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Crosby Police Department in midst of investigation again

In effort to substantiate reports of a new investigation of the Crosby Police Department, the *NewsHopper* asked Crosby Police Chief Kim Coughlin for information about an officer being placed

on paid administrative leave. Coughlin responded, "The only information I can provide at this time is that there is a complaint in existence and it is currently under investigation."

Some recent history

On August 31, 2012 then Sergeant Jesse Smith was placed on paid administrative leave for alleged misconduct, resulting from his questioning of how the department's

duties were spread among the patrolmen, himself as the sergeant, and then Police Captain Rick Koop.

As requested by Coughlin, Smith's termination was confirmed by the Crosby City

Council on January 28, 2013.

A lawsuit was filed between Teamsters Local 346, the union representative of Crosby Police Department sergeants and patrol officers,

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“What’s in the Name’ spring classical musical show April 23 and 24

By ANN SCHWARTZ
 Whether it’s hearing Mom calling us into supper on a summer eve, quaking in fear hearing the squack box page us to the principal’s office or turning our head in a crowd when we hear someone calling out a name similar to ours -- our names define us. Shakespeare said a rose by any other name would still smell as sweet. Rich Aulie, musical director of the Great River Strings, said that while most composers’ symphonies are identified by number, the spring concerts this year will explore the names behind three great symphonies by Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Haydn. The concerts open with Tchaikovsky’s music from “Romeo and Juliet” where Juliet’s famous question “What’s in a name?” is featured.



Mary Aulie and Roxanne King are the featured musicians this spring for Great River Strings. Concerts are set for Saturday, April 23, in Deerwood and Sunday, April 24, in Aitkin.

“Good music, good stories and a surprise ending await our audiences this spring,” enthused Aulie. Mark your calendar now for the spring concerts What’s in a Name? and silent auctions for Saturday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, Deerwood, and Sunday, April 24, at 2:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Aitkin.

Musician highlight
 Great River Strings is comprised of local musicians from Aitkin, Crow Wing and the surrounding counties. As a prelude to the spring concert we bring you two musicians, both young at heart, who are conquering the challenge of

changing to new instruments. In their own words.
Mary Aulie, viola
 “I began playing violin at age 40. I knew if I didn’t do it then, I would never have done it. I am now 53 and the viola has been calling my name. It is a bigger, heavier

instrument than the violin and the sound is much deeper and sweeter. The viola is played on the alto clef which, to me, is compared to a foreign language. But, just as with the violin, it is a great challenge and a daily mastery and I love a challenge. Some of my favorite hobbies are gardening, reading and spending time with my family and my grandkids. I am married to the conductor of the Great River Strings, Richard Aulie. Music is a big part of our lives. I am also co-executive Director of the Great River Strings.”
Roxanne King, cello
 “My name is Roxanne King, age 49. I grew up in the southern suburbs of the Twin Cities and graduated from the University of Minnesota. I started the violin as an adult in 2001. I was instantly hooked after getting to play my niece’s violin. I played the violin for a little over 10 years, but unfortunately,

I had to give it up due to issues with Temporomandibular joint dysfunction (TMJ syndrome). In 2015 I decided to try the cello. I heard about Ripple River Strings from a fellow musician, Rachel Johnson. At her encouragement, I joined the beginner orchestra in the fall of 2015. I enjoyed playing the cello so much, I also joined the Great River String orchestra earlier this year. My husband and I have lived in the Lakes Area for over 20 years. We garden and spend as much of our time outdoors as possible...except for practicing my cello!”
 More string instrument players are always welcome. Beginners can get lined up with lessons and join the Ripple River Strings orchestra conducted by Jill Lee. Advanced musicians can be placed right into Great River Strings where they’ll join an interesting group of musicians

from young people to senior citizens in their 80s.
Silent auction items
 Mary Aulie reports that silent auction items are still needed. You are encouraged to donate gardening items for a garden basket, gift certificates for garden plants, waterpark or movie tickets, children’s activities, dinner tickets for two, wine for two, theme basket items such as yoga, coffee or massage baskets, family dinners to be cooked and served to guests or quilts and craft items.
 If you have a donation, please call Mary at 218.839.1085
Officer Down connection
 The Officers Down 5K and Community Day will take place in Aitkin on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21. If you sign up for this event with a registration form with the Great River Strings logo on it, GRS will receive \$5.

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 and the city of Crosby and Coughlin.
 At issue was whether Coughlin and city of Crosby had the right to demote Smith from sergeant to police officer and then terminate him.
 When the complaint became public, Coughlin declined to name the officer or details related to the alleged misconduct.
 As a result of mediation, Arbitrator John Remington found Coughlin “had just cause to demote the ‘grievant’ from his position as a police sergeant.” However, “evidence was insufficient to support the decision to terminate the ‘grievant’ as a police officer.” The arbitrator also found that Coughlin did not have “just cause to discharge him from employment.”
 Smith returned to the Crosby Police Department as an officer, not as a sergeant. A settlement agreement was made between the city of Crosby and Smith and final payment had been made by the city to Smith.
Crosby residents pay
 Although this litigation took place in 2013, attorney fees for various other issues continue to plague the city of Crosby. Last year, the city of Crosby spent \$91,693.34 in legal services. And the legal fees continue to pile up for the city.
 In the first month of this year, the city of Crosby has spent \$13,494.40 for legal services. The legal services for the month include the \$2,034.50 per month retainer for Gammello, Qualley and Pearson. Also included in the amount are legal fees for January are issues with organized garbage collection, Cuyuna Regional Medical, Franklin Outdoor billboard agreement, human resources, legal services library, maintenance code and allowing tap rooms/brew houses in Crosby.
 If the legal fees continue at this pace throughout the year, the city of Crosby could hand the cost of over \$161,000 to its residents.

