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US Congress and Minnesota state legislature split between parties

By ANN SCHWARTZ As of press time, the election news was hot despite highs in the 20s, a brisk north wind and snow on the ground outside.

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The United States Congress is split as Democrats took over the House of Representatives and Republicans hung on to and increased their majority in the United States Senate.

In the eighth district of Minnesota, where locals vote, Democrat Joe Radinovich was defeated by Republican Pete Stauber. This seat has been a DFL stronghold in the past but Rick Nolan, the incumbent, retired and made a brief run for governor. Stauber is a Duluth native who served on the police force there, which probably cancelled out a lot of DFL votes that would have traditionally come out of the Duluth and St. Louis County areas.

In Minnesota, Governor-elect Tim Walz, a democrat, succeeds Mark Dayton who served two terms as a Democratic governor. Minnesota's House of Representative flipped to Democratic control while the Minnesota Senate maintains a majority of one for Republicans. The Democrats needed to win 11 seats to win back the Minnesota House and they actually won 18 seats.

Dale Lueck and Josh Heitzeman were reelected to the Minnesota House.

Across the border, Wisconsin's incumbent Republican Governor Scott Walker lost his seat to Democrat Tony Evers. Walker had not conceded as of press time but he got a bill passed earlier that recounts were not mandatory if the difference in votes was more than one percent.

Diversity reigned as incumbents Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith return to the United States Senate. Both women and Democrats, they ioin a female wave across the nation. Peggy Flanagan, a Native American, is Minnesota's lieutenant governor while Ilhan Omar, a Somali American, represents Minnesota in Congress.

In hard-fought local races, Dan Guida and Scott Goddard won sheriff's seats in Aitkin and Crow Wing counties, respectively. Paul Theide, a long-time county commissioner in Crow Wing, was challenged by well-known local Bill Brekken. Brekken led Theide by under 100 votes – which could trigger a mandatory recount.

"Our first precinct, Lee Township, arrived at the courthouse with their ballots at 8:23 p.m.," said Aitkin County Auditor Kirk Peysar, who was re-elected with no opposition. "The last pre-



Election Judge Gretchen Catlin greets voters and helps them place their ballots in the counting machine at the Aitkin City Hall. The law prevents media from taking photos of individual voters.

1:25 a.m. Wednesday after driving over 60 miles on icy roads with falling snow. Voter

cinct, Ball Bluff, arrived at turnout is expected to exceed 80 percent. Over 2,000 absentee/mail ballots were cast. **Continued on Page 5**



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Rippleside Elementary students line the halls to honor veterans



Rippleside Elementary in Aitkin honored veterans on November 7. Students lined up throughout the hallways of the school and waved flags and cheered for veterans. Vets of all ages and service branches marched through, along with their spouses and friends. Patriotic music was played over the sound system. Photo above right: Marine Corps veterans Paul Johnson, in his original uniform, and Charlie Wikelius. Photo above center: Sean Speed and his son Ben are welcomed by students.



War stories in Minnesota parks



As Veterans Day approaches, gratitude is offered to past and present members of our military and we reflect on the inspiring history of our nation; a history whose fabric is woven tightly with stories of human conflict and war.

Across Minnesota, our state parks preserve diverse perspectives and stories of people and places involved in battles and wars of America's past. One such site is Fort Ridgely State Park.

From 1855 to 1872, Fort Ridgely was not only a military fort but it was also a self-sufficient community populated by 300 soldiers and civilians. The military fort played a role in the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, a major event in Minnesota's early history.

Today, visitors can tour Historic Fort Ridgely and wander through the ruins of this once thriving outpost. Visit the museum and the cemetery to learn about the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. For recreation, hike or ride the trails on horseback, fish the stocked pond or trout stream, camp (drive-in and walk-in sites are available), or stay overnight in the renovated farmhouse. In the winter, ski, snowmobile, or stay overnight at the chalet.

Many Minnesota state parks hold powerful stories of past human conflict.

Fort Snelling State Park is located at the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers near historic Fort Snelling built in the 1820s. The land within the state park was an important location during the US-Dakota War of 1862 and remains a sacred location to many Dakota.

Whitewater and Flandrau State Parks were once used as summer work camps for Prisoners of War of World War II during 1944 and 1945.

