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Tree tribute, arts activities and bird release at open house

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Ripple River Gallery's 20th annual fall open house, set for Saturday, Sept. 21, is a celebration of the season with a colorful combination of art, fun and fall color. Meet artists and try your hand at birchbark weaving or nature printing, take a walk in the woods, read a story and enjoy refreshments all while learning more about the Wild and Free

Wildlife Rehabilitation Program in Garrison. Special feature this year is a tribute to trees—Kristen Anderson's wool felt "Overstories,"

which merge science and art. Activities begin around 10 a.m. Hands-on arts activities



Veterinarian Dr. Katie Baratto readies a recovered owl for release at Ripple River Gallery's annual fall open house. The Sept. 21 event benefits Wild & Free Wildlife Rehabilitation Program in Garrison.

throughout the day include birchbark weaving with basketmaker Tina Fung Holder. At 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. join in a group reading of "The Lorax" and "The Giving Tree." Prize drawings will be held throughout the day; the

grand prize is a certificate for a tree.

At noon and again at 1:30 p.m. join Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Elizabeth Carls for a leisurely guided walk in the woods. Participants will learn to identify

native trees and plants, and perhaps spot some birds along the way. Closed-toe shoes and long pants are advised.

several species of

Special feature this year is an artist reception for "Overstories," wool felt rugs and wall hangings by Kristen Anderson. For the project Anderson has merged her interest in both art and science to tell the stories of old

growth forests. Anderson will talk about her work at 1 p.m.

"Art and science have always been intertwined disciplines in my life," Anderson says. The inspiration for "Overstories" began with the work of foresters and forestry

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scientists who have written about tree communication through electrochemical pathways that travel slowly in 'tree time.' "Healthy forests are full of amazing connections. These and many other ideas struck a personal chord with me since I live in a community where the forests are a strong part of our identity."

Volunteers with Wild and Free Wildlife Rehabilitation Program in Garrison, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about wildlife and habitat will be on hand to talk about the program. Veterinarian Dr. Debbie Eskedahl heads the volunteer-based program, which provides food, shelter, medical and surgical care to orphaned or injured wildlife under permits from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

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Nails N Nosh event to bring community together for skills and support



Building: Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity is building a new home at 218 Minnesota Avenue South in Aitkin in 2020. Needed are \$30,000 more in cash donations; volunteers and partner family applicants. For more information, contact the office at 218.927.5656 or email annschwartz@habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org.

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By ANN SCHWARTZ Thrivent, Habitat for Humanity and the community will come together for Nails

The free event is set for Sat., Sept. 28, from 1-3 p.m. at the Journey North Church on Hwy. 210 west in Aitkin. Everyone who attends gets a free t-shirt.

"Thrivent has funded Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity to bring together Thrivent members, churches and community members to be generous," explained Ann Schwartz, executive director of Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity.

Since Habitat builds and repairs homes with low-income families, the event will focus on building and helping food support programs. Food support programs help low-income families stretch

their monthly budgets further Aitkin Food Shelf. so they can pay all their bills.

There will be fun stations, including one to build a ramp and cart for Ruby's Pantry. Ruby's Pantry is a food support program hosted at The Journey North each month on the first Saturday morning. Participants pay \$20 and shop for about \$120 worth of food.

Others stations include children's activities, practicing building skills and decorating birthday bags for low-income families.

Everyone who comes is asked to bring either a food shelf item or a birthday bag item. Cake mixes, frosting, candles, sprinkles, cupcake papers, small toys etc. are needed for the birthday bags.

Food shelf items will be donated to the Food Shelf at First Lutheran and birthday bags will be donated to the

Remember, come down to The Journey North Church on

Sat., Sept. 28, from 1-3 p.m. for a fun afternoon of building to fight hunger.



Brenda Mehr is co-chair of the Nails N Nosh event. She and her children Lydia, Matthias and Jonah, invite you to come to The Journey North Church on Sat., Sept. 28, at 1-3 p.m.

