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Overall Camp Ripley deer hunt harvest up 41 percent



Joel Kuebelbeck of McGregor registered this buck weighing 212 pounds.

In a sign that deer populations are rebounding, archers this year harvested 41 percent more deer in two hunts at Camp Ripley Military Reservation near Little Falls.

"A more successful hunt at Camp Ripley is good news for Minnesota deer hunters because it's another sign that deer populations are on the upswing," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations program manager. "Deer numbers in

most of the state are on the rise after a milder winter and fewer does and fawns harvested statewide last year."

The first two-day Camp Ripley hunt took place on Oct. 15-16; the second on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Total harvest in both hunts combined was 204 deer, a 41 percent increase from last year. In addition, the buck harvest was 37 percent of the total harvest in the first hunt and 67 percent in the second hunt.

Total buck harvest doubled from last year. In both hunts combined, 2,723 hunters participated this year. Hunter success rates were also up significantly, and tracking very well with how hunter success rates rebounded in the past after conservative seasons following severe winters. In 2014 in both hunts combined, there were 145 deer taken with 2,966 hunters participating.

"Not only were there more deer harvested this year, but like in some previous years, we again had a long list of big bucks weighed, with eight over 200 pounds and several more approaching that weight," Merchant

said. "There were smiles all around from these folks, and we're glad that the tradition continues of Camp Ripley being a truly special hunt for those hoping to get close to a big buck."

Second hunt big bucks

For the Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 hunt, archers took a two-day total of 115 deer, up 64 percent from last year. The buck harvest was up 167 percent compared to last year's second hunt. There were 2,000 permits issued for the second hunt, with 1,507 hunters participating.

Jeffrey Kugler of Erhard took the largest buck registered during the second hunt, tipping the scales at 239 pounds. Hunters regis-

tering other bucks over 200 pounds included Joel Kuebelbeck of McGregor (212 pounds), Mark Studniski of Avon (211 pounds), Evan Boman of Howard Lake (207 pounds), Terry Scheiber of Annandale (207 pounds), and Adam Tschumperlin of Sartell (201 pounds).

Of adult does registered, the largest weighed in at 133 pounds, taken by Chad Virnig of Royalton. Derek Aspinwall-Brun of St. Cloud registered a doe nearly as big, weighing 131 pounds.

The DNR coordinates the Camp Ripley archery hunts with the Department of Military Affairs, which manages the 53,000-acre military reservation.

Hunters register 68,401 deer

Minnesota firearms hunters registered 68,401 deer during the first three days of firearms deer season, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"Hunters are seeing more deer this year as we continue to build deer populations across much of the state," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations program manager. "We've issued a conservative number of antlerless deer permits, and because of this, many hunters are seeing deer they can't shoot. However, patience this year should translate to more harvest opportunities in the future."

Final numbers from the first three days show that the

number of deer registered rose 6.3 percent from 2014. Buck harvest during the first three days of the firearms season was up 8.5 percent from last year.

Zone 1 total firearms harvest was up 8.2 percent, Zone 2 was up 5.9 percent and Zone 3 was up 3.2 percent.

The DNR is projecting 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 deer season continues through Sunday, Nov. 15. Additional deer will be harvested during the northern

rifle zone season, which continues through Sunday, Nov. 22; the late southeastern season, which runs Saturday, Nov. 21, through Sunday, Nov. 29; and the muzzleloader season, which begins Saturday, Nov. 28, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 13.

New this year, hunters can preview an interactive deer information tool being developed by the DNR at www.mndnr.gov/deermap. This map is the first step toward launching an online application that delivers useful information hunters need and want. Hunters are encouraged to take a look at the application, discuss it and provide DNR with feedback.

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After attending a Highway 210 construction meeting, Councilman Jim Goshey said that additional parking would be needed downtown during construction. He suggested that some of the wider avenues running north and south could be designated for parallel parking. It was decided to discuss the matter with City Engineer Phil Martin,

Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library Head Librarian Peggi Beseres spoke about the funding goal being reached

It was mentioned that the recycling bins should be compacted better, since the weights are low when the bins are pulled. It was sug-

A short term CD for \$50,618 that came to maturity will be used to pay off the front end loader loan

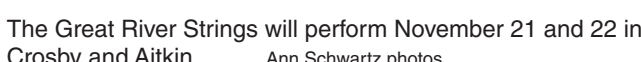
The Holms Radiator small claims filing was prepared to be filed based on the signed promissory note. A money order for \$100 had arrived so far there has been \$200 in payments since last April.

