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Everyone is invited to participate in the wreath laying ceremony

2015 to the busiest year ever for WreathsForTheFallen.org

This year the date for the National Remembrance Ceremony has been scheduled for Saturday, December 12 at 11 a.m. (the second Saturday in December) at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

It is suggested everyone plan to arrive before 10 a.m. There will be hot coffee, hot cider and other refreshments for all attending this most honored event. The ceremony starts at 11 a.m. sharp. Wreath placement begins at about 11:20 a.m.

With almost 500 additional interments at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in the last year, the challenge for WreathsForTheFallen.org to honor all our country's fallen veterans is greater than ever.

For a number of years WreathsForTheFallen.org has endeavored to honor all

our country's fallen veterans at the cemetery by placing a wreath on each veteran's grave in December.

"We are in hopes this year we will again be able to honor all our country's fallen veterans at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls Minnesota," said John Thomas, president of WreathsForTheFallen.org. "Now would be an excellent time to send that contribution or sponsorship to honor a veteran."

For those that would like to make a general donation to this worthy cause, please feel free to contribute to the wreath general fund for the 2015 event. Information is on the www.WreathsForTheFallen.org web site.

"Everyone is invited to join and assist us with this most worthy program," said



Thomas.

After the ceremony consisting of representatives from each branch of the military, several thousand wreaths will be placed on the many markers of our fallen veterans. Many volunteers from Camp Ripley, the Minnesota Patriot Guard, Minnesota Civil Air Patrol, VFW's, American Legions, and many other civic organizations along with hundreds of families coming from a wide area will perform the honor of placing

the wreaths on the grave sites.

To have your personal wreath handmade and included in this memorable event; send your name, address, and phone number (in case of questions) and \$15 or more for each wreath requested) to: 5244 Ashdale Ln., Baxter, MN 56425. Also include the full name and date of birth of the veteran or family member the wreath is for.

WreathsForTheFallen.org will confirm the exact loca-

tion of the grave site number. Please make your check out to "Wreaths". All contributions are tax deductible.

For those that would like to make a general donation or sponsor a specific wreath for a loved one information is on the www.WreathsForTheFallen.org web site. Everyone is invited to participate in the wreath laying ceremony.

For additional information, contact: John Thomas at 218-829-6622 or go to www.WreathsForTheFallen.org.

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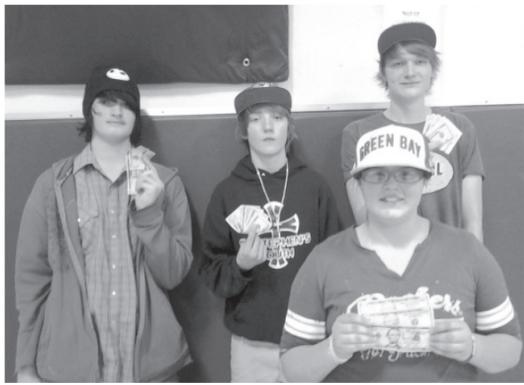
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CRYC pool winners

Over 20 students participated in a recent Cuyuna Range Youth Center Pool Tournament. The winners were as follows: In the front row - Jade Boyce (\$25 Cash). In the back row (l-r): Chase Laughton (\$25 Cash), Gage Dreiling (\$50 Cash), and Matt Paxton (\$100 Cash, Grand Prize). Prizes were donated by businesses in the community.

Three men arrested in marijuana drug bust

Crow Wing County Sheriff Todd Dahl reports the arrests of three individuals from Brainerd in connection with an ongoing drug investigation involving the sale and distribution of large amounts of marijuana in the Brainerd, Baxter and Crow Wing County area.

Three men: Matthew Steven Olson, 29; Blair Connor Bottenfield, 25; and Bailey Curtis Bottenfield, 25, all of Brainerd were arrested on felony drug charges. Matthew Steven Olson, 29; Blair Connor Bottenfield, 25; and Bailey Curtis Bottenfield, 25, all of Brainerd

On November 25 at ap-

prox. 9:00 a.m., agents from the Lakes Area Drug Investigative Division, (LADID), along with Crow Wing County deputies and officers from Brainerd and Baxter Police Dept., executed 2 search warrants at residences located on the 700 and 800 block of Fir Street in the city of Brainerd. Members of the Crow Wing County Tactical Response Team made initial entry into the houses and arrested individuals who were present in one of the houses. As a result of the search warrants, several pounds of packaged marijuana were seized from both residences.

