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"This wasn't Steve"

Humble fallen officer remembered by thousands at funeral

By ANN SCHWARTZ

It was an overwhelming week for the family of the late Steve Sandberg, an Aitkin County Sheriff's investigator who was shot and killed with his own gun by Danny Hammond, 50, at the St. Cloud Hospital on an early Sunday morning. A Taser was used on Hammond and he later died.

And it was an overwhelming week for the community of Aitkin as the many friends of Steve; his wife, Kristi (who was an Aitkin High School teacher) their daughter, Cassie, a college student in Moorhead; and just everyday townspeople tried to come to terms with the sudden loss of the 60-year-old investigator. It culminated on Friday,

October 23, with a huge funeral that packed the Aitkin High School with officers of every age and stripe: fire department, state patrol, deputies and policeman from all over Minnesota — and even Chicago and New York. Gov. Mark Dayton and Sen. Amy Klobuchar attended the funeral, sitting next to Sheriff Scott Turner and Undersheriff John Drahota who had to keep their composure while saying goodbye to their long-time friend and work mate.

Rain poured in buckets as squad cars poured into town, their lights flashing, and rode under a huge flag hung over main street, supported by two firetruck ladders. Sandberg, in addition to being an officer,



Honor guard at the funeral. Behind them is the altar with a flag and the deputy's remains.



Police officers enter the Aitkin High School to pay their last respects to Inspector Steve Sandberg.

was also a Mason, coach,

Sunday School teacher, fireman, athlete and a 1973 graduate of Aitkin High school.

At the high school, a huge effort in logistics culminated in each officer being greeted at the doorway with a rose and seated with their comrades in the gym. Honor guards provided a formal and comforting presence all around, alleviating fears of violence and absorbing sorrow.

Bryan Johnson, Aitkin's own music man, was at the piano as the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office personal marched sadly into the gym at 10:25 a.m. The Aitkin Police Department followed closely behind, as the two offices work closely together. Aitkin Fire Department members and their families,

those still on duty and those retired, also made a large showing and there was a section from Aitkin United Methodist Church — Steve's congregation. Steve's remains and a flag sat simply on the altar from the church and 22 flower arrangements decorated the altar area. It was later revealed that Aitkin High School graduates were sprinkled among the out-of-town officers in attendance.

Bag pipes gave a moving introduction to the ceremony and row upon row of family walked in and were seated. The color guard presented the colors and Reverend Dawn Houser welcomed everyone. New to the Aitkin com-

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Legal costs for City of Crosby \$66,184 for first eight months of 2015

In the public comment portion of the Crosby City Council meeting on October 26, Linda Anderson 419 - 3rd Street SW asked again about reimbursement for damage to her property caused by sewer backup. Crosby Clerk/Treasurer Sovo responded the league of MN cities will be reviewing the video of the sewer line and getting back to the city shortly. Anderson indicated that a similar issue with sewer backup was resolved at the last council meeting and wanted to know why her issue wasn't being dealt with more quickly. Councilman Dusty Paul and Sovo responded that situation was different because the valve was not installed properly at that property.

Judy O'Keefe and Theresa Dehning, former renters of the property owned by Larry Hartman on 30 West Main Street, said the property had been cleaned and inspected by Crow Wing County Community Services. Dehning also encourage the city to ap-

prove ordinances to address similar issues more quickly and efficiently in the future.

Awards were presented by Chief of Police Kim Coughlin to police officer, Mike Van Horn; paramedic, Byron Weide and CRMC EMT, Stephanie Kirkman for administering life saving techniques on a Crosby residen.

Justin Burslie noted that the first meeting for the Planning and Zoning Committee will be at 6 p.m. on Monday November 16 at the city hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

City Attorney Tom Pearson spoke about the organized garbage collection committee meeting prior to the meeting. The current garbage collection contract with Range Disposal expired in September. The council approved a temporary extension of the contract until a decision could be made.

Pearson said the Holms Radiator small claims filing was prepared. And would filed in

small claims court, based on the signed promissory note.

The by-laws for the Fire Department to include the ten minute response time and some additional red line items was approved after Councilman Jim Goshey asked they remove the striking of a line with the Chief of Police verifying the response time.

