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## Minnesota DNR advises people to stay off the ice



Unseasonably cold weather means ice making has begun on many lakes across the state, but Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officers advise people to stay off of the still-forming ice.

That's because ice thickness is highly variable and subject to the whims of Mother Nature. Emergency responders already have responded to incidents where anglers have fallen through thin ice or been stranded on ice sheets that broke off from the shoreline due to heavy wind.

Anglers and others who recreate on the ice should stay on shore until there's at least 4 inches of new, clear ice. Anytime people are on the ice, they should check its thickness every 150 feet.

"For some people, going out onto the ice as early as possible is a badge of honor,

but the reality is they're putting their lives in danger – and the lives of the people tasked with coming to their rescue should things go wrong," said Col. Rodmen Smith, DNR Enforcement Division director. "The risk to you and others isn't worth the reward."

It will take another several consecutive days of below-freezing temperatures before enough solid ice has formed to support foot traffic, and even longer before all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles should be on the ice. Once the ice has had more time to form, it's up to each individual to make sure it's thick enough.

"Don't take someone else's word about the condition of the ice, and don't assume it's safe just because that's what you read on social media," Smith said. "Check for yourself, and make sure you're prepared for the worst."

Each year, unexpected falls through thin ice lead to serious injury or death. Wearing a life jacket is the best way to avert tragedy should you fall through the ice, since the initial shock of falling into cold water can incapacitate even strong swimmers. A good set of ice picks will help a person get out, and a cell phone, whistle or other communications device makes it more likely they will be able to call for help.

### General ice safety guidelines

No ice can ever be considered "safe ice," but following these guidelines can help minimize the risk:

Always wear a life jacket or float coat on the ice (except when in a vehicle).

Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel and tape measure.

Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.

Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.

Don't go out alone; let someone know about trip plans and expected return time.

Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards with local experts.

The minimum ice thickness

guidelines for new, clear ice are:

4 inches for ice fishing or other activities on foot.

5-7 inches for a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle.

8-12 inches for a car or small pickup.

12-15 inches for a medium truck.

Double these minimums for white or snow-covered ice.

For more information, visit [mndnr.gov/icesafety](http://mndnr.gov/icesafety) and [mndnr.gov/boatingsafety](http://mndnr.gov/boatingsafety).

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## Christmas Marketplace

Jaques Art Center's Christmas Marketplace in Aitkin is open for business. The art center is decked out with decorated trees and a cozy place to have coffee while you leisurely shop items supplied by local artisans. Pam Andell said that Tuesday - Friday hours are extended from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. for shopping. Saturday hours are 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and they are closed Sundays and Mondays.

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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 1st 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!

\*Ask An Attorney\* Workforce Center - 20-3rd St. NE, Aitkin, 4th Tuesday of month at noon Pre-registration required call 218-723-4005

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.

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.

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 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.

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

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.

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.

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.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 am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanual Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Weight Watchers (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.

**November**

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 kickoff 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.

29th - Chili Cook-off & Fundraiser, 2 p.m. - Aitkin Moose Lodge 1060 - Aitkin

29th - Toys For Kids Kickoff in the parking lot of the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce and Ace Hardware, (west of the Mississippi River). Donations will be received 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. by the Heartland Detachment of the Marine Corps

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## Health freedom from seasonal cold and flu

This week's health independence tips focus around the cold and flu season that is upon us. No doubt people are already showing up at work, grocery stores, and other public places with coughs and sniffles. Our goal is to look at the prevention, contributing factors and natural aides to this all to common occurrence.

The best defense to illness is to build a healthier body. Healthy eating (think organic fruits and vegetables, grass-fed/organically-raised meats), regular exercise and sleep, and regular chiropractic care all can boost your body's natural defense.

It can seem like a lot... and it is! However, this is completely doable! If you're not doing one, some, or all of these, just start with one and work to do it well for just a month. You'll own it and it will give you momentum to add the next. Finding a coach for each or any of these can heighten success.

The holiday season can be a trap that makes us susceptible to getting sick. Sweets are the primary culprit! "Why?" you ask? Because they can shut off the immune system, our natural defense. Just two tablespoons of sugar can shut it down for 5 1/2 hours. Some sodas can have 8-12 tablespoons of sugar in a 12 oz can! Combine this with poor sleep and high stress and you get the perfect storm for illness. Have a thoughtful plan for each area that allows you to participate without overdoing it. It can get you through into the new year in one healthy piece.