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Jaques Art Center Les Voyageurs from Canoe to Canvas exhibit

A reception for the artist/historian, Robert Perrizo, will be held on Saturday, April 16 from noon to 3 p.m. for his exhibit, "Les Voyageurs - From Canoe to Canvas" at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin.

Robert Perrizo will speak about his paintings at 1 p.m. The exhibit will end on May 21.

It was 210 years ago that Lewis and Clark completed their "Corps of Discovery"-journey west which was commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson in 1803. This exploration concluded the Louisiana Purchase that made the United States whole in 1806. "Les Voyageurs - From Canoe to Canvas" documents this early Minnesota history and features more than 40 all new vibrant oils of wilderness scenes and explorers. It covers the State's 1660-1740 French period.

The exhibit features highly researched portraits of early French explorers, including Radisson, Marquette, Duluth, and Hennepin who explored and claimed the Mississippi for French King Louis XIV.

Perrizo also portrays the colorful French Voyageur fur traders and their Indian trade partners. These two groups



embraced each other's cultures which eventually set the tone for the blending of mixed-blood peoples called the Metis nation in the New World.

These colorful French Canadian canoe men were known for their red wool tasseled caps, deer-skin leggings secured to a waist belt, bare thighs, Indian breech cloth, plus deer skin moccasins. They also featured a colorful



sash around their waists to protect them from ruptures when carrying two or more 90-pound packs of their backs during portages. They navigated their eight-man, 36 foot canoes that carried up to four tons of trade goods, especially beaver hides, and supplies on the Great Lakes

for rendezvous with western Indians and wintering French voyageurs of Minnesota. Paintings include the establishing of the North West Fur Company at Grand Portage as the western Great Lakes terminus from Montreal in 1780. All of this makes for a colorful display of voyageurs canoeing, portaging and singing around campfires during their evening respites.

The exhibit illuminates the close participation the French had with the Indians, particularly the Dakota, in the storied horse and buffalo culture that emerged with the arrival of horses on the Great Plains. The horse had been extinct in North America for 50,000 years. Then, in 1690 the Pueblo Indians liberated horses from the Spanish conquistadores and in a few years over two million horses were running free on the Plains. The Dakota obtained

steeds from the Mandan peoples and quickly transformed themselves into master horsemen. The French involvement with this era comes alive with Perrizo's portrayal of the exciting evolution from plodding farmers to a wide-ranging, hard-riding, buffalo-hunting, Plains tribe.

Water theme for 15-artist exhibit at Bay Lake area gallery

Fifteen regional artists have focused their work on an important theme for the new exhibit at Ripple River Gallery. "Water: We All Live Downstream" includes painting, printmaking and photography; dyed, stitched and woven fiber pieces; and mixed media.

The exhibit opened April 13 and continues through May 15. A reception to meet some of the artists and to join in the conversation will be held Saturday, April 23 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Artists participating in the exhibit are Judith Bergerson, Sartell; Denise Bunkert, Savage; Scott Dalquist, Rochester; Kit Eastman, St. Paul; Donna LaBeau, White Bear Lake; Linda Johanson, Delano; Dee Kotaska, Brook Park; Rex Lindberg, Brook

Park; Susan Longstaff, Backus; Karren Mills, Golden Valley; Mary Opatz Herges, St. Cloud; Jerry Riach, Little Marais; Kathy Strahota, Mayer; Mel Tudisco, Burnsville; and Jo Wood, Hovland.

Since it opened in 2000 Ripple River Gallery has hosted several exhibits with an environmental theme, including 2015's "It's About the Bees" show that addressed the plight of pollinators.

In light of recent events in Flint, Michigan and elsewhere, this year's theme, "Water: We All Live Downstream," is particularly timely. "If you brushed your teeth this morning or had a cup of coffee, if you turned on your tap and potable water freely came out, consider yourself truly blessed," said gallery owner Amy Sharpe. "Here, in

the land of 10,000 lakes, it's easy to take our abundance of clean water for granted."

Water means different things to each of us but one thing is certain—water is vital for our lives.

Ripple River Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays (other times by chance or appointment). The gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail ripple@gallery@gmail.com.



"Lake Superior Edge" oil painting by Kathy Strahota.

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- In a large bowl mix all ingredients for chocolate chip cookies in the order listed above. Divide into two parts and set aside.
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- Top the filling with remaining dough by creating dabs of dough (or little pancakes of dough). Once again, it will help if your fingers are wet.
- Bake at 350 F for about 50 minutes, or until cake tester comes out clean.
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Bird hikes at Northland Arboretum

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OBITUARIES

JERRY BENJAMIN, JR.



