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## Areas churches and families are generous to needy children



Aimee, Matthew and Enoch Anderson drop off 98 Christmas shoe boxes from the Crosby Assembly of God Church. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
The holiday of an estimated 900 children overseas will be made merry with Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Families pack the boxes full of toys and necessities for children, mark them with the age and gender of the unknown recipient and bring them to a central location – this year Aitkin's New Life Church. Aitkin United Meth-

odist Church coordinated the project in the past.

"The way it looks, we'll have over 900 boxes this year from Aitkin County," explained Harriet Veenker, volunteer coordinator. "Last year's total was 614."

And there is a bit of competition as New Life, a new and rather small congregation, contributed 90 boxes. Not to be outdone, Crosby Assembly of God Church,

which averages about 100 people a Sunday, dropped off 98 boxes, nearly the size of their congregation.

On Nov. 19, a man dropped off two boxes on behalf of his young daughters. He said he and his wife take the girls shopping for Christmas and Easter gifts for the less fortunate. "We want to teach them to think about someone besides themselves," said the man, who said his family attends Living Word North church in Brainerd.

It was indeed an ecumenical effort as boxes came from Oak Ride Homes. Rosalini's, New Life Church, Westside Church, Amazing Grace in McGregor, Fleming United Methodist, Bethesda Lutheran of Malmø, Hilltop Chapel, Shepherd of the Lake in Garrison, Malmø Evangelical Free, Glory Baptist, Palisade Assembly of God, Heritage Assembly of God, Grace Lutheran of McGregor and Crosby Assembly of God. More boxes were still on the way from other sources.

It is a scientific method of distribution as many donors use the standardized shoe boxes that are provided

by Samaritan's Purse. Local volunteers make sure each box is properly labeled and secured and then load them into large cardboard boxes – about 19 per box if properly stacked. Those large boxes

In Minneapolis, each box will be opened and checked and then sent to far-flung locations such as Kenya, Africa, to be distributed by missionaries in the field. Boxes are prayed over before



Harriet Veenker and Nancy Burg with a carton full of 19 shoeboxes with gifts for children.

are again loaded into a large trailer in New Life's parking lot, which a volunteer with a large truck will pull to take the boxes to the processing center in Minneapolis.

they leave Aitkin and it's the hope of those involved that in their small way, these boxes will spread the message of the Gospel around the world at Christmastime.

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# Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity dedicates its 15th new home



Debbie, Lilly and Emily Johnson. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ      2015, the new Aitkin County  
On what may have been      Habitat for Humanity home  
the last really nice day of      was dedicated in McGregor



The kitchen of the home. The open concept floor plan includes a living room with a large picture window facing south to Maddy Street, a dining room with a patio door facing north and an efficient kitchen with donated Whirlpool appliances.



Among those attending, from left: Freddie Johnson, a McGregor senior citizen and donor who lives in Pioneer Villa; Pastor Erika Foss of Grace Lutheran Church, Loren Solberg, Grand Rapids, an ambassador for Enbridge.

on November 16.  
Featured prominently right on the main drag, Maddy St., next to the Grand Timber Bank, the home will house Debbie Johnson, a paraprofessional at McGregor

Schools, and her daughters Emily 14, and Lilly, 8.  
About 35 people from Aitkin and McGregor gathered on the sunny Sunday afternoon to participate in a ceremony of blessing the

home, led by Pastor Erika Foss of the Grace Lutheran Church in McGregor. Then Debbie and her friends fired up her new grill and cooked brats, donated by friends, and all enjoyed a potluck dinner.  
Habitat for Humanity presented gifts to the family, as did the women of the McGregor United Methodist Church, who made three quilts. Bibles were presented by Pastor Bob Munneke that were donated by the New Life Alliance Church of Aitkin.  
New friendships were made and old ones cemented as everyone wished this fantastic family a wonderful future in their new home. Specials guests included Sarah Wencil and her son Cooper, who live in the McGregor home Habitat built in 2011, along with Mary Streeter, who served as Sarah's mentor in that process. Habitat's mission of building community was brought to life in a great time of shared memories, food and fellowship.



