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Conservative deer season in 2015 will continue to build population

Following a milder winter and a conservative deer season last year, hunters this fall may see more deer on the landscape during the archery deer season and while

scouting for the Saturday, Nov. 7, firearms deer opener, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"Hunters will experience

another conservative deer season in 2015," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations program manager with the DNR. "This year, they may see deer they

can't shoot, but this helps provide more opportunity in the future. We are continuing to build the deer population across much of the state, and we do that by harvesting few-

er antlerless deer."

For the 2015 season, one-deer limits remain in most of the state. This season will mark the second year of a management approach to

rebuild deer populations based on goal setting and listening sessions that indicated a desire for more deer in many areas.

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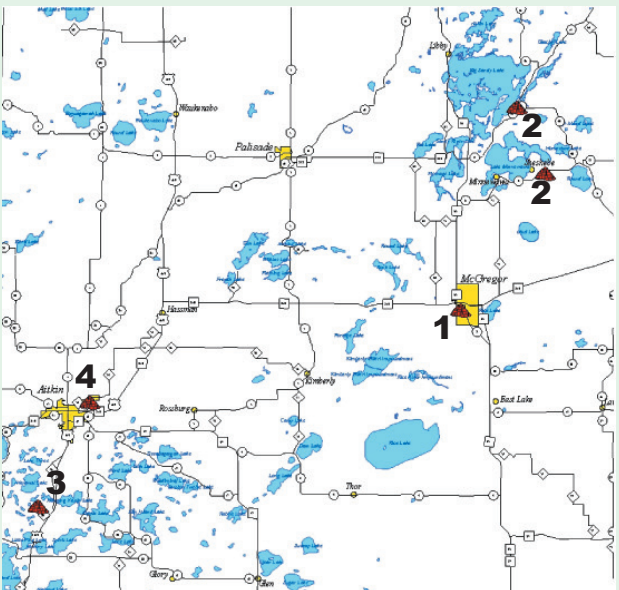
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WHERE CAN I BRING MY LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS?

Aitkin County has several places where you can bring your leaves and lawn clippings free of charge.

1. City of McGregor
2. Shamrock Township
(Sites located off of County Rd 6 and 40.)
3. Oak Ridge Demolition Landfill
(Located 6 miles south of Aitkin.)
4. Garrison Disposal
(Facility in Aitkin.)




In addition, you may compost your leaves and grass clippings on site. For more information on composting, contact the Aitkin County Environmental Services Department at 218-927-7342.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING

Composting is a process that allows naturally occurring microbes to convert yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings, and fruit and vegetable scraps to a useful organic soil amendment or mulch. The following information should get you started in composting the organic material found on your property.

- 1) Collect organic wastes such as leaves, grass clippings, fruit and vegetable scraps, and put them in a convenient but unobtrusive spot out of the wind and direct sunlight.
- 2) Build the compost pile in layers (a 5' X 5' X 5') compost pile is the largest you should need. You can begin with a layer of twigs 4 to 6 inches thick for good air circulation. Next add eight to ten inches of the above organic wastes. You can add equal parts of leaves and grass clippings for optimal composting.
- 3) Wet the pile to the point of being moist, but not soggy. If the pile gets too wet, you can turn it more frequently to dry it out or add more brown materials to soak up the excess moisture.
- 4) In about a week your compost will be ready for turning. Turn the pile every few days if you'd like finished compost in a month or so. Turning it less often will increase the composting time.
- 5) The compost is finished when the material is dark, crumbly and fresh smelling.

The finished compost can be used as a soil amendment by adding porosity, nutrients and water retention.



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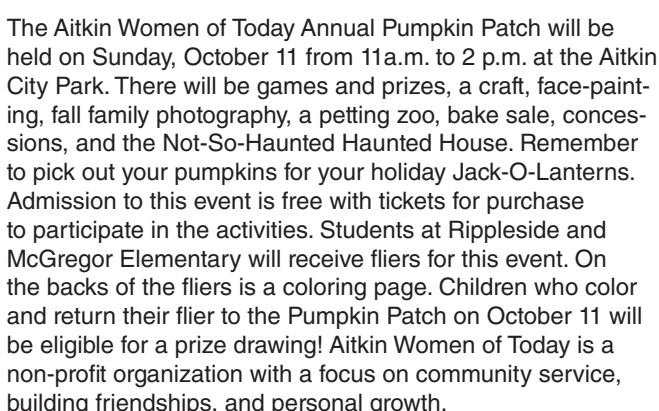
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October Domestic Violence Awareness month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year awareness about domestic violence is even more important because as of September 25, 2015 twenty four people are known to have been murdered due to intimate partner violence in Minnesota. There are over 500 agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals from across the state that raise the Live Free Without Violence flag, a public aware-

ness campaign spearheaded by the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women. "We have had to raise the Live Free Without Violence flag 7 times in the span of 9 weeks, for 13 victims of domestic violence," said Liz Richards, Executive Director of the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women. "The trauma our communities are experiencing is immense and far-reaching. As individuals, professionals, as active mem-

bers in society, we must make ending domestic violence a priority."

