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With flags and solemn displays communities remember 9/11

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By ANN SCHWARTZ Just as it had been on September 11, 2001, September 11, 2021 dawned bright and sunny under a blue autumnal sky.

Near the courthouse in Aitkin, sounds included the flapping of flags, bagpipes and shouts of children.

The Aitkin Fire Department led a 9/11 Remembrance that included a walk, the singing of the National Anthem and speeches by Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin; Fire Chief Brian Pisarek and Minnesota Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety Bruce

West. Jeff Erhet of the state fire marshal's office was also present.

"It does my heart good to see you here," said Pisarek, before introducing West.

"We remember the fear, sadness and anger. Our world and our lives upended on 9/11, how safe we felt or didn't feel. Brave men and women who had never thought of becoming a firefighter signed up to do the job," West told the group comprised of firefighters, first responders, police, families and citizens of all ages from babies to grandparents.

After West spoke, firefighters took turns reading the names of emergency personnel who perished on 9/11.

Prior to the solemn ceremony, there was a bit of a family reunion feeling at the site. Firefighters and families took photos in front of the flags that lined the lawn. There was also Jeff Ehret, state fire marshal's office and truck ladder and firefighter turnout gear. A

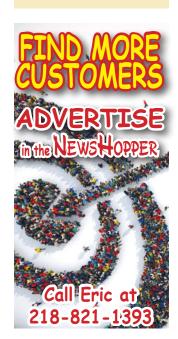
flag at half-staff also snapped at the high school flagpole across the street.



a flag hung from a fire Bruce West, deputy commissioner of public safety in Minnesota. Ann Schwartz photo

Motorists honked as they went by or stopped and jumped out to snap a photo of the flag display, which was to be removed by dusk on Sept. 11.

Through smooth and rocky roads over 20 years, we are still here and the Star Spangled banner yet waves, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.





Leading the parade in Aitkin was a vintage fire truck with fire chief Brian Pisarek (driving) and



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Drought conditions prove challenging for pheasants and observers

Pheasant numbers have declined by 25 percent from 2020, but numbers remained on par with the 10-year average, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' annual roadside wildlife survey.

"While the decline from last year sounds significant, pheasant numbers are actually fairly good and hunters will likely still see plenty of birds when the season opens Oct. 16," said Tim Lyons, DNR upland game research scientist. "This year, smoke from wildfires and drier-than-average conditions during the survey may have made birds less detectable, possibly skewing the index lower."

While down from last year,

this year's pheasant indices Habitat factors are on par with or exceed 10year averages in all regions of the state.

Weather and habitat are the main influences on Minnesota's pheasant population. Weather causes annual fluctuations in pheasant numbers, while habitat drives long-term population trends.

This year's statewide pheasant index was 41 birds per 100 miles of roads driven. All regions except the southeast saw a decline from last year in the pheasant index. Still, the southwest (63.2), south central (49.8), and west central (43.3) regions all exceeded the statewide average and remain the prime pheasant hunting areas of the state.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in particular play a large role in providing habitat for pheasants in Minnesota. The program, authorized under the federal Farm Bill, pays farmers to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and restore vegetation that will reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators.

Although expiring contracts led to a decline in CRP acres in 2021, there was a net increase in conservation on private lands as more than 10,000 acres were protected through other federal and state set-aside programs.

An additional 24,000 acres of habitat were permanently protected through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acquisitions and by the DNR as Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).

Many publicly owned lands are open to hunting, as are private lands enrolled in the state's Walk-In Access program. Hunters can use the DNR's online mapping tools to find WMAs at mndnr.gov/wmas, and the DNR Recreation Compass to help locate state hunting grounds and private lands enrolled in

the Walk-In Access program, including updates on the condition of specific properties.

roadside wildlife survey Monitoring pheasant population trends is part of the DNR's annual August roadside wildlife survey, which began in 1955. Wildlife managers and conservation

officers in the farmland re-

How the DNR conducts the

gions conduct the survey during the first half of August. This year's survey consisted of 163 25-milelong routes, with 148 routes located in the pheasant range.

Observers drive each route in early morning and record

the number of farmland wildlife game species they see. The data provide an index of species abundance and are used to monitor annual fluctuations and long-term population trends of pheasants, gray (Hungarian) partridge, eastern cottontail rabbits, white-tailed jackrabbits, mourning doves, Sandhill cranes, and white-tailed deer.

Wildfire-related burning restrictions lifted in 14 counties

Continued favorable weather has improved wildfire risk for much of northern Minnesota. In response, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is removing fire restrictions in 14 counties.