The new Habitat for Humanity home in McGregor features a new sod yard and was built to high energy-efficient standards.

## CTC to receive portion of broadband grant

Consolidated Telecommunications Co. will receive a grant of nearly \$760,000 to assist in improving Internet access for underserved portions of the region.  
The Border-to-Border Broadband Development grant is one of 15 – totaling \$11 million – announced by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. It will help Consolidated better service to 272 households in the Fort Ripley area. The total cost of the project is \$1.6 million, with the balance covered by a 52-percent match from Consolidated Telecommunications and other agencies

in the area.  
Rep. Josh Heintzeman, R-Nisswa, said, "This grant will go a long ways in helping families and businesses in our area gain access to broadband."  
Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, issued a letter of support for the project to DEED in early September. In it, he indicated: "Because of the potential for growth and opportunity in our rural communities, I am in strong support of the Fort Ripley Phase II/Consolidated Telecommunications Company Broadband Project. The project is a logical extension of the strategic fiber backbone that is part of a project already

in progress in cooperation with Fort Ripley Township in Crow Wing County. Phase II is part of a longer-range plan for reaching unserved and underserved households, and businesses 'last miles' in that area."  
DEED reports a survey concluded that more than 83 percent of respondents in the area would benefit from telecommuting, an option currently unavailable due to insufficient Internet service. In addition, the project will enable home-based businesses to develop and expand.  
"Major portions of Aitkin and Crow Wing County are severely underserved or have

no practical broadband access," Lueck said. "Projects like this one are examples of how the Legislature has provided funding to leverage local community support and private-sector funding to extend broadband service into under and unserved areas. Extending broadband access into rural Minnesota is a challenging task that must include a variety of approaches. It is a critical investment that will help create a sustainable future for our citizens here is rural Minnesota."  
A total of 44 groups applied for grants this year, adding up to more than \$29 million in requests.

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## Cuyuna Lakes Chamber results of elections

At the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce annual meeting held in conjunction with the November Business after Hours, members voted for four board of directors to serve a three-year term from January 2016 to December 2018.  
The Cuyuna Lakes Chamber would like to announce

the election of one new member to its board of directors, as well as the re-election of three board members.  
Dan Brown of Country Inn, Deerwood has been elected to the board and Matt Larson of GuidePoint Pharmacy, Peggy Stebbins of Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, and Tom Martin of Red Rock

Radio have been re-elected to their positions.  
Jessica Holmvig, Executive Director of Cuyuna Lakes Chamber, said in a press release, "We appreciate our board members for their willingness to serve and share their knowledge, expertise and passion toward accomplishing our chamber mis-

sion to improve the business climate in our Cuyuna Lakes communities."  
"As director of this organization, it has been an incredible honor to work alongside such an amazing group of people. Thank you for bringing your passion, intellect, insight, experience and resources to the table."

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## Chamber Singers concert Dec. 1

Sarah Aamot directs the Chamber Singers during a recent rehearsal for their concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1 in the Chalberg Theatre, Central Lakes College Brainerd campus. Admission is free for all ages. The concert is titled "Saints and Sinners" and includes songs from Mozart to musical theatre. The repertoire represents a wide variety of music eras and styles, including classic choral works like Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus," "Ain't Got Time to Die," "When the Saints Go Marchin' In," and popular tunes from Broadway like "I'm Gonna Wash that Man Right Outta My Hair," "And All That Jazz." The Chamber Singers are accompanied by Sarah Gorham on piano, and many of the singers will be featured as soloists.

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By Janet Tharpe

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-Janet

#### Texas Cowboy Cake

##### What You Need

- 3 c sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 3/4 tsp cloves, ground
- 2 c water
- 1 c strong brewed coffee
- 1 box raisins, 15 oz.
- 1 box dates, chopped, 8 oz.
- 3/4 c butter
- 4 1/2 c all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 tbsp baking powder
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 c chopped pecans
- 1/2 c light corn syrup
- 1 c pecans, halved
- 2 tbsp bourbon or rum (optional)

##### Directions

- Combine first 8 ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a low boil while stirring continually.
- Reduce heat and let simmer 5 minutes. Remove to cool.
- Sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.
- Once cooled to lukewarm, slowly stir the liquid spice/fruit mixture into the dry ingredients. Fold in chopped pecans.
- Pour into two large well-greased loaf pans.
- Arrange pecan halves in a

decorative pattern on the top of the loaves.

