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  - Todd County:** Highway 71, 287, 28.
  - Crow Wing County:** Highway 18.
  - Morrison County:** Highway 10, 115, 27, 238, 25.
- Region 7E (Green):**
  - Mille Lacs County:** Highway 169.
  - Kahabec County:** Highway 63, 23, 102, 47.
  - Pine County:** Highway 35, 123, 48.
  - Isanti County:** Highway 95.
  - Chisago County:** Highway 8.

Yellow dashed lines indicate the boundaries between the counties within each region.

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For more information contact Shane Ofsthun at 218-821-1756 or Russ Philstrom: 651-329-1373.

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# Give a pint, save a life at Sept. 11 Crosslake Red Cross blood drive

Roll up your sleeve and roll into First Lutheran Church this Thursday, Sept. 11 for a chance to save lives, support your community, and walk away with a free Snoopy “One of Four” t-shirt — all in a day’s donation.

The American Red Cross, in partnership with the Crosslake Ideal Lions, is hosting a blood drive from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, located at 35960 County Road 66, just north of the County 66 and County 3 junction — and just past the U.S. Post Office.

As demand for blood remains high across the country, the generosity of northern Minnesotans continues to shine.

“There are only 15 donation slots left, which says a lot about the spirit of this community,” said Lion Marty Duncan, manager of the drive. “Donors in this region should be praised for the many lives they’ve helped save.”

Appointments are strongly encouraged — and easy to make. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to claim your spot.

As a thank-you for giving, all donors will receive an exclusive Snoopy t-shirt, part of the Red Cross’s “One of Four” collection celebrating the beloved Peanuts character.

Whether you’re a first-time donor or a seasoned lifesaver, this is a perfect chance to make a difference — and maybe spark a little friendly competition to see who in Crosslake has the most giving spirit.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- September**
- 6th - Homeless and Wounded Warriors Minnesota Motorcycle Ride at the Crosslake American Legion located at 35112 County Road 3 in Crosslake, 10:30 a.m. registration, kick stands up at noon. Cost is \$30 for drivers and \$10 for passengers and any car \$30 with \$10 per passenger. A meal is provided for all registered riders following the ride. This is a rain or shine event. Contact Shane Ofsthun at 218-821-1756 or Russ Philstrom at 651-329-1373 for more information.
  - 7th - Aitkin Flyers Wild Rice Pancake Breakfast Fly-in, 8 a.m.-noon at the Aitkin Municipal Airport located at 1190 Air Park Drive in Aitkin. Hosted by the Experimental Aircraft Association 965 called “The Aitkin Flyers.” If you’re interested in flying, want to mingle with local pilots, mechanics, builders or just enjoy great people and great food, come to the hangar.
  - 9th - Coffee with a Cardiologist 2-3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Crosslake Lutheran Church, 35960 County Road 66, Crosslake. Featured speaker cardiologist Eric Fenstad, MD, MSc, FACC will present on the topic “Valve Disease – Diagnosis and Treatment” This is a free community event and open to the public.
  - 11th - Red Cross, Minnesota and the Crosslake Ideal Lions Blood Drive, noon - 6:00pm at the First Lutheran Church, Crosslake, at 35960 County Road 66. First Lutheran is located north of the junction of Cty 66 and Cty 3, north of the USPost Office. Donors are asked to register and reserve a slot at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
  - 13th - The Cuyuna Range Free Community Pancake Breakfast, 8-11 a.m. at the Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake. Activities also for the children.
  - 13th - Smoke on the Range Rib Cook-Off, music, and mega meat raffle at the Deerstand Restaurant and Bar in Deerwood. Call 218- 534-9253 to be a grillmaster.
  - 20th - Cuyuna Range Lions’ Pancake Breakfast from 8-11 a.m. at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake.
  - 21st - St. James Catholic Church Fall Festival, 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at 299 Red Oak Drive in Aitkin. Baked Chicken Dinner served 11:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. in the Parish Dining Hall. Step outside to experience activities like cash bingo, beer garden, Grandma’s Attic, silent auction, dunk the deacon dunk tank, free throw and corn hole tournaments. Live music from the Diane Zilverberg Trio, 1:00- 3:00 p.m. Live Auction at 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 218-927-6581 or visit [aitkincatholic.org](http://aitkincatholic.org).
- Send your community events to [hopper@crosbyironton.net](mailto:hopper@crosbyironton.net)

# READER RIBBETS

## Candidate forum at McQuoid’s Inn

Truth is coming to east-central Minnesota ~ do you sometimes hear things and wish you could get the information from the horse’s mouth? Well here’s your opportunity.... four of the current republican 2026 Gubernatorial candidates will be on hand to answer questions. On Hwy 47 in Isle, MN on Wednesday, September 24th at McQuoid’s Inn and Conference Center... doors open at 5:30, presentation starts at 6:30, 250 people maximum capacity.