Burning restrictions were lifted Sept. 15 in Beltrami,

Becker, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Ottertail, St. Louis, Roseau, and Wadena counties.

However, the wildfire risk in remains in the northeastern tip of Minnesota. Therefore,

Class III burning restrictions remain in effect for in Cook and Lake counties. Under Class III restrictions.

DNR acting Wildfire Prevention Supervisor, Allissa Reynolds cautions, "Until we have a few inches of snow on the ground, we all need to

continue our efforts to reduce wildfires; fires can start easily in dry grass and leaves."

DNR's Forestry Division, appreciates the continued support of all Minnesotans in

strictions, saying, "Everyone's efforts to prevent wildfires are helping. Thank you and let's keep it up through the fall."

Forrest Boe, Director of following wildfire-related re-Viva Cuyuna Lakes Annual Dinner

Mark your calendar and plan on recognizing another great year in the Cuyuna Lakes at the Chamber's Annual Dinner, Viva Cuyuna Lakes, on Thursday evening, Sept. 23, at Grand Casino Mille Lacs in Onamia.

Celebrate the end of a wonderful summer and the beginning of beautiful autumn while enjoying networking with Cuyuna's leading businesspeople at an evening out on the town with no host cocktails, appetizers and an expertly prepared fresh and flavorful meal by Mille Lacs Grand Casino catering.

Viva Cuyuna Lakes will be a casino-themed event with a social hour and gambling games starting at 6 p.m. The dinner program at 7 p.m. will include a keynote presentation, report to membership and award ceremony to honor the Business of the Year and Volunteer of the year by Chamber President Matt

Larson and Executive Director Brielle Bredsten.

On the dinner menu choices are Boursin chicken, an airline breast in an herb crust filled with Boursin cheese over sherry demi glaze and roasted baby red potatoes; filet mignon, a 6-ounce bacon-wrapped with Bearnaise sauce and Au Gratin potatoes; or vegetarian butternut squash ravioli, topped with pecans and a browned butter sage sauce. All choices will be served with a mixed green salad and spiced walnuts, craisins and raspberry vinai-

Special thanks to Grand Tickets are \$50 per person; reserved tables for eight are \$450. Semi-formal attire is suggested. Masks are required by the casino. Reservations should be made by Wednesday, Sept. 15 and can be made by calling 218-546-8131.







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COMMUNITY EVENT

September

18th - Nisswa Fall Festival with pancake breakfast presented by the Nisswa Fire Department, medallion hunt, bean bag tournament, KIDZONE, Smokin' Hot BBQ Challenge and a live outdoor

18th - Palisade Super Sledders Snowmobile Club swap meet starts at 7 a.m., BOOYA served 4 p.m. until gone, live band featuring Diesel Drive 6 p.m.-10 p.m. at intersection of Co. Rd. 3 and Co. Rd 5 in Palisade. Call Jim at 763-568-9819 or Brian 218-839-1678 for more details.

18th - Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen serving pickup meals at 923 Oak Street in Brainerd noon-12:30

18th - Gabriel's Home, a horse rescue east of Brainerd is hosting a fundraiser 1-4 p.m. at 8118 Co. Rd. 108, Brainerd. People are invited to see the horses and lambs while enjoying games, silent auction items and hot dogs and chips with a free will offering and all donations goes right to feeding the horses.

18th - Brainerd Junior Jaycees Free Outdoor Movie Night: Hocus Pocus 8 p.m - 10 p.m. in Gregory Park, Brainerd

19th - Camp Ripley Open House 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Camp Ripley is hosting an open house. Have you ever seen a military vehicle and wished you could hop in for a ride? Well, now is your chance and it is free to attend and all ages are welcome. All adults must have a photo identification at the gate to enter. Please ensure the driver of the vehicle has a valid driver's license.

19th - Glory Baptist Church begins adult, youth and children's Sunday school for the school year. www.aitkinchurch.com

20th - Great Decisions: "The Korean Peninsula".

23rd - 25th - Rummage Sale at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 30985 Front Street, Pequot Lakes 24th - Fabulous Armadillos 7 p.m. at the new Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd. Call 218-855-8199 for tickets

24th - Free Outdoor Movie in Crosslake at the US Army Corps of Engineers Crosslake Campground. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks. The movie is complimentary, while donations received will benefit the efforts to Light Up the Dam.