Locally, Advocates Against Domestic Abuse (AADA) raises the Live Free Without Violence Flag for one week each time there is a intimate partner murder in Minnesota to honor those victims of this unnecessary violence. Unfortunately, domestic violence does happen in our communities. It is estimated that 1 in 4 women are victims

of domestic violence at some point in their lives. Each year AADA assists at least 250 people with their various programs. These women are your friends, your relatives, your neighbors and all members of our community. Each day in the United States at least 3 women are killed by an intimate partner. Women leaving a violent relationship are in the most danger, but

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OBITUARIES

LOIS ERICKSON



Lois Jean Erickson, 89, of Crosby died on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born on November 29, 1925 in St. Paul to Nils Bertiland Frances (Johnson) Persson. She was a former secretary and receptionist for the Gillette Corporation in St. Paul and a form proofreader for the Cros-

by-Ironton Courier. She was a member of the Deerwood Baptist Church. In 1945, she married Glenn Holmgren. Together they had four children.

She is survived by her sons: Glenn Holmgren, and Steve Holmgren both of Phoenix, AZ; daughters and sons-in-law: Kathy and Dr. Mike Wiedell, Crosby; Barb and Don Olesen, Anoka; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; second husband, Vernon Erickson; and one sister, Lucille Persson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

MARY WELSHONS



Mary Ethel "Echo" Welshons, 82, of Aitkin, died Saturday, October 3, 2015, while attending Mass at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin, after receiving the body and blood of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Funeral service was held 11 a.m. on Friday, October 9, 2015 at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Burial was in the St. Thomas Cemetery, Aitkin.

She was born February 15, 1933 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd to Kenneth and Mary (Janzen) Cummings. She attended Maryhill Academy in Aitkin and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1950. Beautiful and talented, she represented her community as Miss Aitkin in the 1951 Miss Minnesota pageant in Minneapolis. She attended the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. She began corresponding with her future husband, Mervyn Mathias "Red" Welshons, while he served in the Army Corp of Engineers during the Korean War. They were married on December 28, 1953 at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin. Before Red's death in March of 2014, they had celebrated 60 years of marriage. They made their homes in Brainerd, Duluth, and Aitkin and spent 35 warm and wonderful winters

together in Tequesta, FL. She volunteered for many years with numerous community and religious organizations and continued her lifelong interests in music, sewing, needlework, homemaking, and entertaining friends and family.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Thomas and Mary Ann Welshons, Pine River; Peter and Cori Welshons, Aitkin; daughters and sons-in-law: Mary Charlotte Welshons, Baxter; Elizabeth and Eric Hillman, Duluth; Catherine and David Stampe, Baxter; Amy and David McCarthy, Moose Lake; 23 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law: Greg Cummings, Plymouth; Patrick and Brenda Cummings, Becker; Kevin and Faunille Cummings, Deadwood, SD; sisters and brothers-in-law: Judy Ryan, Aitkin; Kay and Dick Breen, Brainerd; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mervyn Mathias (Red); their son, Matthew John; one brother, William (Bill) Cummings; four brothers-in-law, Fr. Glendon Welshons, S.J., Benjamin Welshons, John Welshons, and Michael Ryan; and two sisters-in-law, Patricia (Patsy) Cummings, and Nancy Cummings.

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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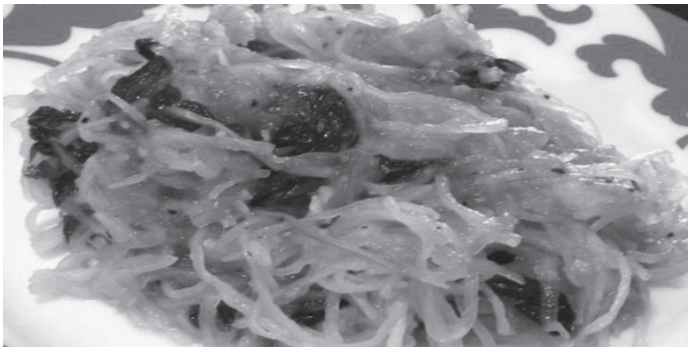


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By Janet Tharpe

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-Janet



Julia McGinnis
Orange County, CA

Light and Delicious Spaghetti Squash

What You Need

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 6 cloves minced garlic
- 1 large tomato
- 4 c baby spinach
- 2 c spaghetti squash
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Directions

- To cook spaghetti squash quickly, make several holes in the squash using a fork. Then pop it in the microwave for about 10-12 minutes (about 4-5 minutes a pound).

- Allow to cool for several minutes in microwave.
- Remove from microwave and cut open lengthwise.
- Using a fork, scrape out contents (it will be stringy) into a bowl and set aside.
- In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook until just turning brown.
- Add the tomato. Sprinkle with a bit of

- salt.
- Top with the spinach leaves and cover for about 2 minutes. The spinach will cook and reduce down.
- Uncover. Break up the spinach with a wooden spoon. It will start to clump together once cooked.
- Add the spaghetti squash a little at a time and stir in. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- Add parsley as a nice garnish and serve!