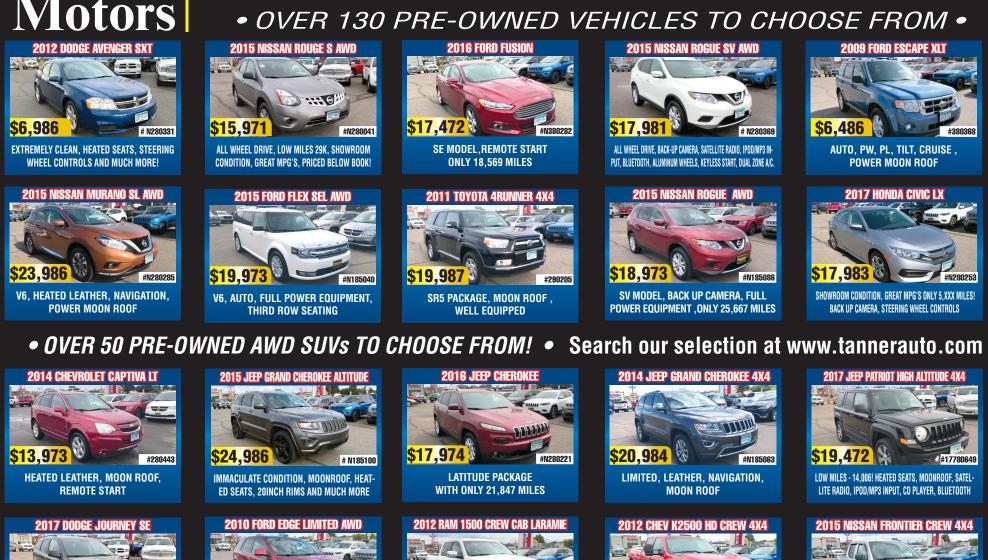
As part of the New Deal programs of the Great Depression era, a Veterans Conservation Corps was established. The Federal government sent the Veterans Conservation Corps to Camden, Fort Ridgely and Sibley State Parks to build roads, buildings, and trails.



Sgt. Garber helps in typhoon relief

Sgt. Joshua Garber, a 22-year-old combat engineer with Combat Logistics Battalion 31, pauses for a drink from a coconut during relief efforts in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on Oct. 31, 2018. Garber, a native of Brainerd, Minnesota, enlisted in June 2014 after graduating from Brainerd High School in May of the same year. Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and CLB-31 arrived on Tinian Oct. 29-30 in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu, as part of the U.S. Defense Support of Civil Authorities there. The Marines arrived at the request of CNMI officials and the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist relief efforts in the wake of Yutu, the largest typhoon to ever hit a U.S. territory. The 31st MEU, the Marine Corps' only continuously forward-deployed MEU, provides a flexible force ready to perform a wide-range of military operations across the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Gunnery Sgt. T. T. Parish/Released)







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Ongoing Events:

- AA Aitkin 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tues. Big Book Discussion Open Meeting 6:30 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 pm
- 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.
- 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.

- 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 (Emily) First Wednesday of the month for produce and bakery only, 9:30 - 11:00 am. Third Wednesday distribution 9:30 - 11:00 am, followed by Thursday distribution 5:30 -6:30 pm. Enter from south door.
- 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

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) 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.
- 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 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.

November

- 10th Spirit of Christmas Bazaar, Immanuel Lutheran, Crosby 8:30 am-1:30 pm
- 10th Bay Lake Area Lions MN Wild Rice Hot Dish Church Cook Off and Craft Sale to help Childhood Cancer Awareness, 9 am - 4 pm at the Deerwood Auditorium. Judging will take place at 10:30 am and the winner will receive a Gift Basket of area products. The Bay Lake Area Lions will serve lunch from 11 am to 2 pm (supplies last). Included in the \$5 lunch is MN Wild Rice Hot Dish,

roll, water or coffee. Beginning at 9 am there will be an offering of homemade baked goods and a variety of craft vendors. For more information about the MN Wild Rice Hot Dish Cook Off contact Cathe Picek @ cathe.picek@gmail.com or 218-330-7804.

- 10th Youth Football Seminar at the YMCA, 602 Oak St., Brainerd, 1-2 pm K- 3nd graders, 2 - 3 pm 3rd & 4th graders, 3-4 pm 5th & 6th graders. To register for camp call or text James Kern at 218-831-1400
- 10th Hilltop Chapel's Hunters Dinner Turkey with all the trimmings 4:40 - 7:30 p.m. Adults \$10, Children (age 6-12) \$3, 5 and under free Waukenabo Community Center 1 3/4 west of Hwy. 169 on Co. Rd. 3. Handicap Accessible
- 13th Ripple River Quilters meeting at 12:30

raffle ticket.

- 20th Minute To Win It game nights at the Aitkin Public Library at 6 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required on the East Central Regional Library events calendar at ecrlib.org.
- 22nd Thanksgiving Dinner at Cascade United Methodist Church. For reservations call 534-3507 or e-mail cascadeumc@embargmail.com
- 23rd -Fifth Annual Fish House 5K Run and Walk at 9 AM. The Fish House 5K serves as the official kickoff to Aitkin's World Famous Fish House Parade. The race starts and ends at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds and the course runs through the streets of Aitkin and the city park. The 5K route has been certified by USA Track & Field. A 5K Run/Walk category for ages 12 and under has been added which will make this event more economical for entire families. The is event is professionally timed by Karma Race Management of Brainerd. All participants will receive a fish house 5k long sleeve t-shirt and there will be prizes. Early bird registration is now open at www. fishhouse.itsyourrace.com or Aitkin.com. For questions, please call Brian at the Aitkin Chamber of Commerce at 218-927-2316.

