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Overall Camp Ripley deer hunt harvest up 41 percent

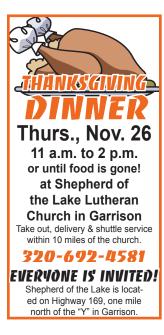
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Joel Kuebelbeck of McGregor registered this buck weighing 212 pounds.

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.

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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 239 pounds. Hunters regis-

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 twoday 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

Hunters register 68,401 deer

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

Minnesota firearms hunters number of deer registered rose 6.3 percent from 2014. Buck harvest during the first three days of the fireams 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

tering other bucks over 200 pounds included loel 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).

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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.

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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Crosby City owes Cuyuna Regional Medical \$95,630 water overpayment

At the Crosby City Council meeting on November 9, Mayor Joanna Lattery asked Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova about the League of Minnesota cities decision on covering Linda Anderson sewer backup. Sova responded the League of Minnesota Insurance Trust completed the reconsideration of the claim and will be sending a letter to Linda Anderson with their findings.

Sova said, regarding the CRMC utility bill proposal, two CRMC accounts were involved. Water meters require a multiplier to convert the meter reading to the unit of measure used to invoice usage. It appears that the usage on one of the accounts was overstated while the other account was understated due to an incorrect multiplier. Based on the city's review, it appears a net refund of \$95,630 will reconcile the accounts. The city asks CRMC to considering accepting payment of half in the form of a check and the other half as a credit on their utility account. The funds will come from reserves in the water fund and sewer fund.

The council approved a gambling permit for the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

The council decided to get more detailed information from Rebecca Passonneau about birch tree and plaque donation at the Crosby Memorial park before a decision could be reached. The tree and plaque are in memory of Passonneau's grandparents.

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, since he had already done research on it.

Crosby Fire Chief Jay De-Cent relayed there had been three fire calls last month: a fire alarm at Dellwood, a vehicle fire and a carbon monoxide alarm. The new rescue tool was here and firemen would be getting instructed on it's use. The Women's Auxillary Turkey Bingo will be held Saturday, November 21.

Hallett Community Center General Manager Maurice Slepica requested the council pay two unapproved invoices for ice rink refrigeration recharge and repair. Both invoices exceeded the maximum \$2,500 allowed without prior council approval. Slepica indicated the work was necessary at the time to keep the ice rink from melting. Following some scolding by Mayor Lattery and reminding Slepica again of the procedures that must be followed, the council approved for payment two invoices from Commercial Refrigeration of \$3,066 and \$4,316.50 for work completed.

Slepica said the new air exchanger will arrive in St. Cloud at the end of November and will be installed on the roof of the Hallett Center with a crane. A grant from IRRRB helped pay for the air exchanger.

Slepica said filtration for the smaller pool needed to be replaced. He indicated the current filter was leaking and needed to be replaced soon. He also said to remove it will require it be cut apart since the original installation was done through the open roof at construction. Slepica said there was approximately \$8,000 available from Give to the Max Day last year for the filter replacement.

Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library Head Librarian Peggi Beseres spoke about the funding goal being reached for 2015. Beseres indicated the Jingle Books promotion began November 12. The Hallett Trust Fund will match donations up to \$10,000 on Give to the Max Day. Since the library no longer has volunteers to help shovel snow it was requested that public works shovel the library steps and sidewalk. Crosby City Council Working Foreman Steve Perpich said he would make sure it is taken care of.

Crosby Chief of Police Kim Coughlin talked about winter parking for the Spalding Bar. The request was to allow bar patrons to park overnight on Cross Avenue. Coughlin said that she would suggest that the patrons park in the back instead. Perpich indicated there are also tenants of the building that use the back parking lot.

Perpich talked about the oil filter recycling last year. There were seven drums of filters at a cost of \$50 per drum and 127 gallons anti-freeze at \$1 per gallon for a total cost of \$477. Clerk/Treasurer Sova indicated collections were about \$300 short of paying the costs. It was suggested a minimum charge for use of the facility could be implemented.

It was approved to pay \$150 for siding damage done two years ago by a city snow plow at Northwoods Floral.

Perpich indicated that the street sweeper was going to be repaired under warranty on site. The sweeper had been repaired in April and now it is leaking about three gallons a day of hydraulic fluid. Mayor Lattery suggested the verbal warranty agreement be put into writing to clarify.

Crosby Memorial Park drainage issues around the Serpent were discussed.

It was mentioned that the recycling bins should be compacted better, since the weights are low when the bins are pulled. It was suggested to compact the recycling daily.

Councilman Goshey said the hospital would like the hedges trimmed back by the fence to improve visibility. City Attorney Tom Pearson

spoke about the organized collection committee meeting prior to the meeting. The current garbage collection contract with Range Disposal had expired. The council provided an approval of a temporary extension of the contract until a decision could be made.

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. The legal fees had cost so far about \$200 so no progress on balance reduction was made. Pearson wanted direction from the council on what he should do. He was instructed to talk with Holms Radiator and get back to the council.