Submitted by: Julia McGinnis, Orange County, CA
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Collection boxes are out for new or gently used coats, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and Halloween costumes. This annual collection is going on until October 19. Boxes are located at Aitkin Village Laudromat and Paul-

beck's County Market, our co-sponsors. Winter gear is always needed and in all sizes from infant through adult. Distribution will take place on Saturday, October 24 at Westside Church Building, Highway 210, Aitkin

from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Anyone who has a need is welcome to our distribution. Items not distributed will be kept and/or donated to DAC Mart. Any questions, contact Clear Lake Grange member, Roxy Wigton, 218-927-4885.

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OBITUARIES

BERNICE DUGAN



Bernice E. Dugan, 98, of Aitkin, died Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade with Reverend Bill Sass officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery.

She was born March 24, 1917 in Aitkin to Matt E. and Irene A. (Soderholm) Kullhem. She attended Rat Lake School near Palisade. She was confirmed on June 18, 1933 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade. She married Frank O. Dugan December 26, 1961 in Aitkin. She worked at Northshore Manufacturing in Duluth prior to her marriage. She was a homemaker and caregiver to many family members. She enjoyed her beautiful flower and vegetable

gardens and loved to travel. Bernice made trips to Europe to visit relatives and also enjoyed wintering in Arizona. She was a member of the Northshore Birthday Club and Bethel Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Ruby and John Brothers Grand Forks, ND; special nieces and spouses: Carol (Nystrom) and Merlyn Dammer, Duluth; Delaine (Hansen) and Terry Jacobs, Burnsville; many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frank on August 29, 1965, sisters: Linnea Nystrom, Myrtle Hansen, sister-in-law, Stella Kullhem, brothers: Melvin Kullhem and Obert Kullhem, and brother-in-law Henry Hansen.

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

ROBERT POLICH, SR



Robert Michael Polich, Sr., 94, of Deerwood died at the St. Cloud Hospital on Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial will be at Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors presented by the Myrin-James American Legion Post. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the funeral home on Saturday.

He was born on June 7, 1921 in Crosby to Mike and Violet (Perovich) Polich. He married Eunice McMasters on August 15, 1942 in Crosby. He was a WWII Army Air Corps Veteran. He owned and operated the Sportsman's Club in Deerwood from 1950 to 1985. He

was a member of the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443 of Ironton the DVA and St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Duluth.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law: Douglas and Barbara Polich, Edina and Robert "Chip" Polich, Jr., Deerwood; daughters, Catherine and William Smith, Huntsville, AL; Donna and Robert Showers, Bloomington; daughter-in-law, Karen Polich of Gunnison, CO; brothers and sisters-in-law:, Denny and Laurie Polich, Crosby; Mike Martin, Ironton; and Chester and Phyllis Martin, Crosby; sister, Ann Murphy, Crosby; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eunice; parents; stepfather, George Martin; son, Michael Polich; sisters, Rose Satovich and Dorothy Matthews; and brother, Clifford Polich.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

JANICE YOUNG



Janice Young, 75, died at her home in Crosby on Friday, October 2, 2015.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Salem Lutheran Church, 21276 Archibald Road, Deerwood.

Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the church. The family wishes to invite all to a celebration of Jan's life at The Bridge, 26969 State Highway 6, Crosby, following the service.

She was born on July 9, 1940 in St. Cloud and was the second of four children born to Roy and Harriet (Anderson) Johnson. She was a 1958 graduate of Foley High School. She married John (Jack) Young on November 17,

1962 at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in Foley. She dedicated her life to making a home where all felt welcome. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and sewing. Her passion was gardening.

She is survived by her husband, John; son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Ada Young; daughters and sons-in-law: Tammy and Greg Jeanette; Peggy; Terri and Brian Knox; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law: Howard and Jeanne Johnson; Richard Johnson and Donna Woolard; and sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Ronald Hoffman.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

HAROLD COUNTRYMAN



Harold George Countryman, 87, of Ironton died on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors presented by the Myrin-James American Legion Post of Ironton.

He was born on January 3, 1928 in Crosby to George and Sarah (Jelen) Countryman. Harold was a WWII Army veteran. He mar-

ried Reva Jones on December 31, 1953 and later married Mary Ann Kubesh on September 14, 1975 in Beroun.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Daniel Nelson, Princeton; step-daughter and step-son-in-law, Mary and Rudy Vernaglia, Andover; sister, Laverne "Toots" Bell, Brooklyn Park; four grandchildren, one step grandson and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Ralph Freeman; first wife, Reva Countryman, in 1970; son, David Countryman, in 1999; and sisters: June Howay and Myrtle Lamphere.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

DUANE BOELTER

Duane Boelter, of Aitkin, died Friday, October 2, 2015 at his home in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Westside Church in Aitkin with Reverend Dallas Smith officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service

at the church. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Aitkin.

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. www.srtfuneral.com A full obituary will be in next week's edition.

