains at low numbers.

"We continue to be concerned about low numbers of elk in the Grygla herd, which has not been hunted since 2012 and remains below our population goal," Franke said.

In Marshall County, observers counted 15 elk in the Grygla herd, down from the 17 elk counted last year and 21 elk in 2016. The current population goal range for the Grygla elk herd is 30 to 38

Another elk herd, the Kittson-Central herd, is located near Lancaster in Kittson County. Observers counted 75 elk compared to 61 elk in 2017 and 52 elk in 2016. The current population goal range for this herd is 50 to 60 animals.

Aerial surveys are a snapshot in time, meaning they are only an estimate of the population, not an exact number. the Minnesota side during its aerial surveys.

Border herd results

This year, the DNR was again able to conduct a joint aerial elk survey with Manitoba Conservation for the Caribou-Vita elk herd, also known as the border herd. The survey was completed on March 11 and March 12 for the areas close to the border. Manitoba Conservation wildlife staff counted 80 elk near the border, down from the 108 elk counted last year. There were 46 elk counted slightly north of Vita, Manitoba, which is down from the 55 elk counted there last year.

Observers counted a total of 126 elk on the Canadian side of the border, down from the 163 total elk counted last year. The Caribou-Vita herd is Minnesota's largest herd, with a current population goal range of 150 to 200 elk

The DNR counts elk only on inhabiting both sides of the border.

> Depending on the year and day of the survey, elk numbers on the Minnesota side can greatly vary. Observers in Minnesota counted only seven elk this year in the Caribou-Vita herd. One elk was counted in 2017 and 10 animals were counted in 2016 in the state.

Research continues

In 2016, the DNR radio-collared 20 cow elk in Minnesota's three herds to begin research into elk movements and habitat use that should help managers improve the effectiveness of elk population surveys, the knowledge of Minnesota elk biology and movements, and elk depredation management. The study is being conducted by researchers from the DNR and Minnesota State University-Mankato. It will run through June 2018.

This research project is the first of its kind in Minnesota. The goal is to improve understanding of the species and ultimately develop management programs that benefit elk and their habitat, while also minimizing conflicts with landowners.

Funding for the project was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources and approved by the state Legislature. The DNR and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation are also providing funding.

More information on Minnesota's elk management can be found at mndnr.gov/elk.

## Deep snow and cold winters increase fish kills



Cold winters with abundant snowfall can lead to fish die-offs and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has already taken reports of this process, known as winterkill, occurring in lakes near Brainerd, Hinckley and the Twin Cities area.

"While seeing lots of dead

fish can be disconcerting, we remind people that winterkill is normal and happens every year to some extent," said Neil Vanderbosch, DNR fisheries program consultant.

Once a lake is capped with ice, the amount of dissolved oxygen present in a lake depends on how much oxygen is produced by aquatic plants. Winterkill occurs when snow and ice limit the amount of sunlight reaching aquatic plants.

Without adequate sunlight, the plants produce less oxygen. If the vegetation dies from lack of sunlight, the plants start to decompose, a process that further depletes oxygen dissolved in the water.

Trout species require high dissolved oxygen levels and may begin dying off when a lake's dissolved oxygen falls below 5 parts per million (ppm). Bluegill and largemouth bass are also sensitive to low oxygen levels. Walleye, yellow perch, northern pike, carp and crappie can tolerate dissolved oxygen

levels as low as 2 ppm. Winterkill rarely results in the death of all fish in a lake, but lakes with frequent winterkill events tend to be dominated by bullheads.

Winterkill can have some benefits. In lakes with overabundant panfish, occasional winterkill can increase growth rates of the fish that survive. Winterkill can also greatly reduce carp abundance, which leads to increased water quality and more successful stocking efforts.

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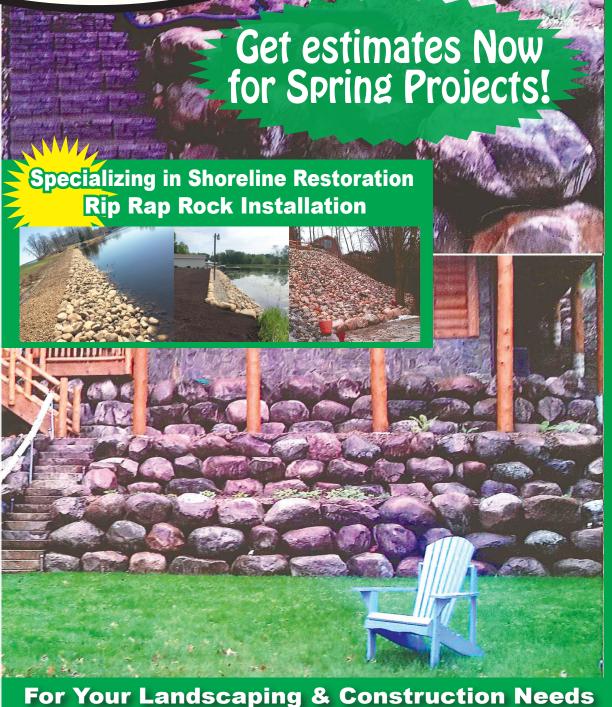


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