- Bake 1 hour at 300 degrees.
- With a brush, gently apply a coat of corn syrup over the cakes. (A few tablespoons of bourbon or rum may be added to the corn syrup.)
- Continue baking 1 hour, or until a toothpick come out of the cakes cleanly. Cool.
- For an adult dessert, a few tablespoons of bourbon or rum can be poured on each slice prior to serving.

Submitted by: Cindy Moblo, Kingwood, TX (pop. 1M)  
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## Aitkin High School free variety show

On Saturday, November 28, the Aitkin Education Foundation (AEF) will present their 4th annual variety show in the Aitkin High School auditorium. The event will feature returning Aitkin High School graduates and staff, along with current students and other volunteers to raise money for AEF. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5 to the AEF.

Local talent, including former Miss Aitkin and 2014 Miss Minnesota talent winner, Emily Lundgren, will perform Saturday night at 7 p.m. Other individuals highlighting this year’s talent will be Melanie (Anderson) Olson, class of 2000; Erin Bremner, class of 1992; Jack Gilbertson (retired business teacher/ athletic director) with his daughter, Randi Lind, class of 1999; Marie

Gordon, current teacher; Andrea DelZoppo, current teacher; Sampson Perrine, AHS senior and Caleb Curtis, AHS junior and David Curtis, AHS sophomore.

This year the event will also include a silent auction featuring donated artwork from current students and Julia Reak, Aitkin High School Art Teacher. Real will be retiring at end of this school year and will donate pieces that she has created during her career as examples for students. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. to allow people to participate in the silent auction.

Established in 2011 by a group of local volunteers, founding donors of the Top 25 Club generously contributed the initial gifts needed to create an endowment with Duluth Superior Area

Community Foundation. This endowment is a permanently invested fund where only the earnings are used to make grants, ensuring the donors legacy and AEF’s mission will be carried on far into the future.

So far the earnings from the endowment, supplemented by locally held funds raised through previous variety shows, have been used to award class room grants such as snowshoes for Rippleside Elementary, reading materials for Mrs. Fountaine’s sixth grade classroom, iPads and Kindle Fires with audio eBooks, and a camera lens for the school newspaper.

To learn more about the Foundation check out their webpage at [isd1.org/AitkinEducationFoundation](http://isd1.org/AitkinEducationFoundation) or contact Jim Call, AEF Board President.

## Aitkin County Operation Christmas

Parents/guardians in need of help can call to schedule a shopping appointment to visit the Operation Christmas store to select gifts for their children at no cost to the parents. The family must reside in Aitkin County and the adult filling out the referral must be the primary caretaker of the child/children. The child/children must be 18 years or younger. For split families, when both parents reside in Aitkin County, only one custodial parent can sign up for the program.

Dates to make the referrals and set up the shopping appointments are December 7 to 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The number to call is 218-927-7717. This number is very busy and you will not be able to leave a message for a return call, so please be patient and keep trying.

The location of the store is the 40 Club Convention Center in Aitkin. The store will

be open December 15 to 17 with appointment times from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. You must be pre-registered and have received an appointment time in order to shop.

This program is dependent on generous individuals and organizations in the Aitkin County area that provide gifts, money and volunteer services. Many volunteers are needed to staff the store, answer the phone line to set up appointments, locally shop to replenish the store and help coordinate various parts of the program. If you have questions or would like to be a part of something great, please call Jim Carlson at 218-426-4256.

Gift Donations will be accepted through December 12 in the McGregor area at; McGregor Schools, Members Cooperative Credit Union, Grand Timber Bank, Sather’s Store, Floe International, Sam’s Grocery in Tamarack

and One-Stop Gas and Grocery in Palisade. In the Aitkin area; at Aitkin Motors, Bremer Bank, CVS, Hardware Hank, Lake Country Auto, Security State Bank, and Members Cooperative Credit Union, Shopko, True Value, Unclaimed Freight, and Westside Church. The Hill City collection site is Roadside Market.