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova requested the council approve the Audit Engagement Letter. The council approved.

It was discussed the idea of about putting in fence posts for the bar stool races at Morningside Park. Since Steve Cady, owner of the Town Tavern and founder of the Barstool Races, was

There was some discussion about attending the planning meetings for the upcoming Hwy 210 construction in 2021. It was noted that Ironton had worked on their downtown plan and will be ready for the construction.

Director Rich Aulie has



“This program will feature music of composers from the Reformation Period (1517-1685), including Antonio Vivaldi, Thomas Tallis, and Martin Luther,” explained Aulie. “In addition, we will look at how classical composers adapted this music in their own compositions

-- Felix Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony and Ralph Vaughan Williams Fantasia On A Theme Of Thomas Tallis. Finally, we will take a musical look at modern day reformers -- Mother Teresa, Mohandas Gandhi, and Martin Luther King Jr. and their vision of peace in our time. Featured soloists include Teresa Goodwin, Annie Goodwin, and Anna Bostrom."



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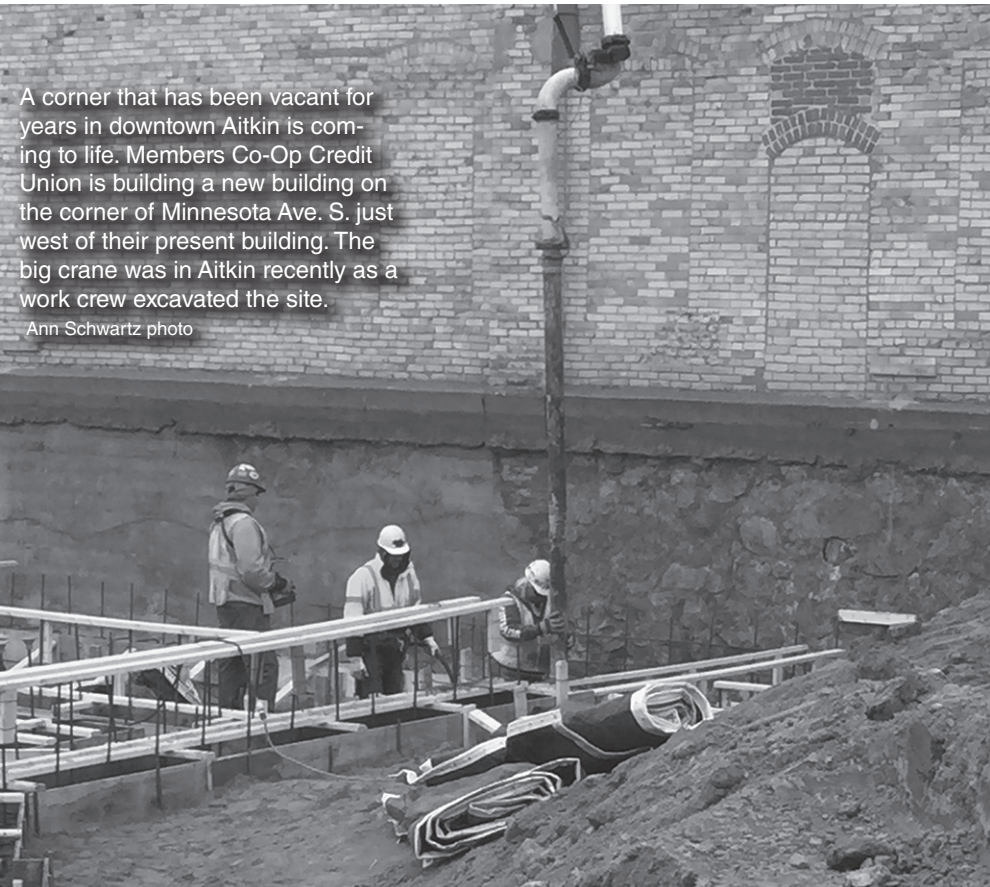




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Huge crane in downtown Aitkin



A corner that has been vacant for years in downtown Aitkin is coming to life. Members Co-Op Credit Union is building a new building on the corner of Minnesota Ave. S. just west of their present building. The big crane was in Aitkin recently as a work crew excavated the site.
Ann Schwartz photo

