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Four snowmobilers break through ice on Partridge Lake Crow County Sheriff Dahl warns ice is thin, unpredictable and dangerous

Four people broke through the ice on Partridge Lake near Garrison on Saturday, December 26. One of the four, a 30-year-old Brooklyn Park man, was in the icy water for about an hour before emergency personnel were able to rescue him.

Crow Wing County Sheriffs Office received a report at about 5 p.m. that two individuals broke through the ice on Partridge Lake in Bay Lake Township. It was reported that both individuals were still in the water and in need of assistance.

Steven Truehart, 30, of

Brooklyn Park, and Heather Gillen, 33, of Gilbert, AZ were among a group riding snowmobiles on the lake, when their snowmobiles broke through the ice.

While emergency personnel were responding to the scene, it was reported Gillen was removed from the water by family members.

Crow Wing County sheriff's deputies, the Garrison Fire Department and a Cuyuna Regional Medical Center ambulance responded to the scene and found Truehart in the water

about 100 yards from the eastern shore of the lake. Three firefighters, all wearing cold water rescue suits, were able to rescue Truehart by breaking a path in the ice and pulling him safely to shore.

Deputies learned that Truehart and Gillen had been riding snowmobiles on the lake when Truehart's snowmobile broke through the ice. Gillen stopped the snowmobile she was riding near the west shoreline of the lake and attempted

to assist Truehart, but Gillen broke through the ice prior to reaching Truehart. A family member who went looking for Gillen and Truehart found both in the water. Family members were able to pull Gillen from the water, but could not get to Truehart.

While trying to get to Truehart, a family member on another snowmobile also broke through the ice. Both riders of that snowmobile, Juliane Bromley, 57, of Deerwood and

60 year old Peter Gillen, 60, of Maple Grove, were able to get out of the water and safely to shore.

Both Bromley and Truehart were transported by ambulance to CRMC and treated for cold exposure.

Crow Wing County Sheriff Todd Dahl wants to remind the public that ice conditions on area lakes are unpredictable, unsafe, and even with recent colder temperatures it remains very dangerous.

Christmas generosity in Aitkin

By SCOTT TURNER,
Aitkin County Sheriff

We have seen it on TV or perhaps read about it in a paper...about someone donating money to make the Christmas season shine just a little bit brighter for others.

This year, an incredible act of random generosity happened right in Aitkin County.



On Tuesday, December 22 a box of 30 cards, each with \$100 cash was presented to the Aitkin County Sheriff's

Office with the request to hand it out to help make Christmas a little bit more cheery for others.

Also inside the card was a note which read:

Merry Christmas!

Please use the enclosed monetary gift for something you need to help your family have a happier holiday.

An anonymous donor has made this possible and has given this gift in memory of Investigator Steve Sandberg, a most valued deputy, friend and comrade who was killed in the line of duty.

The only request of the giver was to remain anonymous.

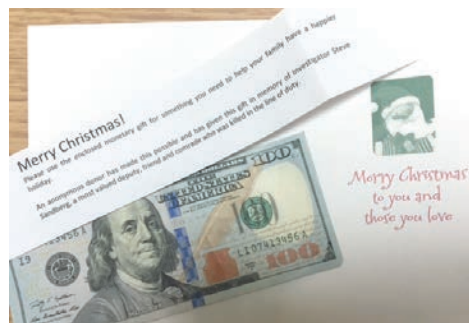
The deputies then set out to do just what the

generous requester asked.

The response was nothing short of amazing. It was not only uplifting for those on the receiving end of this generosity, it was also uplifting for those who got to be part of the effort.

As one deputy said "It was one of the neatest things I've ever had a chance to be a part of."

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Crosby Council may rid it's responsibility of Hallett Center and DMV

At the December 28 Crosby City Council meeting, Steve Anderson of Franklin Outdoor Advertising in Cold Spring introduced himself as the new owner of the billboards purchased from Running Bear Advertising. City Attorney Tom Pearson indicated that a new billboard agreement with the city would need to be worked out. The billboard contract with Running Bear had expired in May of 2015 and currently no contract exists. Mayor Joanna Lattery instructed Anderson to work with Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova on a new contract.