In association with Wagner Township Concerned Citizens and Central Minnesota Citizens for Liberty you are invited to a “townhall matchup” with candidates

Jeff Johnson, Brad Kohler, Phillip Parrish and Kendall Qualls. Each will bring a different perspective as to their thoughts on how to heal Minnesota and bring unity. A brief introduction follows:

- Jeff Johnson is looking to address Minnesota’s fraud, crime and economic woes from St. Paul.
- Brad Kohler is running for Governor of Minnesota with a bold vision: to Make Minnesota Affordable again. His campaign is built on the principles of hard work, meritocracy, and individual freedom, aiming to put power back in the hands of the people.
- Phillip Parrish’s goal as Governor of Minnesota is to serve Minnesotans with integrity and dedication. He pledges to foster a culture of servant leadership, ensuring every elected official and bureaucrat is focused on the public’s needs.
- Kendall Qualls is running to Save Minnesota and for the Next Generation of Minnesotans.

Each of these statements were found after a brief google search of their information. Scott Jensen will not be in attendance as he has prior a commitment. Other official candidates are welcome.

All four candidates eagerly confirmed their interest in coming to the “Land of Rocks and Cows”, let’s give them a big east-Central Minnesota welcome and attend to listen to what they have to say. Bring questions. There’s work to do.

God bless you & God Bless America

Sincerely,

**Diane Webb-Skillings**  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, Sept. 6 & 13, 2025)

**LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

The Libby Township Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 to discuss matters that may come before the board. The September 16 meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Contact Jane Jewett, clerk, at [wilowsedge.janesfarm@gmail.com](mailto:wilowsedge.janesfarm@gmail.com) to request the Zoom link.

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# Long Lake’s fish fry serves up birds, walleye, and a worthy cause

What do walleye, warblers, and woodland walks have in common? They're all part of the “menu” at Long Lake Conservation Center’s annual Fall Fish Fry Fundraiser.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, the scenic education center will host an evening filled with birding, conversation, conservation, and a legendary fish dinner, all to benefit scholarships for students attending nature school at Long Lake. Admission is \$40 per person and is limited to only 125 attendees, so make sure you grab your seat at [longlakecc.org/fishfry](http://longlakecc.org/fishfry) today.

Mark Jacobs of the Forest Stewards Guild will headline the evening with his engaging presentation, “Forestry for Minnesota Birds” — a timely and insightful look at how smart forest management

supports native bird populations across the state.

Jacobs brings decades of forestry expertise and a passion for the outdoors, promising to connect the dots between healthy forests and healthy bird habitats.

**Walk on the wild side**

Before the plates come out, guests can join a guided birding hike around Long Lake, where fall migration is beginning and binoculars are sure to be busy. The hike kicks off at 4:00 p.m., offering a serene stroll through towering pines and lakeside trails.

**Legendary walleye feast**

At 6:00 p.m., the spotlight shifts to the world-famous Red Lake walleye fry, expertly prepared by Roland Hill — a meal that has become a celebrated tradition and a reason in itself to attend. Crispy,

golden, and locally loved, this walleye dinner is the stuff of northern Minnesota legend.

**Give a child the gift of nature**

This event brings community members together not only for a great meal and a great cause — but for a deeper appreciation of the natural world.

Proceeds of the fundraiser go to scholarships for students to attend Long Lake’s nature school programs. Long Lake has been teaching about nature and the principles of wise use of natural resources for 60 years. During those six decades, generations of people have explored the wonders of nature on the shores of Long Lake. More than a quarter of a million young people have built a connection with nature. And now environmental Education is more important than ever.

So bring your appetite, your hiking shoes, and your love of loons, leaves, and learning. This fall fundraiser promises to be a high-flying, fish-frying good time — all in support of getting more kids outdoors and into nature.

But if you are unable to attend, please consider at

monetary gift at [longlakecc.org/donate](http://longlakecc.org/donate).

For additional information contact 218-768-4653 or email [info@longlakecc.org](mailto:info@longlakecc.org).

## Step back into divided Berlin

The rubble-strewn streets of postwar Berlin may seem a world away, but on Monday, Sept. 8, the past comes vividly to life at Heartwood Senior Living Community, 500 Heartwood Drive in Crosby at 1:30 p.m.