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Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.
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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.
Crosby — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmsternilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun 28:30.
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10
McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Larson , Mass: Sun. 11 am.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.

Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

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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

& 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.pobpaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church- AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Worship at 10 am. Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910
Crosslake —(ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.
Crosslake —Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), 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 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; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

PENTECOSTAL INDIAN
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, 218-768-3585, Pastors Ken and Robin Fairbanks, Praise and Worship, Sat., 11. Everyone Welcome!

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake — Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship 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 Tuesdays 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, 4:30-5 meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Men & women invited. Info call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523.
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.
October
10th - Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew Salsa Oremageddon Race 9:30 am - 5 pm, after party at C1 Pub 5 pm, Pistol Whippin' Party Penguins 7 pm.
10th - Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota (LCGM) "Autumn in New York" Fundraiser T at Madden's Town Hall. This semi-formal annual event includes cocktails, a silent

auction, a four-course gourmet dinner and live entertainment throughout the meal presented by Legacy Chorale members. Call Cathe Picok, at 218-270-8020 for tickets.
10th - Public Square Rosary Rally Crusade (this one is said Nationally & Worldwide), noon at the Big Fish (Hwy 169) Garrison. Sponsored by America Needs Fatima. For info contact Jean at 218-764-2665. The Rosary Rally is once a year on the Saturday closest to the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima which was October 13, 1917. This is the 98th Anniversary. In 12,000 rallies across the world, for public reparation for the sins committed against the most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to pray fervently for the Repentance and conversion of the United States.
10th - Lakes Area Singles Annual Fall Dance Yesterday's Gone Blue Room, 219 S 9th St., Brainerd 7:30 – 11:30 pm. \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Call Sue Sterling 218-831-5540
11th - The Palisade Assembly of God Church Tree Top Kids Mission Sunday School at 9 am. Morning service and children's church to follow at 10. Tony and Jill Geselle will be sharing about God's call to their lives to bring the gospel to kids and youth living

in mobile home communities of the North Metro of Minneapolis.
11th - Aitkin Women of Today Annual Pumpkin Patch, 11am - 2pm, Aitkin City Park. Games, prizes, crafts, face-painting, fall family photography, a petting zoo, bake sale, concessions, the Not-So-Haunted Haunted House and pumpkins. Admission to this event is free with tickets for purchase to participate in the activities.
11th - Quilt Bingo, 1 pm at Holy Family Church (Bulldog Lake) 1182 Co. Rd. 8, Hillman (7 ½ mi. N of Hwy 27 on Co. Rd. 8 or 4 mi. S of Pine Center on Co. Rd. 8) 20 Games and Two Blackouts, Winners choose their quilt, Concessions & Crafts available, Door Prizes & Free Lunch, Handicapped Accessible For info contact Judy at 218-764-2655 or Jean at 218-764-2665.
13th - Learn how to make Norwegian Lefse at KNOWLEDGE BITES at 2 pm at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. Everything will be provided and there is no cost for this presentation. Handouts and recipes will be available. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about this event Light of the Cross Lutheran Church, Garrison is two blocks west of the Super Valu.
16th - 18th - Annual Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge Oktoberfest events

Supplemental Health Insurance

Triad of Aitkin County invites you to hear "Supplemental Health Insurance for Seniors" at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20 at St. James Church, 299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin. A free lunch will follow the presentation

Bruce Lorenz and Natalie Madgy are Senior LinkAge Line volunteers and both are certified through the State Health Insurance and Assistance Program (SHIP). Reservations for free lunch required: call Sandy Liepins at 218-768-3355 or e-mail: liepins@frontiernet.net or Ginny Ekstrand 218-752-1111 or e-mail: ekstrand@frontier.com. Senior LinkAge Line is a service of the Minnesota Board on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging.

Bazaar and Bake Sale in Garrison

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Garrison will be holding their annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be Lef-

sa, baked items, pasties, craft items, Grandpa's Shed and Grandma's Attic. A luncheon of Walking Tacos, Homemade Pies, Coffee and Lemonade will be available.

Shepherd of the Lake is located on Highway 169, one mile north of Garrison. Everyone is welcome! For questions, please contact the Church at 320-692-4581.

Bears and Life in Kaktovik, Alaska

Steve Kohls, *Brainerd Dispatch* photographer, will show images and narrate his September trip to Kaktovik, the only surviving settlement in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge on Tuesday, October 13, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Heartland Senior Living Community, Crosby, non-members \$5.00, visit "unlimitedlearning.net". Hearing of this isolated native village from fellow photographers, he found a guide who was also a resident of this village. The villagers struggle to find food and to survive the constant pressure from oil companies who want to drill in the coastal region. For four days he photographed and conversed with villagers who previously depended upon whaling to survive but are now only allowed an allotment of three Bowhead Whales per year to feed the 300 inhabitants. Steve's photos capture life in

this remote village and reveal the friendly spirit of these villagers.