Additional information

gathered as a result of these search warrants lead to another search warrant at a residence located on the 14000 block of Lyndale Drive in Baxter, MN. LADID agents, along with Baxter Police officers, executed this search warrant at about 2:40 p.m. As a result of this search warrant, agents located and seized several more pounds of packaged marijuana along with over \$25,000 cash and 12 guns. Agents also seized a 2008 Lexus which is believed to have been used in the sale and distribution marijuana. Shortly after this warrant was executed, an adult male turned himself into law en-

forcement.

The total weight of the marijuana seized was approximately 37 pounds with an estimated street value of over \$210,000. Sheriff Dahl says, "This is a significant arrest in Crow Wing County. The amount of marijuana seized from these 3 individuals is quite concerning. Obviously these were large dealers in our area and I want to thank all the officers and citizens who were involved in this investigation."

Assisting in the investigation were: Brainerd PD, Baxter PD, CWC Tactical Response Team.

Hunters register more than 128,000 deer through third weekend

Minnesota firearms hunters registered 128,174 deer through the third weekend of firearms deer season, up from 112,715 from the same period in 2014, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

So far this year during special hunts and the archery, early antlerless and firearms seasons, hunters have harvested 145,383 deer, up from the 2014 to-date harvest total of 128,134. Preliminary numbers show that the number of deer registered rose 13.5 percent from 2014.

Buck harvest during the

firearms season was up 18.4 percent from last year, indicating that the population has in fact grown from its low point two springs ago. Zone 1 total firearms harvest was up 11 percent, Zone 2 was up 15.5 percent and Zone 3 was up 7.7 percent. Buck harvest was up significantly in all zones.

The DNR has projected the 2015 total deer harvest to be between 140,000 to 155,000 deer. The 2014 total harvest after last year's conservative season was just over 139,000.

In much of Minnesota, the last day of the firearms

deer season was November 15. The northern rifle zone season continued through November 22. Additional deer was harvested during the late southeastern season, which ran Saturday, November 21, through Sunday, November 29; the

muzzleloader season, which began Saturday, November 28, and continues through Sunday, December 13; and the archery season, which runs through Thursday, December 31.

Final numbers from all deer seasons will be available in

January.

New this year, hunters can preview an interactive deer information tool being developed by the DNR at www.mndnr.gov/deermap. The map is the first step toward launching an on-line application that delivers

useful information hunters need and want. Hunters are encouraged to take a look at the application, discuss it and provide the DNR with feedback.

More information on deer management can be found at www.mndnr.gov/deer.

More snow is needed for snowmobile trails

As snowmobilers eagerly await the first significant snowfall, most of the state's snowmobile trails are not yet ready for riding, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. More snow is needed before trails can be ridden.

Minnesota's snowmobile trails usually open December 1 each year, but several conditions must be met before trails are open and ready for travel:

The ground must be frozen to allow for crossing wet areas.

Adequate snow cover, about 12 inches, must be on the ground to allow for packing and grooming of the trails.

Trails must be cleared of fallen trees, signs put in place and the gates opened. Snowmobile club volunteers and DNR staff are currently working on these tasks.

"The warm fall weather

lingered longer than normal so ice formation is getting a late start this year. Crews are out removing brush from trails where they can, and that pace will pick up once cold weather helps freeze the low-lying areas," said Grand Rapids area supervisor Bob Moore. "The lack of early snow can be beneficial to building good ice conditions."

The DNR recommends a minimum of 5 inches of new clear ice for snowmobiles.

When the trails open, the DNR urges riders to use caution. Early season trails may have trees or other debris across the trails, unfrozen areas, rocks or ruts, or standing crops and closed gates. Also, road ditches can have obstacles such as culverts, signposts and rocks.

While snowmobilers wait for the arrival of more snow, now is a good time to verify

their combined registration and trail sticker is current, ensure their snowmobiles are in good operating order, review safety training, and check local trail maps for any route changes or new trails.