Unlimited Learning is proud to present Briana Smith in a thought-provoking session titled “Everyday Life in Cold War Berlin (1945–1948).” The program explores what life was really like for Berliners in the early years of the Cold War — a period known as the “Rubble Years.” Admission is free for Unlimited Learning members and \$10 for nonmember.

**Life among the ruins**

Smith, a historian and Program Manager at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota, will guide attendees through a pivotal chapter of 20th-century history — from the collapse of Nazi Germany to the Allied occupation and the mounting tensions that led to the 1948 Berlin Blockade.

What makes this presentation truly unique is its human focus. Smith will share:

- Excerpts from the diary of a “rubble woman” — one of many German women who literally rebuilt Berlin brick by brick.
- A U.S. Army training

video that offers an American perspective on postwar Germany.

- Song lyrics that reveal the cultural mood of a city caught between devastation and rebirth.

It’s a powerful way to understand history—not just through dates and battles, but through the daily lives of people who lived it.

Smith holds a PhD in history from the University of Iowa and is the author of the acclaimed book *Free Berlin: Art, Urban Politics, and Everyday Life* (MIT Press, 2022), which explores postwar Berlin’s transformation through art, politics, and public life.

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Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; [www.pointway.org](http://www.pointway.org)  
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Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

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Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, [iamheritage.org](http://iamheritage.org)  
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; [hilcityagchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hilcityagchurch@gmail.com); 218-697-2662  
Palisade — Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

**BAPTIST**  
Aitkin — Northwoods Community Church, Pastor William Verbeke, Worship 10:30, [northwoodscommunitychurch.org](http://northwoodscommunitychurch.org)  
Baxter — Eagle Brook Church, \*Worship 9 & 11, [www.eaglebrookchurch.com/locations/brainerd-lakes/](http://www.eaglebrookchurch.com/locations/brainerd-lakes/)  
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](http://fbcbrainerd.com)  
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Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.  
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Crosby\* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass: Thurs. and Fri. at 8; Tues at noon, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30.  
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmstemilys.org](http://www.ihmstemilys.org); Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.  
Emily\* — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.  
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Eli Gieske, 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. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8; Confessions Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm  
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, SS 9; 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 — The Lighthouse 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 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 —Hilltop Chapel (Waukenabo Twp)\*- service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; 49448 Osprey Avenue, Palisade.  
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.  
**EPISCOPAL**  
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.  
**EVANGELICAL FREE**  
Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Wednesday for all ages 6:30 pm.  
Crosslake — The Log Church 9:30, Pastor Troy Nelson; 218-692-4141, 37218 County Road 66, [www.crosslakeefc.org](http://www.crosslakeefc.org)  
Isle — Pastor Mark Lee; Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer 6:30 pm and Kids Kneect 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, for information 320-684-2804  
**LUTHERAN**  
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.  
First\* — (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, worship Sun. 9am (also available via livestream on YouTube – First Lutheran Church, Aitkin) and (broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am- 4pm. Office open M-Th 7:30am – 4pm.  
Aitkin (Cedarbrook) — St. John's (ELCA) Pastor Sarah Stadler, Worship on Sundays at 9 am followed by Sunday school at 10 am beginning September 7. Blessing of the Backpacks on Sept 7. [stjohns-cedarbrook.weebly.com](http://stjohns-cedarbrook.weebly.com), 27452 St. John's Church Road, Aitkin.  
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 Ingelwood 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.princeofpeace-lutheran.church](http://www.princeofpeace-lutheran.church)

Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.  
Brainerd — First Lutheran Church (ELCA) Pastors: Patty Bjorklund and Jordan Gades, Sunday worship 9, Sunday School following worship. Services also available on YouTube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 [fbcbrainerd.com](http://fbcbrainerd.com) 424 8th Street South, Brainerd  
Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at [www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church](http://www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church), 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052  
Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. ([www.lchurch.org](http://www.lchurch.org))  
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Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9  
Brainerd - Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Steve Benson, Sunday Worship 9, Monday Worship 6 pm. Education hour Sunday 10:15 am. 220 N. 8th St. Brainerd. 218-829-4317. [www.zionbrainerd.com](http://www.zionbrainerd.com).  
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:15; 10:30 fellowship  
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Worship 8:30, Pastor Donald Klatt 218-546-6910  
Crosslake Lutheran Church (ELCA) • [www.crosslakelutheran.com](http://www.crosslakelutheran.com) • Kristin Oltmann, Pastor • Becky Swanson, Pastor, 218-692-3682, September 7-Mid-May: Sunday at 9:30am & October-Mid-May: Wednesday at 6:15pm - All are welcome!  
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 Amanda Kempthorne; Worship: 9; Sunday School 9:50.  
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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 11, fellowship follows. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)  
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS) Worship 10:30, Pastor Donald Klatt 218-534-3069  
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Pastor Josh Blair; Worship 9:30; handicap accessible.  
Isle — Holden (ELCA), Worship 9:15  
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 9; Fellowship follows; SS 10:30; Adult Bible 10:30.  
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 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)  
Malmö — Bethesda (ELCA) Rev Christina Kadelbach; Sun. Worship 9am. Fellowship following Service. Communion every Sunday.  
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.  
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Worship 9; SS 9.  
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (LCMC), Pastor Lorelie Robinson; 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 Luke Lekander, Worship 9.  
Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Pastor Steven Teff; Worship 9:30.  
Pequot Lakes - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Monte Meyer Worship 9 am, Fellowship 10 am, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:15 am  
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 Lutheran (LCMC Congregations in

