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John Chute votes no, David Burgstaler absent; rest of Aitkin School Board votes 'yes' With John Chute voting no, the Aitkin School Board, at its April 18 meeting, voted to put a \$68.5 million referendum before the voters on August

9, 2016. If referendum passes at the primary election, Aitkin will build a new 5-12 school and community, athletic and auditorium space on a site yet to be determined. It also includes a \$9.8 million remodel of Rippleside Elementary in Aitkin.

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John Chute, board member, said that he would not support the proposal.

"My position is going to make me friends and enemies," said Chute. "Sadly, this shows very little restraint in

Chute said the new school proposal contains "wishes, wants and desires," and little needs and the needs that exist can be handled with maintenance. He said a lot of what is needed is cosmetic, such as painting walls and fixing ceilings. He said the district has a healthy fund balance to use for maintenance and if they go to the public to get maintenance money "it wouldn't be hard to sell .... it

will get some support." Chute said the data shows that the school district has an older population and declining student enrollment. "A school isn't going get people to come here with no jobs to pay the way."

The resulting tax impact, he said is "pretty significant" as a lot of people are on fixed incomes. "The feedback I've gotten from the public is an overwhelming 'no' to these proposals, so I'm going to do what my gut says to do ....the right thing in my mind... I will not support it."

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Board Member Cindi Hills made the motion to authorize the issuance of school building bonds and call for a special election. At the urging of Superintendent Bernie Novak she added an additional \$500,000 to tear down the high school building, if it isn't sold or re-purposed, putting the total at \$68.5 million.

Board Member Jeremy Janzen seconded the motion. "I appreciate all the work

that Task Force did and all the people who reached out to me either way," said Hills. "It's exciting to be at this point. A lot of work was put in. There are lots of passionate feelings either way [for

and against building]." A Community Task Force held five meetings after which it came forth with a recommendation to build a new school and remodel **Rippleside.** Some Task Force members favor remodeling both the elementary and high school and not building new.

Board Member Pete Welshons said if he served on the Task Force he'd have gone in a different direction but: "As a school board member I'm not going to stand in the way of the Community Task Force to bring the vote to the community."

Board Member Kevin Hoge said: "Let the people vote it down or up." He said he was in favor of remodeling both schools, but had given his word to the Task Force to abide by its recommendation. Chair Dennis Hasskamp

said: "I support going to the community with it." He said if anyone wants his personal opinion, they can ask him for it.