Registrations and trail stickers for new snowmobiles must be purchased in person at any deputy registrar of motor vehicles or at the DNR License Bureau in St. Paul. Renewals of registrations and trail stickers may be done in person, or online at <http://licenses.dnr.state.mn.us/>.

Minnesota has more than 22,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails; more than 21,000 miles of them are maintained by local snowmobile club volunteers. Snowmobile trail maintenance costs are partially funded through the combined snowmobile registrations and trail sticker sales, and state gas tax attributed to snowmobile

use. Donations and volunteer work by trail clubs make up the remainder of the costs and efforts to operate these trails.

Trail users are always encouraged to call in advance or research online to get local conditions for the area they plan to ride. State trail conditions are posted each Thursday on the DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/snow_depth/index.html.

Links to snowmobile trail information, state trail maps, regulations, safety training, and more is available on the DNR website at www.mndnr.gov/snowmobiling.

Local trail conditions are often posted online by local tourism associations, chambers of commerce and volunteer snowmobile clubs. To find the nearest club, visit the Minnesota United Snowmobiler's Association website at www.mnsnowmobiler.org.

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Brainerd woman dies in car accident on Hwy. 6

A fatal car accident claimed the life of Kaylin E. Johnson, 20, Brainerd on December 1.

The death was the result of a two-car head-on collision that happened at 10:19 a.m. on Highway 6 north of Crosby.

The state patrol said Johnson was driving a Chevrolet Cobalt south on Highway 6 when she crossed the centerline and collided head-on

with a northbound Chevrolet Impala. Road conditions were reported as icy at the time of the collision, according to the state patrol.

Johnson had no passengers in her car.

The Impala was driven by Anthony S. Kinchen, 30, Cass Lake, who had six passengers, all with non-life-threatening injuries who were transported

to Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

The passengers were: Chanell R. Drumbeater, 24, Onamia; Ashle P. Drumbeater, 4; Darnell W. Drumbeater, 7; Dshaud A. Drumbeater, 8; Kaylee Burnett, 18; and Anthony Jr. S. Kinchen, 7.

The icy conditions, were the result of a snow storm that started on Monday, resulted

in many accidents across the area.

Crosslake police responded to a property damage crash at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday when a boom truck with a small load of shingles went into a ditch on Crow Wing County Road 16. The driver was reported uninjured, but the road was closed to remove the truck from the ditch.

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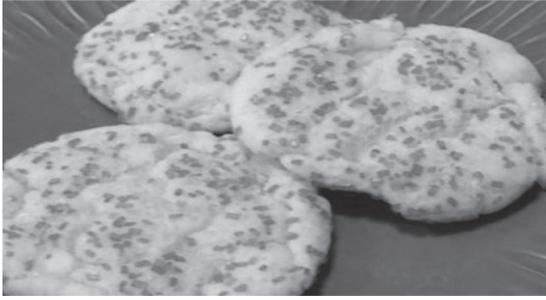
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By Janet Thorpe



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-Janet



Dawn Hopkins
Cambridge, ID
(pop. 328)

Chewy Rum Sugar Cookies

What You Need

- 2 3/4 c flour
- 1 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 c butter, softened
- 1 1/2 c white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 tsp rum extract
- Colored sugar to top

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line cookie sheets with

parchment paper.

- In a small bowl, mix all dry ingredients, except sugar. Set aside.
- Using a mixer, beat together the butter and sugar until smooth and very fluffy.
- Beat in egg and rum extract.
- Gradually blend in the rest of the dry ingredients.

Make sure to mix thoroughly.

- Roll rounded teaspoonfuls of dough into balls and roll in colored sugar.
- Place on lined cookie sheets about 1 1/2 inches apart.
- Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Submitted by: Dawn Hopkins, Cambridge, ID (pop. 328)
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Christmas light recycling program

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department, in cooperation with Sunrise Sertoma of Brainerd and Kenwood Recycling, is collecting unneeded Christmas lights and extension cords at select locations throughout Crow Wing County. The copper found in the old extension cords and Christmas lights is recycled through Kenwood Enterprises, keeping these materials out of the county landfill. Proceeds from the recycled materials are donated to local charities.