December

- 1st -Kids Lunch with Santa The Bay Lake Area Lions are pleased to invite children (infants - 12 years old) and parents/grandparents from the Cuyuna Range Elementary School (CRES), to enjoy a puppet show, face painting, lunch with Santa and a special gift on 11 am - 2 pm at the Deerwood Auditorium. (parents are encouraged to take photos) Reservations must be made by November 21 through CRES or The Deerstand, Deerwood; call or send a text reservation to 218-330-7804
- 5th Christmas in the Park. Celebrate the season in Crosby's Memorial Park on Serpent Lake with music, food, bonfires, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and more. Call the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce at 218-546-8131 for more details.
- 18th Minute To Win It game nights at the Aitkin Public Library at 6 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required on the East Central Regional Library events calendar at ecrlib.org.





- 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.
- Emily Community Care N Share is serving meals on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church, Highway 6, Emily
- 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

- 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.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.,

the Aitkin VFW, 1/2 mile north of the stop lights on the right just past the Mississippi River. Granny's Legacy Patterns from Albert Lea will present the program. They specialize in Wool Applique patterns and kits and sell their own custom dyed wool.

- 13th Lakes Area Unlimited Learning event, 'Old Forests, Woodpeckers and Wildlife that Depend on them' Heartwood Senior Living Community, 1:30 p.m.
- 15th Give to the Max Day 17th- Turkey Bingo at the

Crosby Fire Hall at 6 p.m. Hot dog and chips,\$3. Bake sale and pop are also available. Purchase a turkey raffle ticket for a \$1 donation with a chance to win \$500, \$250 or one of three oven-ready turkeys. Sponsored by the Crosby Fire Department Auxiliary. Must be 18 or older to purchase

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OBITUARIES



ARTHUR RIAN

Arthur "Art" J. Rian, Jr., 80, of McGregor died Sunday, November 4, 2018 at his home in McGregor.

A Celebration of Life was held Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the McGregor Community Center with Delmar Peterson officiating.

Art was born August 13, 1938 in Grand Rapids to Arthur and Lucille (Moe) Rian. He grew up and attended schools in McGregor. He started working at an early age and was a trucker for many years. He also worked as a crane operator in Alaska for 12 summer seasons. He married Minyon B. Bjork on July 8, 1982 at Watertown, South Dakota. They have made their home in McGregor. He also was a carpenter, making many gorgeous shelves, an expert welder, he operated his own saw mill and milled lumber for many friends, was a member of the local 302 union in Alaska. He also enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by his wife Minyon Rian of McGreoor: children: Joe (Sue) Rian, McGregor; Jim Rian, McGregor; Jean (Kevin Turnock) Rian, McGregor; Julie (Tim) Nistler, McGregor; George Ripley, Brooklyn Park; Wendy (Gus) Japp, Cushing; 21 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren (and two on the way); three brothers: Daryl Rian, Tennessee; David (Diana) Rian, Aitkin; John (Carol) Rian, Palisade; sister, Joan Buttler, McGregor; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Ronald and Dennis and sister, Judy.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

LEE CHAMBERS

Lee J. Chambers, 69, of Remer died on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at the Grand Itasca Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Memorial Services will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby with full military honors provided by the Myrin-James American Le-

gion Post. A visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the

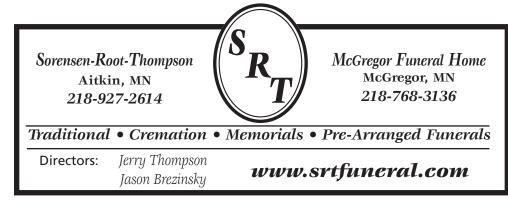
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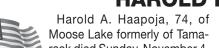
He was born in Crosby on July 21, 1949 to Leo and Caroline (Padjen) Chambers. Lee was em-

ployed with the Crow Wing Highway Department with 23 years of service. He was a U.S. Vietnam Army veteran, a member of the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443, Ironton and an avid hunter. Lee is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughter, Melisa Chambers, Duluth; two sons and daughtersin-law: Lee and Miranda Chambers, Remer; and Mike and Candice Chambers; brother, Tom Chambers, Remer; sisters: Cathy (David) Wilber, Rocky Mount, NC; Carol (John) Novicki, St. Louis Park and Mary Robinson, Crosby; a special aunt, Kathryn "Kitty" Padjen, Ironton and nine grandchildren.

