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## Temporary no-wake zone on five Aitkin County lakes

By ANN SCHWARTZ Long, Dam and Rabbit lakes in Glen Township, Hill Lake in Hill Township and Pine Lake in Wagner Township (both north and south of County Road 23) are in full-lake no-wake zones until up to August 14.

The Aitkin County Board met in emergency session on Monday, July 16, at 8 a.m., to consider the high water that is making some lakes unsafe. With the courthouse under construction, the board met in the basement of the sheriff's office. Regular board meetings will be held at the Aitkin Library and courtroom 3 in the courthouse.

Present were representatives of Farm Island, Gun, Hammal, Nord and Lone lakes and the Aitkin County Lakes and Rivers Association.

Commissioners Anne Marcotte and Mark Wedel were absent. Present were Vice

Chair Laurie Westerlund, Bill Pratt and Don Niemi. All voted unanimously to invoke the no-wake zones.

Sheriff Scott Turner was present and pointed out that the no-wake zone is only temporary. It can be enforced for up to 30 days and can be removed, as conditions change, with the authority of the sheriff, county administrator and environmental services director.

Niemi, Jessica Seibert, administrator, and the sheriff's office have been getting calls from concerned lake owners.

"I am getting calls from the west side of Long Lake and I was out there Sunday and a dock was completely under water," said Niemi.

The sheriff pointed out that many lakeshore residents are seasonal residents who may not be aware of conditions and that their property is

Ron Fudala of Hammal Lake said that they don't necessarily want a no-wake zone for the whole lake. even though the water is high. "What we would like is a permanent no-wake zone near the public access because those property owners are losing their yards," he

Allowing that permanent zone will need to go through a longer process to be included in the county watercraft ordinance.

Gordon Prickett spoke on behalf of ACLRA and said the Long Lake Association didn't think the no-wake zone was necessarily. But it was discussed that those representatives may not be aware of conditions on the whole lake and that county officials are getting calls from concerned property owners.

It was discussed that nowake zones are not popular but are necessary when high water causes safety issues and erodes shorelines.

Bill Haroldson said that Farm Island Lake is somewhat high but they are not concerned that it is unsafe at this time and expected it to go

down with recent sunny days. Sheriff Turner said that Hill Lake and Pine Lake in the southeast corner of the

county both rose really high quickly and those are the two areas that he is most concerned about.

### Water and road work



With high water and road construction, it's difficult to travel around the area. Here, in Aitkin, 1st Street Northwest is under construction near the post office and making it difficult to access the courthouse. Those battling road construction in the Twin Cities find that their escape up north can lead to even more battles with construction. Also, the big three in Aitkin the high school, hospital and courthouse — are all under construction of some type. Ann Schwartz photo



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Motorists who travel Highway 210 west of McGregor will encounter construction crews, heavy equipment and delays as segments of the road are reduced to a single

lane during daytime hours the work zone must slow beginning Monday, July 30.

Flaggers and a pilot car will allow one-way, alternating traffic through the daily work zone. Motorists approaching

down and be prepared to stop, obey the flagger, and follow the pilot car through the work zone. Motorists entering a work zone from

tersect Highway 210 must wait for the pilot car to pass, then follow it through the work zone.

All lanes of Highway 210

driveways or roads that in- will open by late August. way 210 between Highway The schedule is weather dependent.

> The lane closures are needed while crews resurface more than 14 miles of High-

169 in Hassman and Highway 65 in McGregor. When complete, the project will improve the ride and extend the life the road.

## Highway 169 in Aitkin closes July 23

Motorists who travel High- encounter a detour and deway 169 through Aitkin will lays after the road is closed Aitkin

between First Street SE and First Street NE Monday, July 23 through Thursday, July 26.

Motorists may follow the signed detour along Highway 47 and County Road 12, or seek their own alternate

The closure is needed while crews repair a railroad crossing and replace curb and sidewalk.

For real-time travel information anywhere in Minnesota, visit www.511mn.org.