"We collected 5,718 pounds in 2014 which amounted to \$1,000.00" stated Jeff Hilborn of Sunrise

Sertoma. Over \$4,600.00 has been raised since the program began in 2010 to help purchase meals at soup kitchens and local food shelves in the Brainerd Lakes Area. County Land Services Director Mark Liedl commented "We are pleased to partner with Sunrise Sertoma to help those in need while promoting recycling."

The following local partners are participating by providing collection containers at their business, making it easier for citizens to drop-off old Christmas lights and extension cords throughout Crow Wing County.

Brainerd Ace Hardware; Brainerd Holiday Store,

Mill Ave., Brainerd; Carlson Hardware, Nisswa; Holiday Store, Crosslake; CTC, Baxter/Brainerd MMFCU, Baxter/Brainerd; Crosby-Ironton Courier; Crosby Northland Arboretum; Crosslake Ace Hardware; Crosslake Pequot Super Valu, Pequot Lakes; Crow Wing County Sanitary Landfill; Pequot Lakes Visitors Center; Emily Ace Hardware, Emily Riverwood Bank, Baxter. Contact the Solid Waste Office at 218-824-1290 or environmental.services@crowwing.mn to discuss hazardous waste, solid waste, demolition material, composting, or recycling activities. Crow Wing County information

OBITUARIES

VIOLET STRUVE



Violet "Vicki" D. Struve, 83, of McGregor died Monday, November 30, 2015 at the Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in McGregor with Rev. Erika Foss officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Ellsburg Township Cemetery at Melrude, MN.

She was born December 3, 1931 at Tamarack, to Oscar and Lydia (Franklin) Brekke. She attended schools in Tamarack and then McGregor graduating from the McGregor High School in 1949. She then moved to Minneapolis and worked for a time. She married Gus Peterson on October 31, 1953 at the Grace Lutheran Log Church at McGregor. They moved to New York State where they lived and started their family. Gus died in 1967. Vicki met and married Patrick Struve in 1969 in the Twin Cities and they made their home with a blended family of 10 in Muncie, IN. They had lived in the communities of Marshall, Madison, St. Cloud, Hastings, and then moved to Cedar

Rapids, IA where they lived from 1980 to 1996. During that time she attended college and received her bachelor's degree in accounting. In 1996, they moved to Balsam Lake, WI and she lived there until her husband Patrick died in 2011. In 2012, she moved to McGregor. She had worked most of her life as a book keeper and accountant. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, canning, playing golf and cribbage. She was always active in the churches where she lived. She was a great mother of eight children.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Mike and Liz Struve, Marshall, MN; John and Jill Struve, Calhan, CO; Jeff Struve, San Diego, CA; Gary Peterson, Salt Lake City, UT; Glenn Peterson, Scofield, WI; daughters and sons-in-law: Sharon and Brian Napstad, McGregor; Ann and Steve Benson, Burnsville; 19 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law: James and Susan Brekke, Park City, UT and sister, Dr. Grace Brekke-Guemple of Dent, MN.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands: Gus in 1967 and Patrick in 2011; one daughter Lori and three brothers.

Arrangements are with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor, www.srtfuneral.com.

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Strings sang in Central Minnesota



Great River Strings completed its fall concerts in Crosby and Aitkin in November that portrayed a message about peace in the world. The concerts' message was timely with the recent world upheaval and terrorist attacks. Watch for the spring concerts in Crosby and Aitkin in April 2016. Ann Schwartz photo

Wadena reconstruction project

Area residents, business owners and motorists are invited to attend an open house Monday, December 14, to learn about the preferred alternative to reconstruct and widen the urban section of Highway 10 through Wadena. The project is proposed for construction in 2018.

The open house will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Maslowski Wellness and Research Center, 17 Fifth St SW in Wadena.

Open house attendees

will be able to view a layout the preferred alternative, speak with project staff and learn details of the proposed project.

The project's design uses raised concrete median to separate eastbound and westbound Highway 10 traffic, dedicated turn lanes to local roads, and includes new sidewalks, upgraded traffic signal systems and improved intersections to meet modern accessibility standards. The project will also replace

storm sewer and city utilities, lighting, signing and will resurface the rural sections of Highway 10 east and west of Wadena.