Preceding Lee in death are his parents and one sister, Joyce Elliot.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.





Moose Lake formerly of Tamarack died Sunday, November 4, 2018 in Cloquet.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from the Nelson Funeral Care Funeral Home in Cloquet with Rev. Hal Kamppi officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be at a later date in the Salo Cemeterv

Harold was born December 3, 1943 in Cloquet to William S. and Toini Julia (Niemi) Haapoja. He attended schools in McGregor graduating from the McGregor High School in 1961. He then attended the University of Minnesota at Duluth for two years. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years in Vietnam. Upon his discharge he returned to Tamarack and worked for Lakehead Pipeline for several years. He then worked for a time at the Wright Coop and Feed Mill before

> Alvin Clarence Kliewer, 87, of Jacobson, died Saturday, November 3, 2018 in Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Crosby.

Services were held on Friday, November 9 at 11 a.m. at the Hilltop Chapel of Palisade with Pastor Barry Hite officiat-

ing. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at church. Burial was in Verdon Cemetery, Verdon Township. Pallbearers were Alvin's grandsons.

Alvin was born October 28, 1931 in Elk River to Albert and Christine (Bulke) Kliewer. He was married Elizabeth "Betty" Louise Schilling on June 19, 1954 in Minneapolis. Alvin enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking and had a love for the outdoors. He especially enjoyed spend-

HAROLD HAAPOJA buying his farm in Tamarack where he farmed for over 20 years. He then went to work at the prison in Moose lake for 10 years and retired from there. He loved singing and was involved in two Finnish singing groups. He also loved acting in plays. He enjoyed being in the woods and meeting new people. He was the family historian/genealogist for the Haapoja family. He had made two trips to Finland to research his family and had met and made many new friends.

He is survived by two brothers and sisters-in -law: William and Judy Haapoja, Tamarack; and Wayne and Nancy Haapoja, Redwood Falls; six nieces and nephews; 14 grandnieces and grandnephews and 10 great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

ALVIN KLIEWER

ing time with his family and was a loving dad, grandpa and uncle.

He is survived by his children: Dean Kliewer. Dale (Bridget) Kliewer, Darwin (Cindy) Kliewer, Delight (Bobby) Michael, Dianne (Chris) Tenute, Doug (Heather) Kliewer, Deidre (Mark) Harbaugh, Denae (Tim) Dale, Deland (Jennifer) Kliewer, Daryl (Jessica) Kliewer and Darilyn (Berent Dewolfe) Kliewer: 32 grandkids: 17 great grandkids: several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Alvin was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Betty; parents; three children: Dennis Kliewer, Darla Aarestad and Delores Harvey; five brothers and a sister.

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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* 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; Adult Sunday School 9 am; "Elevate" youth group for 7th-12th graders, 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. Hayden Loven ; Sunday Morning Service 10:45

Crosby — Interim Pastor Greg Kalyvas; 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

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

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.

- St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Aitkin Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (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

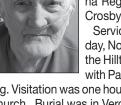
& 3rd Sun.

- 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; Wed . School classes 4:15 p.m.

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); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month



- 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. theiournevnorth.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. 5 p.m.
- 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 Sat. 3 pm.
- 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. 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.

- -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

- Baxter Lakewood EFC, Pastor Brian Erickson: Worship at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:45 pm
- 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. 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.;

We ask you to support these sponsors of the church directory:

To become a sponsor of the church directory contact Eric at 218-821-1393 or hopper@crosbyironton.net

- Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellowship 11, Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Road, 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); Worship 8:30; 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 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.
- 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

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& 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st

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- 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 Bange 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.

REFORMED

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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist. org; 218-927-4107

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.

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WESLEYAN

Pequot Lakes - 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED METHODIST

Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible. Crosby/Deerwood - Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett

Cutler - Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.

Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship

Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30;

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

Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship

Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time

10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-

Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad: Worship 10: SS 9

fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.

Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10



The prominent host of "In-Depth Outdoors TV" James Holst has been announced as the Grand Marshal of this year's 28thAnnual World Famous Fish House Parade, set to take place in downtown Aitkin on Friday, November 23.

The world famous parade has become one of the Midwest's go-to events, as onlookers come from all over to watch a cavalcade of ice fishing houses make their way through Downtown Aitkin just in time for the start of the holiday season.

Presented by the Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce, the annual event features a moving display of ice fishing houses, as they make their way up to more than 300 of the state's thousands of lakes. This year's Grand Marshal, Holst, first began his fishing career as a fulltime fishing guide, spending more than 250 days a year on the water, coaching clients how to catch walleyes on the Upper Mississippi River and Minnesota's Lake Mille Lacs. In 2000, he launched the In-Depth Outdoors website, allowing him

to share his knowledge with a Minnesotans the opportunity larger audience. And in 2006, Holst began hosting a fishing TV show with In-Depth Outdoors TV.