Jerry J. Benjamin, Jr., Native Name Ni Shwa So Gabor, of the Bullhead Clan, 58, died Thursday, April 7, 2016 at his home near McGregor.

A wake began at dusk on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at the East Lake Community Center and continued until the 10 a.m. service on Monday, April 11, 2016 with Larry Amik Smallwood officiating. Burial was in the Woodland Cemetery in McGregor.

He was born April 21, 1957 in Minneapolis, MN to Jerry and Katherine (Batiste) Benjamin, Sr. He grew up in Minneapolis and McGregor graduating from the McGregor High School in 1975. He then attended the Brainerd Technical College for two years. He went to work for the Mille Lacs Band doing construction work for 10 years. He then moved to Hayward, WI and

lived there. He married Dora J. Mitchell on April 27, 2012 in Hayward. They moved back to the McGregor area in 2013 and have lived here since. He enjoyed playing his guitar and listening to country music. He also enjoyed playing pool.

He is survived by his wife Dora Benjamin, McGregor; brothers and sisters-in-law: Thomas and Vanessa Benjamin, McGregor, Frank and Colleen Benjamin, Onamia; Kevin and Sherry Benjamin, McGregor; Maurice and Brenda Benjamin, McGregor; sisters: Sherry Benjamin, St. Paul, MN; Lisa and John Benjamin, McGregor; Betty Quaderer, McGregor; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Wendy Barney; brother, Rick; niece, Tishina Benjamin and nephews: Avery Benjamin.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home.

CHAZ LONG



Chaz Long, 86, of The Klondyke near Deerwood died Friday, April 8, 2016 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

A celebration of his life will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Moose Lodge #1060 in Aitkin.

He was born January 7, 1930 in Brighton, England to Jack and Mabel (Chatfield) Long. He graduated high school in England. He was a veteran of the British Army attaining the rank of Sergeant in the Royal Army Service Corps, spending five years in Hong Kong. Chaz moved to Canada where he adopted his son Darin. He moved back to England and owned the "Constant Service Pub". He immigrated to Chicago and started working for many food manufacturing companies around the U.S. He married Penny Ronich on December

23, 1985 in Sisseton, SD. He lived in the McGregor area for a time where he owned and operated Timber Shores on Lake Minnewawa. After retirement, he moved to the Aitkin area eventually settling at The Klondyke. He enjoyed cooking his famous BBQ ribs, hockey, soccer, and fishing.

Chaz is survived by his wife, Penny Long, The Klondyke; son and daughter-in-law, Darin and Karen Long, Ontario, Canada; step-children: Kim (Gene) Davies of Aitkin and Jeff (Melissa) Fredrickson of Plymouth, six grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law: Shirley and Stan Barrett of Brighton, England; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his eight siblings.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

RAYMOND ERTZ

Raymond E. Ertz, 87, of Aitkin formerly of Palisade and Richfield died Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A funeral service was held Friday, April 15, 2016 at 1 p.m. from Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade with Rev. William Sass officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery. He was born on February 8, 1929 at Ivanhoe, MN to Mathies and Mary (Beyerink) Ertz, where he grew up on the family farm and attended schools. He left the family farm and moved to Minneapolis where he met and married Erma Marie Sarff on February 9, 1957 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Minneapolis. In 1959, they moved to Richfield where they raised their family and he worked for the National Vitamin Products in Minneapolis for 37 years. In 1992, he and his wife moved to Palisade to build their retirement home on the

Sarff family farm. Ray and Erma enjoyed their retirement in Palisade and celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary before Erma's death in 2006. Raymond moved into Aitkin in 2007. Raymond has resided at the Aicota Health Care Center for the past 8 years.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law: Stephen and Bonnie Ertz, Brooklyn Center; Alan and Connie Ertz, Lakeville; five grandchildren: Joshua, Andrew, Mari, Aaron, Jacob and two Great Grandchildren JJ and Ava; sisters: Delores Arndes, Taunton and Eldora Pagel, Canon Falls, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Erma in 2006, and grandson: Matthew three brothers and seven sisters.

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Acreage near wild rice lakes

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Sheila Carleton, Conservation Outreach Specialist stated "Since 2012 we have worked with seven landowners protected over five miles of sensitive shoreline and over 220 acres of land near wild rice lakes. We continue to accept applications and welcome any landowner to

call or e-mail our office to find out if you qualify."

According to The Board of Soil & Water Resources, as of June 2015, the program has protected over 20 miles of shoreline in Minnesota. Wild rice was once found throughout most of the state, but today the heart of the state's wild rice acreage falls within 11 counties: Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Carlton, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, St. Louis and Wadena.