Mission for Christ) 11:30 service. Communion 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; 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**  
Aitkin—Cedar Lake Norwegian Lutheran Church, service is the 3rd Sunday of the month May-October at 11am , 3100 Pioneer Ave., Aitkin.  
Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984  
Brainerd—Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis, Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite 2, 218-289-2989.  
**PENTECOSTAL**  
Baxter — Christ Alive, 12485 Forestview Drive, Baxter, MN 56425. Pastor Walter Starr, 763-316-7270, Sunday Worship 10:00am, Wednesday Bible study 6:30pm  
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 Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9; Fellowship 11. 14444 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, just passed the Community Center; [www.crosslakepres.org](http://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.visitlifespring.com](http://www.visitlifespring.com)  
**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
Aitkin — Pastor Josh Jeresek; Worship Sat. 9:30, Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; [www.aitkinadventist.org](http://www.aitkinadventist.org); 423-805-0933; 830 Minnesota Ave S  
Brainerd — Pastor Josh Jeresek; Worship Sat. 11:10, Bible Study 10; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

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

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St, Brainerd. Sunday worship at 10. Pastor; Leslie Moughty. Handicapped accessible. [www.uccbrainerdmn.org](http://www.uccbrainerdmn.org)

**UNITED METHODIST**  
Aitkin\* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live.  
Crosby/Deerwood\* — Cascade, Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Youtube live streaming 10 am with fellowship to follow. Cascade Ladies meet on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Come & Eat Community dinner on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Please call the office to sign up: 218-534-3507.  
Cutler\* (South Aitkin County) — Pine Lake Chapel, Pastor Gary Taylor; Worship Sunday 1 p.m. Fellowship follows.  
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9  
Emily\* — Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Facebook live streaming 8:30 with fellowship to follow. UWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Men's prayer breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month at 8. Bible Study Thursdays at 6 pm.  
Fleming\* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Fellowship 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 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947  
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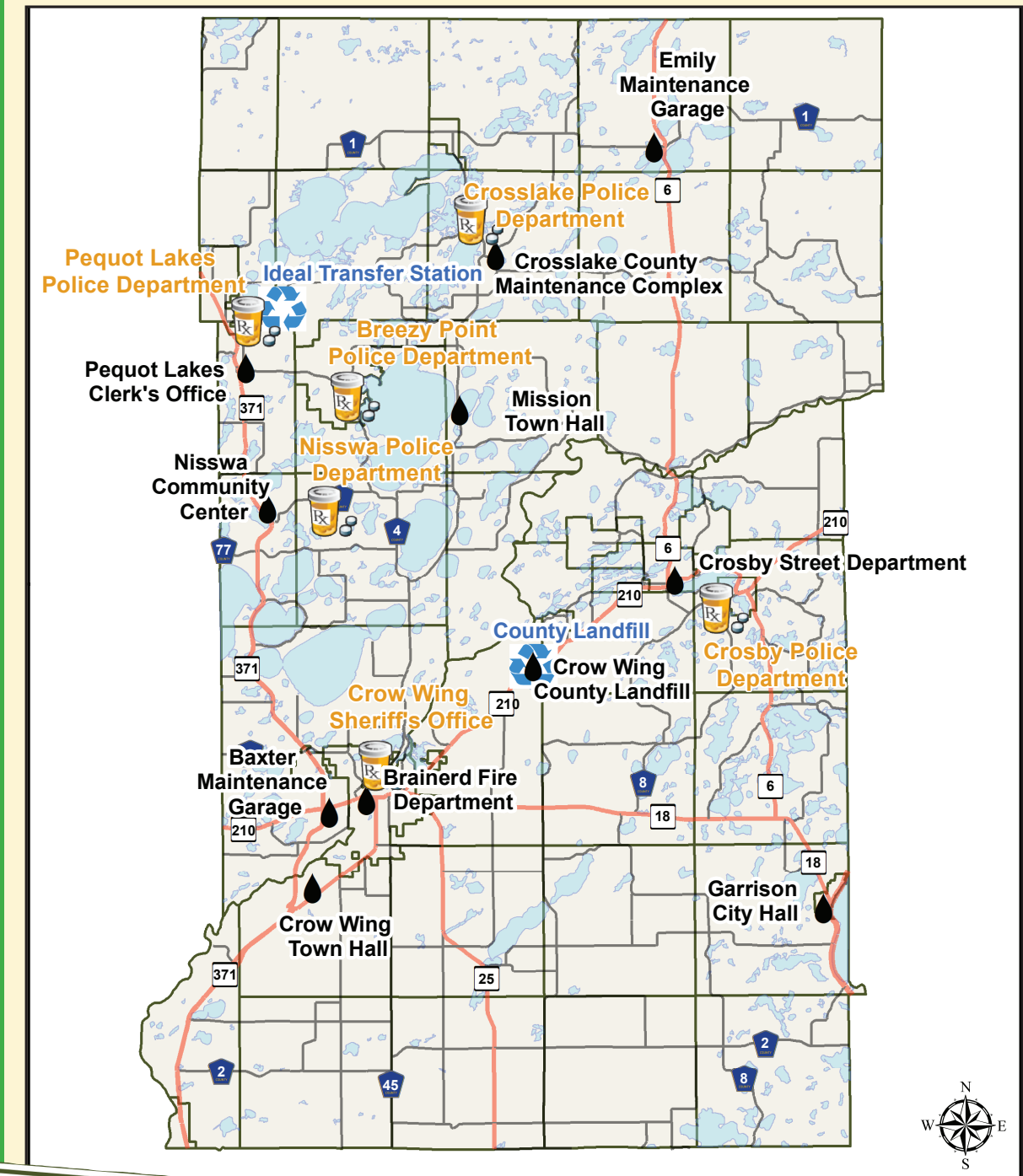
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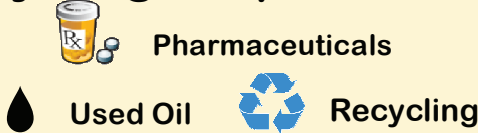