At last council meeting, Councilman Jim Goshey wanted to review the finding of the Organized Collection Committee before making a decision. After reviewing the organized collection report, it was accepted by the council and public hearing was set for next council meeting on January 11, 2016.

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova spoke about the Greg and Jan Wilding fence repair issue. Mayor Lattery said the Wilding's fence is next to CRMC property and there was a problem with snow being pushed against it. The fence is currently under an agreement with the city to be on city property and would require a 60 day notice for

removal. A recommendation by Councilman Goshey for relocation of the fence to the property line since it needed extensive repair and could be moved and rebuilt. A survey of the property line by City Engineer Phil Martin was ordered and council was instructed to look at the site prior to next meeting by Mayor Lattery.

Jordan Zeller, Region Five Development Commission, was contacted by the city to work on the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Lattery indicated she would like Zeller to begin at the point where the previous work had left off. Planning and Zoning Administrator Justin Berslie indicated that IRRRB grant had allowed until the end of 2016 for completion of the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Lattery wanted the Planning and Zoning Committee to be involved in drafting the Comprehensive Plan. Zeller said he would suggest to have a draft proposal worked up to make changes to instead of starting from scratch. Using the Zoning map suggest any recommendation of a plan changes for the future.

The 2016 budget was approved by the council.

Clerk Sova presented the \$1,270,000 levy or 2.8 percent increase, same as the

preliminary levy. The levy was approved by the council.

Hallett Community Center General Manager Maurice Slepica requested the bills be paid for the air exchanger and dehumidifier that had been installed. Payment was approved by the council.

Slepica said the filtration for the smaller pool still needed to be replaced. Slepica indicated the current filter was leaking and needed to be replaced soon. He also said to remove it, will require it to be cut apart since the original installation was done through the open roof at construction. Slepica said there was approximately \$8,000 available from the 2014 Give to the Max Day for the filter replacement. Mayor Lattery said he couldn't spend money on items that were not on the current budget and filter work was not on the current budget. Slepica indicated the money would be coming from the Hallett Foundation and Trustees and did not need to be included in the budget. Lattery disagreed and said all funding needs to run through the budget. A Cuyuna Regional Medical Center donation of two spin bikes, valued at \$2683.50, was accepted by the council.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Justin Burslie

presented two classification changes to three properties for rezoning.

The first was a 27.7 acre tract to be rezoned from "R-1, Single and Two Family Residential" to a "P, Public/Parks". The subject property is located at 22775 Co. Rd. 31, PIN 11012110080009. The property owner is ISD #182 and the applicant is City of Crosby.

The second is two 1.9 acre tracts to be rezoned from "R-1 Single and Two Family Residential" to a "B-2, Highway Commercial". The subject properties are located at 22783 Co. Rd. 31 PINs 11012110CA0009 and 11012110CB0009. The property owners are Raymond and Sharon Woods and the applicant is City of Crosby.

The properties were annexed and were automatically assigned a R-1 designation. The council unanimously approved the rezoning of these properties.

City Engineer Phil Martin spoke about the work on the alleys north of First and Second Streets. Since the paving of the alleys were not going to be done, the bidding for the replacement of water and sewer mains should begin soon. Favorable bidding months would be coming up in January and February. The

council approved letting for bids on the project.

Martin recommended the city needs to make payment of \$251,430.20 with a \$150,000 reimbursement grant from IRRRB application deadline approaching on December 31 for partial payment of the storm water project next to Graphics Packaging. Four parties (ISD 182, Graphics Packaging, Crow Wing County and City of Crosby) would pay \$37,500 each of the remaining balance. Some concerns about the payment commitments were expressed by Mayor Lattery. It was also noted an additional 5 percent will need to be paid at completion of the project sometime around in July. The council approved the partial payment of \$251,430.20

City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova said that the current ordinance reads the base charge would continue after the water is shut off. The practice has been to discontinue the base charge once water had been shut off, which is in conflict with the ordinance. As of January 1, 2016, the base charge will continue. Notification of this change in policy has gone out to the residents.

The council approved the payment for an outstanding

invoice paid by donations for the Hallett Community Center dehumidifier to Becker Arena for \$46,498.37.

The council approved a gambling permit to the Cuyuna Range White tails for a April 9 raffle.