If you do happen to feel yourself coming down with an illness, first look at the

above areas you may need to clean up. Organic chicken broth, fresh Reishi and shitake mushrooms, garlic, and apple cider vinegar can all be boosters. Vitamin C (NOT ascorbic acid!), Bioflavonoids, and Rutin can help. Echinacea is an herb that is a proven and powerful immune booster. Oscilloccinum and Aconite are just two of the many homeopathic remedies that can be helpful. The list goes on!

Remember, the best thing you can do is to get informed. Finding a knowledgeable and reliable source to sift through the massive amount of information available may be of help in putting together your customized plan. Today is the best day to begin. Make the Shift for a healthier you!



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

## DANIEL GOODWIN



Daniel Will Goodwin, 81, died on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019 at home surrounded by his loving family.

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood.



Full military honors were presented by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557, Deerwood. Burial was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to CRMC Home, Health, and Hospice.

He was born May 2, 1938 in Grand Forks, ND; and he was the youngest of six siblings. He attended Central high school, UND and U of M School of Medicine. He married Shirley Johnson on February 20, 1960 and together they had five children. After Medical School, Dan and his family settled back in Grand Forks. He proudly served as a Captain in Vietnam for a medical unit. In Grand Forks, he was a partner at Valley Medical where he practiced medicine for 28 years. He then completed a Bush Fellowship so he could serve as a locum physician to help small towns and rural communities receive health care. During his years in Grand Forks, he served on multiple committees and community organizations, Medical director of United Recovery Center, as well as President

of the ND chapter for the Academy of Family Physicians. He was honored and recognized for his many contributions to medicine but most memorable was as ND Family Physician of the year in 1989. He practiced medicine for 50 years until retirement in 2014. In 1996, they relocated to Deerwood to be near family where he then joined a small medical group in the area and developed lasting friendships and relationships. He will be remembered for his love of God, family, friends, work and service to others. Many cherished memories of golf outings, picnic pontoon rides, ice rinks on the lake, grandkid wagon rides down the driveway, seafood menu New Year's Eve, family vacations, music, gardening, grilling on the deck with family and friends. He was incredibly charitable, his grandchildren's biggest fan and Shirley's sweetheart.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Shirley; four children and spouses: Gayle Jamie Pund, Burnsville; David and Monica Goodwin, Deerwood; Julie and Daran Rife, Arvada, CO; and Jennifer and Wade Heintz Savage; special nephew, James (Pam) Lynn Haven, FL; 11 grandchildren, one great-grandson; brothers: Walter and Gene; sister, Marilyn and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Marion Goodwin; son, Jeffrey; brother, Donald and sister, Ellen.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

## MARLYS BREKKE



Marlys C. (Johnson) Brekke, 87, of Duluth, died Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at Heritage Haven in Duluth.

Funeral service were held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, 2019 at Round Lake Presbyterian Church, McGregor.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in the Round Lake Cemetery, Shamrock Township, Aitkin County, MN.

Marlys Johnson was born July 9, 1932. She was married to Carl D. Brekke in December of 1959 at East Lake. She enjoyed reading, sewing, playing Scrabble, Cribbage, and other games. She had a great sense of humor and was a fine artist and crafter. She was a good,

loving, engaging, "hands on" grandmother. Her grandchildren and all her family and friends are very special to her.

She is survived by her two grandsons: Randy (Bri) Brekke, Jr., West St. Paul; and T.J. Brekke, Jr., Esko-Cloquet; four great-grandchildren: Carly, Sophie, Eli, and Ahna; Special friends: Judy Brackett and Marilyn Burggraaf both of Duluth.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl Brekke on January 8, 2005; brother: Levi; two sons: Terry Brekke, Sr. on April 1, 1988, and Randall Brekke, Sr. on January 11, 2008.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## JOHN LARSON



John O. Larson, 72, of Crosby died at Fairview Hospital in Princeton on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the Emily City Hall in Emily. Visitation will be on Friday at the

Koop Funeral Home in Crosby from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Burial will be at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.