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# Crow Wing County Recycling, Pharmaceutical & Oil Drop Sites



## Recycling Drop Locations



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## Sanitary Landfill Open

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Also Open:  
Saturdays (May 1st – October 31st) 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

# Cuyuna Range Ducks Unlimited Banquet

The 42nd Annual Cuyuna Range Ducks Unlimited Membership Banquet is back and bigger than ever on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the historic Deerwood Auditorium (23770 Forest Road). The evening kicks off with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., giving attendees a chance to mingle, swap hunting stories, and eye the many raffle items up for grabs. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., followed by raffles, games, and a treasure trove of prizes that Ducks Unlimited events are known for. This cherished community event brings together outdoor enthusiasts, conservation supporters, and local families for a night of celebration — all while raising funds to protect wet-

lands and waterfowl habitats. Expect everything from outdoor gear and Ducks Unlimited collectibles to hunts, artwork, and more. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$90 for couples and can be purchased online at [www.ducks.org/Minnesota/events](http://www.ducks.org/Minnesota/events). Your ticket includes dinner and a one-year Ducks Unlimited membership — plus the chance to win big while supporting a cause that matters. Funds raised from the banquet support wetland conservation efforts across Minnesota and North America. Ducks Unlimited is one of the leading conservation organizations in the world, and events like this one make their work possible.

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### The Following Items are Accepted

- Household Garbage
- Mattresses
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Free recycling of lead-acid car/marine batteries - Batteries must be SEPARATED from other waste and CANNOT be disposed of in the landfill!
- Free compost of lawn and garden material (please separate brush and branches)
- Free oil, oil filter, and antifreeze recycling at the landfill and several drop-off locations within the County. Visit our webpage for drop off locations: [www.crowwing.gov/recycling](http://www.crowwing.gov/recycling)
- Demolition materials may be disposed in the demolition landfill for a fee
- Large appliances, electronics, tires with or without rims, and scrap metals can be disposed at the site for a nominal fee for recycling.

The landfill is open only to residents of Crow Wing County for recycling and disposal needs.



For more information, please call 218-824-1010.

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