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Crosby — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmsternilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun 8:30.
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. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10
McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Larson, Mass: Sun. 11 am.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.
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; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; Sacrament Mtg. 10, SS 11:10 Priesthood/Relief Society noon

COMMUNITY
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun. 10, 218-927-6959
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 Community Church (the little white church in Jacobson). 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; 43242 Hwy. 65 N, 2 mi. N of Hwy. 210 on Hwy. 65. 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, Pastor Benjamin Peterson; SS 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:30 p.m.
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
Outing - Narrows Community Church, (non-demoninational), Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-820-5365 Worship 11; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, second and fourth Saturday
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. Susan Cline; Sun. 10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

EPISCOPAL
Aitkin — St. John's, Rev. Karl E. Bell, Holy Communion Service 9

EVANGELICAL FREE
Crosby-Ironton — Lifespring Church, 9:30, 30 Hallet Ave NE 218-545-5433, visitlifespring.com
Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelochurch@crosslake.net
Isle — Pastor Charles Visser; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm
Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15; Young Families Fellowship 2nd and last Fri. of month, 5 pm
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

INDEPENDENT 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.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Cindy Gray; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
Aitkin — First* Pastors Darrell Pedersen, Melissa Carmack & Bob Munneke; worship Sun. 8:15 am & 10 am; Sunday School 10:30 am; Wed. 6 pm; Sat. 5 pm; communion every Sat. and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd and 5th Sun.; nursery staffed; Sunday service broadcast live on KKKIN (94.3FM) at 10 am and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 am Wed.; community meal every Mon. 5:30 pm; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each month 9:30-5 pm.
Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10
Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church (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.pobpaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church- AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Worship at 10 am. Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study. Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910
Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.
Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinac; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Glen Bickford; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 10
Giese Immanuel — Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
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). Pastor Jon Rusnak; Worship 10 with communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor Volkert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Jean Megorden; 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.
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 pm; Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; 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 Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.
Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.
Pequot Lakes-Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Rev. Donna M. Olsen, Worship 8 & 10; SS 10; Wed. Worship 5:45 pm; Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm.
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger, 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethelhem, 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.

PENTECOSTAL INDIAN
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, 218-768-3585, Pastors Ken and Robin Fairbanks, Praise and Worship, Sat., 11. Everyone Welcome!

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake — Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship Memorial Day-Labor Day at 9:30; Worship September to May at 10:15; Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:14444 Daggett Pine Rd. 218-692-4769
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; No Sunday Service Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.
Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 218-927-4107

UNITED METHODIST
Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9 Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10
McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
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

WESLEYAN
Emily — Rev. Jeff Drake; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ongoing Events:

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-2651
Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am, Friday Night Grape Vine 6:30 pm.

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 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!

American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. 'Ask an Attorney'; Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 2nd Tue. of month at noon.

Bay Lake Area Lions are currently collecting items for their upcoming August 6 auction. If you have non-rummage items, please call 218-678-9090 to arrange a pick-up or drop-off.

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

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 first Wed., 1-2 pm, Aicota Rehab Center, Aitkin & 3rd Tue., 3-4 pm, DAC, McGregor. 218-927-1383

Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting. Meet in member's homes. Info call Vern 320-684-2244 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Closet is open second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8 am - noon. Free clothing for men and women. Narrows Community Church, 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing (look for yellow signs). Call Pastor Stanley Mikles at 218-820-5365 for more information.

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at Cuyuna Range Community Center, lower level.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 5:30pm social, 6:00 pm dinner/meeting, at the Heartwood Senior Living. Call 218-831-5683, if you need more information or would like to join our club. Lions affordable hearings aids available to those who qualify. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

Food Shelf: Community Food Shelf 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: 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: Garrison Area Community Food Shelf open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Gamblers Anonymous meets each Mon., 7 pm, First Lutheran Church, Aitkin, for info call 218-393-0935.

Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.

Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, every Thu., 1 pm, 210 2nd St. NW, suite A, Aitkin, 927-3748.

Ironton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Tue., 4 weigh-in, 9-9:30 a.m. Meeting 9:30-10:30 a.m.. at Immanuel Lutheran Church Crosby Men & women invited. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.

Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the Third 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.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

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

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

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

Order of Eastern

Star, Woodland Chapter 122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays September through May and 2nd Tuesday in June and 4th Tuesday in August at 7:30 PM above the Eye Care Center in Aitkin; dark July, January & February.

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.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 pm; 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.

RSVP Bone Builders Tue. & Thu from 10-11 am First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 at Black Rock Terrace. 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 (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

White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

Fish Fry's at Light of the Cross in Garrison 28th - Spring Bird Hikes at the Northland Arboretum - bird hikes will start on Thursday, April 28 and continue for five weeks through May 28. Thursday hikes start at 7 am and Saturday hikes start at 8 am. Hikes last about an hour and are free. For more information contact Pam Perry at pkperry@brainerd.net

29th - Aitkin County Historical Society Farewell for Greg Leach 10 am- 2 pm. Cake and coffee to be served.

29th & 30th - Brainerd Jaycees Run for the Lakes, Nisswa Call: (218) 330-2604 www.runforthelakes.com

30th - Smelt Fry Sponsored by Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, 3-7pm at Andy Kokesh VFW Post 1816 in Garrison. All you can eat smelt. Adults \$10, children \$5=. Also serving potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls, dessert and coffee.