For more information about the Highway 10 reconstruction project in Wadena, visit the project website at: www.mndot.gov/d3/wadena/. Questions and comments may also be directed to Claudia Dumont, MnDOT project manager, at Claudia.Dumont@state.mn.us or 320-223-6530.

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OBITUARIES

GREGORY PRASKA



Gregory Stephen "Pippy" Praska, 62, died Saturday, November 21, 2015.

Services were held on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brainerd with Pastor Mark Skinner officiating.



Military Honors were provided by Brainerd American Legion and V.F.W. Color Guards. Burial was in Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery.

He was born on August 9, 1953 in Greenbush, MN. Growing up in a small town, he learned the values of hard-work, camaraderie and the importance of helping others. These guiding values shaped how he lived his life. His hometown friends from northern Minnesota have remained central throughout his life. Greg enlisted in the Navy in 1971 and was stationed in Alameda, California where he served on the USS Coral Sea. During his time in California he married his first wife Alicia Chavez, and their daughter Kandi was born shortly thereafter. Greg went back to school at the University of MN- Crookston where he met the love of his life Janet "Sissy" Akerson while "tutoring" her. Sissy and Pippy were married in 1979. Throughout his early career Greg managed various restaurants and bars including the Roseau Legion, the Commander Bar and Grill in Breezy Point. He soon had the opportunity to become a partner of the Hunger Bear Supper Club in Pine River, MN. He prided himself on building a community and a place where people could come together and enjoy a meal and beverage. He moved on to become a manager of Moose Lodge in Brainerd and his dedicated business ability was soon noticed. He was given the opportunity in 1991 to purchase a small local charitable gaming distributor business;

and Brainerd Games was created. Through hard work, long hours, and his tireless commitment to helping charities, Greg soon built a successful business where he never tired of interacting with his customers. Another love instilled in him by his grandfather, was the outdoors, which transitioned into a love for deep sea fishing and elk hunting, as anyone could witness by the taxidermy in his warehouse and his willingness to indulge in a tall tale from his many adventures. Greg was a loving father and spent many hours traveling to hockey games and horse shows. Since he'd come from meager means, he often drilled in his kids the importance of frugality and hard works by his sayings of, "Finish your food. That's all your getting until day after tomorrow," and a morning announcement, "You gonna sleep all day long?" Above all Greg was an easy going (as long as you did it his way), generous man who was always willing to buy a round, share a story, and tell a joke. He will be dearly missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Janet "Sissy" Praska; his first wife, Alicia "Kitten" Chavez; brother, Jim Beauchamp; sisters: Holly Dornan, Lisa Beauchamp, Tina Obie, and Melanie Johnson; daughter, Kandi Franco; husband, Billy; sons and daughters-in-law: Henry "Bucko" and Kara Praska; Charlie "Spud" and Meghan Praska; Bruce "Skeeter" Praska and his fiancé, Ariel; grandchildren: Andrea "Peanut", Karina "Pumpkin", Valente "the Professor", Olivia "Miss Kitty" and Benjamin; and his 'Uncle' Bob Loss.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Hank and Lylia Blazek; father, Steve Praska, mother, Lois Johnson; sister, Faith; mother-in-law, Grace Akerson; and his adopted grandparents, Merle & Margie Meyers. Arrangements are with Nelson-Doran Funeral Home.

DEANA MARIE LOCKEN



Deana Marie Locken, 76, of St. Michael formerly of Deerwood died on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at The Legacy of St. Michael.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Burial will be at the Bay Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Sunday.

She was born on June 16, 1939 in Glencoe, MN to Wilbert and Bertha (Bullert) Schuette.

She was a Glencoe High School alumnus. She graduated from the Abbott Nursing School in Minneapolis. As an RN she practiced in Minneapolis, Aitkin, Brainerd and the Cuyuna Range.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jae and Sandra Locken, Cambridge; daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Patrick Tintes of Columbia, MO; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roger and sister, Mavis Simons.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

DANIEL LOCKE



Daniel "Preacher Man" Bryan Locke, 54, of Garrison died on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN.

Services were held on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at Brenny Funeral Chapel in Baxter, MN with visitation one hour prior to services. A Luncheon will follow services at Brenny Funeral Chapel Reception Room.

He was born on February 23, 1961 in Wheaton, IL to George and Carol (Appelquist) Locke.

