

Skywarn Storm Spotter training classes scheduled

Polk County Emergency Management, in conjunction with the National Weather Service, will conduct Skywarn Storm Spotter training classes. These training classes are beneficial for those who simply wish to become better informed, as well as those who want to be designated storm spotters. The training's will be conducted by a Warning Coordination Meteorologist from the National Weather Service.

Individuals are taught the basics of thunderstorm development, storm structure, what constitutes severe weather, and how to report this information. Additional information on severe weather safety is also covered. These classes are multi-media presentations which include detailed video.

Classes will begin at 6:00 pm and run to approximately 8:30 pm with a 15 minute break in the middle to allow for questions and refreshments. These training classes will be held at the time and locations listed below.

April 18th 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Embassy Community Center, Fosston, MN

April 19th 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Knutson Community Center, Fertile, MN

April 20th 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Kiehle Auditorium, UMC, Crookston, MN

Training Schedule for each location: 6:00-7:15 p.m. basic training and 7:15-8:30 p.m. will be advanced training.

This SkyWarn Spotter Class is designed as both an informational class for



the general public and certification training for the serious SkyWarn Spotter. The class lasts approximately 2 ½ hours and covers, in basic terms, what severe weather is, how it develops and how severe storms generally behave. Computer graphics, slides and video clips will introduce the participants to

the great variety of storm phenomena which affect the area.

For more information contact Polk County Emergency Management at 218-470-8263, visit our website at www.co.polk.mn.us/EM or by emailing jody.beauchane@co.polk.mn.us

Elizabeth McDonald inducted into BSU nursing program

Elizabeth McDonald from East Grand Forks, was one of thirty nine students officially welcomed into Bemidji State University's four-year track nursing program during an induction ceremony on February 19.

The student nurses had their name badges ceremonially affixed to their nursing polos by faculty and signed the Nightingale Pledge in front of family and friends in the university's Beaux Arts Ballroom.

The Nightingale Pledge
Today I join my fellow classmates in the Bemidji State University Department of Nursing and pledge my commitment to the highest professional and academic standards of the nursing profession.

I pledge my dedication to a profession that is responsible for the lives of others. As a professional nurse, I recognize that I will be accountable to the public for my actions. I will work to safeguard the health and welfare of clients who have placed their trust in me.

I pledge to work together with my peers and to be supportive in my pursuit of excellence in nursing education. I vow to behave ethically, honestly, professionally, and with integrity in all my learning endeavors. As a student

of nursing, I will promote ethical behavior and report unethical behavior.

As a future professional nurse and representative of the Bemidji State University Department of Nursing, I pledge to treat fellow students, faculty, staff, clients, and community partners with dignity and respect while taking into consideration diversity in values and beliefs.

I pledge to advocate for clients in need and to embrace the complex role of the professional nurse. I will be a living role model for others. I recognize that my responsibility for acquiring new knowledge does not end with graduation but will be a lifelong endeavor

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