At the end of the meeting after Hallett Community Center General Manager Maurice Slepica left, Councilman Dusty Paul spoke about the Hallett Community Center. The city had paid out an additional \$300,000 in 2011 and now Hallett Community Center is \$109,000 over budget, "in the red," again.

Paul was looking for ways to help them raise some money. This month the electric bill is \$6,800 and the gas bill is \$3,288. As well as, Health Fitness Management is \$12,000 each month. Paul said, the citizens have to pay for this and it isn't right.

Mayor Lattery indicated they were looking for another alternative for changing how the community center is run. So far they have not come up with another alternative and would like to know if anyone has any good ideas.

"I talked to a couple of Anytime Fitness, a couple of those places, to see if they would like to lease the building," said Mayor Lattery, "if there was anything we could do there, and I didn't get anywhere with that."

Mayor Lattery said that they would be discussing options for Hallett Community Center at the next Financial Committee Meeting.

According to Mayor Lattery the DMV License Center in Crosby had lost \$9,500 this past year. She said she realizes it is a convenience having the License Center in Crosby and "we have to figure out something. The DMV could be run by a private individual; it doesn't have to be a city." Mayor Lattery also indicated the state ultimately determines, if there is a need for a DMV in an area. Details of the revenues and expenditures were not disclosed for public observation.

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Mississippi Melodie Showboat leaves Grand Rapids Aitkin Chamber to take possession of showboat, parade float and stage show equipment

By ANN SCHWARTZ

For over 50 years, a summer highlight of the Grand Rapids arts scene was audiences watching the showboat Mississippi Melodie rounding the bend in the river followed by the acting troupe performing theatricals on a stage at a landing on the Mississippi River's edge.

A combination of the dwindling of the Showboat organization and losing their lease from the city of Grand Rapids led to founders looking for a home for the boat, parade float, costumes, seating, lighting and more paraphernalia.

They decided to offer it to area communities and the Aitkin Chamber of Commerce took them up on their offer.



"We are a riverboat town but we didn't have a riverboat, so it's a good fit," said Amanda MacDonald, Aitkin Chamber of Commerce president, in a recent interview.

She said along with the actual boat and a riverboat parade float that the chamber will use in parades, the sale

came with hundreds of theater costumes and props. "I had Kelly Blake [high school musical director] and Loren Vonasek [high school musical scenic designer] go through the costumes and take what they wanted. They got lots and lots and lots of stuff for future high school produc-

tions." Everything is stored in a building by the river landing in Grand Rapids. In the spring, it will move to Aitkin, where the boat will find a home at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds near the stone building at the entrance.

Stadium seating, lighting and sound equipment are also part of the deal.

It will be in a work in progress. The first step will be repairing and painting

the boat. Then MacDonald envisions working with the Friends of the Arts and other groups to hold performances there, as well as bringing in shows for the riverboat stage.

Other chamber news MacDonald said that soon the Aitkin Chamber of Commerce will move to a new office in the Butler Building with windows looking out onto the street. They have been named an Affiliate Tourism Center with Explore Minnesota. That means that Aitkin will be a destination for visitors looking for Explore Minnesota promotional materials and Aitkin will be included in Explore Minnesota's publicity.

The chamber's annual dinner is set for January 30, 2016, at a time and location to be determined. Guest speakers will include people who worked with the Showboat venue in Grand Rapids.

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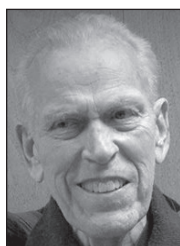
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OBITUARIES

ROGER WRIGHT



Roger O. Wright, 93, of Aitkin died Sunday, December 20, 2015 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 26, 2015 at the United Methodist Church in Aitkin with Reverend Dawn Houser officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Aitkin.

He was born November 18, 1922 in Aitkin County to Leo and Edith (Shisler) Wright. He graduated from Aitkin High School in 1940. He was raised on a farm two miles north of Aitkin where the family raised registered Guernsey cattle and pedigreed Rhode Island Red chickens. He farmed through his school years up until 1947. In 1947, he established his own homestead a mile and half west of Aitkin on Highway 210. He changed his profession to auto mechanic, welder, and used car dealer, and he began his business as Roger Wright's Repair Shop. He was also a musician who played accordion and drums. His mother, Edith Wright got him his first accordion in his

teen years, and he began playing for dances in 1940. He formed a band called the "Melody Aces." He, along with his wife, June Wright and other local musicians played music and entertained well into his retirement years. Roger was married in 1950 to Jeanette Thurston, and they had three children: Larry, Randy, and Patty. They divorced in 1964. In 1965, Roger married June Olson in Minneapolis and they had one daughter, Diane.