May

1st - Bridges of Hope Afternoon Tea for Hope, 3 - 5pm Sips, Sisterhood, & Savories at 3pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross. Enjoy afternoon tea, savory treats, & delectable desserts. Music, a silent auction, and a photo booth. Visit www.bridgesofhopemn.org for event details or to RSVP. Hats & gloves encouraged!

7th - Crosby-Ironton Sports Boosters Kentucky Derby Wine and Beer Tasting 2 - 5 pm at Lonesome Pine. Hors d'oeuvres and silent auction. Tickets \$20 at the door.

7th - Deerwood Lakes Lions Mother's Day Tea at the Cascade Methodist Church noon - 2pm. Entertainment, food and lots of door prizes. The theme is MARY POPPINS. Call Lion Diann at 218-838-4768 to order your tickets.

14th - Spring Arts and Craft Festival 150+ artists/crafters with quality handmade items! FREE admission. Brainerd Sr. High School. Sponsored by Brainerd Public Schools Community Education

20th - 21st - Officers Down 5K and Community Day will honor slain Aitkin Deputy Steven Sandberg and other officers who put their lives on the line to keep communities safe


22nd - Toolin' Tour Ride for Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity. To download the registration form, log onto www.habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org. For more information, e-mail annschwartz@habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org or call 218.927.5656.

June

6th - Sour Grapes Half and Half Trail Run Call: (218) 829-8770 Sour Grapes Half and Half Trail Run, June 11, 2016, Northland Arboretum, Brainerd, MN.

10th & 11th - Nisswa-stamman Scandinavian Folk Music Festival, Nisswa, MN 56401 Call: (218) 764-2994 Call: (800) 950-9610 http://www.nisswastamman.org/

18th - 19th - Nisswa Majestic Pines Fine Arts Fair Call: (218) 963-2620



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Ways moms can build friendships

Motherhood feels like the loneliest job on the planet for many women – especially for young moms who live far away from close family. They go through their days as a one-woman army, balancing work, children, and a never-ending list of responsibilities around the home.

Generations ago, it wasn't often like that. Daily life for women happened largely in community. Female friends, neighbors, and moms and daughters used to quilt, cook, and do their laundry together. But times have changed and, sadly, not always for the better. In some ways, women are more isolated than ever, yet they still crave emotional connection with other women. Most women long to know they're not alone. The question is, is it possible for women to recapture that sense of connection so common generations ago? As you'll hear on our broadcast tomorrow, they can, and when they do, great things can happen. There is power when women come together to help each other be stronger, healthier, and happier in their roles as moms.

But how can they do that? We'll have a number of practical ideas for you on tomorrow's program.

Like this one: Start thinking about daily tasks you and your friends are already doing and start doing them together.

One mom had a "freezer meal party." They pooled their money to buy the list of ingredients and in one 90-minute cooking party, they helped each other make 10 freezer meals apiece.

Another idea is to become laundry partners. Our guest, Jill Savage, says one day each week she would go to her friend's house, and they'd sit and talk while they did her laundry. Another day that week, Jill's friend would come to her house, and again they'd sit and talk while they did laundry.

It's all about busy moms finding simple ways to build relationships with one another without adding to the time commitments and pressures they already face.

And that's key. Some women don't feel like they have the time to give to what can seem like "just one more activity."

But when women retreat into their own homes, they'll soon expect their husbands to fill a role in their lives that their husbands aren't able to fulfill. Your husband can be a good friend, but he won't make a very good girlfriend.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING EAW AND DRAFT SCOPE FOR SANDPIPER PIPELINE AND LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECTS AND SCHEDULE FOR EIS SCOPING MEETINGS

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Project Description

Sandpiper Pipeline Project

The North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC) is proposing to construct and operate a new 616-mile oil pipeline that would extend from Beaver Lodge Station, south of Tioga, North Dakota through a new terminal at Clearbrook, Minnesota and then on to an Enbridge affiliate's terminal and tank farm in Superior, Wisconsin.

The proposed project, called the Sandpiper Pipeline project (or Sandpiper), includes about 303 miles of new pipeline in Minnesota. NDPC is proposing to install 24-inch diameter pipeline from the North Dakota border to Clearbrook, and 30-inch diameter pipeline from Clearbrook to the Wisconsin border. The project also includes construction of a new oil terminal at Clearbrook and upgrades to the existing Pine River facility.

The proposed project is located in Polk, Red Lake, Clearwater, Hubbard, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, and Carlton counties.

Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project

Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) is proposing the Line 3 Replacement project in order to address safety and integrity issues associated with the existing Line 3 pipeline. The pipeline replacement is proposed to follow existing Line 3 from the Minnesota-North Dakota border to Clearbrook and then follow the same route proposed for the Sandpiper pipeline from Clearbrook to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border. The Line 3 route is approximately 337 miles long in Minnesota. The project also includes upgrades to existing pump stations at Clearbrook, Donaldson, Plummer, and Viking, and construction of new pump stations at Backus, Cromwell, Palisade, and Two Inlets.

The proposed project is located in Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, Polk, Clearwater, Hubbard, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, and Carlton counties.