25th - Brainerd Jaycee's Streetfest -noon -4pm: Family Fun with games by Junior Jaycees and face painting by The Painted Turtle, 2pm-4pm: Bean Bag Tournament, 3pm-5pm: Music from Katie Ziegler, 4pm: Pie and ice cream eating contests, 5:30pm-8:00pm: Music from Bruce Archer 5:30pm-7:30pm: Cub Foods Ribfest, 7:30pm: Cub Foods Ribfest awards, 9:00pm-12am: Music from Rhino

26th - Glory Baptist Church Singspiration Join us for snacks, fellowship, and singing your favorite hymns 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. aitkinchurch.com

27th - Wheels Night at the McGregor Airport 5-8 p.m. Fire truck, ambulance, semi-truck, heavy equipment, four wheeler, school bus anything with wheels! Life Link will be landing, weather permitting. Kids Plus will have a make and take project and pizza will be available for purchase.

30th - Aitkin Lions Spaghetti Feed 4:30 -6:30 p.m. \$10 (Free for kids age 5 and younger) at the Aitkin American Legion. Proceeds will go to the South Aitkin First Responders and Aitkin Baseball.

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READER RIBBETS

MLEC begins driveway construction

Throughout our new oper- pleted on the driveway, the ations center project, transparency and due diligence have been Mille Lacs Energy's number one priority. We made a promise to you, our members, to keep you informed every step of the way. As of the 1st of September, we finally have exciting news to share! Permitting for a driveway and turn lane from Highway 169 has been fully approved for the piece of land MLEC purchased in 2020. We have been patiently waiting for this approval so we can move forward. Construction on the driveway begins September 8th.

As you all know, we are still many steps away from the possibility of opening the doors to a new, efficient, and updated operations center. Steps that require the successful conclusion of all prior steps before moving on to the next. Please know we are keeping an open mind and continually doing research to make sure that the chosen location is the best possible home for the future of MLEC. We have taken into consideration input from our members, contacted landowners, and even looked at five additional parcels of land within the last 45 days. With all our efforts, we keep coming back to our purchased land near the junction of Highway 169 and Highway 18.

Once construction is com-

next step is putting out a Request for Proposal to architects and assessing bids. We have a lot of things in our favor right now, and we do not anticipate new construction having much of an impact on members rates. With lower interest rates, Great River Energy's anticipated wholesale power rate reductions, and MLEC's strong financial position, an extremely conservative 10-Year Financial Forecast does not anticipate a rate increase for MLEC members until 2027 - even with the addition of a new operations center and on-going fiber expansion. With this being said, if the cost for a new operations center is out of reach, the project will be put on hold, or it will simply come to a stop.

When thinking of a new operations center, we are planning for the longevity and bright future of Mille Lace Energy Cooperative. There is no glass ceiling to what the next 80 years might bring! Today, we're expanding the MLEC Fiber offering to help our members bridge rural America's broadband accessibility gap. It is amazing to thing that in just one year's time, we have doubled the amount of connected MLEC Fiber Internet customers. Emerging opportunities span alternative energies, energy

storage, standby generators, distributed generation, and electric vehicle technologies. These new energy technologies mean our cooperative has opportunities to grow and expand. MLEC needs a facility that will match the innovative and technological work we are doing - and will do in the future. A new operations center will be built from the ground up with the next 80 years in mind.

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A web page on our website dedicated to information about the new facility project is coming soon! News sources, frequently asked questions, a project summary video, and contact information can all be found there. The web page will be updated frequently and will act as an additional resource for our members and foster effective communication.

As always, feel free to contact your elected board member or the MLEC office with any questions.

MLEC is a not-for-profit, electric distribution cooperative owned by the members we serve. We provide service to over 13,000 members in parts of Aitkin, Crow Wing, and Mille Lacs counties. Our headquarters is located at 36559 US Highway 169, one mile east of Aitkin, MN.

Sarah Cron, CEO Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative

Not safe

An important aspect of serving your city, county, state, or any elected position, is representation. It is ok for a politician to think, but what they think personally is not more important than what's best for the community. Politicians are our servants. Our stewards to protecting and defending our Constitution which is what the oath of office is about. It seems power has gone to their heads and our local and state politicians have lost their sense of servitude. If that is the case. they need to resign or be forced from office peacefully.

Walz's service is an epic failire he allowed Minneapolis to burn, gave his adult daughter access to confidential information which she shared with the public and rioters. His inaction placed Minnesota in danger. Two lives were lost as Walz monitored how he was trending on social media during the riots. Minnesota is not safe with Walz in office, he is willing to place us at risk at the drop of a hat. Walz needs to go, not at election time, not when he says, not when he thinks, when we tell him to.