He is survived by his wife, June of Aitkin; sons and daughters-in-law: Larry and Sandra Wright, NC; Randy and Kathy Wright, Florida; daughters and son-in-law: Patty and Jim Close, Georgia; Diane (Wright) Zilverberg, Minnesota; step-daughter and her husband: Patrice and Dick Eller, Minnesota; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Robert and Donald.

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

Business After Hours in Crosby

There will be a Business After Hours on Thursday, January 7 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This Business After Hours, a collaboration between the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber and the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew, is hosted by the

Crosby Bar at 212 West Main Street in Crosby.

The Cuyuna Crew will update everyone in attendance as to the progress made during 2015 on the Master Vision for Trails and what's in store for the 2016 season.

There will be hors d'oeuvres available as well as raffle prizes. The cost is \$3 per person and the event is open to the public.

For more information contact Jessica Holmvig at 218-546-8131.

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\$39,700 grant supports student emergency fund at CLC

Central Lakes College now has additional resources to help low-income students weather financial emergencies. Students can apply for small grants to help cover expenses just beyond their means, which allows them to quickly return focus to their academic pursuits.

"We are excited to receive this grant as it will make a big difference in the lives of our students," said Nick Heisserer, director of Enrollment Services at CLC. "While CLC is one of the most affordable destinations for students, college is still expensive. This Dash Program will allow students to receive emergency funding that they need to stay in school and complete their degrees."

The student emergency grant program at CLC is made possible by a \$39,700 Dash emergency grant from Great Lakes Higher Education

Guaranty Corporation. CLC is one of 31 community and technical colleges in Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin that received a combined \$1.5 million in Great Lakes grants to build emergency grant programs that help low-income students overcome financial obstacles that might otherwise cause them to drop out.

"Great Lakes is pleased to provide more resources to colleges like CLC that are dedicated to supporting students in times of greatest need," said Richard D. George, President and Chief Executive Officer of Great Lakes. "Emergency grants are a bridge to college completion and the financial security a degree can provide."

CLC will begin making student emergency grants of up to \$500 each in spring 2016. Qualified expenses will be paid within 48 hours

of an approved application. Students also will be referred to additional campus, community, and financial literacy resources to supplement the grants, address root causes or contributing factors to the financial emergencies, and further support students' persistence.

To serve greater numbers of students throughout the Great Lakes grant period and beyond, CLC will contribute matching funds during the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years. "Our shared commitment is key to making emergency grant programs sustainable long-term," said Amy Kerwin, Vice President - Community Investments at Great Lakes.

If you would like to help contribute to this program, please contact the CLC Foundation at foundation@clcmn.edu or call 218-855-8135.

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Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Healthy, Flavorful and Comforting Beef Barley Soup

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The aroma of Deb Lund's Mom's Beef Barley Soup while simmering is nearly irresistible. Your family won't be able to wait until it's finished to dig in. Served with a salad and crusty bread, you have a healthy meal for a chilly night. Everyone will love this hearty soup.

See step-by-step photos of Deb's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:

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-Janet



Deb Lund
Naperville, IL
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Mom's Beef Barley Soup

What You Need

- 2 tbsp oil
- 4 ribs of celery, sliced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1/2 c green pepper, finely diced
- 5 large carrots, sliced into medallions
- 1-2 lb stew meat cut up 1/2 in cubes
- 1/2+ c sherry, beef broth, water or dry red wine for deglazing
- 6 c beef broth
- 6 c water
- 1 tsp seasoned salt
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 c pearled barley
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 can beans (pinto or great northern whites), drained and rinsed

Any veggies you may want to add

Directions

- Add 1 tbsp of oil to a large Dutch oven and brown beef in batches. Be sure to dry your beef off with paper towels before browning or the beef won't brown appropriately. Once browned, remove meat from pot.
- Deglaze the pot with a bit of broth, water, sherry or dry red wine and save the drippings. Sherry makes a nice rich flavor.
- Into the same pot, now deglazed, add 1 tbsp of oil.
- Sauté onions, green pepper