Held annually on Black Friday, the "World Famous Fish House Parade" has become a legendary event for the State of Minnesota, giving to usher in the holiday season with fun, festivities and food.

The day usually includes a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus who will be at the Butler Building, awards and raffle prizes, and a Soup Dinner at The Landing, as well as a Super Discount Ball Drop.

Minnesota preliminary voter participation

Minnesota has enjoyed extraordinarily high levels of voter participation and routinely ranks as #1 in the United States for turnout. For the 2018 statewide general election, preliminary estimates indicate that at least 2,593,922 voters participated either in-person or by absentee ballot, representing a 63.82 percent participation rate. That is the highest percentage of voter participation in Minnesota for a midterm election since 2002 and the largest raw total for a midterm election in Minnesota history.

"Minnesota elections are a model for the nation," said

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accounting for over 25 percent of the votes cast.

"I would like to extend a thank you to all of the election workers within the townships, cities, and school districts, as well as county staff, who dedicate their time to training and election day duties to make our elections run smoothly," summed up Peysar.

Results of Aitkin and Crow Wing County races

[Editor's note: These votes have not yet been canvassed and many races are extremely close. Pending recounts could change some results.] **School Board:**

Aitkin

A large field of candidates was narrowed down to winners Noel Bailey, Jeremy Janzen, Kevin Hoge and Cindi Hills.

Brainerd

Charles Black Lance, Tom Haglin and Ruth Nelson . Crosby

Jillian Decent, Michael Domin and Barbara A.

Secretary of State Steve Simon. "Not only do Minnesotans value civic engagement, but you have demanded from your government a voting system that makes it as easy as possible for Minnesotans to exercise their voice and power at the polls. Whether or not our participation rate this year means we will maintain our #1 in the nation status, I will always consider you the best voters in our great country."

Minnesota Statutes 206.89 states that after every state general election, Minnesota counties perform a post-election review of election results

Wolfe. A recount may happen as candidate and incumbent Paul Heglund trailed Cash by just nine votes and each got 27 percent of the vote: 27.98 percent for Cash and 27.42 for Heglund.

Crosslake

David Nevin takes mayor with a slim margin over Patty Norgaard. John Andrews and David H. Schrupp for council.

Cuyuna

Llody Brix for mayor and Zach Brix and Michael Workman for council.

Deerwood

Michael F. Aulie for mayor with Jeremy Millsop and Linda K. Peterson for council . Milsop led challenger John Taylor by just one vote – 125 to 124.

Emily

Buddy Lund for mayor and Bryce Butcher for council

Fifty Lakes Linda Steffens for mayor and Mark Bradley and Jodie Schrupp for two spots on the council.

returned by the optical scan ballot counters used in the state. The review is a hand count of the ballots in the selected precincts compared with the results from the voting system used in those precincts.

At the canvass of the state primary, the county canvassing board (the board that certifies federal, state and county election results in that county) in each county must set the date, time, and place for the post-election review of the general election, and notify the Secretary of State.

At the canvass of the state general election, the county canvassing boards must randomly select the precincts to be reviewed, and notify the Secretary of State.

For 2018, the post-election review is mandated for the election for U.S. Senator, U.S. Senator (special election), U.S. Representative, and Minnesota Governor. The local review is Mon., November 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Aitkin County Courthouse and 10 a.m. in the Third Floor Elections Room at the Historic Courthouse in Brainerd. Election results are not official until they have been reviewed and certified by a canvassing board.



Election judges on the job at the Aitkin City Hall. Electronic tablets have replaced the old paper lists of voters. Ann Schwartz photos

Manhatten Beach

Paul T. Allen and Kevin T. Larson tied mayor with 23 votes each; running for two council seats Barbara Hanson-Wannebo and Elizabeth (Betty) Worts appeared to win the council seats but Peg Boots was only one vote behind Wannebo and Marlene Yurek one vote behind Boots.

or with Denise Frahm and Lana Schmidt for council. **Cuyuna Range Hospital** District

Lori Burgstaler, Nancy Moritz, Andrea Bedard, Les McCoy, Julie Mohs, Virginia Savaloja, Mary Lou Swenson and Roger Twigg. County offices Aitkin County **Comissioner District 3** Donald (Don) Niemi. **Commissioner District 5** Anne Marcotte.

The truth Once again, the police leadership planted themselves in a

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chair, to present their dog and pony show and spread their version of the truth about letters to the editor. The Mayor then read a letter about his expectations of the press. The only papers they need

to worry about are BMS Case No 17-PA-0260, BMS Case No 13-PA-0659, 13-PA-0660. The truth of these documents show the police leadership cannot be trusted. The arbitrator found they lie, distort the truth, and conduct biased and prejudiced investigations. Read BMS Case No. 17-PA-0260 — visit www. newshopper.net click the link, visit the Facebook page of Crosby Happenings, read for yourself.

