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**Knights of Columbus
French Toast
Breakfast /Brunch**
Sunday, November 17
9:30 a.m. - Noon
at St. Joseph's Catholic
Church, Crosby
Serving Mary Teck's French Toast,
sausage, fruit, and beverages
This is a free-will offering for the Belize
Mission Trip in 2020.

New government center in Aitkin County open for business



On ribbon-cutting day are (left to right) BKV Group Architect Bruce Schwartzman, Contegritty Group Project Manager Travis Feuchtmann, County Board members: Don Neimi, Anne Marcotte, Mark Wedel, Bill Pratt and Laurie Westerlund. Photo courtesy of Aitkin County.

Decorated in muted tones of gray and beige, with wood accents, the new Aitkin County Government Center has a streamlined layout.

The \$10.995 million building just opened for business

after a two-year construction process where the oldest historic courthouse was demolished. Many of the county offices are ensconced in their new digs, with the License Center and Soil and Water

to move from their satellite offices.

"It is very easy for our taxpayers to find their way around," explained Jessica Seibert, administrator, in a tour. "There is just one public



One long, public hallway on each floor accesses key services. Ann Schwartz photos

hallway on each floor that accesses the services."

The first floor is dominated by a large combined office of auditor, treasurer, recorder and assessor. There are public access computers on each floor for looking up data.

The veterans' office is conveniently located on the main floor and has a large handicapped-accessible bathroom nearby, with ample room for a caretaker to assist in the

bathroom.

There are also small conference rooms where customers can have a private meeting with staff to discuss their issues, or staff can hold meetings.



Shiny new drinking fountains and bottle-filling stations will ensure hydration for guests and staff.

Spacious new restrooms are stacked on each floor, with shining new drinking fountains and bottle-filling stations on the outside.

There is increased parking
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Boost Salvation Army donations 272 hrs sought



Pat is on the job at Paulbeck's County Market in Aitkin.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
In this season of giving, there is a way to give back so others in the community can stay warm, dry and fed. Bell-ringing for the Aitkin County Salvation Army begins on November 15 at Paulbeck's County Market in

Aitkin. It continues through December 23. "We will be stationed at Paulbeck's on Mondays through Saturdays from 10-6 pm," said Kari Paulsen of the Salvation Army local board. "We have been making calls from the CareerForce Center

and have 48 hours of volunteer bell-ringers committed by last week. We hope to fill 272 hours with bell ringers." Volunteers are asked to take two-hour shifts. Make it more fun by bringing along your family, friends, club members or others. Youngsters look cute at the kettle station and enjoy learning how to help others. Studies show that folks are more likely to donate when someone human is there ringing the bell at the kettle station. Call Paulsen at 218-735-6121 or email kari.paulsen@nemojt.org to sign up to ring bells this year. Also, your group or business can sponsor a day with a set amount – say \$50, \$100 or \$200 -- or commit to matching what the kettle takes in that day. Small kettles will also be distributed to eight local venues. In McGregor, bell ringers will be stationed at Ukura's Big Dollar. Watch for their

wacky costumes. Please plan on putting aside some donations for the Salvation Army this year. Last year, \$16,725 was raised locally, of which 88 percent stays in the community. They help your neighbors with such needs as heating fuel, food, clothing, medicine, housing and other basic needs of life.



Pickers pick Ironton

The Antique Archaeology van convoy up was spotted on Nov. 7. The cast and crew of the History network show "American Pickers" were at a building owned by Gene Foote's estate on Curtis Ave. in north Ironton.



Kids Lunch with Santa

The Bay Lake Area Lions 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 Saturday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Deerwood Auditorium. Face painting will start at 11 a.m., Puppets without Borders will perform at 11:30 a.m, Santa will arrive and lunch will be served about noon. Every child can visit with Santa (parents are encouraged to take photos)

and receive an age appropriate gift. Invitations were sent in the CRES Friday Folders on Nov.15; reservations must be made by Nov. 22 through Teppi at CRES or The Deerstand, Deerwood; call or send a text reservation to 218-838-4652. This event is sponsored by the Bay Lake Area Lions Club and The Deerstand, supported by Deerwood Civic & Commerce, the Deerwood Lakes and Garrison Lions Clubs and Deerwood Firemen's Relief Foundation.