- and celery until soft. Add carrots and continue sautéing for 3-5 minutes.
- Add the meat back in and sauté another 3-5 minutes. Add water and broth.
- Add the bay leaf, seasoned salt and pepper.
- Bring to boil, turn down and gently simmer covered for about 1 hour.
- Add pearl barley. Cover pan and simmer until soft about 1 hour. Check salt. You may need to add more depending on what broth used.
- Add beans. Add any other veggies like peas, or green beans (if desired). Continue cooking for another 1/2 hour or so.

Submitted by: Deb Lund, Naperville, IL (pop. 141,853)

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OBITUARIES

EUNICE HATFIELD

Eunice E. Hatfield, 84, of Bain Township died Thursday, December 24, 2015 at the Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 31, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Rev. Barry Hite and Rev. Charles Carlson officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Burial was in the Waukenabo Cemetery.

She was born April 27, 1931 in Bain Township of Aitkin County to Maurice and Alice (Seibert) Baker. She had attended schools in the Dakotas, Montana and graduated from High School in St. Cloud in 1949. In 1949, she moved with her family to a farm in the Bain area. She married Harold Hatfield on January 5, 1955 at the home place in Bain Township. They farmed in the Bain area all of their married years and raised their family. She had worked

for Woodland Container Co., as a bookkeeper for a number of years and also did all of the Bookkeeping for the family farm and business for over 60 years. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, sewing, gardening, the farm cows and fishing. She loved her grandchildren dearly.

She is survived by her husband, Harold of rural Palisade; sons and daughters-in-law: Jerry Hatfield, Palisade; Rick and Sandy Hatfield, Hill City; Leonard Hatfield, Hill City; Tim and Janet Hatfield, Hill City; 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and sister and brother-in-law, Margie and John Sauer, Houston, TX. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother William.

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

ELIZABETH KELLERMAN



Elizabeth Ann (Peltz) Kellerman, 84, of Aitkin died at Aitkin Health Services on Tuesday, December 22, 2015.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Iron Hub.

She was born in Belle Plaine on April 13, 1931 to John "Jack" and Catherine "Kate" (Vos) Meyer. She was member of St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law: Jeffrey and Patti Peltz, Burnsville and George and Jen Peltz, Albertville; daughters

and sons-in-law: Victoria and Bruce Carlson, Grand Rapids; Deborah and James Wacker, Payson, AZ; Barbara and Scott Bradseth, Blaine and Mary Peltz, Crosby; brothers: Robert Meyer, Lyons, NY and George Meyer, Mankato; sisters and brother-in-law: Rita and Wayne Lundquist, Cologne, MN and Catherine Laird of Anaheim, CA; 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and former husband, Ted Kellerman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Harley Peltz; brothers: Walter, Ben, Elmer "Lucky" and William Meyer; and sisters: Marie Albright, Rose Meyer and Lucille Hottinger.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

JEAN BELFIORI



Jean Belfiori, 89, of Crosby died at the Hallett Cottages on Thursday, December 24, 2015.

A private service is being planned.

She was born on August 10, 1926 in Minneapolis to Paul and Esther (Anderson) Albert. She married Jess James Belfiori on May 14, 1949 in Mountain Iron. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. She loved to garden with her husband, she was hard working and a great cook. The most important thing in her life was her family.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, James and Bonnie Belfiori, Deerwood; daughters and sons-in-law: Annette Belfiori, Brainerd; Natalie and Dan Lewis, St. Louis Park; Camilla Maes, Mankota; Christine and Glenn Tanner, Spokane, WA; Ramona and Bill Erickson, Crookston; Elizabeth and Scott Harrison, Baxter; Aimee Belfiori, Portland, OR and Lisa Belfiori, Minneapolis; 21 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jess and daughter, Catherine Bahr. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

BONNIE SAX



Bonnie Jane Sax, 74, of Garrison died at the St. Cloud Hospital on Friday, December 25, 2015.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. Burial will be at the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in LeMond Township, MN. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Saturday.