He attended Willowbrook High School in Illinois. He married Dori Paul on November 1, 1986 in Wheaton, IL. He loved being a trucker and bringing ministry to his fellow truckers. Daniel loved the outdoors, camping, fishing, and bow hunting. He enjoyed just visiting with people and will be sadly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Dori; aunt, April (James) Wreath-Evans; and cousin, Chris Evans.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Carol.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brenny Funeral Chapel in Baxter, MN.

Hummingbird images at Arboretum



Wildlife photographer and Central Lakes College sociology instructor Gary Payne will present a collection of his favorite hummingbird

images from several South American and Caribbean nations from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 10 at the Northland Arboretum.

Payne gathered these images by visiting 30 nations, including six trips into the Amazon rain forests, as he studied their cultures and environments for his classes. The images on will come

from Suriname, Guyana, and the islands of Grenada, Dominica and St. Kitts, as well as some captured locally.

In the 1990s, Payne made two documentaries on Minnesota forest issues that aired on PBS stations. One of the documentaries (Heritage for Sale) was funded by Sierra Club, which named him Minnesota Environmentalist of the Year in 1989. A few samples of his photographs are already on display and for sale at the Arboretum gift store.

Tickets are \$5 for Arboretum members, \$10 for non-members and free for CLC students with college ID. Payne will have a display of photographs for purchase. Ticket receipts will go to support the Arboretum.

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- ALLIANCE**
Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Sunday School JAM session 9 am; Worship 10:15 am & 6:30 pm (Memorial Day thru Labor Day) or 5:30 pm (Labor Day thru Memorial Day); 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 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 Skogren; 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.ihmstemiys.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, 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 Irontade 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 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.pobpaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church-AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Worship at 10 am. Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910
Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.
Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie 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)
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicap accessible.
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.
- Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 pm; Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm
Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.
Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.
Pequot Lakes-Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Rev. Donna M. Olsen, Worship 8 & 10; SS 10; Wed. Worship 5:45 pm; Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm.
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — 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 Stangi; 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: Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4

pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the Third Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 pm; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

RSVP Bone Builders Tue. & Thu from 10-11 am First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 at Black Rock Terrace. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments. 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.

December

5th - FREE Central Lakes College Holiday Festival Brainerd campus, 5-8 pm, photos with Santa, ornament making, cookie decorating, face painting, crafts and more.

6th - Aitkin Public Library Christmas Tea fea-

ting The Andrew Walesch Trio, events will begin at 3pm. Space is limited. Please pre-register at the Aitkin Public Library 218- 927-2339.

8th - FREE Central Lakes College Holiday Festival Staples campus, 5-8 pm, photos with Santa, ornament making, cookie decorating, face painting, crafts and more.

8th & 9th - Jaques Art Center St. Nicholas Day Teas noon - 2 p m; \$20; call 218-927-2363

10th - Annual Farm Forum: Perspectives in Agriculture for 2016 10 am- 3 pm Central Lakes College's Staples campus, 1830 Airport Road. Enter Door # 3 or 4 & follow signs. The event is free and open to the public, and is sponsored for First International Bank

10th - Hummers of the Americas Presented by Gary Payne 7-8:30 pm \$5 Arboretum Members \$10 Non-members Northland Arboretum

11th - Palisade Assembly of God Family Fun Night 7 pm. Everyone is invited for a fun free night of bingo, popcorn, pop and prizes.

11th - Central Lakes College Indoor Food Production Workshop 9 am - 4:30 pm in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus. Registration is from 8:30-9 a.m. The workshop is free for students and \$10 for others.

12th - Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 Potluck Jubelborg meeting at I.R.E.C. Bldg. in Isle at noon. Bring a dish to share. Live music by "Danny & Friends", rosemallng display and sale, "tobagging" center-piece drawing. Bring a friend or neighbor. For more info call Bill at 320-679-2380 or Candice at 320-983-2886.

26th - Last reservation day for Aitkin American Legion New Years Eve Dinner and Dance Dinner at 6 pm with choice of prime rib or walleye; dance at 7 pm Make reservation by Dec 26th by calling 218-927-2965.

January

1st - Aitkin American Legion New Years Eve Dinner and Dance Dinner at 6 pm with choice of prime rib or walleye; dance at 7 pm Make reservation by Dec 26th by calling 218-927-2965.