Fall prevention class in Aitkin

Aitkin County CARE is teaming up with Aicota Health Care Center to offer a class that will help improve overall balance thus

reducing the risk of falling. Contact Aitkin County CARE at 218-927-1383 to register for "A Matter of Balance" class. Classes begin Tuesday, October 1 at Aicota Rehab Center in Aitkin. This class is conducted in 8 twohour sessions and uses group discussion, problem-solving strategies, videos, and gentle physical exercise.

Did you know that according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and

- One in four Americans aged 65+ falls each year.
- Every 1 seconds, an older adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall; every 19 minutes, an older adult dies from a fall.
- Falls are the leading cause of fatal injury and the most common cause of nonfatal trauma-related hospital admissions among older adults.

How do you prevent falls? Staying active can help you because without regular physical activity, your leg muscles weaken, reducing your ability to maintain balance.

The "A Matter of Balance" class is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals, change their environment, and learn simple exercise to increase strength and balance.

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Service. Donations for Wild and Free will be accepted. Wild and Free functions completely on charitable donations, fundraising and the generosity of its members.

A highlight of the afternoon, recovered birds that are ready to fly will be the released. In past years owls and several species of hawks have been released. Names

will be drawn to see who gets to do the actual release, which takes place around 2 p.m. "With leather gloves, it's one-two-three, up, up and away! It's a thrill!"

Take time to celebrate the season, feed your creative spirit and travel the back roads of the lakes country. For a fall destination, consider Ripple River Gallery, five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue. For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail: ripplerivergallery@gmail.com.





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Ongoing Events:

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30, Mon. Step Study 7:00pm Open, Tue. Big Book Discussion Meeting 6:30pm Open, Open Meeting 8:00pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9am.

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 Lions meet on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm at the Aitkin Forty Club restaurant. Call 218-839-3954 for more info.

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 Tues-

days at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm "Ask An Attorney" Workforce Center - 20-3rd St. NE, Aitkin, 4th Tuesday of month at noon

Pre-registration required call 218-723-4005 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-

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.

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.

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.,

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.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.

National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Woodland Chapter #122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Ait-

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com.

Overeaters Anonymous 9:30am at Aitkin Library, 7:00pm at 112 1st Ave SW - house next to New Life Church. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12 step program fashioned after AA. Not a diet club, no dues or fees or weigh-ins. For more info: OA.org, or call meeting contact Cheryl at 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

Pickleball 9 a.m.- noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. For more information, contact Ron Mogen, u-equity@usa.net.

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 (now called WW) meets at Hallett Center in Crosby every Wednesday at 5:45 pm. 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.

September

21st - Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Outing, Fall Bazaar 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

21st - Cascade United Methodist Church Harvest Supper and Bake Sale, 4 - 6 p.m. Free-will offering. Plan To Attend and Bring Your Family, Neighbors and Friends. Located on Hwy. 6 and Hwy. 210 between Deerwood and Crosby

24th - Crow Wing County Genealogy Society meeting at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd. Research and social time will begin at 6 pm with the Quarterly meeting at 7 pm, followed by the program at 7:30 pm. Guest speaker will be book writer James D. Henderson talking on local histories and stories. He will discuss information from his book titled "Lost in the Woods - CCC Camp Pelican". Information will be about descendants of enrollees, camp staff of Company 4757 who lived and worked near the Shore of Pelican Lake during the Great Depression. Anyone interested should attend. Any questions call 218-828-9178 or 218-851-4819.

25th - The Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library presents Pre-school Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fun.

27th - Dan Weber will perform at the Live Well Nightclub and Coffee Bar in the Journey Church, 5459 Lakers Lane (next to the Nisswa school) at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 and admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 with listening attention when accompanied by an adult..

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OBITUARIES

MYRTLE BOLLENBACHER



Myrtle (Myrt) Edith Bollenbacher, 96, of Crosby died on Sunday, September 15, 2019. Funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Visitation will be one hour prior

to the service at the church on

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Sunday. Internment will be in Garrison Community Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Salem West or CRMC Hospice are preferred.