He was born on June 20, 1947 in Moberg, SD to Carl Arthur and Frieda (Nies) Larson. John's family moved to Emily in 1963 where he graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School and from Staples Technical College as a machinist. He worked for BNSF for 40 years, spent 20 years on the Ironton Fire Department, as well as a passionate rancher and cowboy his whole life. John married Charlotte Endrizzi on March 15, 1969 in Emily. The "Big Guy" loved his wife and life and cherished his children, their spouses and grandkids. He loved his ranch, the horses and

cattle and was so very proud of the legacy he passed on to his families.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Char; five children and their spouses; Tracy Larson, Crosby; Travis (Tammy) Larson, Crosby; Amy (Bill) Clark, Byron; John (Jennifer) Larson, Baxter; Jason (Laura) Larson, Zimmerman; 11 grandchildren, Jamie (Monica), Holly, Jake, Madison, Taylor, Jonny, Tari, Ryan, Hannah, Avery and Anja; two brothers, Carl (Doreen) Larson, Crosby and Doug (Joni) Larson, Emily; one sister, Mary Ann Franz, Hibbing; several nieces and nephews and many in-laws.

John is preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dave and Lelah Endrizzi; two brother-in-laws, Conrad Franz and Jerry Endrizzi; and nephew, Jesse Larson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

## ALLIANCE

Aitkin\* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Adult Sunday School 9 am; "Elevate" youth group for 7th-12th graders, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; [www.pointway.org](http://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; [hillcityyagchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hillcityyagchurch@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](http://thejourneynorth.com)

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, [thejourneynorth.com](http://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](http://fbcbrainerd.com)

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchontheisewiseroad.org](http://www.thechurchontheisewiseroad.org)

Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 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.ihmstemijs.org](http://www.ihmstemijs.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. Lijia 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 [thelochurch@crosslake.net](mailto:thelochurch@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 KLIN (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](http://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.pobpaxter.org](http://www.pobpaxter.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](http://www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church)

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. ([www.llchurch.org](http://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](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org) Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto:trinity@trinitybrainerd.org)

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCCM, 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 (LCCM, 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](http://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](http://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; handicap accessible.

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)

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; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10 am; 4163 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 9:00 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.

# READER RIBBETS

## Crosby residents get ready to pay

The Crosby city administrator and mayor took a short road trip to the public works department. The working foreman was on vacation. The purpose was to chastise city employees about job performance and city vehicle condition. The mayor overstepped their role by including themselves in this.

The former chief and city administrator undermined the new chief of police and forced the new chief to place an officer on paid administrative leave. Civilians are running the Crosby PD now, expect blue fever to strike Crosby soon.

Two failed wrongful termination lawsuits, eight failed attempts to criminally prosecute two former mayors.

The city administrator at-

tempts to get the former chief compensated for loitering at city hall for hours and days on end. The city administrator willingly and maliciously violated data privacy laws, the council and mayor are negligent by not acting.

Crosby forced a \$240,000 tunnel on the sewer district, found an IRRRB grant for \$120,000 and then stiffed the sewer district for the full \$120,000 shortfall when Crosby has millions of dollars in reserve funds. A council member votes YES Crosby should pay at the sewer district meeting, then votes NO at the Crosby council meeting, extenuating the craziness at city hall.

The residents have been served the second of many po-

tential lawsuits stemming from the acts of 3 people begging to get their way, the former chief, former lieutenant, and the city administrator. These 3 will bring Crosby to financial ruin, if they are not stopped. One resigned, the other prematurely retired, signs of guilt. The third is still ruing Crosby and should be suspended and criminally investigated to clear Crosby from more liability. The negligence of council and mayor have vicariously libeled Crosby and it's getting worse by the day, not a single elected official can be trusted to do the job you elected them to do, get your checkbooks ready cause they're going to make you pay.

**Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood Concerned Observer**

## Crosby mayor's opportunistic priorities

Within days of a major investor meeting with representatives of the City of Crosby, as well as our planning and zoning committee—whose intentions were to both do some research and address potential concerns about building a motorsports type dealership on a newly vacated lot—our mayor just happened to put up FOR RENTAL signs on his freshly purchased commercially viable property that resides directly across the street from the proposed site.

Once again it appears to me that some good ol' insider information led to another strategic property investment.

As opportunistic as this may-

or has been—while clinging to what he believes are the perks associated with the title of public servant—I have to wonder if he is going to be as aggressive in the acquisition of properties after the 2021 road construction project claims a few of our smaller businesses.