Gifts for all ages are needed (0-18). Cash donations are used to purchase additional gifts and toys as donated ones are depleted. In 2014, over \$18,000 was spent for this purpose. Cash donations in the form of a check should be mailed to Operation Christmas, 50 2nd Avenue SE, Aitkin, MN 56431 or dropped off at any location listed above. Checks should be made payable to “Operation Christmas”.

Please consider Operation Christmas in your planning this holiday season.

## Overseas constrasting at CLC

Central Lakes College’s next Cultural Thursday event will feature interim superintendent of Brainerd Public Schools Bob Gross, who will speak on his administrative experiences overseas.

The presentation will be held at noon Thursday, December 3 in E471, Brainerd campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Gross spent eight years as superintendent of schools at the Singapore American School in Singapore (1999-2007), one year (2012-13)

in Abu Dhabi as superintendent at the American Community School and one year (2013-14) in Vienna as superintendent at the American International School. He also spent five years (2007-12) working with the Office of Overseas Schools, US Department of State, calling on international schools in Western and Eastern Europe.

Gross will compare and contrast the American educational system with the Singapore Educational System. He will speak about

the Singapore justice system and give some examples of how the Singapore government functions. In addition, Gross will address how the Singapore health care system compares to that of the United States. He will also share how Singapore assimilates different nationalities within their country.

Gross will share insights on his time in Abu Dhabi and Vienna, as well as on his work with the Department of State Office of Overseas Schools.

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OBITUARIES

JOAN GANSEVELD

Joan D. Ganseveld, 76, of Deerwood died on Thursday, November 10, 2015 at Care Free Living in Brainerd. Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until time of services at the funeral home on Saturday. She was born in Minneapolis on December 17, 1938 to Leo and Sybil (Johnson) Olson. She married Richard Ganseveld on September

17, 1960 in Minneapolis. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Richard “Dick”; children: Lynn Walter, Jill (Kelly Schmitz) Graff, Jennifer (Wayne Jr.) Seelhammer, David Ganseveld, Julie (Rob) Murphy; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brothers: Earl (Anne), Donavon (Darlene) and Thomas (Julia); and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

ROBERTA JOHNSON

Roberta Jane “Birdie” Johnson, 73, of Garrison died on November 15, 2015 at her home. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. Burial will be at the Garrison Community Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 am until the time of services at the church on Tuesday. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

She was born in Minneapolis on July 26, 1942 to Robert and Genevieve (Wilmont) Crandall. Birdie is a retired owner and operator of The Bird’s Nest Bar and Restaurant in Garrison with 26.5 years of service. She is survived by her son, T.J. Auberger, Garrison and brother and sister-in-law, David and Brenda Crandall of Fulton, TX. She was preceded in death by her parents; and daughter, Terri Lynn Rittenour. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

SALLY STROH

Sally Jane Stroh, 77, of Hilltop died on Friday, November 20, 2015 at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial was ub the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. She was born on September 6, 1938 in Crosby to Carl and Margaret (Monson) Hanson. She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Mark Goebel, Fridley;

significant other, Jim Lynch, Minneapolis; two grandchildren; one great grandson; brothers and sisters-in-law: Robert and Julie Midthun, Blaine; Peter and Carol Midthun, Shoreview; two sisters and brothers-in-law: Joan and Jerry Murphy, Rosemont; Mary Jean and Dennis Fairchild, Aitkin; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Sheila Stroh; two brothers: Charles Midthun and Duane Hanson; and sister, Maridee Pollard. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

ARTHUR SMITH, SR.

Arthur Donald Smith, Sr., 83, of Crosby formerly of Two Harbors died on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors given by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443 of Ironton. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Sunday. He was born on February 22, 1932 in Confluence, PA to James and Bertha (Rowan) Smily. He married Lillian Ruberg on April 2, 1955 in Two Harbors. He was a US Army Korean War veteran. He was a former construction

worker with Huncan-Arundel-Dixon Company and a retired mechanic’s helper with Benna Ford, Two Harbors. He was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Two Harbors, The Harbor Mates Club, the American Legion, and the Two Harbor Woodcarvers. Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Arthur and Julie Smith, Jr., Centreville, VA; daughters and sons-in-law: Donna and Jim Radinovich, Cuyuna and Wendy and Jim Chirhart, Crosby; six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren brother and sister-in-law, James “Bud” (Berdine) Smith, Confluence, PA and sister, Shirley Uphold of Fontana, CA; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lillian, an infant daughter; five brothers and five sisters. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.