City Engineer Phil Martin spoke on several topics. First, he said the storm water drainage project by Graphic Packaging was being started. Councilman Paul Heglund moved to approve the man hole and sewer work for the city campground and 3rd Street for an estimated cost of up to \$10,500 for the survey work. Council Jim Goshey moved to accept up to \$31,250 preliminary engineering phase. Both motions were approved by the council.

Martin also spoke about eliminating extra water meters to measure the amount of water for watering the lawn,

like ones at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center.

Martin said "We are only capturing what is in the supply line." There will be no metered deduction of the sewer fee even though the sprinkler water would not empty into the sewer. Martin suggested it would simplify the system to eliminate all sprinkler deduction meters from the entire city.

Sova said the water meter readings pretty much agree with CRMC audit findings. So now all that remains is to disclose their findings and discuss them.

Then Martin spoke about the coal chute under the sidewalk on First Street SW, an area 8 feet wide by 17 feet long by 10 feet deep. Martin said the cost to fill the chute would range from \$25,000 to \$30,000. He had a quote from Rice Lake Construction, but if it was decided to put the project out for bids he did not want to disclose their bid amount. Rice Lake could do

the work this fall, but was not clear who would be responsible to pay for the project and how the costs would be shared. It was decided to block off the sidewalk off and wait on the project until spring once financial responsibility was determined.

According Sovo, a requested study of the legal expenses revealed that for the first eight months of 2014 the cost was \$53,728 compared to the first eight months of 2015 was \$51,073, plus and additional \$15,111 for library litigation for a total of \$66,184.

Sova said that the insurance claim to pay for the library legal expense was refused by the League of MN Cities.

Sova said the city paid for the 2014 legal expense by taking \$5,591 from the library fund and \$4,437 from the general fund for a total of \$10,028. Total legal costs for Library litigation from 2014 through August 31, 2015 totaled \$25,139.

Sova said legal costs for

Cuyuna Regional Medical (CRMC) litigation for eight months was initially \$22,428. However, insurance from the League of MN Cities covered 85 percent the legal cost, minus a \$500 fee. The final legal cost to the city for CRMC litigation was \$3,364 plus the League of MN Cities fee of \$500. For a final total of \$3,864.

In 2015, True North Base Camp related legal fees is \$4,044.

These findings were relayed verbally from Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo at this Crosby City Council meeting and no written documentation was furnished. Also there was no information provided about costs regarding ongoing and new legal matters, including the organized garbage collection legal costs. Although, the League of MN Cities recommended renewal of the current n contract with Range Disposal, as had been the practice in the previous decades.

Mille Lacs Lake ice anglers allowed to keep one walleye, five northern

Anglers may keep one walleye between 18 and 20 inches or one longer than 28 inches when ice fishing begins on Mille Lacs Lake this winter.

The winter walleye regulation goes into effect on Tuesday, December 1, and extends through Sunday, February 28, 2016.

"The clear consensus among committee members was to implement a conservative regulation allowing fishing to continue through-

out the winter without the risk of closure," said Don Pereira, DNR fisheries chief. "We believe this regulation meets that criteria."

If winter walleye harvest approaches the established cap, catch-and-release will be implemented, so angling can continue.

During last year's ice fishing season, Mille Lacs anglers could keep two walleye from 18 to 20 inches, except one out of those two walleye could be longer than 28

inches.

"We're all working together to assure great winter opportunities while staying conservative enough to ensure the long-term health of the fishery," said Dean Hanson, advisory committee co-chair and owner of Agate Bay Resort on Mille Lacs Lake. "The 2013 walleye year class will provide some great catch-and-release action, and folks still will have the opportunity to harvest a fish."

DNR staff will monitor creel data every two weeks during the winter. If angler walleye harvest appears likely to exceed this year's 5,000-pound cap, catch-and-release walleye fishing would go into effect. State anglers harvested 3,100 pounds of walleye last winter.

Tribal biologists and the DNR agreed Oct. 15 to set the winter harvest cap for state anglers at 5,000 pounds after September fish

assessment data showed that pounds of spawning-age walleye and numbers of walleye from the 2013 year class were above established benchmarks.

"The committee stressed members' support for a conservative management strategy that helps ensure the future health of the lake," Pereira said. "The DNR fully supports that approach."