Comment Period: Written comments will be accepted through **Thursday, May 26, 2016** on-line or by mail.

Online: www.sandpiperline3.us

Email: Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us

U.S. Mail: Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager
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85 7th Place East, Suite 500
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Fax: 651-539-0109

Important: Comments will be made available to the public via the PUC's and the Department of Commerce's websites, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions. Please include the PUC Docket Numbers (Sandpiper: PL-6668/CN-13-473 and PPL-13-474, Line 3: PL-9/CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137) in all communications.

Note: Each project will have its own scope and EIS, however, public meetings will address both projects.

Eminent Domain: If issued a route permit by the PUC, Enbridge and NDPC may use the power of eminent domain to take land for this project. Any new easement or right-of-way agreements reached between Enbridge/NDPC and landowners before a pipeline route permit is issued will not be considered in the PUC's final decision.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Project Website (documents are available at these websites):

Sandpiper: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33599>

Line 3: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34079>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.). Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us, 651-201-2204, or 1-800-657-3782 with the docket number (Sandpiper: 13-473 & 13-474) or (Line 3: 14-916 & 15-137), your name, mailing address, and email address.

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the PUC's website - mn.gov/puc, select Search eDockets, enter the year (13) and the docket number (473) for the Sandpiper CN or (13) and (474) for the Sandpiper Route Permit, then select Search. Enter the year (14) and the docket number (916) for the Line 3 CN or (15) and (137) for the Line 3 Route Permit, then select Search.

Community Locations: The Draft Scoping Decision Documents and Scoping EAWs will be available at the following locations in communities crossed by the proposed pipelines:

- Township Clerk
- City Clerk
- County Auditor or Administrator
- Public Libraries:
 - o Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
 - o Bemidji Public Library, 509 American Avenue NW, Bemidji
 - o Crookston Public Library, 110 North Ash Street, Crookston
 - o Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior Street, Duluth
 - o Kitchigami Regional Library, 212 Park Ave., PO Box 14, Pine River
 - o East Central Regional Library, 244 So. Birch Street, Cambridge
 - o Great River Regional Library, 1300 West St. Germain, St. Cloud

Available on CD: You may contact DOC-EERA staff to request copies of these documents on CD (see contact information below).

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: The certificate of need application is reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216B and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7853. The pipeline route permit application is reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216G and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7852. The EIS will be reviewed under Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410.2000.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

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If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language, foreign language interpreter, large print materials), please contact the PUC at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Meeting Information

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday, April 25, 2016	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Tobies Restaurant and Bakery 404 Fire Monument Road Hinckley, MN 55037
Tuesday, April 26, 2016	6:00 – 9:00 pm	The Falls Ballroom 15870 Minnesota 27 Little Falls, MN 56345
Wednesday, April 27, 2016	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Crookston Inn & Convention Center 2200 University Ave Crookston, MN 56716
Thursday, April 28, 2016	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Ralph Engelstad Arena 525 Brooks Ave North Thief River Falls, MN 56701
Monday, May 2, 2016	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Bemidji State University 1500 Birchmont Dr. NE #31 Bemidji, MN 56601
Tuesday, May 3, 2016	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	American Legion 900 East 1st Street Park Rapids, MN 56470
Tuesday, May 3, 2016	6:00 – 9:00pm	Park Rapids Century School 501 Helten Avenue Park Rapids, MN 56470
Thursday, May 5, 2016	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Black Bear Casino Resort 1785 MN-210 Carlton, MN 55718
Thursday, May 5, 2016	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Black Bear Casino Resort 1785 MN-210 Carlton, MN 55718
Monday, May 9, 2016	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Saint Paul RiverCentre 175 West Kellogg Boulevard Saint Paul, MN 55102
Tuesday, May 10, 2016	3:00 – 6:00 pm	Rice Lake Community Center 13830 Community Loop Bagley, MN 56621
Wednesday, May 11, 2016	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	East Lake Community Center 36666 State Highway 65 McGregor, MN 56718

- Each meeting will include an informal open house (1 hour), a formal presentation by state agency staff (30 minutes), and an opportunity for public comments (1.5 hours).
- State agency staff members will facilitate the meeting and are available to respond to questions about the permitting process and the project.
- NDPC and Enbridge (applicants) staff will also be available to answer questions about the proposed projects during the informal open house.
- You may add verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record. A court reporter will be available to take verbal comments, and comment cards will be available for people who wish to provide written comments for the public record.

Live bait will be allowed on Mille Lacs Lake starting with opener

All Mille Lacs Lake anglers will be able to fish with live bait when the season opens Saturday, May 14.

"This year's Mille Lacs regulation will not include a live bait restriction due to feedback from anglers and stakeholders," said Don Pereira, fisheries section chief for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "The DNR is hearing that anglers are accepting of the catch-and-release aspect of the walleye season, but members of the Mille Lacs Fisheries Advisory Committee heard clear concerns about the live bait restriction, as did the DNR."

The DNR decided to allow live bait after committee members and the DNR met

Wednesday, April 6, and had a productive discussion about the pros and cons of the live-bait ban.