This man's actions—along with how he has so sadly influenced our council to follow his lead and vote for yearly tax increases due to poor fiscal management, the lack of essential budgeting for costs associated with and unforeseen complications concerning this upcoming construction, along with the increased downtown

property values resulting in tax hikes on all commercial properties that were created when his administration helped select businesses receive major grants for extensive remodeling projects—will surely influence someones downfall.

I not only question this man's motives, but I fail to understand how some of our residents and local business owners really believe this man is working for them. As clearly, the only benefactors from this man's administration are him and the out of town business owners he feels are worthy to do business here.

**Chris Ryan, Crosby**

## Heating up new Cuyuna trails

I am pleased to report that Minnesota has received \$105 million in federal funds for the annual Energy Assistance Program. Our local agencies that administer the energy assistance program can now execute this year's program. They are Lakes & Pines and Lutheran Social Services at Brainerd.

Earlier this week, I received information that individuals on limited, fixed incomes were cranking down their thermostats to uncomfortably low settings in order to reduce their monthly heating bill. I advised they reset those thermostats back to normal while we get the matter straightened out.

Our local agencies that administer the energy assistance program were unable to execute this year's program until they had received the federal program funds. Happily, those funds have finally reached our local agencies, after several phone calls and emails on that subject. Thank you for your

patience on this matter.

The Energy Assistance Program is designed to help those on limited fixed incomes with winter heating assistance. Assistance is available for a variety of energy related issues including: assisting in paying a portion of the household's heating bills; assistance when energy assistance is no longer available; and emergency situations including helping repair or replace a failing furnace.

Crow Wing County residents may contact Lutheran Social Services, 716 E Street, Brainerd, MN 56401. Phone: 218-829-5000, or toll free: 800-829-5902 or visit this link.

Aitkin County residents may contact Lakes and Pines CAC, Inc. 1700 Maple Ave E, Mora, MN, 55051-1227. Phone: 320-679-1800, or toll free 800-832-6082 or click here for the website.

The Cuyuna Connection and Cuyuna Hills Backcountry Trail Project took a big step forward

with the Crow Wing County Board's recent approval of the project. The plan calls for about nine miles of new trail construction on county land and about 2 more miles on Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The new trail area involves 800 acres of Crow Wing County-managed public land and more than 320 acres of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources-managed land.

The \$670,000 project is privately funded through the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew Association with matching grant funds from the Hallett Charitable Trust Fund. Maintenance and monitoring of the recreational trail system will be the responsibility of the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew, with oversight by the county land services department lands.

Despite the cold weather, the ice is not safe – be safe please stay clear.

**Representative Dale Lueck MN House District 10B**

## Time and temp gone in Aitkin



(above left) The iconic time and temperature sign south of the stoplights in Aitkin is gone. Indigo Signworks of Alexandria, MN, updated Bremer Bank with the new logo. (above right) Adrian of Indigo Signworks updates Bremer Bank with a new logo on the door. He said they are updating Bremer Banks all over the state. Ann Schwartz photos

## Toys For Kids Kickoff on Friday

Local Toys for Kids program officially begins on Friday, Nov. 29 with the annual kickoff event in the parking lot of the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce and Ace Hardware, (west of the Mississippi River). Donations will be received from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by the Heartland Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Toy donations will also then be accepted at over 50 drop-off sites in the area until Thursday, Dec. 19, the day toy distribution will be made to families at the Brainerd Armory.

Please mail tax deductible monetary gifts to: TFK Heartland Detachment of the Marine Corps League, PO Box 2811, Baxter, MN 56425 Make checks payable to Toys

for Kids! Toys For Kids has no affiliation with the national "Toys For Tots" program. All monies donated to the local Toys For Kids program are spent locally. Last year the economic impact of the area was about \$50,000.

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

## Christmas Tea time at Aitkin Library

People of all ages are encouraged to attend the Friends of the Aitkin Public Library Annual Christmas Tea from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8 at the library. Enjoy

special music by classical guitarist Samuel Hines, poetry readings, cookies, and, of course, tea.

Registration is required. Visit the events calendar at

ecrib.org to get registered. The library is located at 110 1st Ave. NE in downtown Aitkin and can be reached at 218-927-2339.

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