Consistent with the committee's discussion, the DNR also will reduce the limit of

northern pike on Mille Lacs from 10 to five, with one fish longer than 30 inches allowed. Anglers may only keep a northern longer than 30 inches if they have caught two pike shorter than 30 inches and have both in immediate possession.

The pike regulation goes into effect on Dec. 1 and continues through Sunday, March 27, 2016. Its intent is to provide anglers with additional opportunity to catch and keep fish on Mille Lacs.

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Five Ironton businesses qualify for repair grant - repairs delayed until spring

At the Ironton City Council meeting on October 21, Nancy Grabko, Community Fundraising Solutions (CFS), updated the council on the residential and commercial projects for the Small Cities Development Program. Grabko said the required annual reports for DEED had been completed, submitted and a copy put in the file. There were bids on three housing

projects, so far. Grabko said they should be able to close on them in the next couple weeks, so construction could begin. There is a fourth project also likely to start this fall. She said there were two more projects moving forward for lead inspections. As soon as the inspections are done, the scope of work can be completed.

Shawn Hamdorf, Commer-

cial Rehabilitation Review Committee Chairperson, presented information on the process of choosing the order for commercial projects. The committee reviewed and ranked five anonymous applicants. The applications only indicated the type of work and urgency of the project. The committee chose in order: Heartland Dance Studio, French's Auto, Town

Tavern, C-I Pub and Aid Home Care. Five applications were submitted and all five were approved. Businesses must have 30 percent matching funds to move forward on these projects. The guaranteed funds must be used prior to the grant dollars in paying for the project costs. Most of these projects will begin next spring.

There was discussion about the leaking roof on one of the projects making it first priority on the list. Since it is almost the end of October, Grabko said construction would probably not start this fall.

The council approved the Commercial Rehabilitation Committee recommendations.

There was discussion about a renewal of a short term Certificate Of Deposit (CD). The council decided they needed more information about interest rates on the CD and bank loan for the front end loader. City Clerk Amy Baratto will present information at next meeting.

Mayor Dean French took up the topic of Cuyuna Range Economic Development Incorporated CREDI board composition. French felt each city on the Cuyuna Range should have a representative on the board. He also said they would like to review a copy of the original by-laws for CREDI.

Mayor French said there were non-recyclable items like lawn chairs, toilets and other items piled up next to the recycling dumpsters. The recycling program isn't free and comes at a cost to the residents of over \$300 per dumpster load. Also the city crew shouldn't have to pickup after people leaving garbage around the dumpster. Once the recycling funding runs out, the recycling dumpsters will no longer be available.

The short term rental revision to the zoning ordinance was discussed.

The property that was being discussed had been sold and the prospective owner is no

longer interested in the short term rental. It was decided to continue to look at examples from other towns and consider revisions to the ordinance. The overall plan is to make some short term lodging available in the Ironton area to encourage people to stay here.

Fire Chief Jeff Thompson said that the pumper truck needed repair to the pump seal and would be unavailable for a couple of days. The Crosby Fire Department had been notified to cover while it was down and repairs were made. The council approved the repair estimated cost of \$3,745.

Pickup and disposal of leaves will be November 2. The bags should be left untied or loosely tied to be accepted.

Lighting and decorating the city hall for the holiday season and the Christmas lighting contest was discussed.

They would like volunteers to help decorate and donated Christmas decorations for the project.

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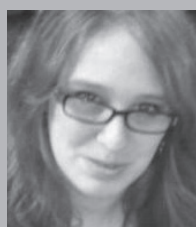
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-Janet



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- 1 tsp sugar
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- 1 tbsp melted butter
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- Stir in 1 cup of flour. Beat until smooth.
- Mixing on low speed,

add oil, sugar, salt and enough of the remaining flour until a soft dough forms. (You might have to add more than the 3 cups to get it to the soft dough stage.)

- Cover and let rise in warm place until doubled in size, about 45 minutes.
- Heat oven to 400 degrees.
- Prep a 12 cup muffin pan with non-stick cooking spray. (You can use melted butter too.)
- Punch down the dough

in the center and fold over a couple times.

- Pinch the dough in 1 inch balls and quickly roll in the center of your palms.
- Place 3 balls in each muffin cup; brush with melted butter and sprinkle with the coarse sea salt.
- Put in oven and bake 15 minutes or until edges are lightly browned.
- Note: These are best eaten the day they are made.