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

Ironton pays off \$45,937 loader loan

At the Ironton City Council meeting on November 4, the written report from Deerwood Chief of Police Harry Gottsch indicated that the crime rate in Ironton remained the same as 2014 in October with 85 calls and traffic violations.

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

balance of \$45,937. The council approved paying off the front end loader, since interest rates on the CD was .15% and the loan for the front end loader is at 2.4%.

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

not in attendance the details for the fence were not immediately available and no decision was made.

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.

Great River Strings Concerts



Rich Aulie directs the Great River Strings.

By ANN SCHWARTZ In its 17th performance year, Great River Strings brings it fall concerts to two local stages.

Music of the Reformation will be performed at the Crosby-Ironton High School on Saturday, November 21, at 7 p.m. and in Aitkin at the Frist Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Director Rich Aulie has



The Great River Strings will perform November 21 and 22 in Crosby and Aitkin. Ann Schwartz photos

pulled together a great show that highlights musicians from around Central Minnesota.

"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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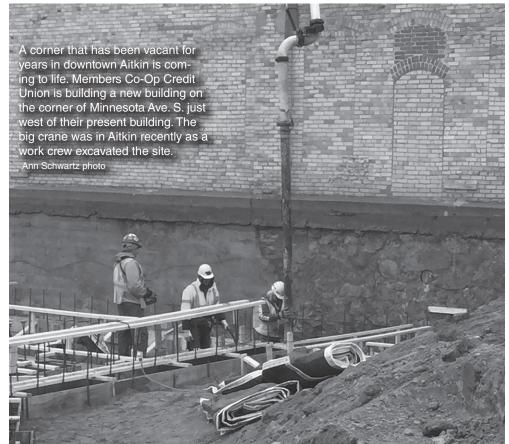
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Aitkin County Operation Christmas

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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 lim 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



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> **Sweet Potato** Cobbler

What You Need

- 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
- FOR PASTRY

3/4 c butter, cubed

- 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** potatoes in water until

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- 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, 2 lb sweet potatoes, peeled • In a saucepan, cook sweet toss with a fork until a ball forms.

-Janet

- 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.

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Fish House 5K Run and Walk

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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

BV 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.



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 Aikin 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://fishhouse5k.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 daughterin-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.

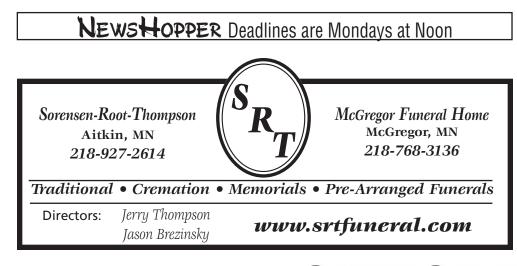
A private family graveside service was held at the Macville Cemetery with Rev. William Sass officiating.

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 scoopdelivered 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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- & 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 z8:30.
- Emily St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
- Garrison Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.
- Grand Rapids St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
- Hillman Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10
- $\operatorname{McGrath}-\operatorname{Our}$ Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Larson , Mass: Sun. 11 am.
- McGregor Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.

- 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 Irondale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10

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.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 (ELČA), Intrim 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 Šynod), 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; Wor-
- ship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.

- Maimo Bernesda (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

Wright - St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua

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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

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

McGregor/Round Lake - Pastor Talley; No Sunday

Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath

School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; www.aitkinadven-

Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS

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Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship

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Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9

9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped

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

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

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Wright -Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

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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
- 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 Weslayson Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295
- Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group, meets first Wed., 1-2 pm, Aicota Rehab Center, Aitkin & 3rd Tue., 3-4 pm, DAC, McGregor. 218-927-1383
- Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.
- Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting. Meet in member's homes. Info call Vern 320-684-2244 or Roxy 218-927-4558.
- 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

First Lutheran Church, Aitkin, for info call 218-393-0935.

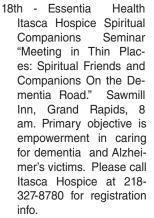
- Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.
- Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4. Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23,
- Mora. Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, 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 Immanual Lutheran Church Crosby Men & women invited. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.
- Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.
- Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
- Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month,
- 6:30 pm at fire station hall. McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4
- pm, cards & games, all are welcome.
- McGregor Community Meal served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the Third Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.
- McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.
- MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.
- Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.
- North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.
- Order of Eastern Star, Woodland Chapter 122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays September through May and 2nd Tuesday in June and 4th Tuesday in August at 7:30 PM above the Eye Care Center in Aitkin; dark July, January & February.
- Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com.
- Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 pm; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.
- Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. 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-

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.