The police leadership acted deliberately, their untruthfulness is destructive to continued employment, their honesty and integrity shall forever be called

into question, and they want to control "the truth" in local newspapers. It appears we find ourselves in North Korea.

The truth — the Crosby police leadership must be terminated immediately, their egregious acts are damaging to the community of Crosby and the police community. The citizens of Crow Wing county are now paying for their biased and prejudice investigations, the county attorney's office should label them Brady/Giglio officers before their office is damaged further.

If the Mayor needs to investigate lies, start with the police leadership, then the Courier, then himself and the council. Leave the truth to the News-Hopper, they are not afraid to print it because they seek it, verify it, then print it.

Kelly Avelsgard **Concerned Observer** Deerwood

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PROBATE OF WILL NOTICE OF AND OR-DER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PER-SONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS.

Court File No. 18-PR-18-4017 State of Minnesota District Court County of Crow Wing Probate Division Ninth Judicial District ESTATE OF GLENDA C. KARP-EN. FORMERLY KNOWN AS GLENDA C. CARTER, DECE-

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Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated November 2,2018 (COURT SEAL) /s/ Erik J. Askegaard Judge /s/ Debra Schneider Deputy Court Administrator Larry A. Kimball (MN# 159608) **Kimball Law Office** PO Box 1240 Walker, Minnesota 56484 Telephone: (218) 547 Facsimile: (218) 54 7-2184 10.8

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Hill City

All who ran got in: Jay Zapzalka, Joell Miranda and Bambi Lange.

McGregor

Larry Doten, Heather Sorensen and Liz Dean all got elected.

Pequot Lakes

Derrek Johnson, Dena Moody and Valarie L. Wallin.

Area city councils

Aitkin

Amanda MacDonald Lowe and Erin Wagner.

Baxter

Connie Lyscio and Zach Tabatt.

Brainerd

Edwin L. Menk, incumbent, returns as mayor; Sue Hilgart for at large; Kelly Bevans for Ward 2 and Gabe Johnson for Ward 4.

Breezy Pont

Tom Lillehei for mayor with Gary Bakken and Michael Moroni for two council spots.

Crosby

Incumbent Bob Novak for mayor. Elected to council are Diane L. Cash and Robyn

Garrison

Loren Larson for mayor. William E. Stimac and Cathy Thompson tied for council at 52 votes each. Kristi Risnes got clerk-treasurer unopposed.

Hill City

Daniel Kingsley for the mayor spot. Tim Haugen and Nathan Rollins for two city council four-year positions. Challenger Tina Haugen nipped at Rollins' heels; Rollins with 114 and Haugen gaining 111 votes.

Ironton

Clark Hamdorf for mayor. For two council seats it's Jeremy French and Rose Stromberg. Incumbent Eric Heglund was close behind with 75 votes to Stromberg's 78. Dallas Dietz had 73 votes, making for a very tight race. Jess Dwyer won the special seat unopposed.

Jenkins

All were elected unopposed: Jon W. Lubke for mayor and Andrew J. Rudland and Donna M. Stricker for two council seats.

McGrath

Brian Clark is mayor with Travis Nolan, Calvin Stemig and Shannon Thomsen on the council.

McGregor

Mayor - Dake Olson beat incumbent Bruce Miller by just four votes. Council twoyear term: Cindy Schneller; and for the four-year term: Debra Hagen and Robert Merritt

Nisswa

Fred Heidemann for mayor and for two council seats: Mike Hoff and Don Jacobson.

Palisade

Mayor is Charles Carlson II and council Sharon DeWitt and Pamela Nordstrom. The city will not issue intoxicating liquor licenses with a vote of 43 no and 23 yes.

Pequot Lakes

James Tayloe for mayor and for two council seats: Jeffy Akerson and Cheri Seils. Riverton

David C. Peterson for may-

Sheriff Daniel Guida.

Running unopposed are Auditor Kirk Peysar, Treasurer Lori Grams, Recorder Mick Moriarty, Attorney Jim Ratz and Thomas L. Fasteland and Roger E. Vogt for the Soil and Water board.

Crow Wing County Commissioner District 2

Bill Brekken. Very close race with Paul Thiede -- there may be a recount. **Commissioner District 3**

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Special Election Harvey "Jim" Chamberlin Elected unopposed were District 4 Commissioner Rosemary Franzen, Attorney Donald Ryan and

Diane Jacobson and Roger Waytashek for Soil and Water.

given that on December 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Crow Wing County Courthouse, 326 Laurel Street, Brainerd Minnesota 56401-3592, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated March 12, 2009, and for the appointment of Paul R. Karpen, whose address is PO Box 157 4, Walker, Minnesota 56484, as personal representative of the estate of the decedent in an unsupervised administration.