Our rights, freedoms, life, liberty, and happiness come first, not what politicians think, feel, or believe personally. Most of us take our jobs seriously, we place pride in our work, when others see our work, it does reflect part of who we are. Our politicians have forgotten who they work for, we have the right to demand and expect their immediate resignations when they stop working for us, it is our right to alter the government under these conditions. Exercise your rights 651-201-3400 demand Walz resign.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood





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OBITUARIES



Harriet Lorraine "Mutzi" Simonson, 82, of Aitkin died on June 9, 2021.

HARRIET SIMONSON

Memorial Service will be held at 1-2 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Heart of MN Ministries (formerly UCC Church by the DQ.) Immediately following will be

an Open House Celebration of Life at the Aitkin American Legion from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Memorials to Riverwood Hospital Foundation in Aitkin are preferred.

She was born on a snowy New Year's Day in 1939 to Mae (Tibbetts) and Edwin Hensel on a Palisade river farm. This hardworking beautiful redhead graduated from Aitkin High School in 1957. She met Harlan Simonson at a dance, fell in love and married him on June 27, 1959. She worked in Aitkin at the Extension Office and the DNR Fisheries Office. Harriet was a "social butterfly;" she loved being a part of social events. Her passions were bowling in her early years, gardening/canning, dancing, playing cards (especially 500), decorating for the holidays and being a meticulous cleaner. Along with raising six children, Harriet gave her time and energy to many organizations. She was active in and served as President of Aitkin American Legion Auxiliary #86, UCC Church, Glen Township Treasurer, DFL, Red Cross, AARP Tax Volunteer. Help coordinate Class of 1957 Reunions, and frequent visitor with nursing home residents. Harriet enjoyed being a part of the Palisade Red Hats, Sunbeam card club, UCC Priscilla Club and Cedarbrook Homemakers.

Harriet is survived by Harlan, her loving husband of 62 years; children: Kim Pittsley, Edward Kehn (Cheryl), Anne Kellerman (Terry), Madeline Aderman (Jeff), James Simonson (Kat), Christine Simonson (Todd); four grandchildren; seven great -grandchildren; siblings: Sidney Hensel (Janice), Shirley Kehn Johnson, Douglas Hensel, Rodney Hensel, Paulette Torgerson (Ed), Steven Hensel (Donna); sisters-in-law, Phyllis Hensel and Mary-Ann Zortman, brother-in-laws: Richard Laird and Paul Simonson (Karen) and many special nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law, Paul Pittsley; siblings: Lucille Hoge, Leroy Hensel (Bev), Elizabeth Catlin (Chester), Joyce Laird, Ken Hensel, sister-in-laws, Mary, Lydia, Bonnie, Helen; brother-in-laws, Alan, Lloyd, David, Lee, Alvin, Teddy.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

GENE FRANCIS

Gene L. Francis, 65, of Brainerd died on July Legion #255 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 17, 2021 after a seven-year battle with cancer. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at the Brainerd American

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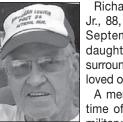
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RICHARD DOTSETH



Richard Harland Dotseth. Jr., 88. of Aitkin died Sunday. September 5, 2021 at his daughter's home in Remer surrounded by his family and loved ones.

A memorial service with a time of sharing stories and military honors will begin at

5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Aitkin American Legion post #86. A \$5 dinner will be served that

includes pulled pork, mac and cheese, and potato salad.

He was born January 13, 1933 in Black River Falls, WI. to Richard and LaVerne Dotseth, Sr. He was a US Army Veteran. Richard worked as a mason brick and stone layer. He was a great scuba diver, helping during emergency water rescues. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, boat races, watching NASCAR, Judge Judy and the Minnesota Vikings, and listening to country music, but his greatest enjoyment was being in the "Northwoods & Water", where he could go 4 wheeling and snowmobiling. Richard loved his family especially his dog Harley.

Richard is survived by three daughters: Jerene Joppe of Portland, OR, Jacquelyn Dotseth of Remer, and Marlys Estrem of Federal Dam; two sons: Richard Dotseth of Jacksonville, FL and Gregory Dotseth of Watertown. He was a grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather to many.

He was preceded in death by his two brothers: Robert and Buddy and his parents.

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JOHN SOLIEN



Aitkin died peacefully at Rivers Edge Assisted Living on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

A private family service will be held. Memorials for John can be made to a charity of your choice or Aitkin Area Dollars for Scholars, aitkin.

dollarsforscholars.org

John was born in Bovey, on October 9, 1930, to Joseph H. and Florida Solien. After graduating high school, he attended Itasca Community College and graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, with a Bachelor of Science degree. He married Mary Lynne on August 24, 1952, and they settled in Aitkin, where John taught English and History at Brainerd and Aitkin High Schools. In 1957 John embarked on his career as an insurance agent at the First National Bank. He opened the John F. Solien Agency in 1972, and worked in insurance and banking until his retirement.