## Make plans for yard sale, outdoor concert and movie at Ruttger's



Summer is in full swing and Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge, south of Deerwood on Hwy. 6, has a trio of family friendly, open-tothe-public events that celebrate the best of lake country.

**Moonlight Movie Night** 

The first event will be Moonlight Movie Night featuring ,UP - rated PG, on Saturday, July 21 at 9 p.m.

The newest Ruttger's tradition. The public is invited to watch a family friendly movie from the shores of Bay Lake. This week's movie, the award-winning Disney Pixar film UP, will be projected



onto a big screen. Watch the movie on blankets, or chairs under the starry sky. Popcorn, candy and drinks will be available.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the gate only. For more information, and a complete list of dates and movies for the summer, go to https:// ruttgers.com/moonlight-movie-nights. Moonlight Movie Night is presented by Deerwood Technologies and the NewsHopper.

King's Ransom

Brainerd's own King's Ransom takes the stage for an evening of bluesy classic rock n' roll from the shores of Bay

**Before** After



## **Ironton Helping Hands project**

Ironton Helping Hands began the project of re-roofing a residence at 403 Irene Avenue in Ironton on Saturday, July 14. Volunteers on the project included Bill Growther, Earl Miller, Kevin Haffner, Tim Point, Ron DeCent, Kyle Sher, Rose Stromberg, Deb Dewing, Kraig Burdick, Garrett Jarvela, Brandon Mutz, Peggy Anderson, Sarah Hamdorf and Shawn Hamdorf. Also vital in the effort were the vendors used, including Deerwood Lumber, Simonson Lumber, Timber Building Supply, Expert Insulation, Rice Lake Construction, North Country Roll-off and SuperOne. In the future, Ironton Helping Hands plan to assist in the re-siding of the residence, as well. Contact Shawn Hamdorf at shamdorf@hotmail.com to donate or volunteer for the next project.



7 p.m.

The event is open the public. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the gate com/kings-ransom. Seating is provided, or you can bring your own lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available. The outdoor concert event is part of the Ruttger's Summer Concert Series, presented by Surly Brewing Company, Coca-Cola and the NewsHopper.

Ruttger's is having a yard sale on Saturday, July 28 at 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Find treasures from the Ruttger's retail stores and the resort at a great price - at least 50 percent off. The Yard Sale will take place in the area between the Garage and the Country Store at



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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 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 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.

Cuvuna 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

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 each month at the Heartwood Senior Living Complex. Social begins at 5:30pm followed by Dinner/Meeting at 6:00pm. We are very involved in community events and would love to have you join us. If you would like to come to a meeting and see what we do or going to be doing, please call Lion Nancy at 218-678-4165 and let me know by the Thursday before our meeting.

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

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.

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 AN-GELS 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 Chap-

ter #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.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 am.

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Mon.: 10 Glory Baptist Church; Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

TOPS Ironton (Take 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.

July

21st - Emily Day! Enjoy food booths, kids' games, craft fair, paintball gallery, beer garden, chainsaw carving and auction, cross-cut saw contest, medallion hunt, live music, raffle, giant fireworks and more!

21st - Moonlight Movie Night featuring "UP" at 9 p.m. at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. A family friendly movie will be projected onto a big screen. Watch the movie on blankets, or chairs. Popcorn and candy will be sold. Drinks will also be available. \$5 admission. Pay at the gate only. Movies subject to change.

25th - 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 mi. on left. For more info call Gene at 218-845-2819

28th -The Crow Wing County Genealogy Society will meet at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd.

28th - "King's Ransom in concert at at 7 p.m. at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. \$5 for the public. Food and drinks are available.

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### ANTOINETTE LOHAN



Antoinette "Toni" Lohan, 97, died peacefully on November 19, 2017.

A Memorial Mass was held on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was ubthe Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born in Mackenzie, MN on May 3, 1920 to the late John and Mary (Puchreiter) Deblock. She was the devoted wife of the late

Roy Lohan.