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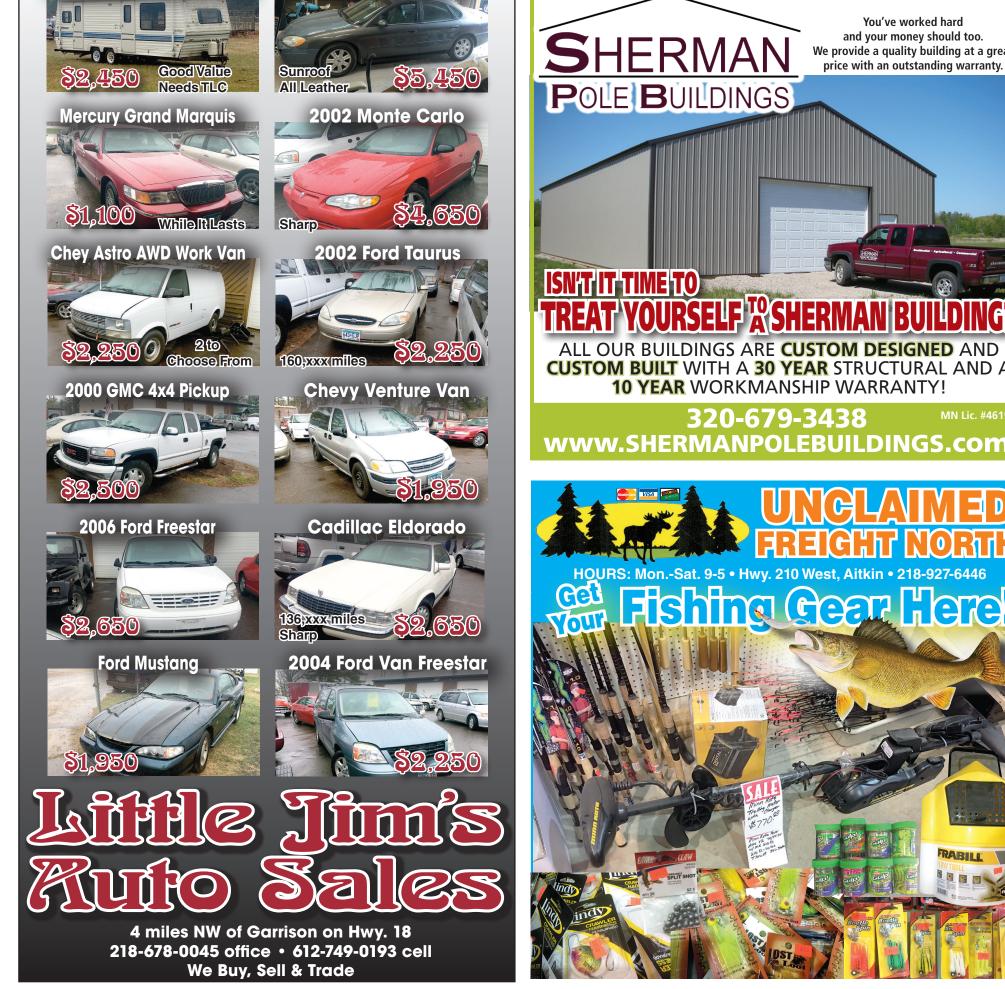


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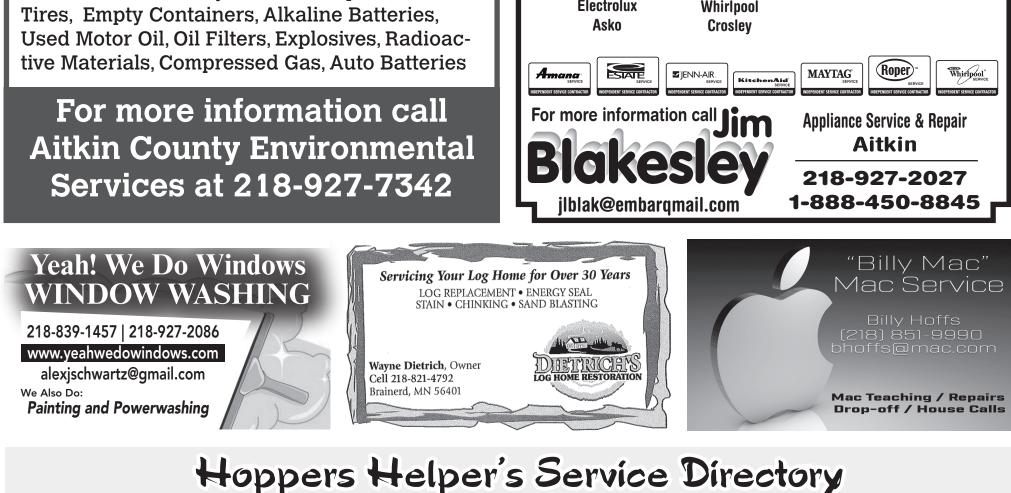
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### **RICHARD HERMANN**

Richard Karl Hermann, 69, of McGregor died at home on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held 11a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at the Palisade Community Center in Palisade. No memorials please.

He was born June 10, 1946 in St. Paul to Charles and Beth (Dehart) Hermann.