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.

EARLY HOLIDAY DEADLINES:

- The deadline for the Dec. 26th NEWSHOPPER ISSUE (after Christmas issue) will be Fri., Dec. 18
- The deadline for the Jan. 2nd NEWSHOPPER ISSUE (after New Years issue) will be Thurs., Dec. 24

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Three tips to help you work together for a blessed Christmas season

By Kathi Lipp

For the first several years of my marriage, I found myself being the Grinch (only with a less green hue). As the mom and stepmom of four teens, I was in charge of making all the Christmas magic happen — and my bag of tricks was quickly running empty.

So I began to wonder: Why was I in charge of Christmas dinner ... and Christmas shopping ... and Christmas travel ... and Christmas decorating ... and really, Christmas everything?

It was about five years into my marriage when I had finally had enough.

"Why is everything Christmas up to me?" I asked. "I really wish you would help!" (OK, that may have sounded less conversational and more whiny than I'd expected.)

"You do?" My husband, Roger, asked as he stood there looking genuinely puzzled.

"Yes!" I said incredulously. Didn't he see how stressed I was every single year?

"But you've never said that you wanted help! In fact, you plan everything on your own. I would love to help," Roger explained. "I miss decorating the tree, but I figured you liked it a certain way, so I let you do it that way."

"Oh," was all I could give as a response.

So, for years I had been martyring myself for no good reason. I had been feeling so alone in making Christmas preparations, and apparently the rest of the family thought that was the way I preferred it.

It took me years to figure out there was a better way to get through the holiday season. By being a little more purposeful in our planning, not only were Roger and I on the same side of the holiday battle, but we actually started appreciating each other's gifts, talents and even our differing temperaments.

Now my husband and I not only discuss who is going to do what on the to-do list, but we also talk about what is important to each of us during the Christmas season. This has made all the difference in how we come out on the other side of the holidays — we choose to be blessed or we choose to be stressed. We choose whether we simply survive the holidays or if we enjoy each other and the rest of our family. When we spend just a little time planning together, each of us has the opportunity to enjoy what is important to us during the season. There have been years when peace was the word at the top of our theme list. During those years we decided to keep things simple, all the way down to ordering pizza from the takeout place around the corner as our Christmas Eve feast.

Here are some words to think about while you decide, as a couple, what is important to you this Christmas season:

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New Mille Lacs northern pike winter regulations began Dec. 1

Anglers and dark-house spears on Mille Lacs Lake this winter will have northern pike regulations that continue to allow plentiful harvest of smaller pike from the lake, while continuing to protect large fish.

The only change from current regulations is a reduction in daily bag from 10 to 5, which is consistent with input received from the new Mille Lacs Fisheries Advisory Committee and other anglers.

"Northern pike are abundant in Mille Lacs Lake," said Brad Parsons, central region fisheries manager with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "During the winter season that starts Tuesday, Dec. 1, regulations will be in effect that are meant to protect large pike while allowing a high harvest

of smaller pike."

The Mille Lacs northern pike bag limit is five, and only one may be longer than 30 inches. Additionally, an earn-a-trophy regulation requires the harvest and possession of two pike less than 30 inches long on the same day before taking a pike longer than 30 inches. These regulations apply to both anglers and spears.

On Mille Lacs, state regulations for party fishing apply. Anglers may party fish, and pike longer than 30 inches may be taken as long as the party has at least two small pike for each large pike harvested.

Spears may not party fish, and therefore each spearer must harvest two small pike before spearing a larger pike. Spears cannot accept pike caught by another

person in order to fulfill the two-small-pike requirement.

Spearing for pike on Mille Lacs ends Sunday, Feb. 28, at the same time that the statewide angling and spearing seasons end. The angling season on Mille Lacs is extended through Sunday, March 27, to

allow more late-season fishing opportunity. As a reminder, permanent fish houses must be removed from Mille Lacs Lake by March 7.

"This fall is much warmer than last fall, which may delay ice formation on Mille Lacs and many other lakes,"

Parsons said. "Be sure to check ice thickness before you go out and as you travel on early ice."