She is survived by her children: Bonnie Lee (David), Nancy O'Brien (Robert), and John Busey (Cindy); nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; brother, John Deblock (Lorraine); and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Lohan; sister, Josephine Russell; brother, James Deblock; and daughter Laurie Busey.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

#### **JOHN WALLI**



John Alvin Walli, 82, of McGregor, died Tuesday, January 23, 2018 in Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin.

Services will be held Friday, July 20, at 2 p.m. in Grace Lutheran Church, McGregor. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the

church. Interment will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Wright. Military Honors will be provided by the McGregor VFW Post#2747

and America Legion Post #23.

John was born June 6, 1935 in Cloquet to John and Henna (Johnson) Walli. John was a veteran of The United States Army who served during the Korean War. He married Jean Dresen on July 18, 1970 in Roberts, SD. John was a telephone lineman for many years. He was a member of Dale Wayrynen American Legion Post #23 of

McGregor and the Rush City Lions for many years. He enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, fishing, deer hunting, bowling, playing cards and especially spending time with his family.

John is survived by his wife, Jean Walli of McGregor; son, Donald Walli of Two Harbors; daughter, Noreen Walli of McGregor; four grandchildren: Alyssa Walli, Christopher Mattison, Roy Townsend and Jeremiah VeerKamp; brothers, Milton Walli of Tamarack, Rodney (Ann) Walli of Cromwell and James (Jackie) Walli of Biloxi, Mississippi; sisters, Carol (Donald) Hutar of Wright, Pat Anderson of Cloquet and Shirley Walli of Wright; many other relatives and friends

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alan and Melvin Walli.

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

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#### **JOANN KEHL**



JoAnn Evonne Kehl, 81, of Crosby died on July 15, 2018 at Aitkin Health Services.

Memorial services was held 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 20, 2018 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Aitkin.

She was born on August 11, 1936 in Duluth to Melvin and Violet (Myhrman) Rude. JoAnn married Donald Kehl on May 25, 1957 in Aitkin.

She graduated from the Aitkin High School, class of 1954. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; son, Thomas Kehl of Crosby; sister, Diane Phillips of Chanhassen; two grandchildren and two great-

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Scott Kehl; sister, Lorrayne Barhart; three brothers: Robert, Jerry and Dick Rude.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

#### HARRY SALO

grandchildren.



Harry M. Salo, 92, of Aitkin formerly of Coleraine, Grand Rapids Area died Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Services will be at a later date with burial in Coleraine.

He was born March 29, 1926 in Coleraine to John and Ina (Antilla) Salo. He graduated from Greenway High School in Coleraine and lived at Trout Lake with his parents until joining the U.S. Navy during World War II. After returning home

from the service he attended Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids, graduating with a two year degree. He worked at Blandin Paper Company until retirement. He enjoyed living in Arizona from October to May each winter and was an avid hiker in the Superstition Mountain Range. Harry is survived by 17 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by his parents and five

Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service assisted with arrangements. www.srtfuneral.com

## Tree felling accident kills man

Crow Wing County Sheriff Todd Dahl reported that a man has died from injuries he sustained from a felled tree on Saturday, July 14 at a property near Kimble Shores Drive in Ideal Township, north of Brainerd.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's department responded to the property at 1:27 p.m., where emerGraham Robert Merry, 31, of Orono, dead at the scene.

Merry was a dentist, real estate developer and property manager. He leaves behind a wife and three

children under 4-years-old. Funeral services will be

gency responders found 10 a.m., on Saturday, July

21 at the Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie (6630 Shady Oak Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344). In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Hope Academy or Minnehaha Acad-

Arrangements were with Bradshaw Funeral, 612-724-3621, www.

bradshawfuneral.com.

NewsHopper Deadlines are Mondays at Noon

\* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

#### **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-

#### **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

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. 10 AM. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm. 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. 4:30 pm; Sun 10:30.