New Aitkin County Government Center | Continued from Page 1



Jessica Seibert demonstrates the public computer terminals in the new government center.

on the west side of the courthouse complex and will be even more when construction of Phase II finishes. Phase II is remodeling the existing historic

courthouse into a secured judicial center. When that is complete, the buildings will be attached, but for now customers are asked to use the new entrance on the

west end of the government center. Second floor includes environmental services, surveying and GIS. The 4-H office is also there, with plenty of room for storage. Third floor houses administration, economic devel-



The new county board room has ample seating for the public, a great sound systems and a television monitor to watch board proceedings.

opment, a training room, staff break room and a new county board room. While the judicial center is remodeled the county attorneys will be housed there and the county board room will double as a courtroom. There is a removable wall

between the board and training rooms, which, when opened, will allow for a spacious areas for special meetings and trainings. "There is a great new sound system in the board room," pointed out Seibert. There are also television

monitors to watch the meeting on. Seibert noted that when the entrances and sidewalks are done, there will be a lighted blue line installed at the entrance in memory of Steve Sandburg, slain sheriff's deputy.



The color scheme is muted tones of gray and beige with wood accents.

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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 pm
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 Tomorrow 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" 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 936-525-7843.
Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyan 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.
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.
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 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. only 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency food, call 3320-433-9435 and state needs, name & phone number, or leave message of same if no answer.
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 ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.
McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6), 218-768-2340 for more info.
McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.
MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.
Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.
National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.
North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.
ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Woodland 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.operationminnesotanic.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 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 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.
Weight Watchers (now called WW) meets at Hal-

lett 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.
November
16th - Author Lisa Cassman to offer a book signing at The Crossing Arts Alliance, 10:00 a.m.- noon. The Crossing Arts Alliance is located in the heart of downtown Brainerd at 711 Laurel Street. Call 218-833-0416 for more information.
17th - Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus (GRAMC) will perform at the Edge Center in Bigfork at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.
21st - The Deerwood Lakes Lions will sponsor "Happy Hour For A Cause" at the Cuyuna Brewing Company in Crosby, 5-7pm. There will be appetizers furnished by the Iron Range Eatery. Silent auction items will be available. The cause will be the Back Pack Program for the Cuyuna Range Elementary School. This provides nutritional food for 185 packs per month for child hungry relief program. Please make reservation by calling 218-831-5683 and leave your name, number and how many are in your party.
22nd - Yellow-Bellied Sapsuckers 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. Seating is first-come, first-served.
25th Turkey Bingo and Deerwood Fire Department. Raffle, Food and Bingo starting at 7 p.m. in the Deerwood Auditorium.
28th - Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Dinner 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or until food is gone. On the menu will be turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole, corn, sweet potatoes, rolls, desserts and beverages. The dinner is at no cost, but donations will be accepted.
29th - Sixth annual Fish House 5K Run and Walk at 9 a.m. in Aitkin as the official kick-off to Aitkin's World Famous Fish House Parade. The race starts and ends in Downtown Aitkin and the course runs through the streets of Aitkin and the city park. A 5K Run/Walk category for ages 12 and under will make this event more affordable for entire families. For questions, please call Brian at the Aitkin Chamber of Commerce at 218-927-2316.

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Now Boarding: The Health Freedom Train

Last week, we took a look at a situation that happens far too often: Sick at home and wishing for a self-care option without an answer. That hits home with many of the new patients we see. The good news is that today we're going to invite you to hop on the freedom train to getting and staying healthy naturally. Part of this will include general ideas and guidelines. Part will be specific examples and resources to find the answers you may need. Before we dive into that, we going to lay down a solid foundation for doing this.

It should first be said that this not about choosing between natural remedies and standard medical care. That type of "exclusive" thinking is probably what caused this problem in the first place. It is natural remedies and if needed standard medical care. True, there has been a century old effort to eliminate self-care and natural remedies. However, the tide has turned as people have awoken and are demanding this information, researching on their own, and reclaiming this long-lost right-to-know.

Now, one of the primary things to get clear in your mind is that the power that made the body, heals the body. We are fearfully and wonderfully made, and we are given an on-board pilot that knows exactly what we need, where we need it, and when we need it. If you cut your hand, you don't wake up saying "I better make some skin cells today." Your skin has been healing as you sleep and

continues throughout the day, if proper care is given. All this happens whether you like it or not!