- 14th Hilltop Chapel's Hunter Dinner Turkey with all the trimmings 4:30 - 7:30 pm, adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$3, and age 5 and under free. Waukenabo Community Center 1.75 miles west of Hwy. 169 on Co. Rd. 3.
- 14th Holiday Arts & Crafts Festival 150+ artists/crafters with quality handcrafted items 9:30 am- 4 pm. Brainerd Senior High School, use north or south entrance, free admission. refreshments available.
- 14th 20th Friends of the Aitkin Public Library Used Book Sale in the Community Room, beginning Saturday, November14 at 9:30 am. The sale will run during regular library hours through Friday, November 20 at 5:30 pm. All proceeds will go toward supporting the Library.
- 16th Great Decisions: Session -Brazil's Metamorphosis, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Unlimited Learning, Heartwood Senior Living, Crosby anne.laufman@gmail.com
- 17th TRIAD Winter Driving Safety Tips, 10 am in the Land Services Building on Laurel Street in Brainerd. Area seniors are invited to attend and build-their-

own Winter Car Safety Kit to take home! The event is FREE and cookie and coffee are always served! Call Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office 218-829-4749 for more info.

17th - The Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Annual Meeting and Business After Hours at the Bridge Tavern, North of Crosby, 5 - 7 pm. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments & raffle prizes. Members will vote for four board members to serve a three-year terms from January 2016 to December 2018. Call 218-546-8131 for more info.



20th - 22nd - Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota (LCGM) Fall Concert Series, "From Sea to Shining Sea," will run Friday, November 20, at the First Lutheran Church in Aitkir (7:30 pm); Saturday, No vember 21, at the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle HS Auditorium (7:30 pm); and Sunday, November 22, a Tornstrom Auditorium i Brainerd (3:30 pm).

Church of Aitkin. This concert includes music from classical composers of 1517-1685, modern composers and a look at modern-day reformers Mother Teresa, Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King. Tickets at the door, \$8; seniors, \$5 and family, \$20, with children under 6, free.

- 26th Cascade United Methodist Church Thanksgiving Dinner at noon. Free will offerings accepted. Cascade United Methodist Church is located between Crosby and Deerwood on Highway 6 and 210. For reservations please call 218-534-3507 or email cascadeumc@embargmail.com
- 27th Fish House 5K Run/Walk, registration \$25 7:30am at Aitkin Fairgrounds. For more info call 218-927-2316.

December

- 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 Pub-



- 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,



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
- 14th Spirit of Christmas Bazaar at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. 8:30 am- 2 pm. Quality crafts ranging from furniture to photography, wearables and jewelry, fresh wreaths to handmade cards and paintings.

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U.S. Supreme Court will take the 'Little Sisters' case

The U.S. Supreme Court announced it will hear the case of the Little Sisters of the Poor, a group of nuns objecting to Obamacare forcing them to offer abortion access in their employee health care plans.

They filed suit against the socalled Affordable Care Act and the HHS mandate because of their deeply held religious beliefs.

The court will also hear similar

challenges from Christian colleges in several states.

While the Obama Administration says there's a religious exemption, lawyers for the Little Sisters of the Poor disagree.

"To be clear, this so-called 'accommodation' is not an exemption," Paul Clement, a lawyer for the group, said in legal briefs.

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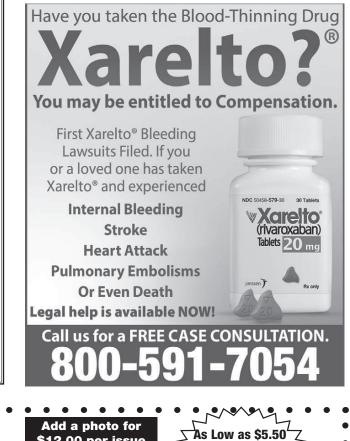
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Legislation to ban dangerous Smartphone stalking apps once and for all

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. Coalition for Battered Wom-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 legalsmartphone 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

en 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 government gather more of GPS stalking, and priorinformation about GPS proceeds of those sales; and · Requires that the federal stalking, facilitate reporting

The Location Privacy Protection Act of 2015

Location information reveals a wealth of sensitive information: where you live, where you drop your kids off at school, your place of worship , the doctors you visit.

Yet under the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, the companies that get this data are

free to give or sell it to almost anyone. This loophole is misused by popular companies -

and abused by stalkers:

•At least 25,000 adults are victims of GPS stalking annually (Wall Street Journal). "Stalking apps" are freely available online and brazenly mark

et themselves to stalkers.

• Half of top apps (including kids apps and dating apps like Tinder), top mobile operating systems, and top device makers have all been found collecting or sharing user location data without users' affirmative consent.

• Top car companies have disclosed their users' movements to third parties without consent (Nissan). A Ford exec has said: "We know everyone who breaks the law, we know when you're doing it. We have GPS in your car, so we know what you're doing." (Ford retracted the comments.)

• Separate GAO investigations found that app companies and in - car navigation companies gave users too little information about how their location information was used or shared.

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

(1) 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.

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(4) Bans the development, operation, and sale of GPS stalking apps - and allows law enforcement to seize the proceeds of those sales; and

(5) Requires that the federal government gather more information about GPS stalking, facilitate reporting of GPS stalking, and prioritize training grants for law enforcement.

The bill is co-sponsored by Senators Chris Coons (D - Del.) and Elizabeth Warren (D -Mass.), Richard Blumenthal (D - Conn.),

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III.), Dianne Feinstein (D - Calif.), and

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Mass.), and it has the support of the nation's leading consumer and anti-domestic

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