He is survived by his wife, Linda "Schatz"; children: Lisa (Dean) Wenzel, Randy (Taryn)

Hermann, Sheila (Nick) Mayer,

Sister and brother-in-law, Charlene and Carey Moschkau; nine grandchildren; nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Baby Boy Wenzel and his parents.

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

Donald Arthur Grandquist, 90, of Aitkin died Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral service was held Thursday, April 21, 2016 at St. James Catholic Church

in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Burial was in St. Thomas Cemetery. Military honors will be provid-

ed by Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86 and Aitkin VFW Roberts-Glad Post 1727. In Lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to St. Joseph's Home for Children - Catholic Charities SDS 12-2961, PO Box 86, Minneapolis, MN. 55486-2961.

He was born November 7, 1925 in Drayton, North Dakota to Arthur William and Alma Regina (Hendrickson) Grandquist. He grew up and went to school in Kennedy, Deer River, and Parkers Prairie. He served in WW II as Seaman 1st Class in the United States Coast

Guard aboard the U.S. Muskogee PF 49 from 1943 to 1946. He saw service in the South Pacific, the Aleutians, and off the West Coast of the U.S. After the war, he attended the Universities of North Dakota and Minnesota. He went to work for Phillips Petroleum Co. in 1951 and retired in 1976. He married Susan Ann Kukacka at St. Columbia's Catholic Church in St. Paul in 1957. He moved to Aitkin in 1976 after buying into Rasley Oil Co. (Phillips 66) until 1999 when he sold his share of the business. He continued to work for Rasley Oil Co. in a part-time capacity until 2013. He was a member of Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86 and Aitkin Moose Lodge #1060. He enjoyed grouse hunting, reunions with shipmates, and sports.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Susan; daughter, Julie Marie Grandquist; cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

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# **Investigator Steve Sandberg benefit**

There will be a benefit for Investigator Steve Sandberg on Saturday, April 30 at Quadna Chalet in Hill City. Tickets must be purchased in advance: adults \$25, kids 6-12 \$10, kids 5 and under

The evening will begin at 3 p.m. with a social hour,

Dinner by Harry's Bar, All Sauced Up and Smokin' Crew, will include chicken, ribs, scalloped potatoes and beans will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There will be live music by DC, so that they can fulfill Rage-N-Country at 8 p.m. to midnight.

Investigator Sandberg was shot and killed in the line of duty on October 18, 2015. His sacrifice and service will be remembered with his inclusion on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. during Police Officer Memorial Week. All proceeds go to the Aitkin County Law Enforcement Benevolent Association to send

the tradition of representing their partner, his family and the community during this important time. It will also help fund an Aitkin County Law Enforcement Memorial that will become a lasting remembrance in our community.

Event and raffle tickets available at Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, Aitkin PD and Harry's Bar in Hill City . See website for auction items and tickets www. acleba.com.



#### **JOHN METSA** a former owner and operator of the Lonesome

John William Metsa, 69, of Bay Lake Township died at Pine Restaurant on Bay Lake. his home on Monday, April 18, 2016.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2016 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church.

He was born on April 24, 1946 in Virginia, MN to Wayne and Karen (Silverdahl) Metsa. John was a retired Purchasing Manager with Control Data with 20 years of service. He was

### EMILY BIERMAN

Emily Catherine Bierman, 97, of Crosby died on Monday, April 18, 2916 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic

Church in Deerwood. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born on January 8, 1919 in Marshall, MO to Henry and Ethel (Wood) Scudder, Sr. Emily was a member and former organist at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood.

Emily is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Danny and Katherine Garceau, Shreveport, LA; Philip and Denise Garceau, St. Cloud; daughters and sons-in-law: Shirley and Doug Bierman, Boise, ID; Mary and Todd Roeslerm Caledonia; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William Bierman; two sons, David and Terry Garceau; one brother, Henry Scudder Jr. and one grandson, Mark Garceau. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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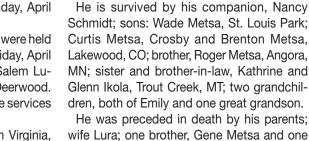
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Garrison\* - Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30. McGregor/Big Sandy - Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10

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Aitkin - Rev. Jason Erickson; SS 9; Worship 10:45; Wed. 7 p.m.