SULLIVAN ATWOOD

Sullivan Reagan Erin Atwood, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 15 ozs., was born Nov. 18, 2015, in Aitkin, to Amber Bruneau and Jeremy Atwood of McGregor. Grandparents are Marvin Bruneau, McGregor; Renee Bruneau, Mora; Lawrence and Barbara Boyd, Aitkin and Scott Morgart, Grand Rapids.

The dangers of medications

Medicines are a leading cause of death in North America, but we rarely hear about the deadly dangers both prescription and over-the-counter medications can cause. Cardiologist Dr. James L. Marcum wants to change all that with his new book “Medicines That Kill: The Truth about the Hidden Epidemic” (Tyndale House Publishers). “I can still recall handing out my first prescription. The seriousness of the pen strokes hit me with full force,” Dr. Marcum said. “I was about to change someone’s chemistry. In doing so, I could help sustain him, or I could kill him. That responsibility weighed heavily on my mind.” The number of prescription drugs given out has risen over the years. People want a quick fix for their symptoms rather than figuring out the problem. We accept prescriptions from our doctors without question and pop over-the-counter pills without a second thought about the risks that go along with using these medications. Not only can drugs have side-effects, but there could also be mistakes made in production, distribution, dispensing, and taking medications. Sometimes the drugs cause more harm than healing. “In Medicines That Kill,” Dr. Marcum shares stories of medications gone wrong and explains the dangers of using drugs without understanding how they might affect your body. He provides practical ways to come off medications (with the permission of your doctor) and seven ways to live a healthy lifestyle based on biblical principles found in the seven days of creation. “Medicines That Kill” encourages us to ask questions and to take control of our health by understanding what we put into our bodies.

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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 Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.  
Opstead — Pastor P. Johnson; 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

**CATHOLIC**  
Aitkin — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am.  
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.  
Brainerd — St. Francis , Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.  
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.  
Crosby — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.  
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.  
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun 28:30.  
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8:00, 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 Brainerd; 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 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 Ingewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.  
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.popbaxter.org  
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.  
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church- AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Worship at 10 am. Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.  
Brainerd — 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), Interim Pastor Cheryl Fleckenstein; 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; 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.  
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; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210  
Thor — Zion, 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 9:30 coffee/fellowship 10:30; Adult Forum 3rd Sun. 8:15; Bible Study Wed. 9:45; Thu. Prayer 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Rd., 218-692-4769  
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.  
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; No Sunday Service Worship Sat. 5 pm.  
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.  
Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.

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

**UNITED METHODIST**  
Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.  
Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.  
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.  
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9  
Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.  
Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.  
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10  
McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.  
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Ongoing Events:**  
AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-2651  
Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am, Friday Night Grape Vine 6:30 pm.  
AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.  
ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.  
ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.  
Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.  
Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!  
American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. "Ask an Attorney," Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 2nd Tue. of month at noon.  
Bay Lake Area Lions are currently collecting items for their upcoming 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 Wesleyson 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.  
**November**  
27th - Fish House 5K Run/Walk, registration \$25 7:30am at Aitkin Fairgrounds. For more info call 218-927-2316.  
27th- United Methodist Church Spaghetti Lunch in Aitkin, 11 am -12:30 pm  
27th - Fish House Parade in Aitkin 1 pm  
27th - Nisswa City of Lights Festival 2 pm in Nisswa  
27th - Christmas Tree Lighting 5 pm at Heritage Plaza in Crosby.  
28th - Variety Show at Aitkin High School auditorium, 7 pm.  
30th - Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity Annual Meeting at the 40 Club Restaurant from noon-4 p.m. Officers will be nominated and the board will work on updating its strategic plan and setting goals for 2016. The public is welcome.  
**December**  
1st - CLC Chamber Singers Concert at 7:30 pm in the Chalberg Theatre, Central Lakes College Brainerd campus. Admission is free for all ages.  
2nd - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Christmas 4 - 7 pm, at the Crosby Memorial Park. Live nativity, horse-drawn sleigh rides, craft projects for the kids and live entertainment. Warm up tents or bonfires will be available as you enjoy free soup, cookies and hot cider. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be on