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Con-

fession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101. Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Elias Gieske, Mass

Sun. 8 am. Confession Sun 7:15-7:45 am.

Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483

Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt. McGregor – Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581;

Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 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 — 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

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.

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 **LUTHERAN** 

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship

9:30: Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month. Aitkin - First\* (ELCA) Pastor Darrell Pedersen, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 10am (coffee fellowship at 9am); communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed nursery for Sun. service. Sun. service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) 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. 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

Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30. Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, 5878 Pine Beach Rd, Brainerd - Pastor David Franz. Summer Schedule Worship 9, Wed, Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

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Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs;

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herdofthelake.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; Wor-

ship 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

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Ed - 10:15 am. Wed. Worship 5:45 pm. Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5: pm. Rossburg — Bethesda (FLCA), 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 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

Sun. 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

**PRESBYTERIAN** Crosslake – Rev. Mark Ford from 1st Presbyterian Church of Brainerd will be preaching at the 9:00 service; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Road;

218-692-4769 McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath

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Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett ; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.

Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9. Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad: Worship 10: SS 9 Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.

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McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible

Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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# EADER-RIBBETS

## Deafening silence from city council

There is a reason our officials are elected; we have the right to vote them out, when they forget who they represent.

Silence is deafening; the city council of Crosby is not talking about or acting on the leadership of the police department. Two officers lied in a wrongful termination lawsuit, that has literally rendered them ineffective to do their job. They have cost you thousands of dollars, destroyed their credibility, the public trust, tainted their entire careers, yet they continue to "serve" your community.

They are not serving your community. Their tactics of intimidation, bullying, and lying to get their job done is proof they cannot nor should be trusted any

If you read the weekly police reports in the Courier, Crosby is a fine example of what communities should be, Mayberry RFD — the same for the surrounding communities of Deerwood. Ironton, Cuyuna. Good, solid, people create good, solid, communities who do not deserve

to be treated this way. Police leadership that creates situations and circumstances by lying to get the job done, is not good or solid, nor acceptable behavior for our community. Don't wait until the lie is about your children or your family. Contact your council for the resignation or termination of the two who lied — don't be silent, be heard. Make sure you vote in November for people who will represent you and your community.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood **Concerned Observer** 

## L'Ambizioso Duo concert at Cascade



The Cascade United Methodist Church, located between Deerwood and Crosby, will be hosting a freewill L'Ambizioso Duo concert on

Wednesday, July 25.

Performing will be brothers, Brock Drevlow on double bass and Brayden

Drevlow

on piano, as the L'Ambizioso Duo. Brock and Brayden come from a musical

family of 13. L'Ambizioso is pronounced

La-ahm-beetzi-oatzo, and is Italian for "the Ambitious One." It is the name of Brock's hand-carved Italian bass as given by the luthier, Luciana Golia.

Both Brayden and Brock come from a smaller town in northern Minnesota and always desired touring music to visit their region. As professional musicians now, Brayden and Brock formed L'Ambizioso Duo to accomplish that goal with sponsorship from the Minnesota Arts Council.

## **New pastor at Cascade Methodist**



Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett has been appointed and confirmed to serve as the pastor of Cascade United Methodist Church in Deerwood.

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**LIBBY TOWNSHIP** 

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ballot in the General Election,

Notice is hereby given of

Reverend Dr. Garrett comes to Cascade with a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Wesley Theological Seminary. She believes that God has called her to be a minister of reconciliation, part of a community of dedicated vessels reconciling a broken world, and a broken people to the only one who can restore and heal. The church is God's agent through which the minister and God's people can continue the work of Christ to reconcile all peo-

ple to God. Reverend Dr. Garrett loves

which will take place on Tues-

2018 and will close August 14,

2018 at 5:00 pm. Filing hours

are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Supervisor (Supervisor Po-

sition A) for a four (4) year

term that will begin in January

Offices to be filled are a

Filings will be open July 31,

day, November 6, 2018.

at the office of the clerk.

hearing about the vision of the local church and believes working together will make that vision a reality. "This journey we walk together can be joyful, painful and most certainly life changing, she said. "We need each other to move through the nuisances, barriers, issues and habits, as we travel the path towards sanctification."