Healing often happens without us paying much attention. Our bodies are quite resilient, but do be aware that there is something called a "Limitation of matter." In short, "you better take care of what you got, because you only get one of you!" There are somethings your body can't recover fully from like a severed limb or destroyed internal organ. This accentuates our overall goal: To heal and preserve what you have been given. So, let's Shift this train into high gear and look for next week's destination!

Dr. Murray Smith DC, cAcu, CSCS, CCSP is a Board Certified Doctor of Chiropractic, Board Certified Acupuncturist, Clinical Nutritionist with a passion for helping people reclaim their health naturally and empowering them to keep it! He is the co-founder of SHIFT Integrative Medicine serving the Cuyuna Lakes and Brainerd Lakes areas of central Minnesota for over 25 years.

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OBITUARIES

LARRY HAMREN



Larry A. Hamren, 76, of Wright, died on Sunday morning, Oct. 20, 2019. Funeral Service will be at 2:00 p.m.. on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Wright with Pastor Debra Hanson-Carlson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Wright Public Cemetery. Larry was born in Cloquet on April 14, 1943, to Carl and Jennie Hamren. He grew up in Wright, attending schools in Wright and Cromwell, graduating in 1961. Larry was employed at the Wood Conversion Company (later Conwed Corporation) for 24 years until its sale to U.S.G. He was then a caregiver first to his parents, then aunt, and finally his godmother, Helen Benson.



He served with the U.S. Army in 1965 and 1966 receiving training in Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and Fort Sam Houston, TX. He then served for 15 months in South Korea under the 8th Army, 567th Med. Co. AMB. Upon his discharge from the Army he returned to work at the Wood Conversion Co., Cloquet. He was a lifelong member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Wright, having served on the church council, and was head usher for many years.Larry's faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ carried him through trials and sorrow, gave him strength, and brought him great joy as he was a faithful servant. His life truly was an example of living faith to all who knew him. He is survived by brother Glen Hamren; nephews Thomas (Kim) Hamren and David (Nancy) Hamren; nieces Diane (Dallas) Warner, Kathryn Moss, Laura (Shane) Campbell, Gale (Richard) Thuermer, and Linda (Tim) Rose; 17 great nieces and nephews, and 8 great-great nieces and nephews.

BILL HANLON, PHD



Bill (John William) Hanlon, PhD, 82, died suddenly on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019. Service will be Friday, November 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at St James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in St. Thomas Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He was Born June 27, 1937 in Aitkin to James and Ellen Hanlon, the second of six boys. He earned his PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Minnesota. He had a long and varied academic and business career. He began as a professor of Economics at Depaw University and progressed through teaching and administrative positions at Northern Illinois University, Winona State University, and Georgia State University. He was then the Executive Director of the Georgia Council on Economic Education. His academic career culminated with his serving as the Dean of the College of Business at James Madison University where he secured the first accreditation for the College of Business from the AACSB. Subsequently, he was the Chief Economist for New York's Commodity Exchange, an agricultural economist for General Foods and a corporate economist for The Linn Group in Chicago. In retirement, he was an adjunct professor

of Economics and Finance at Saint Thomas University and Metropolitan State University. He was known and loved for his sense of humor, kindness, consideration for others and his intellectual curiosity. He was fascinated by philosophy and politics and relished a good discussion. He was eternally optimistic and maintained a positive outlook on the people around him and the possibilities of life. He was a thoughtful listener who provided valued guidance and advice and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was a loyal friend to many. He enjoyed an occasional bingo game where he was known as "the one card wonder" and was always excited by a good hand of cards, especially with good company. His family was a great source of happiness and pride. Supporting the accomplishments and activities of his children and grandchildren was one of his greatest pleasures. He is survived by daughters and sons-in-law: Kathleen and David Gesensway, Carolyn and Don Sours, and Marianne McEvoy; brothers and sisters-in-law: Terry and Kathy Hanlon and Mike and Paulette Hanlon; five grandchildren: Benjamin, Julia, and Elizabeth Gesensway; and Melody and Lorelai McEvoy; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Jimmy, Dick, and Tom. 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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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
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 — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
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: 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.; fcbcbainerd.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 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.ihmstmileys.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.