She was born on April 25, 1941 in Ellendale, MN to Charles and Oriet (Demmer) Ribbe. She married Robert Sax on October 4, 1973 in Minneapolis. She was formerly from Coon Rapids, retiring to Garrison in 1998. She was

a former Carlson Company Employee. She was a member of Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison.

Survivors include her husband, Bob; sons and daughter-in-law: Robert Sax, Houston, TX; Greg and Krissy Sax, Ham Lake; daughters and sons-in-law: Teresa and Mike Benson, Blaine; Chris and Terry DeRunge, Blaine; brothers and sisters-in-law: Mike and CeCe Ribbe, Houston, TX; Barry Ribbe, Dallas, TX; Mark and Rose Ribbe, Houston, TX; seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Jolene Ribbe.

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ALLIANCE
Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Sunday School JAM session 9 am; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Youth Group, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.
Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.
McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10 Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin — 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 Somberger; 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.ihmstmilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun 28:30.
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-Denominational. Service 11am
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, vitalitiespring.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.

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 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. Lovaa; 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; handicapped 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.
Rosburg — 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 — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

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 10:1444 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 June 13 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.

Community "Clothes Closet" open Tue. 9 to noon; and 1st & 3rd Thu. 5-8 pm, 37560 Ox Lake Landing, Crosslake.

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.

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 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: 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. For info call Kathy at 218-546-5486.

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.

5pm - 9pm bpsf.org at Cragun's Sports Center Celebrating the Greatest Schools on Earth

12th - 14th - Nisswa Winter Jubilee A unique 3-day experience - explore magical Ice Sculptures, a mind-teasing medallion hunt, competitive wood splitting, kids mini jubilee, welcome the beautiful Miss Nisswa, Nisswa Fire Department's Ice Fishing Derby

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26th - 28th - Gull Lake Frozen Fore Frozen Flop The World's Largest Golf & Snowmobile Charity Event

March

5th - 2016 Polar Plunge at Breezy Point Resort at Breezy Point Resort 10 am - 2 pm www.plungemn.org

19th - Easter Turkey/Ham Bingm, Nisswa American Legion 6:30-8:30 pm www.nisswaamlegion.com

April

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

January

7th - Special Business after Hours, a collaboration between the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber and the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew, at th Crosby Bar at 212 West Main Street in Crosby, 5- 7 pm.

8th - Family Fun Night at Palisade Assembly of God Church at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun free night of bingo, popcorn, pop and prizes. 8th-10th - Ice Fest at Breezy Point Pancake breakfast, Snowmobile Radar Run, Snow Golf, Ice Slide

9th - Sons of Norway Tusen-vann meeting at the I.R.E.C. Building in Isle at noon. The program will be Minnesota Lost Towns presented by Rhonda Fochy. Lunch and coffee will be served. For questions call Bill at 320-679-2380 or Candice at 320-893-2286

23rd - The Brainerd Jaycees 26th Annual Ice Fishing Extravaganza on Gull Lake's Hole in the Day Bay, north of Brainerd. This year's prize list is valued at nearly \$200,000. If you cannot attend the event, there is also the Extravaganza raffle, with total prizes valued at \$40,000. More information and official updates can be found at www.icefishing.org.

February

6th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's Ice Fishing Contest and Scorpion Homecoming is Saturday, noon - 3 pm, Serpent Lake in Crosby.

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The promise that brings hope

Joni Eareckson Tada is an overcomer. At 17, she dove into shallow water and surfaced a parapalegic. For nearly 50 years now, Christ has worked through her story and life to encourage others with disabilities similar to hers.

The late Louis Zamperini was an overcomer. As detailed in "Unbroken," the book and Hollywood movie about his life, he was shot down in World War II and barely survived 40 days adrift at sea. He was "rescued" by the Japanese only to become a prisoner of war, then beaten and tortured mercilessly. Transformed by Christ in the years following his release, he was able to forgive his ruthless captors.

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As Minnesota begins to deal with heavy snowfall and cold temperatures, most of us will rely on a crucial tool to clear the roads and sidewalks: salt. It is estimated that we use more than 350,000 tons of salt on the metro area roads, parking lots and sidewalks annually.