He grew up on a farm in LacQuiParle County and has been a *Brainerd Dispatch* photographer for most of his career. He also teaches Underwater Photography at the Minnesota School of

Diving and has taught Art at Central Lakes College for 25 years. Steve feels that his trips to Alaska have improved his photography and cultural understanding and have produced lifelong friendships with photographers encountered in the wilderness of Alaska.

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Next generation of speech police

College campuses are supposed to be some of the most tolerant to open dialogue. Not so today as young people obsessed with safe zones and microaggressions seek to shut down any speech that offends. This post from *Townhall* addresses the issue facing free speech:

Each week brings new proof of how little understanding the current generation of college students has of our system of government or the liberties it was created to protect — and what is at risk as a result. The latest such example is the conflict at Wesleyan University in Connecticut over an editorial in the student newspaper, *The Wesleyan Argus*.

Two weeks ago, Bryan Stascavage, a writer for the *Argus*, wrote an editorial in which he expressed support for the objectives of the Black Lives Matter movement generally, but called upon them to distance themselves from some who sound like they are agitating for killing

police officers. ("Pigs in a blanket; fry 'em like bacon!")

Stascavage, at 30, is significantly older than the average college student. He is an Iraq War veteran, and a self-described "moderate" who supports gay marriage. But the reaction to his editorial made him sound like a member of the Ku Klux Klan. Outraged student groups stole and destroyed thousands of copies of *The Argus* with Stascavage's editorial. They called for a campus-wide boycott of the paper, and demanded that the administration defund it. Other demands included a mandatory front-page column from students of color, as well as sensitivity and diversity training for the entire *Argus* staff on an ongoing basis.

Unsurprisingly, the editorial staff agreed to many of the demands, including publishing an apology and an issue with no white writers. (Imagine the outrage if white students demanded that a campus paper publish an issue with no black writers.) To their credit, Wesleyan's president, Michael Roth, and other senior

administrators published an online statement titled, "Black lives matter and so does free speech," in which they defended the right of the student paper on principle to publish unpopular viewpoints, saying, "(T)here is no right not to be offended."

This seemingly uncontroversial statement, coming as it does at a progressive-leaning liberal arts university, nevertheless drew harsh criticism. Wesleyan student Chris Caines responded on the blog without a trace of irony, saying, "The biggest problem with treating this as a freedom of speech issue is that this speech actively silences other speech." No, it doesn't -- but those who don't like Stascavage's opinion won't stop until they silence his speech.

It would perhaps be of little concern if this were the only instance of self-imposed censorship on college campuses. But it isn't. Censorship of speech in the name of "diversity," "safety" or "sensitivity" has become de rigueur.

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Why does corporate America want consumers in the DARK about GMOs?

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Despite support from over 90 percent of the public for GMO labeling, legislation has passed in the U.S. Congress to prevent states from giving their citizens the right to know whether the food they buy was produced with genetic engineering.

H.R. 1599 – the Deny Americans the Right-to-Know

or DARK Act, as it is called by opponents – looks like an industry wish list: pre-emption of current and future state GMO labeling laws and codifying the failed voluntary labeling system that has been in existence since 2001.

The Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA) have been on Capitol Hill lobbying senators trying to convince them to support the DARK Act, HR 1599, a law that would destroy U.S. consumers the ability to ever know what they are eating.

Call Senator Franken at 202-417-3113. Ask him to oppose HR 1599 and allow consumers the ability to know and make their own choice, if they want to purchase GMO products. You

will be speaking to an aide or other staff person, not the senator. It's likely you will not have much time to talk.

“People in all 50 states deserve the same right to know what’s in their food that citizens of 64 countries across the globe enjoy,” said Kirsten Saylor, Right To Know MN Board Chair. “What happened to the good old American business principle that the customer is always right? Why does the food industry feel that they can substitute their judgment for ours over what we feed our families and how we spend our money?”

“GMO proponents have promised to feed the world and create plants more tolerant of drought, but they have

no proof of those claims. In fact, the only thing we know is that GMOs have led to a dramatic increase in the use of glyphosate – a probable human carcinogen,” said Tara Cook-Littman, chair of Citizens for GMO Labeling. Her response references the recent finding that glyphosate, the main ingredient found in Monsanto’s Roundup, was found to be a probable human carcinogen in a report by the World Health Organization

Right to Know MN advocates for the consumers’ right to know when GMOs are in their food by requiring labeling on food packaging and fresh produce that is produced with genetic engineering.

What foods contain GMOs?

Currently over 70 percent of packaged food products in North America contain GMOs. Because they are not labeled, consumers have no way to know for sure when they are present in the foods. GMO crops offered for sale in the US include the following:

- Corn
- Soy
- Summer squash/zucchini
- Cotton
- Papaya

- Sweet Corn
- Alfalfa
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- Canola

These crops can show up in processed foods in many forms. The following are just a few ingredients that may contain GMOs: Amino Acids, Aspartame, Ascorbic Acid, Sodium Ascorbate, Vitamin C, Citric Acid, Sodium Citrate, Flavorings (“natural” and “artificial”), High Fructose Corn Syrup, Hydrolyzed Vegetable Protein, Lactic Acid, Maltodextrins, Molasses, Monosodium Glutamate, Sucrose, Textured Vegetable Protein (TVP), Xanthan Gum, Vitamins, Yeast Products. (source: Non-GMO Project)

CWC Hazardous Waste

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department’s Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program will hold its final organized collection events for the 2015 season on Saturday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the County Landfill. This will be the last opportunity of the year to dispose of unwanted chemicals, cleaning products, pesticides, herbicides, paints, stains and automotive chemicals.