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; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10
COMMUNITY
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 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; 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. Lilja Behr; 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 Steve Anderson; Worship at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:30 pm
Crosslake — 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
Malmö — 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 Doug Larson, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10 am, Wed. 5:30 pm w/supper; communion every Sat. and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd & 4th Sun.; nursery staffed

during 10 am Sun. service; Sunday service is live streamed on YouTube (First Lutheran Church Aitkin); broadcast on KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 am Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thu. 5 pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thu. 9:30 am-5 pm.Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; 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.ppopbaxter.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
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 Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.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
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 Inter-lachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)
Malmö — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm 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 each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, 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 Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall', Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor Peter Emig; Worship Sat. 9:30 a.m., Bible Study 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
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, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew at Block North Brew Pub.
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; fellowship follows.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 bks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

WESLEYAN
Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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Joshua Karjala arraigned in Aitkin County for murder of Michelle Mae

On Oct. 4, upon location of missing person Michelle Mae’s 2004 Jeep Liberty, investigation and searches began. Mae’s vehicle was transported to the BCA for processing.

During the investigation of the missing person, on Oct. 5, Joshua Emil Karjala, 34, of Swatara, was arrested for Probation Violation and is currently in custody. Over the course of the following 10 days numerous agencies participated in daily ground searches and K-9 searches in a 5 mile radius of the location where the vehicle was recovered. Drone searches and water searches were conducted. Search warrants were issued for cell account data. In addition, search warrants were executed at a rural private property near Swatara.

On Oct. 15, while executing a search warrant at the residence of Joshua Karjala, the body of Michelle Mary Mae was located. Mae had been missing since Oct.3. Mae’s body was transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner for autopsy. On Oct. 16, the Ramsey County Medical Examiner determined Mae’s manner of death to be homicide.

On Thursday, Nov. 7, in District Court of the 9th Judicial District, Aitkin County, Joshua Emil Karjala was arraigned on one count of Felony Murder in the 2nd Degree in the strangulation death of Michelle Mary Mae. The Honorable Judge David F. Hermerding set unconditional bail in the amount of \$5,000,000 or conditional release in the amount of \$2,000,000 bond and \$500,000 cash bail.

The Aitkin County Sheriff’s Office extends its gratitude to the many agencies that assisted in locating Michelle Mae: Cass County Sheriff’s Office, Department of Natural Resources, St. Louis County Search and Rescue personnel, Grand Rapids Police Department, the Aitkin County volunteer Search and Rescue, Wisconsin Department of Justice, and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

OBITUARIES

ANDREW DAVIS



Andrew Lawrence Davis, 88, of McGregor, died on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019, holding hands with the love of his life, Marion, and surrounded by family. Services will be at the McGregor United Methodist on Saturday Nov. 23, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. There will be reception following the service at the McGregor community center from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Andy was born in Elk River on Oct. 26, 1931 to Andrew and Olive (Stimpson) Davis. He grew up in Elk River where he attended grades 1-8 at the Otsego Country school, graduated from Handke School in Elk River in 1949. He worked and eventually bought the family dairy farm from his parents. He married Marion Phillips Munns on June 6, 1951. They raised four children: Diane, Randal, Scott and Teresa. In 1978, they moved to McGregor, where they continued to farm, raising Simmental cattle and hogs. He soon went back to milking cows. In 1994, he sold the milk cows and went to work for Bill Kangas, building houses and cabinets. Andy had a passion for life. He was always there for others in any way he could be. He loved animals, adventure, traveling to Montana, fishing, boating or canoeing and coffee with good friends. Most of all he loved his family. He was a jokester and a storyteller. He held a strong, but quiet faith in Christ. He believed the best place to find God was in the fields and the animals. Andy new the value of a hard day’s work and always thankful for any opportunity to do so.

Andy is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marion (Munns) Davis, McGregor; daughter, Diane Brennan, McGregor; son, Randal and Denise (Stone) of Kalispell, MT; son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Greta (Berg) Davis, Watertown, SD; and daughter and son-in-law, Teresa (Davis) and Arlo Johnson, McGregor; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grand children, three great-grandchildren; siblings: Orion “Bud” Davis, Lake Park and Richard Davis, Monticello.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Marion Davis, Ruth Davis, Gordon Davis, grandsons: Josh and James; and daughter-in-law, Leah.

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

READER RIBBETS

Speaking of rumors

This author has been accused of listening to rumors on the street to write articles.

This will be the first one. The reason the former chief has been loitering at city hall for hours on end may now be known. The former chief was overheard saying they — as a civilian loitering at city hall — have managed to get a current Crosby police officer placed on paid administrative leave.