There will be a celebration of her appointment at Cascade United Methodist Church's Harvest Supper on Saturday, September 22.

2019; a Supervisor (Supervisor

Position B) for a four (4) year

term that will begin in January

2019; and Treasurer for a four

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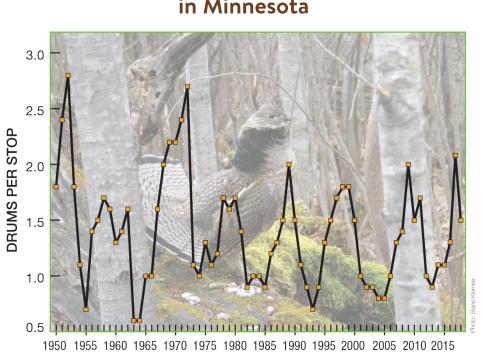
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## Ruffed grouse counts down, sharp-tailed grouse down too

# Ruffed Grouse Population Index in Minnesota



Minnesota's ruffed grouse spring drumming counts were down 29 percent statewide this year compared to last year, according to a survey conducted by the Department of Natural Resources.

"Surveys indicate the peak occurred last year," said Charlotte Roy, DNR grouse project leader. "Grouse populations tend to rise and fall on a decade-long cycle and counts this year are pointing to the peak lasting only one year

this cycle. This has occurred before, but it's always nice when the cycle stays high a little longer."

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Drumming is a low sound produced by males as they beat their wings rapidly and in increasing frequency to signal the location of their territory. Drumming displays also attract females that are ready to begin nesting. Ruffed grouse populations are surveyed by counting the number of male ruffed grouse heard drum-

ming on established routes throughout the state's forested regions.

Drumming counts are an indicator of the ruffed grouse breeding population. The number of birds present during the fall hunting season also depends upon nesting success and chick survival during the spring and summer.

"If production of young birds is low during the summer months, hunters may see

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fewer birds than expected based on counts of drumming males in the spring," Roy said. "Conversely, when production of young is high, hunters may see more birds in the fall."

For the past 69 years, DNR biologists have monitored ruffed grouse populations. This year, DNR staff and cooperators from 16 organizations surveyed 122 routes across the state.

The 2018 survey results for ruffed grouse were 1.5 drums per stop statewide. The averages during 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 were 0.9, 1.1, 1.1, 1.3 and 2.1 respectively. Counts vary from about 0.6 drums per stop during years of low grouse abundance to about 2.0 during years of high abundance.

Results this year follow an increase from 2016 to 2017. In the northeast survey region, which is the core of Minnesota's grouse range, counts were 1.7 drums per stop; in the northwest there were 1.0 drums per stop; in the central hardwoods, 0.9 drums per stop; and in the southeast, 0.9 drums per stop.

Sharp-tailed grouse counts

To count sharp-tailed grouse, observers look for males displaying on traditional mating areas, which are called leks or dancing rounds.

Comparisons of the same leks counted in both years indicate that counts per lek were down compared to last year in the northwest and statewide. Declines in the east-central region were not significant, likely because fewer leks were counted compared to last year, and loss of small leks does not reduce the index.

This year's statewide av-

erage of 9.3 sharp-tailed grouse per lek was similar to the long-term average since 1980. The 2009 average of 13.6 was as high as during any year since 1980. During the last 25 years, the sharp-tailed grouse index has been as low as seven birds counted per dancing ground.

The DNR's 2018 grouse survey report and grouse hunting information can be found at mndnr.gov/hunting/grouse.





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Trout or salmon must be the primary focus of the design, though other fish species may be included in the design if they are used to depict common interaction between

species or are common inhabitants of Minnesota's lakes and rivers. Brown

trout designs are not eligible this year.

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