Aitkin County Operation Christmas

Operation Christmas is a program coordinated by volunteers to collect and provide Christmas gifts for families in need in the Aitkin County. In 2014, through generous donations from area businesses, service clubs and individuals, Operation Christmas collected and provided gifts for over 200 families consisting of 529 children in Aitkin County. Gifts for all ages (0-18) are needed. Gifts should be new and unwrapped. Your 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 Ave. SE, Aitkin, MN 56431 or dropped off at any of the sites listed below. Checks should be made payable to "Operation Christmas". Gift donations will be accepted in the McGregor area at McGregor Schools, Grand Timber Bank, Members Cooperative Credit Union, Sather's Store, Floe International, Sam's Grocery in Tamarack and One Stop Gas & Groceries in Palisade. In the Aitkin area: Aitkin Motors, Bremer Bank, Members Cooperative Credit Union, Auto Value, and Security State Bank. How does the program work? Families in need of

help register in advance to set up a time to pick out gifts for their children. This program is at no cost to the family! Please consider Operation Christmas early in your planning. Early donations assist Operation Christmas in a more efficient coordination of the program. Thank you for your assistance in keeping the Operation Christmas program alive. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jim Carlson at 218-426-4256. Gift donation deadline is Saturday, December 12, 2014. Gift distribution will be December 15-17 at the 40 Club Convention Center in Aitkin.

Operation Christmas bake sale



From left: Shelly Lamke, teller supervisor at Bremer; Dorothy Host, personal banker; Diana Gingery, customer service; Cara Shaver, personal banker; Lisa Wigand, commercial lender; Kris Hazelton, customer service; Roberta Elvecrog, helper and Nancy Kiehm, customer service.
Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Many pitch in for deer hunting holiday bake sale at Bremer
The counters and tables in the Bremer Bank lobby in Aitkin groan under all the baked goods that are displayed and sold the Friday of Deer Hunting Opener. Proceeds from the sale

help fund Operation Christmas, a Christmas toy program for area children. Bake sale proceeds are also matched with employee funds raised by wearing jeans on Friday and donating. Last year they raised about \$2,000 and hope to do the same this year. Shelly Lamke, teller supervisor, said that

the bake sale is an effort by employees, former employees and friends and family who do a lot of baking for the event. They fill tables and the counter and have enough extra goods to bring out fresh items all day long. The most popular items are pies, popcorn cakes and scotch-a-roo bars.

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By Janet Tharpe

A Sweet Potato Cobbler Recipe to Be Thankful For

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Jewel Hall Cullman, AL (pop. 14,775)

-Janet

Sweet Potato Cobbler

What You Need

2 lb sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/4 inch thick
3 1/2 c water
1 1/2 c sugar
3 tbsp all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp salt
3/4 c butter, cubed

FOR PASTRY

2 c all-purpose flour
1/8 tsp salt
2/3 c shortening
5-6 tbsp cold water
2 tbsp butter, melted
4 tsp sugar

Directions

- In a saucepan, cook sweet potatoes in water until tender, about 10 minutes.
- Drain, reserving 1 1/2 cups of cooking liquid.
- Layer potatoes in a greased 9x13 inch baking dish; add reserved liquid.
- Combine sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt; sprinkle over potatoes. Dot with butter.
- For pastry, combine flour and salt.
- Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

- Gradually add in water, toss with a fork until a ball forms.
- On a floured surface, roll pastry into a 9x13 inch rectangle.
- Place over sweet potato filling; cut slits in top.
- Brush with butter; sprinkle with sugar.
- Bake at 400 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until top is golden brown.
- Spoon into dishes; serve hot with a scoop of whipped cream on top sprinkled lightly with nutmeg.

Submitted by: Jewel Hall, Cullman, AL (pop. 14,775)
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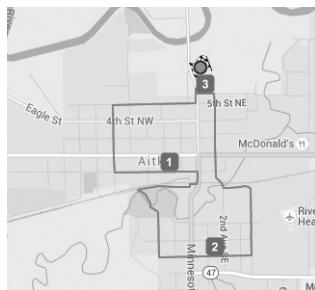
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Fish House 5K Run and Walk

The second annual Fish House 5K Run and Walk will take place on Black Friday, November 27 at 9 a.m. The Fish House 5K will serve as the official kickoff to Aitkin's World Famous Fish House Parade. The race starts and finishes at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds. The course in on the Aitkin Walking

Trail which runs through the streets of Aitkin and the city park. The 5K route has been certified by USA Track & Field. All participants will receive a long sleeve fish house 5K t-shirt. Early bird registration is now open at <http://fish-house5k.itsyourrace.com> or Aitkin.com. For questions, call the Ait-