Apparently, the police department is being run by civilians now and they’re influencing the city administrator to force the current chief of police to act. Who didn’t see that coming?

The former chief is proving their guilt daily.

The city administrator is unchecked, unfettered, undisciplined, and out of control, and will cost the residents of Crosby a lot of money. That statement is also speculation.

People must pay attention to the details of the current actions of the former chief and the city administrator. Their acts make no sense, they’re vindictive, bullying, and they roughshod over the members of the Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District, and the surrounding cities. Two failed wrongful termination lawsuits, eight failed attempts to criminally prosecute two former mayors and now the former chief is bragging about getting an officer placed on paid administrative leave.

The new chief is capable and qualified to run the department but may lack the tic tacks to defend his officers from dangerous outside influence.

The former chief’s grip on the city administrator is going to be the financial demise of the city of Crosby.

The current council and mayor are simply checked out and are being manipulated and misinformed by the city administrator.

The subject of this letter is based upon rumors on the street. Speaking of rumors, I wonder if there are any officers currently on paid administrative leave?

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood Concerned Observer

Turn the buses north

I ran across an article I wrote some 23 years ago. As I re-read it I realized that nothing much has changed from then. No lessons learned. No suggestion taken. I felt obliged to submit it again for new eyes and creative thinkers to ponder the words of a 10 year old boy in hopes that someone somewhere “gets it”.

TURN THE BUSES NORTH

In light of the on going financial problems of our schools, I have made some observations.

I have expressed these to many parents and young adults in our area and they encouraged me to submit my suggestions in this manner.

I have been looking at why so may of our students move out of the area after graduation and wonder if we, as educators and parents, are TRAINING them to do so. Look at our “field trips”. Why is it that we send our kids to the Mall of America, Minnesota Twins games, Metrodome, Minnesota Zoo, Valley Fair, Guthrie, etc.

when we have many of these activities in Duluth, Bemidji, Grand Forks, Hibbing, Grand Rapids, etc.?

Talk to the students ... they say there is nothing in northern Minnesota!

What about the Wolf Center, Lake Superior Aquarium in Duluth, trips to the Laurentian Divide discussing the glacial period and geological findings, Lake Itasca - source of our Mississippi River, the grand mound west of International Falls, tours of Historical Societies, local corporations, the mines, and numerous other EDUCATIONAL resources right in our own back yard and north of St. Cloud.

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It was an excellent question. I recalled chaperoning a trip to the Minnesota Twins game for the school one time. On the way home I questioned 66 kids on that trip. Two students knew the final score of the game and five knew who the Twins played. The trip lasted about 12 hours I thought ... for what?

Maybe it’s time to seriously look at the experiences we are trying to provide for our children. What are the expenses involved and the outcomes acheived. Maybe my son had a novel idea. Let’s start a campaign to TURN THE BUSES NORTH?

Brain Carlson, Grand Rapids

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The Toys For Kids program is administered in cooperation with the local Salvation Army. It is supported solely by financial and toy donations from the community.

For more information, contact Toys for Kids Chair Steve Amerud, at 218-838-1640.

Aitkin County committee openings

Aitkin County has an opening on the Aitkin County Board of Adjustment Committee an opening on the Aitkin County Planning Commission..

The opening on the Aitkin County Board of Adjustment Committee is for a Commissioner for District 5 to review variance applications and interpretations from Aitkin County Zoning Ordinances and participate in public hearings for reviewing variance applications from Aitkin County Zoning Ordinances. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

The opening on the Aitkin County Planning Commission is also for District 5. It includes reviewing applications for Conditional Use Permits, Interim Use Permits, Planned Unit Developments, Rezoning and Subdivisions to ensure compliance with Aitkin County Ordinances and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Individual will participate in public hearings for review of the applications. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Applications for these position will be accepted until noon on December 4, 2019, or until filled. The position will start the first meeting of January 2020. Terms are three years. Applications can be found on the Aitkin County website, picked up at the Environmental Services/ Planning & Zoning Office, or mailed to you if requested.

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners will make the committee selections from submitted applications during a County Board meeting. All applicants will receive notification by mail whether or not they have been selected. For more information please contact Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director at 218-927-7342.

Aitkin County Natural Resources

Aitkin County has an opening on the Aitkin County-Natural Resources Advisory Committee at Large. The term is for four years, beginning in January and includes per diem and mileage at the county rate.