Upon arriving at the County Landfill Site, residents must stop at the Landfill Office. The attendant will discuss the items to be disposed and provide directions to where the HHW facility is located at the site. It is important to note that all loads coming to the County Landfill must be covered to ensure our roadways are not littered with debris.

During the winter months (November through April), HHW will only be taken for

emergency situations.

An example of this is residents who are moving or an estate that must dispose of hazardous materials, and cannot wait until HHW programs opens in May of 2016. To schedule an appointment, contact the Land Services Department located at the Crow Wing County Landfill at (218) 824-1290.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping residents and our local businesses make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County’s extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Solid Waste Office at 218 824-1290 or environmental.services@crowwing.mn to discuss hazardous waste, solid waste, demolition material, composting, or recycling activities. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at www.crowwing.us.



CRYC poster winners

During the recent anti bullying promotion at the Cuyuna Range Youth Center, several of the students made anti-bullying posters to hang on the walls inside the Youth Center. The winners were (left to right): Ashlyn Stanich (first place, \$50 cash); Alyssa Paxton (second place, \$25 cash) and Jacoby Hammonds, not pictured (third place, \$10 cash).

Aitkin County District 3 Committee opening

Aitkin County has an opening on the Aitkin County Board of Adjustment District 3 Committee (one opening only).

The position reviews variance applications and interpretations from Aitkin County Zoning Ordinances. Selected individual will participate in public hearings for reviewing variance applications from Aitkin County Zoning Ordinances. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Applications will be accepted until noon on November 10, 2015, or until filled. The position will start the first meeting of January 2016. Terms are three years. Applications can be found on the Aitkin County website, picked up in the West Annex of the Courthouse, or mailed to you if requested.

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners will make the committee selections from submitted applications during a County Board meeting.

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Klobuchar Receives National Consumer League’s Trumpeter Award



Senator Klobuchar (center) receiving the National Consumer League’s 2015 Trumpeter Award.

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar received the National Consumers League’s (NCL) highest honor, the Trumpeter

worker leaders for more than 40 years, including the late Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota. “I’m honored to join the late Senator Paul Wellstone, my friend from Minnesota and a champion for American consumers, as the recipient of the National Consumers League’s Trumpeter Award,” said Klobuchar. “In this complex economy, people need strong advocates who will fight to ensure the safety and integrity of the goods, products, and services they buy.

Consumers also deserve fair and competitive marketplaces and accessible communications networks. I am proud to receive this award and will remain vigilant in my work to protect American families.” Klobuchar has been a leader in the U.S. Senate in protecting consumers and holding those responsible for wrongdoing accountable. Since her time as a prosecutor, she has made protecting citizens a priority, including calling for the recent prosecution of peanut company executives responsible for a salmonella outbreak that sickened 714 people in 46 states and contributed to nine deaths. Klobuchar has also advocated for consumer safety through supporting the installation of smart phone ‘kill switches,’ limiting the amount of lead used in toys, and ensuring safe pool drains. Recently, Klobuchar sent a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and took to the Senate floor

in response to the recent Volkswagen revelations to question the agency’s diesel emissions testing process; call on the agency to immediately address consumer, environmental, and public health concerns; and urge the agency to establish robust safeguards to prevent automakers from gaming the system again. Following the call to action from Klobuchar, the EPA has announced it will be bolstering its diesel emissions testing process.

‘Letters Home’ Theater at CLC

Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center will present the Griffin Theatre production of ‘Letters Home,’ playing for two performances on October 30. The shows will be at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Chalberg Theatre on the Brainerd campus of Central Lakes College. The presentation is part of the Cultural Arts Series. ‘Letters Home’ puts the current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq front and center by bringing to life actual letters written by soldiers serving in the Middle East. The CLC production is sponsored by the DAV CWC Chapter 22, the VFW and VFW Auxiliary Post 1647. Reserved seat tickets are available from the CLC box office at 855-8199, and can also be purchased online at www.clcmn.edu/arts



Job training program applications

Representative Josh Heintzeman, R-Nisswa, and Representative Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, are encouraging area businesses to apply for grants through the Job Training Incentive Program, which is handled by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). New or expanding businesses in Greater Minnesota can apply for grants of up to \$100,000 to train workers in new jobs. “This legislation will help connect people in Greater Minnesota with better paying jobs,” Heintzeman said. “I am hopeful that businesses and folks in our communities will take advantage of this program as we look for

ways to address workforce challenges that are unique to Greater Minnesota.” “Employers in Greater Minnesota often find it difficult to find qualified applicants to fill positions,” said Lueck. “On the other hand, we have a lot of people who are ready to work and can do the job if they just get the right training. These grants help on both accounts and I urge local employers to participate and help open the door to new jobs in our area.” Applications will be accepted beginning October 15, and awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis to eligible businesses. \$900,000 in total funding is available

through June 30, 2016, with an additional \$900,000 available starting next July. According to DEED, eligible businesses must be located outside the seven-county Metro Area, and funding may be used “to pay direct training costs, including wages for on-the-job training.” Businesses must add at least three new permanent jobs, and pay must be equal to at least the average weekly wage for the county in which the jobs are located. Funding for the grant program was included in the Jobs and Energy Omnibus bill passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Dayton earlier this year.