Spears are reminded to push their blocks of ice back into or under the ice surface. If blocks of ice are left on the ice, mark them with branches

or other biodegradable materials that make the block visible to others. For safety, filled holes also should be marked.

For more information on Mille Lacs Lake management, see www.mndnr.gov/millelacslake.

Conditions look good for pheasant hunting

Plenty of roosters in the fields and light hunting pressure are two good reasons why Minnesotans should keep their pheasant hunting gear handy, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

"People may not realize that pheasant hunting success is probably as good as it has been in many parts of the pheasant range for the last three to five years," said Cory Netland, DNR area wildlife supervisor for six counties in the Willmar area.

The daily bag limit is two roosters through November with a possession limit of six. Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1, the daily bag limit increases to three roosters with a possession limit of nine.

Weather conditions during the first few weeks of the season were warmer and drier than average, making it tougher for hunters and their dogs. However, temperatures are cooling off and recent rains should help dogs pick up the scent of birds.

"Conditions are shaping up nicely for the last half of the season, and there are still plenty of birds out there," said Nicole Davros, DNR upland game project leader.

Pheasants are still using grassland cover and haven't appeared to move to winter cover just yet. Pheasants will move to winter cover such as cattail sloughs or willow thickets once grasses get pushed down by snow or heavy rains. Netland said that snow shouldn't scare hunters away.

"A light snow can actually help with pheasant hunting because it makes it easier to find roosters in winter cover," Netland said. "And hunting access improves once cattail wetlands freeze up."

Many DNR wildlife managers have noted that hunting pressure has been lighter than expected so far. Yet those who have spent time in the fields have had plenty of opportunities to harvest roosters. Some hunters have even reported filling their daily bag limits within their first hour afield.

The upcoming holidays will take even more attention away from pheasant hunting, yet hunting can be a part of holiday traditions.

"There is no better way to spend time with family and friends while walking off the holiday calories than pushing through tall grasses and cat-

tails for the chance to harvest roosters," Davros said.

Hunters need a small game license and a pheasant stamp to hunt pheasants in Minnesota. A small game license costs \$22 for Minnesota residents age 18 to 64, and the pheasant stamp costs \$7.50. Pheasant hunters 65 and older need to buy a small game license for \$13.50 but are not required to buy a stamp.

Hunters age 16 to 17 must buy a \$5 small game license but do not need to buy a stamp, and hunters under 16 can hunt pheasants without a license or stamp.

Minnesota's 2015 pheasant season is open through Sunday, Jan. 3. Shooting hours are 9 a.m. to sunset. Additional details are available at www.mndnr.gov/hunting/pheasant.

Christmas in the Park



Dashing through a little snow in a one-horse open wagon was part of Christmas in the Park in Crosby on December 2.



It was sunny and bright for the Fish House Parade in Aitkin this year on. A whole day of activities included Santa and Mrs. Claus presiding at the Beanery. Photos courtesy of Kristi Van Camp

Aitkin celebrates 25 years of Fish House Parades



The Aitkin Cub Scout Pack 52 float. Kristi Van Camp photo



Children lined the parade route, happy to have a holiday.

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KIMBERLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for Township officers to be elected at the Kimberly Township Annual Meeting, which will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

Filings will open Tuesday, December 29, 2015 and close at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Filing hours by appointment, please call 218-549-0615.

Offices to be filled are one Supervisor for a three (3) year term, and one Clerk for a two (2) year term.

Filing fee is \$2.00.
Dated this 1st day of December 2015
KIM MILLER,
Kimberly Township Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP

A reconvening of the Bay Lake Township Supervisors regarding the Public Hearing (Resolution No. 51215A) of cartway petition File No. 2014124.004 which was held on June 15, 2015 is set for December 14, 2015, 6 p.m. at the Bay Lake Town Hall to determine damages for the cartway route established at the August 3, 2015 hearing to Minnesota Statute 163.08.

Dated November 17, 2015
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Bay Lake Township Clerk
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BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed by appointment at the home of Clerk, Carol Pundt. Call 1-218-678-3256 for an appointment.

Filing will be open Tuesday, December 29, 2015 through 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

Offices to be filled are one Supervisor, 3-year term currently held by Don Hales and one Clerk, 2-year term, currently held by Carol Pundt.

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