There are approximately 11 meetings per year and the committee meets the second Monday of the month, usually evenings at 6:30 p.m., at Long Lake Conservation Center and includes at least one daytime field tour.

The committee advises the Aitkin County Board on matters relating to forest management; forest planning; timber harvesting; environmental issues (wildlife, water quality, invasive species, etc.); recreation management; campgrounds; recreation trails; Long Lake Conservation Center; land asset management; classification of Tax Forfeited lands; land sales/exchanges/ easements; and extraction/ mining.

Applications will be accepted until noon on December 4, 2019, or until filled. Applications can be found on the Aitkin County website, picked up at the Land Department, or mailed to you if requested.

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners will make the committee selection from submitted applications at a County Board meeting. All applicants will receive notification by mail whether or not they have been selected. For more information please contact Rich Courtemanche, Aitkin County Land Commissioner, at 218-927-7364.

LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019)		
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The following individual who was convicted of crimes in Crow Wing County has applied for relief from the Minnesota Board of Pardons. The application will be considered at the meeting of the board scheduled for December 16, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m., at the Minnesota Senate Building, St. Paul, MN:		
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Mille Lacs Lake winter anglers allowed one walleye starting Dec. 1

Winter anglers on Mille Lacs Lake will enjoy a walleye harvest this winter for the fourth season in a row, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Similar to last season, anglers will be allowed to keep walleye on Mille Lacs starting Sunday, Dec. 1, with a limit of one walleye between 21-23 inches, or one fish over 28 inches.

"It's good news that anglers will be able to harvest walleye again this winter," said Sarah Strommen, DNR commissioner. "We're encouraged to see evidence that our conservative approach to Mille Lacs is paying off, allowing continued walleye angling opportunities on this renowned fishing lake."

"I am very pleased to see that winter walleye regulations for Mille Lacs Lake will include keeping fish," State Representative Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin said. "This is good news for our area and another

indication that the big lake and its walleye fishery continues to improve."

"This week's announcement is good news for communities around the lake as we continue to monitor Mille Lacs' walleye fishery," State Representative Sondra Erickson, R-Princeton. "I look forward to working with the DNR and stakeholders in the months and years to come as we strengthen the lake and our area." Anglers are expected to make Mille Lacs a destination this coming winter. Under very similar regulations, anglers spent about 2 million hours fishing on Mille Lacs each of the last three winters.

"When the walleye population can support it, we want to provide anglers the opportunity to harvest some fish," said Brad Parsons, DNR fisheries section manager. "As in recent winters, we're confident that the walleye population is healthy enough to support some harvest."

"We expect the walleye bite to be quite good on Mille Lacs this winter, which will likely result in a lot of fishing pressure and a relatively high harvest," Parsons said. "Feedback from our advisory committee and the community has consistently been that a fish in the winter is the first priority for harvest."

"If high catch rates continue this winter, harvest may exceed the 15,000 pounds of walleye taken last winter. This may also directly affect open water angling opportunities," Parsons added.

Harvest from the winter of 2019-20 will be counted toward the state's annual share of walleye from Mille Lacs under the 1837 treaty. State anglers share the safe harvest level with eight Chipewya tribes that have fishing rights under the treaty. The state's allowable harvest for the coming year will be set in early 2020 through discussions between the state and

the tribes.

Winter regulations are set after completion of the DNR's annual fall netting assessment of the lake. The DNR's 2019 assessment found that the walleye population has remained relatively stable over the past three years, having rebounded from population lows seen from 2012 – 2016.

Conservative fishing regulations in response to the population lows have contributed to the recovery, and allowed the DNR to offer a harvest opportunity in recent winters as well as in May 2019 during the open water fishing season.

Insights into fall assessments

While encouraged by the rebound in walleye abundance, the DNR continues to take a cautious approach to managing the fishery. Survival of walleye to age 3 and older has been inconsistent in recent years. The fish hatched six years ago – referred to as the 2013 year class – are now

17-21 inches and continue to dominate the population, accounting for about 40 percent of the fish caught in fall test netting. Year classes formed since 2013 show mixed results.

Numbers of walleye from the 2014 and 2015 year classes remain below the 15-year average. The 2016 year class appears close to average, while the 2017 year class, now between 12 and 14 inches in length, is above average in abundance. The size of the 2017 year class is significant because since 2008, only the 2013 year class had been average-or-above.