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OBITUARIES

THOMAS GLANDER



Thomas W. Glander, 69, of Tamarack died Sunday, November 1, 2015 at the V.A. Medical Center in St. Cloud. Funeral services were held Monday, November 9, 2015 at the Round Lake Presbyterian Church with Pastor Ron Staudinger officiating. Military honors were provided by the McGregor VFW and American Legion Posts. Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Park in St. Anthony, Minnesota. He was born August 7, 1946 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Elmer and Ruth (Hjort) Glander. He grew up and attended schools in Minneapolis graduating from Roosevelt High School. He served in the U.S. Army and spent time in Vietnam. Upon his discharge he returned to Minneapolis and began working for the Ford Motor Co. in the St. Paul Assembly Plant

where they built the Ford Ranger trucks. He worked for them for 27 years and retired in 2001. He had lived in Richfield and following his retirement moved to the Tamarack area where he has lived since. He married Susan Lee Tuholski on August 11, 1998 in Tamarack. He had been a member of the Richfield American Legion Post. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on cars and he dearly loved his dogs. He is survived by his wife Susan Glander of Tamarack; daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Cory Erickson, Royalton; son and daughter-in-law: Matt and Nikki Begnoche, Kearney, Nebraska; four grandchildren; brothers and sister-in-law: Leland Glander, Bloomington; James and Karen Glander of Burnsville. Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

EDNA SPOLARICH

Edna A. Spolarich, 82, of Hay Point died Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at her home. A private family graveside service was held at the Macville Cemetery with Rev. William Sass officiating. She was born September 11, 1933 at Kitter County, ND to Emil and Annie (Boatz) Johnson. She moved with her family at the age of five to the Palisade area where she grew up and attended schools and then she attended the Aitkin High School and graduated from there in 1951. She worked for a time at the Ben Franklin Store in Aitkin. She married Philip Spolarich on September 11, 1954 in McGregor. They made their home in Grand Rapids for a time and in 1958 the bought a farm at Hay Point and have lived there since. She worked for over 30 years as an employee of Quadna Mountain Resort. She also spent many years

working on spring tree planting and various other projects for the State of Minnesota and Aitkin County. She dearly loved working in her garden and canning. In her earlier years, she enjoyed grouse and deer hunting each fall. She is survived by daughters and son-in-law: Cindy and Darrell Gillson, Hill City; Sandra Landrus, Hay Point; son, Ray Spolarich, Hay Point; brothers: Henry Johnson, Hill City; Albert Toriseva, Bagley; Roy Johnson, Grand Rapids and sister, Shirley Myers, Hill City. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Philip in 1991; brother, Karl Oscar and sister, Esther Barry. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

EVERETT DAVIES



Everett Davies, 81, of Aitkin died Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. Services were held Thursday, November 12, 2015 at noon at the 40 Club Convention Center in Aitkin with Lorelei Robinson officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Lakeview Cemetery in Aitkin. Memorials are preferred to the Aitkin County Historical Society or the American Cancer Society. Everett was born February 28, 1934 in Aitkin to Chester and Ella (Petersen) Davies. He grew up and attended school in Aitkin graduating from the Aitkin High School in 1952. In December of 1952 Everett and his brother Cal purchased the Pure Oil Gas Station in Aitkin and operated that. In 1956 he entered the U.S. Army and served mostly in Germany before being discharged in 1958. He returned to the gas station which his brother Cal had continued to run in his absence. The sold the station in 1959. Everett had worked as various jobs and then started worked for the Aitkin County Assessor's office. He married Shirley J. Kehl on November 16, 1963 in Aitkin. In

1975 he started working for Marvin Midthun at the Aitkin County Abstract Office and later purchased the company from him. In 1983, he went to work as the Aitkin County Recorder and held that position until his retirement in March of 1997. Shirley ran the Abstract Office until it was sold in 1995. Everett worked with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home after his retirement for about 10 years. He had served on the Board of Directors for Security State Bank in Aitkin for over 20 years. He was also a member of the Aitkin American Legion and was a staunch supporter of the Aitkin Historical Society. He enjoyed gardening, visiting with people and spending time with his family especially his nieces and nephews. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Davies, Aitkin; sister, Margery Howard, Aitkin; brothers: Maynard Davies, Florida and John Davies, Crosby; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters: Bernice Klingelhofer, Leota Howard, Erma Killeen, andbrothers: Glenn, Larry, Don, Calvin and Clarence. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

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Winter safety for area seniors

The 3rd Annual TRIAD – Winter Driving Safety Tips for Seniors event will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Land Services Building on Laurel Street in Brainerd. Area seniors are invited to participate in a presentation by the Minnesota State Patrol

and build-their-own Winter Car Safety Kit to take home! The event is FREE and cookie and coffee are always served! TRIAD is also offering free buckets of sand and a scoop for seniors in their “Stay Safe ~ Don’t Slip” program. Seniors can use the sand for

their sidewalks, driveways and other areas that could be slippery. Anyone who would like a bucket of sand plus a scoop delivered to their home can call the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office at 218-829-4749 .