—READER RIBBETS—

Propane affordability / accessibility

I want to personally thank Rep. Dale Lueck for all his hard work and strong support for improving propane affordability and accessibility in Greater Minnesota.

It appears we will avoid the propane crunches of previous years this harvest season, but changes are needed to ensure a stable supply for the long haul.

The House led to passage this year legislation expanding access and increasing the affordability of propane, which is especially helpful in Greater Minnesota. One provision provided tax credits to people who pre-purchase their propane supplies in bulk during warmer months, instead of in winter when supplies get tighter and prices can increase dramatically. Another measure exempted propane storage tanks larger than 100 gallons and their accompanying equipment from sales tax. Unfortunately, the insistence of some to raise the gasoline tax ultimately stalled these proposals that would have provided significant propane relief for Minnesotans. At least we are able to continue providing pre-purchase help by for some propane customers through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. It is good this growing season has been conducive to early maturity of crops and cooperative weather likely will lessen the stress placed on our propane supply. But that is not always the case and we need to do even more to level out the supply and protect consumers. Rep. Lueck and I both look forward to continuing this discussion as we revisit this subject during the 2016 legislative session. Rep. Paul Anderson, R-Starbuck House Agriculture Policy Committee Chairman



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Aitkin Glass expands to McGregor

Pictured above is the Aitkin Glass Crew (left to right): Mike Clarke, Dean Ammla; McGregor shop: Lorri Sprague, Todd Sprague; manager; McGregor Shop: Lisa Westerlund and Tim Westerlund; Owners.

Photo taken by Caylee Sprague.

Aitkin Glass Service, Inc. is expanding. Owners, Tim and Lisa Westerlund, Aitkin, took ownership of Hagen’s North Country Glass at 410 Kirsch Ave NE, McGregor on October 1.

The McGregor shop will be staffed by two employees who reside in the McGregor area. Todd Sprague will be the McGregor shop manager and has been a glazier since 1986. He specializes in commercial storefronts, residential glass of all kinds, custom shower doors, and

much more. He has nearly 30 years of hands on glass installation experience and will do the job right. His wife Lorri owns and operates a hair salon in town. The Sprague family has many family and business ties in the area and continue to offer great service to the community they love.

Dean Ammla is a lifetime McGregor area resident and longtime friend of Todd’s. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force. He has many talents to offer the business including carpentry, welding,

glass installation and much more. The Aitkin crew is staffed by Tim, Lisa and Mike Clarke. Mike has been with Aitkin Glass since April of 2013 and lives in Hill City with his family. A carpenter by trade he specializes in auto, commercial and residential glass installation. He enjoys outdoor activities, deer hunting and spending time with his children. The McGregor shop is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can reach at 218-768-4223.

Domestic Violence Awareness | Continued from Page 2

with the support of community advocates such as AADA, they can leave a violence relationship in a safe manner.

The burden should not be on victims to protect themselves from a dangerous person. The responsibility to provide safety falls on all of us. Domestic Violence is not a private matter. Violence experienced in the home has far reaching consequences for victims, their children, and our communities. It results in death, serious injury, and chronic medical and mental health issues for all involved, including victims, children, perpetrators, family, friends, those trying to provide protection, as well as innocent bystanders. Do-

mestic violence accounts for over 25% of violent crime victims in Minnesota. We have a responsibility to hold perpetrators of long term battering accountable.

If suspect someone you know is in an abusive relationship, show concern; let them know that they are not the cause of the abuse and that the abuser needs to be held accountable. Support their strengths and encourage her in the choices she makes for herself. Offer to accompany them to get help. Encourage them to contact an advocacy agency such as AADA. Inform them that abuse is against the law, even if the abuser is a partner. Above all don’t give up

on them. Understand their fears and hopes – even if they return to the situation. Be a friend who believes and can listen without judging.

If you would like to learn more about how you can Take a Stand Against Violence or wish to invite Advocates Against Domestic Abuse to provide a presentation to a group that you are involved with, please call the AADA office at 218-927-2327 for more information.

For more information about the Live Free Without Violence campaign, contact Becky Smith at bsmith@mcbw.org or visit the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women’s website at www.mcbw.org

Conservative deer season in 2015 | Continued from Page 1

“For most hunters, it’s rewarding to see deer while hunting,” Merchant said. “So far in many areas, the season looks favorable for both deer sightings and the opportunity for harvest, based on reports from the fields and forests.”