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Nov. 10, 2018) **LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF CANVASS**

The Board of Canvass of Libby Township will meet on Monday, Nov. 12th, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Palisade Community Center to certify the results of the township election. JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT Clerk, Libby Township 1.85

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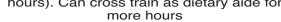


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Mission of ag and forest easements around Camp Ripley benefit habitat



(From left) Dan Steward, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources private forest management program coordinator, and Chris Pence, BWSR board conservationist, stop along the Mississippi River during a July 9 tour of Camp Ripley with Jake Kitzmann, Camp Ripley's natural resources manager. The Mississippi River borders Camp Ripley for about 18 miles. The Army Compatible Use Buffer program minimizes infringement within a 3-mile radius of Camp Ripley by purchasing development rights through permanent conservation easements. Ann Wessel, BWSR, photo

Morrison SWCD forged partnerships that brought nearly \$38 million to the **3-county area. Agreements** allow farming and timber harvest but stop development. The Mississippi River, Northern long-eared bat and the National Guard site that trains 30,000 people a year all benefit.

Conservation easements on Camp Ripley's perimeter are preserving fish and wildlife habitat while protecting the Minnesota National Guard's 52,830-acre regional training center from development that could impede its operations.

A partnership between Morrison Soil & Water Conservation District and Camp Ripley has funneled \$37.9 million into Morrison, Crow Wing and Cass counties over the past 12 years, working with 232 landowners and 27,800 acres.

Thirty-eight more easements are in the works.

The Army Compatible Use

go off. And the cattle don't complain. And the trees don't complain. The people do," said Dan Steward, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) private forest management program coordinator. hours a day, training about 30,000 military personnel and civilians a year — includ-

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Dan Steward, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources private forest management program coordinator

Buffer (ACUB) program minimizes infringement within a 3-mile radius of Camp Ripley by purchasing development rights through permanent conservation easements. Landowners receive a peracre sum and retain the right to continue current land-use — which may include farming and hunting.

"The corn doesn't complain at 2 o'clock in the morning said Josh Pennington, Camp ary. Its forest, prairie and wet-Ripley's environmental supervisor.



Josh Pennington, Camp Ripley's environmental supervisor

The Mississippi River defines 18 miles of Camp Ripley's eastern border; the Crow Wing River marks about 11 miles of its northern boundland habitats support wolves, red-shouldered hawks and the threatened Northern longeared bat. Sixty-five Species of Greatest Conservation Need live within its borders.

"The military goals are to prevent incompatible development. You're starting to see more emphasis on protecting critical habitat so we don't just become an island of diversity," Pennington said.

The U.S. Department of Defense's Readiness and **Environmental Protection** Integration program has put nearly \$34 million into ACUB at Camp Ripley.

Nearly 650 landowners have expressed interest since the program started in 2006. A January informational

meeting drew 190 people and garnered 80 new sign-



Longtime Morrison SWCD Manager Helen McLennan

When ACUB was introduced in 2004, suspicion of a state or federal land-grab fueled opposition that nearly **Continued on Page 8**



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derailed the program.

It took a local contact to work with landowners, and a partner agency to execute easements to make ACUB work. Camp Ripley found them in longtime Morrison SWCD Manager Helen Mc-Lennan, and in BWSR-administered Reinvest in Minnesota easements (RIM). McLennan retired in late October.

"Helen has been a key to



Jay Brezinka, environmental program manager for the Minnesota Army National Guard

the program. The easement program that we do through BWSR being executed through the local soil and water conservation district has been a massive success — over 25,000 acres to date," said Jay Brezinka, environmental program manager for the Minnesota Army National Guard. "It's a formula-based, very streamlined program. She's just got an amazing relationship with landowners. They trust Helen; they respect her decisions."

Lance Chisholm, Morrison SWCD's ACUB/water plan coordinator, worked directly with landowners to secure

easements.

"Between Helen and Lance, they've been an excellent team and they apparently have the ability to put landowners at ease," Steward said. "The results speak for themselves. That long landowner waiting list speaks volumes about the quality of the service that the district is providing - and they're doing that primarily through Lance and Helen."



Lance Chisholm, Morrison SWCD's ACUB/water plan coordinator

ACUB brought the first working-lands easements to Minnesota.

Originally designed as compensation for retiring marginal farmland, RIM was reworked by BWSR staff and modified by the Legislature to fit ACUB. Because landowners relinquished only development rights, RIM rates were lower - 50 percent of township average land value, compared with 90 percent for farmland.

The money went further.

"It has stayed strong for Camp Ripley even though now there's over 60 military bases with programs. The reason we've stayed strong is our ability to execute," McLennan said.

Doug John enrolled 278 acres in the program a few years ago.