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), our waters should follow the advice our doctors have been giving for years: stick to a low-salt diet. Rock salt, which contains chloride, is the most commonly used de-icer. But, much like table salt, rock salt's benefits are peppered with danger. Salt saves icy roads but can have the opposite effect on the nearby environment. Its public safety benefits come with environmental drawbacks like polluted waters and poisoned aquatic wildlife.

In the Twin Cities metro area, 78 percent of the salt applied to roads stays within the region's watershed. Chloride eventually finds its way into the groundwater. Once in the water, it becomes a permanent pollutant and continues to accumulate in the environment over time. In other words it doesn't melt or go away.

High levels of salt can be harmful to fish and other freshwater life and can affect groundwater and drinking water supplies, infrastructure, vehicles, plants, soil, pets, and wildlife.

"Too much chloride has serious water quality consequences," said Brooke Asleson, chloride project manager at the MPCA. "Less is more when it comes to applying deicing salt. It only takes one teaspoon of road salt to pollute five gallons of water."

To address these issues the MPCA partnered with local and state experts in the seven-County Twin Cities Metropolitan Area (TCMA) to create a plan for effectively managing salt use to

protect our water resources in a responsible and strategic approach. The goal of this plan is to provide strategies to help local partners reduce salt use while providing safe conditions for the public.

Improving practices for de-icing roads, parking lots and sidewalks will not only benefit water quality, but also lead to long-term cost-savings as a result of purchasing less salt and reduced impacts on vegetation and corrosion of infrastructure and vehicles.

A key challenge in reducing salt usage is balancing the need for public safety with the growing expectation for clear, dry roads, parking lots, and sidewalks throughout the winter. Notable efforts to improve winter maintenance and reducing salt usage while maintaining public safety have already been made by a number of winter maintenance organizations. The intent of the plan is to build on those efforts and to assist agencies, local governments

and other stakeholders to determine salt reduction strategies to restore and protect Minnesota's water resources.

How can you make a difference?

Currently, there are no satisfactory alternatives to salt that are environmentally safe, effective and inexpensive. However, we can reduce salt at the source through application strategies.

Each person contributes to the attitudes and practices that have created a high and steadily growing volume of salt that is used each year. Citizens set the expectation that winter maintenance crews must meet, and they use salt on personal property such as sidewalks and driveways in the winter. Below are a few simple steps the public can take to protect water resources.

Support smart salting. Support local and state winter maintenance crews in their efforts to reduce salt use. Shovel first. The more

snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be. After the ice has been broken up, you can decide whether deicer is even necessary to maintain traction.

Apply salt before the storm. Salting before can prevent snow and ice from building up on roads, therefore reducing overall salt use.

Slow down. Drive for winter conditions, and be courteous to slow-moving plows. The slower they drive, the more salt will stay on the road where it's needed.

More salt does not mean more melting. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet (an average parking space is about 150 square feet). One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug. And be patient: salt takes time to work. Applying more will lead to unnecessary contamination.

15 degrees is too cold for most salts to work. Most salts stop working at this temperature. In frigid conditions, use sand for traction.

Sweep up extra salt. If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement, it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. The excess can be swept up and reused for the next snow or disposed of in the trash.

Your actions matter. Get involved. The public has a critical role in helping solve this challenge of providing safe winter travel conditions and protecting our valuable water resources.

For more on what you can do to reduce chloride in our waters, or to read more about MPCA's role on this issue, visit the agency's Twin Cities Metro Area Chloride Project webpage.

Obama administration's energy obstructionism

By ROBERT L. BRADLEY, JR.

When the Obama administration moved to embrace offshore energy exploration in Alaska earlier this year, skeptics raised a leery eyebrow. Could an administration so hostile to fossil fuels actually change its stripes?

Not a chance. In October, the Obama administration cancelled two scheduled offshore lease sales in Alaska.

Officials also declined requests to renew drilling rights set to expire soon. Together, these moves mean the end of Arctic energy exploration.

The reversal is yet another example of the Obama administration's relentless energy obstructionism.

Earlier this year, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell talked up a "balanced proposal" that would purportedly allow access to nearly 80 percent of Alaska's untapped energy supply. "The safe and responsible development of our nation's domestic energy resources is a key part of the President's efforts to support American jobs and reduce our dependence on foreign oil," Jewell proclaimed.