Spirit of Christmas Bazaar

The scents of fresh baked rolls, coffee and apple cider will welcome you to the annual Spirit of Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Plan extra time to browse

through the quality crafts ranging from furniture to photography, wearables and jewelry, fresh wreaths to handmade cards and paintings. Lefse will also be available. You'll find personalized ornaments, ample amounts

of baked and canned goods and confections. The popular store for “Kids Only” will again welcome little ones up to age 12. Immanuel Lutheran Church is located at 600 4th Street SW in Crosby.

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Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.
McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10 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.
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Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
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Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by apt. 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.

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Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
Jacobson Community Church (the little white church in Jacobson). Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm
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Aitkin —First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

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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
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Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
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McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
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Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.
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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.
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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.
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Legislation to ban dangerous Smartphone stalking apps once and for all

U.S. Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) reintroduced his legislative measure to outlaw GPS “stalking apps”—which an abuser can secretly install on a victim’s smartphone to track their every movement.

Sen. Franken, the top Democrat on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Privacy, has worked hard during his time in the Senate to ban these malicious apps, which enable a user to stalk someone by tracking the GPS data from their phone. And they are perfectly legal. The Senator’s bill would stop the development, operation, and sale of stalking apps.

In addition to banning stalking apps, his legislation would require companies to get consumers’ permission before collecting location data off their smartphones, tablets, or in-car navigation devices, and it would also require permission before sharing location information with third parties. This would give consumers more control over their sensitive location data—things like who their doctor is, where they live, and where they work.

“A majority of Americans have smartphones now,” said Sen. Franken. “And disturbingly, a growing number of them have become victims of dangerous cyberstalking. My commonsense bill will help a whole range of people affected by cyberstalking, including survivors of domestic violence, and it would finally outlaw unconscionable—but perfectly legal—smartphone apps that allow abusers to secretly track their victims. My legislation doesn’t just protect victims of stalking, it would also give consumers more control over their very sensitive location data, allowing them to decide which companies can collect and share their location. I’m continuing to fight to get this bill passed into law, because these apps need to be shut down once and for all.”

The Location Privacy Protection Act of 2015 closes legal loopholes that allow stalking applications to exist on smartphones. Sen. Franken’s bill fixes this problem by requiring companies to get customers’ permission before collecting their location data or sharing it with third parties. It also contains targeted provisions to ban stalking apps. The bill would also require that the federal government gather new statistics and information on GPS stalking.

In 2011, the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women was the first constituent group to contact Sen. Franken after hearing about his efforts to address concerns about the tracking capabilities of mobile devices. You can read their testimony here. In 2012, Sen. Franken’s bill took a key first step toward becoming law when it passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee with bipartisan support.

Sen. Franken’s bill:

- Requires that companies get individuals’ consent before collecting location data off of their smartphones, tablets, or in-car navigation devices, and before sharing it with others. This rule doesn’t apply to parents tracking kids, emergencies, and similar scenarios;
- Stymies GPS stalking by preventing companies from collecting location data in secret;
- Requires that any company that collects the location data of 1,000 or more devices publicly disclose the data they’re collecting, what they do with it, who they share it with, and how people can stop that collection or sharing;
- Bans the development, operation, and sale of GPS stalking apps – and allows law enforcement to seize the proceeds of those sales; and
- Requires that the federal government gather more information about GPS stalking, facilitate reporting of GPS stalking, and prioritize training grants for law enforcement.

The Location Privacy Protection Act of 2015 fixes this outdated federal law to protect consumers and victims of stalking. The bill:

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The bill is co-sponsored by Senators Chris Coons (D - Del.) and Elizabeth Warren (D - Mass.), Richard Blumenthal (D - Conn.), Dick Durbin (D - Ill.), Dianne Feinstein (D - Calif.), and Ed Markey (D - Mass.), and it has the support of the nation’s leading consumer and anti-domestic violence groups, including the National Center for Victims of Crime, the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the National Women’s Law Center, the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, Consumer Action, Consumers Union, the National Association of Consumer Advocates, the National Consumers’ League, and the Online Trust Alliance.

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