- Crosby Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30
- Crosslake Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45
- Hill City Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 pm.
- Palisade Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726 BAPTIST
- Aitkin Westside, Pastor D. Smith; Worship 10; Bible Life group 11:11; aitkinwestside.org
- Brainerd Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673, Worship 11, SS 9:45.
- Breezy Point Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.
- Crosby Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm
- Deerwood\* Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm: Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
- Glory 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed. 6 pm Glory Family night, Kids' Club age 4-6, MAD4Christ grades 7-12.
- Hill City Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
- Isle Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
- Opstead Pastor P. Johnson; 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

#### CATHOLIC

- Aitkin St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am.
- Brainerd St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
- Brainerd St. Francis , Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
- Cromwell/Wright Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
- Crosby St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.
- Crosslake Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
- Deerwood St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun z8:30.
- 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.
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- 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 thelogchurch@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.

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.; nurserv staffed; Sunday service broadcast live on KKIN (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.popbaxter.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 Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.llchurch.org)
- 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 Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org
- Deerwood Salem (ELCA), Pastor Glen Bickford; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 10 am.
- 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)
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- 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.

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Crosslake - Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship Memorial Day-La-

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Bible Study Wednesdays at 10;14444 Daggett Pine Rd.

McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.

Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.

McGregor/Round Lake - Pastor Talley; No Sunday Service

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- 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 Weslayson 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.
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- 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.
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- 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 Immanual 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.
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- theran 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.

April

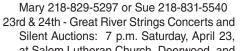
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- 28th Crow Wing County Genealogical Society Research meeting and social gathering at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd. Several members will be present to assist you in your Research. Anyone interested in Genealogy is welcome to attend 6-8pm. For questions, call 218-828-9178 or 218-851-4819



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# Date night with your spouse

By ERIN SMALLEY

I've learned there are different seasons in family life. You know what I mean. In this season of raising a family, I can begin to feel lonely and isolated as I chauffeur my kids around.

Although I am learning this will only last for a season in our married life, I understand Greg and I need to make an intentional effort to step away from the steering wheel, grocery cart, laptop and laundry room to connect with each other. It seems that many couples, get into the rut of just being too tired. We buy into the lie that our time will come later - we can do everything together once the kids graduate and head off to college.

I came across some statistics in a recent Redbook magazine on how women view date night. Here are a few of the specifics:

• 23% of women said date night is about romance

• 59% said date night is about getting back on the same page · 62% of the ladies said they

always dress up a little for date night

• 50% say the No. 1 reason date

night gets canceled is because they are too tired to go out

Apparently I'm not alone in feeling exhausted and wanting to just stay home. Regardless, this is what I know for sure: Date night helps to maintain our marriage and puts Greg and me back on the same page. Yes, I like the romance part of it, too, but the connection part for me brings the romance.

A few months ago, I felt the distance creeping into my marriage. You know, that feeling you get when you look at your husband and he might as well be on the other side of the Grand Canyon because you have absolutely no idea what he is struggling with or thinking about? I thought about confronting Greg for being too busy and absent from our relationship, but then I decided to take the "back door approach" and invite Greg to join me on a hike.

Whereas women can sit down and have coffee and connect through conversation at an emotionally deep level rather quickly, guys typically do much better connecting emotionally when they are engaged in an activity. The great news in this case was that Greg didn't even realize my true intent for heading out the door. He more or less begrudgingly agreed to walk with me because he, too, was exhausted. But as we walked along a beautiful tree-lined Colorado trail, we began talking and sharing about what had been going on in our individual lives. I asked him questions to get a better understanding of the struggles he was facing. And he asked the same of me. The sun soon began to set and we realized we had to turn around and head home. By that point, I think we could have walked another half a day. We were talking, learning about each other and connected — and Greg had no idea that that's what I was really looking for when we left the house.