Submitted by: Charity Hullinger, Leon, IA (pop. 1,977)

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Mission Township Fire Department receives \$2,200 from Auxiliary



A host of Mission Township Volunteer Fire Fighters and from left to right Auxiliary members Shirley Hall, Darlene Hays, Renee Tormoen, and Dolores Kramer.

Mission Township Fire Chief Randy Roach accepted a \$2,200 donation from the Township Auxiliary on October 13, 2015.

Roach thanked the women for their fund raising efforts. These funds will go towards the purchase of a \$15,000 Lucas Machine, a CPR apparatus that will greatly aid First Responders in survival rates during emergency calls in our area. Roach also thanked the community for its continuing support for the Fire Fighters and the Fire Department.

The Mission Fire Department hosts its annual Fire Fair the third Saturday of July. This event includes a roast pork luncheon, tours of the Safe House and North Air helicopter, games auctions, raffles, and a chicken poopin' contest.

Fund raising events hosted by the Auxiliary include an annual raffle at the Fire Fair, brat sales at the Fourth of July Mission parade, Christmas Wreath sales, and bake sales. The Auxiliary meets the third Wednesday of each month

for lunch, fun, and a short meeting to discuss upcoming Township events. These activities may include providing a meal for the firefighters during a controlled burn, organizing a benefit for a needy Mission Township resident, or planning the next fundraiser.

Anyone interested in joining the Mission Volunteer Fire Department, please contact Randy Roach at 218-765-3976. The Fire Auxiliary also welcomes new members. Please contact Jan Slayton at 218-765-3356.

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OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY SIPPER



Shirley Irene Sipper, 52, of Wolford Township died on October 23, 2015 at the St. Cloud Hospital with her loving family at her side.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church.

She was born on June 13, 1963 in Milaca to Alfred and Mabelle (Peterson) Genz. She married James Sipper on August 12, 1988 in Sisseton, SD. She was a member of the Im-

manuel Lutheran Church in Crosby and was a Dietary Aide at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Jim; son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Kristi Sipper, Trommald; brothers and sisters-in-law: Eugene and Patricia Genz, Emily; Darrel Genz, Emily; Howard and Lois Genz, Bentonville, AR; sisters and brothers-in-law: Marjorie and Norm Johnson, Andover; Nancy and James Lucas, Hibbing; and two grandchildren.

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

LLOYD JARSON



Lloyd Melvin Jarson, 89, of Malmo, died on October 20, 2015 at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis with family members by his side.

A celebration of his life with full military honors was held Sunday, October 25, 2015 at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Malmo.

He was a decorated WWII Marine Veteran serving in the

Pacific Theater earning 2 Purple Hearts and a Star, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was born June 3, 1926 in Winnipeg, Canada to Edward and Christine (Mickelson) Jarson. He attended school in the Malmo area and had many careers throughout his life including working for the city of Blaine as

a mechanical and plumbing inspector where he retired. He very much enjoyed family and social gatherings and was very active in Marine Corps social events.

Lloyd is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law: Linda and Bob Erck, Lori Johnson and Kevin, Jodie and Gregory Boutain, and Jillane Lindgren; sons and daughters-in-law: Richard and Wendi, Clifford and Laura, Michael and Rozani Lindgren; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and longtime friend, Vi Wehlst.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wives: Luella (Iverson) and Carolyn (Lindgren); son, Kerry, and granddaughter, Emily.

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

WALTER HOFFMAN



Walter C. Hoffman, 68, of Riverton died on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in

Crosby.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at the Park United Methodist Church in Brainerd. Burial was in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls with military honors.

He was born on November 10, 1946 in Minneapolis to Clyde and Dorothy (Lockhart) Hoffman. He married Carol Ann Johnson on December 17, 1966 in Minneapolis. He was

a US Navy Veteran. He was an Industrial Arts educator with the Elk River and Onamia School Districts with 27 years of service. He was a member of Park United Methodist Church in Brainerd.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Michelle Hoffman, Brainerd; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Matthew Hoffman and sisters, Sandra Rosove and Christy MacIntosh.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

RALPH CRANE



Ralph Crane, 91, of Aitkin, died in his sleep after a long courageous battle with Alzheimer's, with the love of his life Cheri Crane holding his hand on Monday, October 19, 2015 at Aitkin Health Services.