hand, so bring your cameras and have your wish lists ready! Please contact the Chamber office at 218-546-8131 if you would like to volunteer or make a donation.  
3rd - Central Lakes College's Cultural Thursday, E471, Brainerd campus, noon. Former superintendent of Brainerd Public Schools Robert Gross (currently serving as interim superintendent) will speak on his administrative experiences overseas. He spent eight years as superintendent of schools at the Singapore American School in Singapore (1999-2007), one year (2012-13) in Abu Dhabi as superintendent at the American Community School and one year (2013-14) in Vienna as superintendent at the American International School. He also spent five years (2007-12) working with the Office of Overseas Schools, US Department of State calling on International schools in Western and Eastern Europe  
4th - Aitkin American Legion Swiss Steak Dinner from 5 pm- 6:30pm.  
7th - Central Lakes College Rosenmeier Forum, "Why Treaties Matter," 6:30 pm in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus, presented by Professor Tadd M. Johnson, Director of the Master of Tribal Administration and Governance program at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.  
12th - Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 Potluck Jubelorg meeting at I.R.E.C. Bldg. in Isle at noon. Bring a dish to share. Live music by "Danny & Friends," rosemallings display and sale, "tobaggen" center-piece drawing. Bring a friend or neighbor. For more info call Bill at 320-679-2380 or Candice at 320-983-2886.  
13th - Salem Lutheran Church Pancake Breakfast in Deerwood 8:45 – 10am. A free will donation will be accepted  
5th - Heart of Christmas Dinner at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood Tickets will be on sale for \$27. Entertainment will be "Mary, Mother of All Joys," by Jill Herringshaw.  
19th - Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution at the Assumption of Our Lady Catholic Church in Menahga. Registration begins at 9:30am at the First English Lutheran Church with the food distribution following at 10 am at the Catholic Church. Please bring your own baskets and boxes for food. The cost is \$20 per share. For information, please call Roger or Jan at 218-640-2028.  
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.

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•The deadline for the Jan. 2nd NewsHopper issue (after New Years issue) will be Thurs., Dec. 24

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Another Governor calls for defunding Planned Parenthood

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin has sent a letter to the Health Care Authority Board asking them to stop all Medicaid contracts with Planned Parenthood.  
Fallin cited results from integrity reviews conducted on the abortion seller that found a 14-20 percent error rate in its Medicaid billings at Oklahoma facilities.  
Kellie Fiedorek, an attorney with Alliance Defending Freedom, said Fallin is right.  
"Oklahomans shouldn't be forced to give their money to Planned Parenthood," she said in a statement, "which has a long track record of abusive and potentially fraudulent billing practices, not to mention that it has also been caught in authenticated undercover videos trafficking aborted babies' body parts and has repeatedly failed to report the sexual abuse of girls. That tax money should be redirected to trusted health care providers."  
Defunding Planned Parenthood in Oklahoma will not interfere with a woman's right to legitimate health care services. There are more than 120 other providers who offer a broad spectrum of services for women.  
"Indeed, whether willful or negligent," Gov. Fallin wrote, "The consistent submission of improper billings should disqualify these Planned Parenthood providers from participation in the Oklahoma Medicaid program."

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# Bonar to make Grassroots debut

On Friday, December 4 Grassroots Concerts welcomes Haley Bonar for her inaugural performance in the series at 7:30 p.m. in the Live Well Night Club and Coffee Bar at the Journey Church, next to the school in Nisswa.

General admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 with listening attention, when accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 6:30 for seating preference.

At each concert, your non-perishable food and cash donations for area food shelves are welcomed.

Haley Bonar is more than a hard-working musician. She is an innovator and a visionary dug into the trenches of living. She writes genuine, epochal and poetic tales that feel like heartbreak, failure, frustration and joy in a clear, insistent and often haunting voice.