"We are encouraged to see additional year classes that will contribute to the fishery in the future," Parsons said. "Having multiple year classes approaching maturity makes us more comfortable with starting to harvest some of the 2013 year-class under this winter's regulation."

The assessment also looks at

food abundance and walleye health. Perch and tullibee are the primary food source for Mille Lacs' walleye. Perch and tullibee from 0 to 2 years old were caught in moderate numbers.

Walleye condition, or "plumpness," remained lower than recent averages. The relatively thin condition of fish suggest that forage was limited during parts of this year. This contributed to the high catch rates in Mille Lacs this summer. Limited forage usually results in a good walleye bite because there is less food available for fish to eat, making an angler's bait all the more attractive.

Complete winter fishing regulations for Mille Lacs Lake is available on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/mille-lacs-lake.

NewsHopper Deadlines are Mondays at Noon
However, due to the Thanksgiving, there is an EARLY DEADLINE of 6 p.m. Friday, June 29 for the Nov. 30 issue.

"Hebraic Dances" to be presented by Lakes Area Music Festival

On Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m., the Lakes Area Music Festival will kick off its 2019-2020 Winter Series with a concert entitled "Hebraic Dances" at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa. This first of the four-concert series will feature members of the LAMF roster from the Minnesota Orchestra and other ensembles around the country. No tickets are required, with donations to the Festival encouraged.

The program will feature chamber music for clarinet, strings and piano by Sergei Prokofiev and Paul Schoenfeld, and will close with a performance of Dmitri Shostakovich's Piano Quintet in G minor. Each work is filled with sinuous melodies and influences of Jewish dances. Performers will include clarinetist Timothy Zavadil; violinists Jonathan Magness and Suliman Tekalli; violist Olivia Chew; pianist Timothy Lovelace; and artistic director, cellist Scott Lykins.

Timothy Zavadil joined the Minnesota Orchestra in 2007 as clarinetist and bass clarinetist, and has since played those instruments as well as E-flat clarinet, contrabass clarinet, bass horn and saxophones. Previously a member of the Louisville Orchestra, Toledo Symphony and Civic Orchestra of Chicago, he has also performed with the New York



Clarinetist Timothy Zavadil

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Alabama native Jonathan Magness was appointed the Minnesota Orchestra's associate principal second violin in 2008 after performing as



Violinist Jonathan Magness

a regular substitute with the Orchestra for one season. From 2014-16 he served as acting principal second violin. He took center stage as soloist in spring 2011, performing Dvorák's Violin Concerto under the baton of Marin Alsop. He holds a bachelor's degree from the Juilliard School and a master's degree with high distinction, from the University of Graz in Austria, studying with Yair Kless.

Violinist Suliman Tekalli was the top prize winner of the 2015 Seoul International Music Competition and prize



Violinist Suliman Tekalli

winner in the Sendai, Lipizer, and Szeryng International Violin Competition, Tekalli's performing career has taken him throughout the world gracing the stages of numerous halls including Stern Hall at Carnegie Hall, the Seoul Arts Center, Wigmore Hall, and the Millennial Hall at

the Kennedy Center among others. A native of Daytona Beach, Florida, Tekalli attended the Juilliard School studying with Hyo Kang, and received a master's degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music with Joel Smirnoff.

Violist Olivia Chew, a native of Long Island, joined the Rochester Philharmonic in 2014. During her orchestral career, she has been invited to play at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and others. As a fellow at the Aspen Music Festival, she served as principal viola of the American Academy of Conducting. She holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where she studied with Alan de Veritch and Stephen Wyrzynski. After her studies at IU, Chew went to Manhattan School of Music's



Violist Olivia Chew

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Pianist Timothy Lovelace heads the Collaborative Piano program at the University of Minnesota and is an active recitalist, having been featured at Rio de Janeiro's Sala Cecilia Meireles, Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall, Washington's Kennedy Center, New York's Merkin Concert Hall, Chicago's Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts and on chamber music series sponsored by the symphony orchestras of Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Minnesota and the Saint Paul Chamber



Pianist Timothy Lovelace Orchestra. As a soloist, he has performed with the Minnesota Orchestra conducted by Osmo Vänskä.

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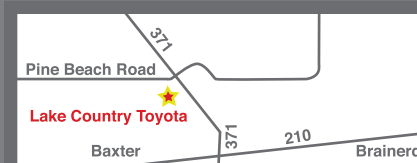
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