He was buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. Memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer's

Research Foundation.

He was born June 11, 1924 in Erick, OK, to James Milton and Ada (Webster) Crane. He was a U.S. Marine Corp. Veteran serving in WWII. He married Cheri Leigh (Sears) September 22, 1985 in Anchorage, AK. They moved to Minnesota in 2000 and spent sum-

mers on Round Lake and wintered in Alamo, TX. He enjoyed going for walks; having coffee, visiting and spending time with friends; reading, debating; listening to, taping, and editing music.

He is survived by his wife Cheri Crane, Aitkin; son, Gary Crane, Seattle, WA; daughters: Darlene Halbak, Anchorage, AK and Cathie Miller, Cleveland, GA; step-daughters: Jane Vranish, Judy Hutar, and Jeri Anderson; step-son, Jeff Boelter; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sons: Jerry and Shawn Crane; sister, Vanell; and his parents.

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ENZO ROTH

Enzo Alan Roth, a boy, weighing 9 lbs., 5 ozs., was born October 12, 2015, in Aitkin, to Amber and Lincoln Roth of Aitkin. Grandparents are Craig and Wendy Brown, Watertown, SD; Richard and Laurel Roth, Sioux Falls, SD.

RIDGE ZIMPEL

Ridge Walter Zimpel, a boy, weighing 9 lbs., 2 ozs., was born October 14, 2015, in Aitkin, to Tera and Robert Zimpel of Keene, ND. Grandparents are Darryl and Sharon Pylvanen, McGregor and Brian and Mata Zimpel, McGrath.

WILL JACOBSON

Will Michael Jacobson, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 8 ozs., was born October 21, 2015, in Aitkin, to Racheal and Jason Jacobson of Aitkin. Grandparents are Bradley Novotny, Brainerd; Tammy Hawkes, Aitkin; Michael and Vicky Jacobson, Aitkin. Great-grandmothers are Barbara Westerland, Aitkin and Ruth Jacobson, Aitkin.

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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.ihmstemiys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun 28:30.
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by apt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10
McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Larson, Mass: Sun. 11 am.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.
- Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.
- 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 Irontale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
- HEBREW/MESSIANIC**
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804
- LUTHERAN**
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Cindy Gray; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
Aitkin — First* Pastors Darrell Pedersen, Melissa Carmack & Bob Munneke; worship Sun. 8:15 am & 10 am; Sunday School 10:30 am; Wed. 6 pm; Sat. 5 pm; communion every Sat. and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd and 5th Sun.; nursery staffed; Sunday service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) at 10 am and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 am Wed.; community meal every Mon. 5:30 pm; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each month 9:30-5 pm.
Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10
Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.pobpaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church-AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Worship at 10 am. Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910
Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.
Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), 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; handicap accessible.
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.
- Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 pm; Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm
Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.
Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.
Pequot Lakes-Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Rev. Donna M. Olsen, Worship 8 & 10; SS 10; Wed. Worship 5:45 pm; Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm.
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.
- PENTECOSTAL INDIAN**
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, 218-768-3585, Pastors Ken and Robin Fairbanks, Praise and Worship, Sat., 11. Everyone Welcome!
- PRESBYTERIAN**
Crosslake — Pastor Kate 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 Wesleyan Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295

Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group, meets first Wed., 1-2 pm, Aicota Rehab Center, Aitkin & 3rd Tue., 3-4 pm, DAC, McGregor. 218-927-1383

Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting. Meet in member's homes. Info call Vern 320-684-2244 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Community "Clothes Closet" open Tue. 9 to noon; and 1st & 3rd Thu. 5-8 pm, 37560 Ox Lake Landing, Crosslake.

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at Cuyuna Range Community Center, lower level.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 5:30pm social, 6:00 pm dinner/meeting, at the Heartwood Senior Living. Call 218-831-5683, if you need more information or would like to join our club.

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Shelf: Community Food Shelf at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 AM-5 PM, at 107 2nd St SE Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 PM to be served.

Food Shelf: Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ironton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Tue., 4 weigh-in, 9-9:30 a.m. Meeting 9:30-10:30 a.m.. at 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 218-546-5486.