Excellent points. Abundant

domestic supplies of oil and gas have created jobs, cut gas prices, and strengthened a limping manufacturing sector.

Yet the president has done everything he can to block energy development. Lease sales have dropped sharply since 2009. Energy production on federal lands has declined by 6 percent. Such statistics speak volumes about the administration's priorities.

The White House's explanation for its October reversal was positively Orwellian in its duplicity. Jewell cited Royal Shell Dutch's decision to end a \$7 billion Arctic campaign as a key example of declining private-sector interest in oil and gas exploration in Alaska.

She failed to mention that a key reason Shell canceled its program was "the challenging and unpredictable regulatory environment in offshore Alaska." In Obamaspeak, once you've obstructed a company so comprehensively that it gives up, you then cite its lack of interest as a justification for more obstruction.

Anyway, why start caring about lost jobs now? In November, after all, the President rejected the Keystone XL pipeline -- costing American workers more than 40,000 jobs.

Indeed, the White House stymied oil and gas development, cost jobs, or drove up energy prices at least 77 times during the first five years of President Obama's presidency.

Highlights include axing over 100 energy leases in Montana and Utah, forbidding oil exploration on a million acres of public land in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming, and imposing onerous restrictions on fracking on federal properties.

And all that took place before Obama decided to make climate change his hobby horse in the dwindling days of his presidency. When Congress wouldn't pass sweeping laws in the name of global warming, he acted unilaterally, reordering the energy economy through bureaucratic fiat.

Obama's Environmental Protection Agency, for example, has established new ozone regulations so strict

that even national parks can't meet them. Meanwhile, the EPA's "Clean Power Plan" forces states to make dramatic cuts in carbon emissions that will penalize utilities and manufacturers that rely on oil and gas. Both policies are among the costliest in history.

While President Obama has hindered the energy industry at every opportunity, he's been happy to take credit for its successes.

Indeed, during his 2015 State of the Union, the president cheerfully took credit for the drop in gas prices and America's decreased reliance on foreign oil.

The Obama administration's energy obstructionism should be a central issue in the upcoming elections. The next few years will set the course for America's long-term energy future. With hundreds of thousands of middle-class jobs on the line, Americans should reject the radical anti-energy policies of the previous seven years.

Robert L. Bradley Jr. is the founder and CEO of the Institute for Energy Research.

Community input needed for IRRRB

Community leaders from Aitkin are invited to communicate priorities for the city on Friday, January 8, from noon to 1 p.m. at the 40 Club, at a listening session with Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) Deputy Commissioner Mary Finnegan.

The listening session is aimed at gathering input from community leaders on business, community, and workforce development needs in the Aitkin area.

IRRRB is a state of Minnesota economic development agency headquartered in Eveleth. Its mission is to promote and invest in business, community and workforce development for the betterment of northeastern Minnesota.

IRRRB is establishing a strategic plan designed to support business development, invest in vibrant communities, grow the workforce of tomorrow, and advance value-added

mineral opportunities. "As the IRRRB plans for its new fiscal year, we're asking community leaders from across the IRRRB service area to share with us their top priorities and vision for their communities," said Finnegan. "All of the input we receive will help shape IRRRB strategies for the coming year."

Over the next few months, listening sessions will be scheduled in communities across the IRRRB service area. Mayors, city councilors, economic and community development, education, chamber of commerce, community leaders, and the public, are invited to the sessions.

At each session, Finnegan will outline the IRRRB's strategic focus and address IRRRB community development funding. RSVP for the listening sessions are requested. RSVP to sara.ferkul@state.mn.us or 218-735-3043.

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Dated: December 13, 2015
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk
Wealthwood Township 2.10

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL ATTEND TURNER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given to residents of Libby Township that the Libby Township board will attend the regular January meeting of the Turner Township board. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Turner Township Hall.

The purpose of this meeting shall be to discuss a maintenance plan for roads that cross the border between the two townships; and other matters that may come before the board.

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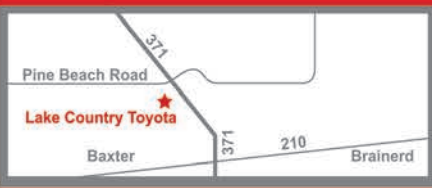
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