Bonar had already record-

ed an album as a teenager before leaving Rapid City, SD, for Duluth, where she immediately recorded again.

Alan Sparhawk of the hit group “Low” heard her at a local Iron Range club and a week later, she went from college student to ambitious dropout with her guitar and a drummer crammed into a Honda Civic opening for “Low.” She was 19.

In the last decade, she has released eight more recordings to critical acclaim and mounting success: lots of touring, playing festivals, capturing awards and artist grants, inventive video productions, placing song tracks on prime TV shows and popular film, appearing on myriad Best-Of lists while continuing to write and perform locally.

National Public Radio Music describes her style as “wonderfully ornate pop.” Bonar recently wowed a packed house as one of sev-

eral outstanding musicians in Grand Marais for the taping of NPR’s popular radio show, “Mountain Stage.”

She is always throwing a curve ball or adding another dimension, akin to her heroes: Joni Mitchell, Mark Mothersbaugh, Laurie Anderson, Amy Sedaris, Maria Bamford, Louis C.K., Margaret Atwood and Cookie Mueller. As them, she remains true to her artistry regardless of trend, politic or scripted gender barriers.

For more about Haley Bonar go to [www.haley-bonar.com](http://www.haley-bonar.com)

Grassroots Concerts are made possible in part by a grant provided by the Five Wings Arts Council with funds through the Minnesota State Legislature.

For information go to [www.grassrootsconcerts.org](http://www.grassrootsconcerts.org). Grassroots Concerts, also on Facebook, can be reached by calling 218-829-4092.



# Crosby council approve sewer and water rate increases up to 72%

At the Crosby City council meeting on November 23, the council approved increases in water and sewer rates in Crosby effective January 1, 2016.

The sewer base rate increased 50% from \$3.10 to \$4.65. The rate also increased 21% per 1,000 gallons from \$6.75 to \$8.18. Sewer use is determined by how many gallons of water is used.

The water base rate increased over 50% from \$4.65 to \$6.98 and over a 72% per 1,000 gal rate increase or \$4.02 to \$6.93.

The council approved a tree and flush to the ground plaque memorial donation to the park by Rebecca Passonneau.

Research with other small cities was being done on the oil recycling options for the city.

The council approved Mayor Joanna Lattery to sign application for funds to Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) for Bike Lockers - Bike Advisory Committee.

The small cities development program update by Dennis Christenson via a letter indicating that there

were eight homeowner applications. Of those who applied six homes are being inspected and two are getting bids.

Mayor Lattery had two issues to resolve about published information. There was a proclamation by Mayor Lattery to put the flags at half mast on October 22 - 25 in honor of fallen Aitkin County Investigator Steve Sandberg. The proclamation was delivered to the Sandberg Family on the day of the funeral. Lattery said the proclamation was very heartfelt . The other was in response to a letter-to-the-editor about flags not being put on the light poles for Veterans Day. The writer’s concerns were addressed by Lattery. She indicated that simple human error was why the flags not being displayed on light poles on Veterans Day. No disrespect was intended toward any Veterans. She said it was not intentional and we apologize for the human error. Lattery said If anyone notices the flags aren’t being displayed for appropriate holidays please call a city official so they can resolve it immediately.

Planning and Zoning Co-

ordinator Justin Burslie spoke about the newly establish planning and zoning board. Burslie said that Dale Sova (husband of Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova and Community Educator) was named the board chair and Chris Ryan (owner of Christiques) the vice-chair.

The council approved initiating the NE 1/4 Sec 12 mapping since no mapping had been done. The properties on the unmapped area are owned by Alan Woods (owns 2 properties), Jim Wynn and the Cuyuna Range Elementary School(CRES). Burslie said the classification would require a public hearing. The CRES property would be classified as public and he would ask Woods and Wynn what they would like their properties zoned.

The council approved initiating ordinance amendment regarding planning commission.

The council approved initiating ordinance amendment regarding subdivision standards.