She was born on November 28, 1922 at home in Mission Township to Rebecca Edith (Wynn) and Richard Warren Rider. She was the seventh of 12 children Myrt worked at many jobs in the Crosby-Ironton area as a young woman. She moved to St. Cloud at age 18 and worked for Cargill building airplane parts during World War II. At the end of the war, she married Darwin Post and moved to California to an Army Base. The two eventually moved back to the Cuyuna Iron Range Area.

When Myrt married John Bollenbacher, the two owned and operated the Y Club in Garrison. After retirement Myrt and John traveled the country, spending most of their time in Alaska and Canada. They loved gathering berries, hunting and fishing. Myrt was an avid quilter; it is estimated she made well over a thousand quilts for loved ones and those in need. Her service also included starting Salem West Ministry with her good friend Bonnie Chistenson. In 2006, the two women were honored as Outstanding Volunteers of the Year for the Initiative Foundation. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood, Rebecca Circle and the quilting group there. She was also a member of Deerwood Civic League.

Myrt is survived by daughters and sons-in-law: Glennda and Bob Gussman, Hendersonville, NC; Judy and Jim Christenson, Deerwood; Margaret Bollenbacher, Rohnert Park, CA; sons and daughters-in-law: Dale and Jan Post, Osseo; Peter and Michelle Bollenbacher, Chandler, AZ; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren.

Myrt is preceded in death by her parents, seven brothers: Ernest, Richard, Leo, Gilbert, Robert, Jewel, and Clarence Rider, four sisters: Edna Wolford, Lois Peterson, ViEtta Rude, and Esther Cook, husbands: Darwin Post and John Bollenbacher, daughter, Nancy Bollenbacher and son, John Bollenbacher, Jr.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.



Lois Ann Meacham, 81, of Arden Hills, formerly of Mc-Gregor and Aitkin died Monday, September 16, 2019 at the Johanna Shores Gables Care Center in Arden Hills.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 11 a.m. from Grace

Lutheran Church with Rev. Doug Larson officiating. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Pine Needle Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations are preferred to the ALS Association or the Cancer Society/

Lois was born April 2, 1938 in Granite Rock Township of Redwood County, MN the daughter of Vernon and Esther (Dresow) Kormann. She grew up and attended schools in Granite Falls graduating from the Granite Falls High School in 1956. She then attended the Northwestern Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1959 with her RN degree. She worked at the Northwestern Hospital from 1959 to 1963. She married Carol John (C.J.) Meacham on January 29, 1961 at Granite Falls. They made their home in South Minneapolis. She worked at Mt. Olivet Careview Nursing Home in Minneapolis from 1978 to 1988. They retired to McGregor, in 1989. She worked as a volunteer for the Aitkin County Hospice Program from 1989 to 1994. She moved to Blackrock Terrace in Aitkin in 2017, and has resided at the Johanna Shores Gables Care Center since March of 2019. She enjoyed knitting, quilting and crocheting. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in McGregor, McGregor Lions club, Lake Country Quilters and the "Dinner Belles".

She is survived by her son and daughter-inlaw, David and Debra Meacham, Coon Rapids; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Tom Viker, Arden Hills; grandson, John Viker; brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Karen Kormann, St. Paul; sister and brother-in-law, Linda and LeRoy Pauley, St. Cloud.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband C.J., in 2015 and grandson, Frederick Viker, in 2018.

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

SCOTT FERDELMAN

LOIS MEACHAM



Scott Alan Ferdelman, 57, of Aitkin, died Sunday, September 15, 2019 at the Mayo Clinic Hospital-St. Mary's Campus in Rochester.

A gathering of family and

friends to honor Scott's life will be Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 2 p.m. to 4

p.m. with a prayer service starting at 4:00 p.m. at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Aitkin.

He was born August 30, 1962 in Minneapolis to Robert Lawrence and Bonnie Lee (Bovee) Ferdelman. He graduated from Aitkin High School in 1981. Scott married Wanda Marie (Burgstaler) on June 23, 1984 in Crosby. He worked as a Bricklayer-Mason and was a member of the Minnesota Bricklayers Union Local #1 for 31 years. Scott was full of energy and lived life to the fullest by riding motorcycle and his unicycle, playing horse shoes,

collecting hats, smoking turkey and other meats, and woodcarving. His favorite time of the years was Christmas.