"I know that if I die tomorrow, it isn't going to be broken down into little homesteads," John said.

While the RIM easement eliminated concerns about paying taxes, John, 72 — a retired clinical psychologist who later managed his parents' restau-

rant, became a taxidermist, and then a rural mail carrier — said he enrolled primarily to keep intact the Morrison County farm his grandparents had worked to expand over the years.

John moved his family into the house he built on the 360acre property about 17 years ago. He rented the fields for a few years, and then enrolled the farmland in the Conservation Reserve Program. He's since planted about 80,000 trees.

"I have a little forest. I don't want it destroyed. I don't want to sell it to somebody and have them tear up all the trees and plant corn," John said.

John doesn't expect his two grown children, who live in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, will move back.

"But I do foresee, whenever this comes up for sale, I believe the person who's going to buy it after I die will be a person who hunts and fishes," John said.

Many of those who enrolled through the ACUB program sought a way to pass their land to the next generation. Especially for older landowners with mounting expenses, McLennan said RIM payments could mean the difference between selling or staying.

Since it was modified to fit the ACUB program, RIM has expanded to help protect northern Minnesota wild rice habitat and lands within the 400-mile-long Mississippi River headwaters region.

"It's had a ripple effect in allowing us to broaden the tool to fit the forested zone better," Steward said. "One of the benefits of taking the RIM program into the trees, so to speak, is land values are so much lower. The money goes much, much further. Land values are about one-fifth to one-sixth what they are in the prairie part of the state."

Protecting the forest surrounding Camp Ripley has brought \$5.7 million in Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund investments since 2010, buffering about 4,800 acres — including land surrounding the Little Nokasippi Wildlife Management Area and the confluence of the Little Nokasippi River.

"When we take an easement on wooded land with Lessard dollars, we're protecting one of the best small-mouth bass fisheries in the state in the Mississippi River. It's also one of the best muskie fisheries in the state. It's the Mississippi flyway, so it's huge for waterfowl migration. We're protecting that corridor. Also, songbirds follow the Mississippi River in their migrations, so we're protecting that. Perhaps greatest we're also contributing to protection of Minneapolis-St. Paul, St. Cloud drinking water supply," Steward said.

The 480-acre Little Nokasippi River WMA in Crow Wing County was established in 2006 through Camp Ripley's ACUB program, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and The Nature Conservancy.

"Now the wildlife management area is protecting the Nokasippi River, it's a public accessible hunting place, and it's buffered with RIM easements so it's not encroached on. That residential encroachment can have a negative impact on the public resource of a wildlife management area," said Todd Holman of The Nature Conservancy, Camp Ripley's Sentinel Landscape coordinator.

ACUB's success led Camp Ripley in 2016 to become the sixth federally designated

Sentinel Landscape in the U.S. — and the first at a National Guard facility. Sentinel Landscapes sustain compatible land use for military operations while providing conservation and working-land benefits. The ACUB program now operates within that designated landscape.



Todd Holman of The Nature Conservancy, Camp Ripley's Sentinel Landscape coordinator

The designation brought more federal funds, more partnerships and a broader focus within a 10-mile radius of Camp Ripley.

"How do you do Sentinel Landscape? Camp Ripley is the poster child," Holman said. "How do you do RIM is the BWSR book, and that's still being written. BWSR was willing to recraft RIM to fit this big, national objective."

In 2017 the Sentinel Landscape partnership received

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\$2.8 million through the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

A Baxter-based NRCS forester has been hired. Partnering with the National Park Service could lead to recreational opportunities or cultural resource protection. Collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management, which owns islands in the Mississippi River, has yet to be explored.

The seventh phase of acquisitions planned for this year would add 440 acres of high-quality habitat through seven easements along the Crow Wing, Gull, Nokasippi and Mississippi river corridors. It also would acquire 117 acres from Tiller Corp. and add that land to the Little Nokassippi River WMA through a fee title transfer.

"Over those 15-some years, they've been able to execute more conservation easements than any ACUB installation in the entire country and in the entire Department of Defense," Pennington said.

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vation Need - defined by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as being at risk because they depend upon rare, declining or vulnerable habitat — live at Camp Ripley.

How it works: Morrison SWCD works with Camp Ripley Training Center and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources to secure conservation easements. The CRTC ranks applicants. The SWCD approaches landowners. BWSR requests funds. SWCD staff monitors land enrolled in the perpetual easements.

Rate adjustments: On land surrounding Camp Ripley, RIM rates have twice been adjusted to fit conditions. To encourage enrollment of parcels bordering the Mississippi and Crow Wing rivers, the rate was set at 60 percent of individual parcels' value. It's the first time county assessed value was used for that purpose. A sharp drop in ag land values last year prompted the SWCD to close out existing easements, and then relaunch with a 75 percent rate.



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