"Our discussion showed the DNR and the committee are determined to work together to protect the resource while still providing the best recreational opportunities on Mille Lacs for a wide range of users," said Dean Hanson, who operates Agate Bay Resort in Isle and co-chairs the advisory committee.

All other Mille Lacs regulations announced March 21 remain in place, including the provision that requires all walleye caught to be immediately released.

The new regulations come as the DNR is working to

conserve young walleyes so they can mature and become spawners, thus helping the lake's walleye population to recover. Hooking mortality – an estimate of the number of fish that die after being caught and returned to the water – is a factor in keeping state anglers under this year's state walleye allotment.

Hooking mortality increases as water temperatures warm and catch rates increase. Both factors are at play in Mille Lacs this year. Studies show anglers using only artificial bait can reduce hooking mortality substantially because fish are less likely to swallow artificial bait and suffer internal damage from a hook.

Pereira said the initial decision to include a live-bait ban for Mille Lacs regulations reflected the desire of anglers and area businesses to keep walleye fishing open as long as possible.

Removing the live bait restriction does not pose any conservation risk because the state's walleye allotment of 28,600 pounds established by the DNR and eight Chippewa bands remains in place. A federal court decision requires that walleye fishing on Mille Lacs be suspended if anglers exceed the limit.

Anglers and the Mille Lacs Advisory Committee members said live bait is an important part of the Mille Lacs fishing experience. Concerns

about the live-bait ban were expressed locally around the Mille Lacs community as well as from members of the public visiting the Northwest Sports Show, which concluded April 3.

DNR staff learned that it would be difficult for some anglers to adapt to using only artificial bait, and it could particularly discourage young anglers. Bobber fishing with live bait has a long tradition on the lake. Those concerns prompted Wednesday's meeting between the DNR and the Mille Lacs Lake Advisory Committee.

Hanson said he believes this discussion shows the advisory committee process is working. "We focused on pro-

longing the walleye season as long as possible by whatever means were available," said Hanson. But stakeholders told the committee they found the live bait restriction objectionable.

Pereira agreed that the advisory committee process is working well. "The framework was established to communicate information from the public to the DNR, and that's exactly what happened," he said. "The committee's leadership and commitment were crucial to the DNR's decision-making process."

Information about Mille Lacs Lake is available on the DNR website at www.mndnr.gov/millelacslake.

Spring turkey hunting opened Wednesday with more opportunities

With the benefit of expanded spring turkey hunting opportunities in their favor, an estimated 42,000 hunters will take to Minnesota's fields and forests between Wednesday, April 13, and the end of May, aiming to bag a wild turkey.

"We're looking forward to this season when hunters will try out regulations that give them more time and options to hunt turkeys, get outside and enjoy springtime," said Steve Merchant, DNR wildlife populations program manag-

er with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Under the new regulations, turkey hunting time periods will be longer, all will include weekends, and more time periods will be available to each hunter. The season includes five one-week time periods followed by one longer time period ending on Tuesday, May 31. Previously, there were eight time periods, and not all included weekends. The bag limit remains one bearded turkey.

Hunters who don't bag a turkey during their first time period will be able to hunt the last time period using their original license. Hunters who hunt a second time during the last time period will need to hunt in the same zone that they hunted in during their first hunt period.

In another change, archers will be able to hunt the entire season and in any zone from when the first time period begins on April 13, through the end of the last one on

May 31. Hunters must choose between a firearms or archery turkey hunting license.

Firearms hunters who wanted to hunt either of the first two time periods applied for licenses through a lottery system; surplus licenses became available in early March for remaining spots in the first two seasons.

Hunters are reminded that turkeys may not be taken with the aid of an electronic device, including the use of any remote-controlled de-

coy. However, an electronic hearing aid or other device designed to enhance hearing, electronic sights that self-illuminate but that do not cast rays of light, and rangefinders may be used.

Public process

The changes in the spring turkey season came about following a public process, informed by data from a 2014 statewide survey of adult turkey hunters and four "Talking Turkey" dialogue sessions that took place across the

state.

"We heard that while many hunters wanted these changes, there were some concerns about crowding, so we'll be listening to feedback after this season to see if any adjustments need to be made to the season structure," Merchant said.

More information on wild turkeys is available at www.mndnr.gov/turkey. Hunting information is available at www.mndnr.gov/hunting/turkey.

Northern long-eared bat Camp Ripley MN: Status, research and listing

The Brainerd Area Environmental Learning Network (BAELN) will present Brian Dirks, Animal Survey Coordinator for the MN Dept. of Natural Resources at Camp Ripley National Training Site on Thursday, April 21, 2016, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., meeting Room 2 (lower level), Crow Wing County Land Services Building, 322 Laurel Street, Brainerd. This event is free of charge and open to the public. At 3:00 p.m., there is opportunity to meet and network with others, with the presentation beginning at 3:30 p.m. The Land Services building is located just south of the historic court house. Please park in the Crow Wing County Visitor Parking Lot on the corner of Laurel and 4th Street.