John was an actively involved in his community. He served as Chairman of the Board of Education for the Aitkin school district, President of the St. James Parish Council, and was a member of the

John Franklin Solien, 90, of Aitkin Lions, Knights of Columbus, Moose Lodge, and the Brainerd Elks Club. He served two terms as Mayor of the City of Aitkin from 1962-1965. In the election of November 1963, John was re-elected as a write-in candidate after declining to file for a second term. John was also one of the original owners of the Roadside Restaurants in Aitkin and McGregor. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family on Cedar Lake. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan and was known to drive through blizzard conditions to see them play.

He is survived by three children: Judge John R. "Jack" (Julie) Solien of Aitkin, Julie (Terry) Kreeger of Bovey, and Lynne (Kevin) Halbrooks of Annandale, Virginia; three grandchildren: Joseph (Samantha) Solien, Benjamin (Rachell Powell) Solien, and Andrew (Erin) Kreeger; four great grandchildren; and two brothers: Joseph W. "Bill" Solien and Jerry Solien.

John was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Joseph H. Solien, and his devoted wife Mary (Lynne) Solien.

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

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* - New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship in the church building 10:15 am & 6:30 pm, check the website for the time of service NewLifeAitkin.com; 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

Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30. Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

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Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9 & 10:30, thejourneynorth.com

Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Stephens, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd

Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor 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

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. aitkinchurch.com 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. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm. Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun.

10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00. Brainerd — St. Francis , Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00:

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30. Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat.

Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass: Mon. 8,

Tues. Noon, Thurs. 6 pm, Fri. 8, Sun 8:30 & 10:30 (10:30 outdoors weather permitting) Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.

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Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483

Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt. McGregor - Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.

Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362

Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

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Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; 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 Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9

Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30;

Wed. BS 6:30 pm Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm

Kimberly - Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256. McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel

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Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge

Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor David Hoffman; 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.

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Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Rev. Joyce A. Rush. In-person worship service at 10 am Sunday. Online at 5 pm Saturday. Call the church 219-829-3834 and leave a message with email to receive a Zoom invitation.

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

Aitkin - (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sun. 8am, 10am am and 1pm In-person (10am service also available via livestream on YouTube - First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM radio), Wed. 5:30pm with supper; Sun. school at 9am, take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am-4p

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.princeofpeacelutheran.church

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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.

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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: 9; 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

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 am 218-534-3069

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10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st

& 3rd Sun. McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

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

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

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Study 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www. aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933

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Broadband internet access virtual and in-person free event Sept. 30

Everyone relies on the internet for school, business, government, recreation, healthcare, and more. This became even more evident over the last year with students in distance-learning and companies, large and small, that shifted their employees to working remotely-retirees even scheduled Zoom telemedicine appointments for the first time. If internet connections weren't reliable 24/7, residents and businesses scrambled to find access.

For those who live or work in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, or Wadena counties, does your area lack internet access? Does it have the highspeed internet you need to succeed?

To discuss these questions and more, Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) is holding a virtual Zoom event about local broadband access on September 30, from 7–8:30 p.m. You may also attend in person at one of five locations. The purpose of the event is to get organized as a region to secure federal funding for local, high-speed internet. All who live or work in the five-county

five-county region to bring their stories about internet access, frustrations, and ideas

"We want residents in our

area are invited.

to our broadband event," said Cheryal Lee Hills, executive director of R5DC. "A key factor in improving access to regional broadband is finding out what the needs are and learning how people are managing-or not managing-to access the internet."

Several regional broadband events will be held statewide, leading up to Blandin Foundation's 'Building on Broadband' that will focus on the need for reliable, high-speed internet across the state.

"American Recovery Act funds are available for broadband expansion in areas of our five-county region where high-speed internet is currently unavailable, but we need to be organized in order to access and utilize the funding," said Hills. "Meeting together on September 30 and hearing the stories of others who have struggles accessing the internet is a good start. It will help to highlight the need for

annual meeting in October reliable high-speed internet at: https://r5fiber.eventbrite. for so many residents across our five-county area and beyond. It's possible to improve regional broadband when we all work together."

Join the broadband event via Zoom or in-person on September 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. A link will be emailed to those who register. The event is open to anyone interested in discussing current high-speed internet in their area and ways to expand it by accessing federal funding.

To attend the event, either virtually or in-person, register com. To attend in person, select one of these locations when you register:

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