Although a hike may not be the traditional dinner-and-a-movie date night, it's something new and adventurous. I encourage you to keep dating your husband. Keep pursuing connection and romance within your marriage, remembering that maintenance may look different in each season of your marriage. Whether it's a party dress or dirty sweat pants, a movie or a hike, I encourage you to just keep doing something!



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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 LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township 7.4

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#### www.NewsHopper.net NewsHopper<sup>™</sup> Guest Opinion: Crude oil pipeline delays risk public safety

By REPRESENTATIVE DALE LUECK (R) DISTRICT 10B

The Minnesota Department of Commerce recently reopened the public comment period and scheduled more public hearings involving the Sandpiper and Line 3 crude oil pipelines. The hearing in our area will be May 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Lake Community center near

can be submitted at: http:// www.sandpiperline3.us/.

I remain concerned that Minnesota's permitting process continues to unnecessarily put the general public at risk. Delaying moving as much crude oil as is reasonably possible off the rails and into modern safe pipelines increases the likelihood of

### injure or kill members of the general public.

GAO-14-667 Oil and Gas Transportation report of Aug. 21, 2014 states:

"Inherent safety risks: Transporting oil and gas by any means through pipelines, rail, truck, or barge-poses inherent safety risks. However, in January 2013, we found

McGregor. Online comments a serious accident that may that pipelines are relatively safe when compared with other modes, such as rail and truck, for transporting hazardous goods because pipelines are mostly underground.

> For example, we found that large trucks and rail cars transporting hazardous materials, including crude oil and natural gas liquids, resulted in far more fatalities and incidents than pipelines."

A major justification for delaying or stopping construction of oil pipelines in Minnesota continues to be the risk of environmental damage. However, many that raise environmental concerns remain silent on the risk to public safety, as if it does not exist.

Pipeline leaks do cause environmental damage, but rarely injure or kill a member

of the public. The July, 2013 accident at Lac-Megnatic, Quebec, involving a train load of Bakken crude oil intended for a Canadian east coast refinery, is an example of a major rail accident.

One crude oil train accident resulted in 47 deaths, 30 buildings destroyed and another 36 requiring demolition due to contamination. Over 2,000 people were evacuated. Unlike many of our area schools that are located relatively close to the rail tracks, the Lac-Megnatic high school was far enough away to allow safe sheltering of the evacuated.

Lac-Megnatic lost 47 of its 5,900 residents. It took several days to fully to extinguish the fire. Delaying building pipelines increases the potential of crude oil unit trains rumbling through Representative Dale Lueck

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(R) District 10B

the towns of Brainerd, Deerwood, Aitkin, McGregor and Tamarack.

We can disagree on which presents the greater risk, a pipeline leak or a crude oil train accident. However, we should have that discussion with a clear understanding of the consequences of a major crude oil-related rail accident. I encourage everyone with an interest in this matter to participate.

April 23, 2016



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\$400,000 property.

Ag non-homestead land would be taxed from \$6.48 to \$19.43 an acre.

Seasonal property owners would pay \$324 on a \$100,000 property; \$486 on \$150,000; \$648 on \$200,000; \$810 on \$250,000 and \$1,619 on \$500,000.

Novak commented on April 18 that new data shows that seasonal property would pay higher rates. He said that with interest of about \$33 million, the entire project will cost about \$103 million plus.

A community member reported (after the meeting) that several people spoke against the new school proposal during the comment portion at the end of the meeting. He was concerned that the board hadn't pinned down the site yet and that it may need to be annexed into the city of Aitkin. Others spoke about not being able to afford the high taxes.

In other business, the board approved Mac laptop computers for all 7-12 graders. They also heard that some longtime teachers are resigning and Hills said she is very concerned that good teachers are staying in the area but choosing to work elsewhere.

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