Scott is survived by his parents, Robert and Bonnie Ferdelman: wife. Wanda Ferdelman: daughter. Whitney "Bugs" Ferdelman (Jes Ecklund); brothers and sisters: Mark and Laura Ferdelman, Jay Ferdelman (Candy Berghuis). Tracy Fevereisen. Bobbie Gustin (Russ Ward); father-in-law and mother-inlaw: Barney and Darlene Burgstaler; brothers-inlaw and sisters-in-law: Chervl and Mike Brandt. Stan and Michelle Burgstaler, Lori Burgstaler (Josh Garard); many special aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends,

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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; wwwpointway.org

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Hayden Loven ; Sunday Morning Service 10:45

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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: 30 and 11, thejourneynorth.com

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com

Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-

5252, Worship 10:30, SS 9:30. Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service

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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.

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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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.

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Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

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

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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, 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

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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

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

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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.

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lachen 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.

Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Inter-

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.;

SS 10; Worship 11.

McGrath - Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9. McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church

(ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10. McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm

Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9. Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m.,

Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday 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.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984

PENTECOSTAL

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939. Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight

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PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake - Pastor Tony Oltmann, 218-692-4769; Worship 10; Fellowship 11:15; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10;14444 Daggett Pine Road just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org

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

REFORMED

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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* — Pastors Luke and Bethany Nelson; Worship 8:30; fellowship follows.

Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.

Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10 McGregor* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45;

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All the facts call for criminal investigation

The former Crosby chief of choice? If those were used, police deserves every critical word written. No one has second guessed the former chief's decisions, nor questioned whether they should have acted. The statements made by the former chief in the Brainerd Dispatch article are amusing; and why the former chief would address the wrongful termination lawsuits and the former mayor is baffling.

First: "I had to take action, because to not take action, I would have been negligent." The former chief acted negligently and violated the public trust. The Crosby council and mayor have vicariously libeled Crosby by negligently not acting on the facts in BMS Case No 17-PA-0260.

Second: The chief stated checkpoints were used: is it true, is it right, is it just and correct and do I have a the former chief would have succeeded. Instead the former chief failed in two wrongful termination lawsuits and eight failed attempts to criminally prosecute two former mayors.

Third: "One of the bigger challenges has been people second guessing the decision you've made on something and they don't have all the facts." Again, the former chief's decisions have never been questioned. Exactly what facts the former chief would like you to know have been expunged, because their version of the facts were found to be lies.

Fourth: "It's based on what they hear on the street or rumors they've heard." Part of this statement is true, rumors on the street did lead to the discovery of the arbitration report. It was difficult to beconduct such egregious, negligent acts in a wrongful termination lawsuit. When the rumors were verified as facts in the arbitration report, exposure began because it would have been negligent to not act.

Fifth: The former chief is correct again, "everything you read in print is not always true."

What has been printed are findings of fact in BMS Case No 17-PA-0260. BMS Case No 13-PA-0659, 13-PA-0660— not opinions, not lies — findings from legal binding arbitration. Obviously, that comment must be about the editor of the Courier and the articles they write.

All the facts are in the arbitration report, BMS Case No 17-PA-0260 can be read in its entirety at www.NewsHopper.net. Arbitrators found the

lieve the former chief would chief lied, distorted the truth, lied to council members and mayor to authorize the firing, altered documents.

Those are not the only documents containing disparaging comments about the chief. An unemployment judge found the former chief not credible; another judge ruled the former chief arbitrarily and discriminately enforces the laws and policies.

In early February 2019, the former chief and city administrator lied to an incoming council person to brief them on the "facts." It would be negligent to not expose that briefing. And the council and mayor continue to be negligent by not calling for a criminal investigation on the city administrator to discover all the facts.

Kelly Avelsgard **Concerned Observer** Deerwood

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