Building Inspector Scott Sadusky let the council know he is planning the final inspection on True North Base Camp on Wednesday, No-

vember 25. There were code violations being reported. According to Sadusky fines will be added to the tax statement and will be noticed when the owners get their taxes.

Police Chief Kim Coughlin asked the council to approve Kevin Randolph for the Lieutenants position conditional job offer. The council approving the conditional job offer. An approximate target of sometime January for a start date of Randolph.

City Attorney Tom Pearson spoke about the organized collection. Pearson indicated he had not done the work to this point and said he would have it ready by the next council meeting.

The Holms Radiator small claims filing was ready to be filed based on the signed promissory note, if contact could not be established. The city had received a money order for \$100, but since that time no calls had been returned. Pearson indicated he would get back to the council on the direction he would recommend the council take.

The council approved to extend for two more years without raising the rates and give Mayor Joanna Lattery

permission to sign the agreement extension for Health Fitness Corporation management services agreement that had been in place since 1999 for the management of the Hallett Community Center. The actual rate was not disclosed at the meeting.

City Engineer Phil Martin was asked by Councilman Jim Goshey about the extension permit from Serpent Lake Sewer District of the sewer system to True North Base Camp. Martin indicated the private sewer service at Up North Base Camp didn’t need to get an extension permit from the sewer district.

The council discussed parking availability on Second Avenue West, Second Avenue East and Cross Street during road construction. There is enough room for angle parking on both sides of Cross Street. The other avenues would be with either angle and either no parking or parallel parking. The street width limits the options.

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova spoke about the contract with National Joint Powers Alliance for IT services. Bureau of Criminal Apprehension had security issues with NJPA

that that caused it’s temporary suspension for IT services. Sova requested to temporarily entering into a contract with Seven Sigma for IT services. The council approved the request.

The council approved a deferral assessment.

The council approved AFLAC discontinuance as an employee benefit option. Any employee currently enrolled in AFLAC can still get it. No new applicants will be accepted.

The Kitchigami Regional Library System (KRLS) board met about the proposed Hallett branch library. The board viewed it very positively and looked at moving ahead with it. Two representatives from the city are Councilman Jim Goshey and Mayor Lattery will serve on the fact finding committee.

Crow Wing County Commissioners voted to add another \$10,000 to the recycling program making \$66,100 and allowing the bins to remain through the end of 2015.

Mayor Lattery indicated there will be a tree lighting at the Heritage Plaza in Crosby on Friday, Nov. 27 at 5 p.m..

# Ironton council approves temporary fence

At the Ironton City Council meeting on November 18, Fire Chief Jeff Thompson talked about the truck repair. The inspection of the fire truck will happen at the same time as Deerwood, Cuyuna and Crosby to split the fuel surcharge.

Steve Caddy, Town Tavern owner, submitted a plan of where he would like to put up temporary fence posts in Morningside Park for the bar stool race. The plan was approved with orange snow fence installation for the duration. The posts and orange fence should be removed in the spring when the ground thaws.

City Grant Writer Dick

Grabko from Community Resource Development talked about the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) grant that paid 50% of Community Resource Development’s fee. The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) fund application for the bike trail extension. The TAP grant would fund \$217,766. The city would be responsible for a 20% match or \$43,553. The city’s portion would be pursued thru IRRRB or Minnesota Minning. If the city doesn’t get help with the match, the city could use city funds for the match. The council approved submitting the full application for the TAP funds. If available fund-

ing came in less, the project could be scaled back. The council approved the final application submission for the Transportation Alternatives program.

The council approved donation of \$250 (with councilman Eric Heglund voting against) for Christmas in the Park on Wednesday, December 2 from 4 p.m to 7 p.m. in the Crosby Memorial Park.

The Crow Wing County Board is proposing a half-a-percent sales tax in Crow Wing County for transportation related expenses. The commissioners are scheduled to vote on the proposed sale tax increase on December 15, 2015 and wanted to get

feedback from the council on the increase. Although details of the proposal were not available, Mayor Dean French asked each council member their opinion on the increase. Unanimously, the council signaled that they were against the county-wide sales tax.

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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 Statue 163.08.  
Dated November 17, 2015  
CAROL PUNDT  
Bay Lake Township Clerk 2.92

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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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