Acorns have been dropping over the past couple weeks, providing food for deer and also giving hunters areas to focus on for hunting and scouting. Deer are shedding their reddish-brown summer coat in favor of the coarse grey coat of fall and winter. In many parts of the state, crop harvest is just beginning, which is a week or two later than normal.

The DNR strongly advises hunters to review new deer hunting regulations, permit area designations and boundary changes. Current and up-to-date information is available on the deer hunting Web page at www.mndnr.gov/hunting/deer. Information about deer management and deer population goal setting is available at www.mndnr.gov/deer.

Hunting season notes Northwestern region

Deer numbers in the northwestern region appear to be up from last year. Last winter brought mild temperatures and little snow. A conservative 2014 deer season with a low number of antlerless permits issued has resulted in more does and fawns on the landscape. Hunters can expect to see more deer from the stand this year.

The northwestern region offers a variety of youth and adult deer hunting opportunities at most of the region’s state parks and at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge. The cities of Bemidji and Fergus Falls manage archery hunts, Red Lake Falls

offers a deer hunt, several of the scientific and natural areas offer a variety of deer hunting opportunities, and there is a deer hunt for people with disabilities in Orwell Wildlife Sanctuary. Nearly two-thirds of the state’s wildlife management area acres are in the northwestern region and are open for deer hunting as well.

Northeastern region
In northeastern Minnesota, last winter wasn’t mild, but it was milder than average. However, compared to some other areas of the state, a deer population recovery in the region can be slower because of factors including a shorter growing season, fewer fawns per doe on average, fewer deer per square mile, winter severity and predation.

In the southern portions of the northeastern region, winter severity was not as extreme, but population numbers are still below target and are being managed for increases.

Duluth and some Iron Range communities will hold special in-town hunts to reduce the number of city deer. Permit areas around the Aitkin and Brainerd areas will generally be designated as lottery with a limited number of antlerless tags issued, and more permit areas will be restricted to bucks-only the farther one travels north. Permit areas in the moose range are designated lottery to maintain lower deer populations.

Hunters who frequent the Pillsbury State Forest in Cass and Crow Wing counties can expect to encounter active salvage logging operations and other cleanup activities throughout the fall and winter. The activity follows a severe wind storm July 12 that toppled

trees in portions of the state forest and surrounding area between Brainerd and Nisswa.

Central region

Hunters in central Minnesota should expect to see more deer than last year although many of the permit areas will continue to have restrictive harvest regulations in order to achieve new population goals. The exception is the metro 601 permit area that will again allow for unlimited antlerless deer harvest.

Southeastern region
In the far southeastern permit areas (346 and 349), an intensive harvest strategy will allow for harvest of up to five deer. These permit areas will also have an early antlerless season that runs Thursday, Oct. 15, to Sunday, Oct. 18, providing opportunity to harvest additional deer.

Opportunities abound for deer hunting in the southeast during the regular archery, two firearms and muzzleloader seasons. Once again, 300-series permit areas will be open to a special youth season over the weekend of the annual statewide teachers’ conference when many students do not have school from Oct. 15-18.

Southwestern region

In southwestern Minnesota, deer permit areas 234, 237 and 286 will have a youth-only antlerless season in 2015. With the exception of youth, veterans’ home residents and hunters 84 years or older, all other hunters are restricted to harvest legal bucks only in these areas. The DNR took this step to bring up deer numbers in these areas because even conservative antlerless quotas the past several years have resulted in antlerless harvests too high for herd growth.

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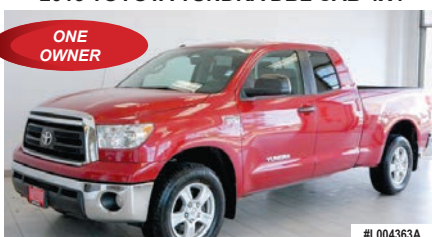
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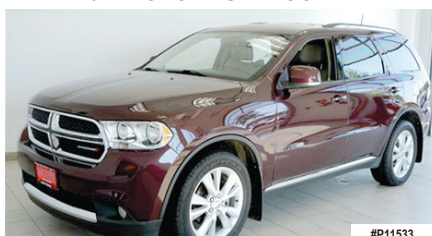
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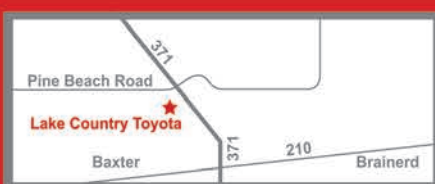
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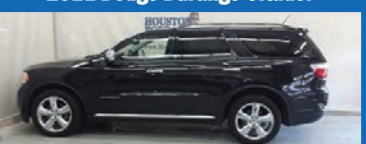
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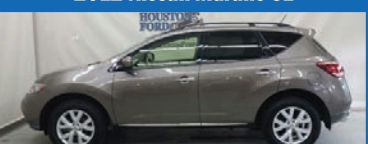
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