Dirks will speak on how, in anticipation of the federal listing, MN Dept. of Natural Resources and the Superior National Forest combined resources to conduct a pilot project to describe summer habitat use by northern

long-eared bats in Minnesota. This project included mist-netting, banding, transmitter deployment, radio-telemetry, acoustic recording, roost structure identification and characterization, and emergence surveys. A second goal of this project was to develop and test methodologies to be used in future work of this type, and to expand expertise in these methodologies in Minnesota. Obtaining knowledge about northern long-eared bat summer habitat use and distribution before a population decline occurs in Minnesota will be critical information for conservation of the species in the state.

For more information about this event please contact John Brezinka at johnbrezinka35@gmail.com.

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professionals and community members. BAELN is a collaborative effort of Central Lakes College, Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership,

Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District, Initiative Foundation, MN Dept. of Natural Resources, MN Dept. of Transportation, MN National Guard Envi-

ronmental, MN Pollution Control Agency, The Nature Conservancy, and University of Minnesota Extension.

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or for general information on BAELN, please contact Stephen Mikkelsen at 218-316-3887, toll free at 1-800-657-3864 or stephen.mikkelsen@state.mn.us.

County Road 107/Wilderness Road at Highway 371 in Pequot Lakes closes April 18

Motorists who use Crow Wing County Road 107/Wilderness Road to access Cullen Lake and other areas of Pequot Lakes may encounter delays beginning Monday, April 18, when the south junction of County Road 107 at Highway 371 closes.

A signed detour will direct motorists to the north junction of County Road 107/Highway 371, two miles north of the County Road 107/Wilderness Road and Highway 371 junction.

Get detour map.

The south junction of County Road 107/Wilderness Road at Highway 371 will reopen in September.

Also, Highway 371 at County Road 107/Wilderness Road will be reduced to a single lane with flaggers allowing one-way, alternating traffic through the work zone for several hours on April 18.

The closures are part of the Highway 371 four-lane expansion project in Nisswa, Pequot Lakes and Jenkins. When complete in 2017, the project will:

- Expand Highway 371 to four lanes between Nisswa and Jenkins
 - Construct a new Highway 371/County Road 11 interchange that provides safe and easy access to Pequot Lakes
 - Construct a new box culvert bridge spanning Cullen Brook
 - Realign and improve the Paul Bunyan Trail
 - Make improvements to the local road systems in Pequot Lakes and Jenkins
- Stay connected with the project
- Join us at the infor-

mational open house Friday, April 15, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Cole Memorial Building, 4285 Tower Square in Pequot Lakes.

For more information or to sign up for this project's email updates, visit www.mndot.gov/d3/hwy371/.

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GLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Glen Township will meet on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Glen/Kimberly Joint Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

No complaint that another person is assessed too low will be acted upon until the person so assessed, or his agent, shall be notified of such complaint.

Submitted April 13, 2016
 ROBERTA ELVECROG, Clerk
 Glen Township
 6.15

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION PLUS ROAD REVIEW NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Township of Wealthwood in Aitkin County, Minnesota, will meet at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said Township for the year 2016.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the Township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization.

The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

Road Review to follow the meeting.

Dated: April 5, 2016
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House Republicans including, from left, Reps. Chris Swedzinski, Ghent; Dave Baker, Willmar; Dale Lueck, Aitkin; Peggy Bennett, Albert Lea; Ron Kresha, Little Falls, and Jeff Backer, Browns Valley, unveil a proposal to expand high-speed Internet service throughout the state during a press conference Wednesday at the State Office Building in St. Paul.

House Republicans unveil broadband proposals

House Republicans, including Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, unveiled a series of proposals on Wednesday that would increase broadband Internet access throughout Minnesota, particularly in currently underserved regions of Greater Minnesota.

The proposals total \$35 million, including \$7 million dedicated to improving broadband access for Minnesota students through new grant programs.

"Major portions of rural Aitkin and Crow Wing county

have the least access to broadband services of any place in the state," Lueck said. "We are doubling down on resolving that problem by continuing to invest in expanding broadband service in rural Minnesota."

Of the \$7 million for broadband funding in the supplemental education proposal, \$5 million would be used as grants for broadband Wi-Fi hotspots, while \$2 million would be allocated to build broadband capacity. Inner city, suburban, and rural dis-

tricts could use the grants to purchase mobile hotspots for student use or provide Wi-Fi hotspots to adult education classes and displaced workers.

School districts statewide could receive up to \$100,000 for equipment and operating costs to improve broadband connectivity.

Along with broadband education funding, Republicans proposed an additional \$28 million for rural broadband expansion. Lueck said the funding focuses on unserved

and underserved areas, as well as areas with larger numbers of low-income households.

"Coupled with the annual \$85 million a year of federal 'Connect America Funds' coming to Minnesota, the House proposal will allow us to take a significant step forward in providing state-of-the-art broadband access to the residents of our part of Minnesota," Lueck said. "This will help everyone from families to students, local governments and businesses in our state."

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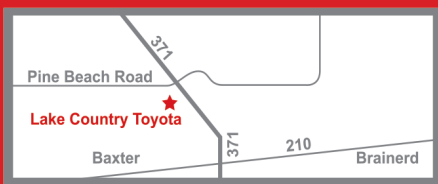
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