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

31st - Trunk for Treats in the Salem Lutheran Church parking lot in Deerwood, 4:30 - 6 pm.

31st - Trunk or Treat behind Emily Fire Hall 4:30 - 7pm. Games, hot chocolate, popcorn, hayrides and cash prizes for best trunk.

31st - Trunk or Treat at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Garrison 5 -7pm. Go from decorated car to car (or "trunk to trunk"). A fun, family event with games, snacks, prizes and crafts inside! Shepherd of the Lake is located on Highway 169, one mile north of the "Y" in Garrison. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact the Church at 320-692-4581.

31st - Trick or Treat at Ironton Terrace 5 - 8 pm, located at 500 - 8th Avenue, Ironton

31st - Hot chocolate and cookies at Crosby Fire Hall, Crosby 5 - 8 pm.

31st - Trick or Treat at Golden Horizon Nursing Home, Aitkin, 5 - 7 pm

31st - Trunk or Treat at Hilltop Chapel, Palisade, 5 - 7 pm

31st - Trick or Treat at Cuyuna Regional Medical Care Center, Crosby, 6 - 7 pm

November

1st - FALL BACK ONE HOUR Daylight Savings Time Ends — set your clocks back!

1st - Elsie Hartman Sunday at Hill City United Methodist with 10 am worship service, 11:30 am potluck meal, people sharing memories of Rev. Elsie Hartman. All are welcome!

2nd - Memory Loss Information Session, 3 pm, Emily United Methodist Church will host a free session on the topic. The church is located at Hwy 6 and Co. Rd 1 across from the Emily US Post Office. Please address any inquiries to Judy Klement (djeklement@means.net or 218-566-2220).

5th - Aitkin Lions Fall Luncheon, 11 am - 1 pm, Westside Church, \$8.00 — Proceeds to Local Food Shelves

5th - Central Lakes College's Cultural Thursday, E471, Brainerd campus, noon. Former Brainerd elementary principal Jeff DeVaney will speak on his experiences and share photos from his time as principal of the American Creative Academy in Kuwait City, Kuwait. 10th - Unlimited Learning: Heartwood Senior Living Community, Crosby. \$5.00 non-members, 1:30 -3:30 p.m. Traveler Sharon Carlson shows recent pics and stories of a changing Cuba. Heartwood Senior Living Community, Crosby. \$5.00 non-members

6th - Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church of Garrison Hunters' Supper, 4pm-7pm. Large baked potatoes with all the fixings... chili, broccoli and cheese, sour cream, bacon bits, onions, cheese, and beverage. For dessert, homemade bars. Donations will be accepted. Everyone is welcome. Shepherd of the Lake is located on Highway 169, one mile north of Garri-

son.

7th - Waukenabo Community Center Hunters' Breakfast and Bake Sale 5 am - noon Breakfast includes Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Juice, Coffee & Milk. Adults \$6, ages 6-12 \$3, ages 5 and under free. Proceeds to benefit Up North Golden Age Club. From Aitkin take Hwy. 169 N to CR 3. Turn west on CR 3 for 1-1/4 miles. Community Center is on south side of the road.

7th - Aitkin's Westside Church Annual Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Lunch 9 am - 4 pm. More than 75 crafter will be there with jeweled silverware, pottery, woodworking, primitive furniture, honey, clothing and more. Women Alive will service food all day, including homemade pies, caramel rolls, hot ham and turkey sandwiches.

7th - Winter Bazaar 9am-2pm Cascade United Methodist Church, Deerwood

7th - Carmel Lutheran Church Harvest Turkey Dinner, 4:30 pm - 8 pm, adults \$9, children under 12 \$5, under 5 year of age free, south on Hwy. 65, Jacobson

7th - Glory Baptist Church Hunter's Supper 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the church. The meal will feature Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cole slaw, bread, homemade pie, and beverage, all for a voluntary donation. The Glory Baptist Church is located 12 miles southeast of Aitkin off County Road 12 or 4 miles west of Glen. The public is invited.

7th - Hunter's Dinner in McGrath at Our Lady of Fatima Church in basement. 5 - 8 pm. Adults \$8.00 and children under 12 \$4.00.

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Texas defunds Planned Parenthood

Texas will no longer allow taxpayer funds to go to Planned Parenthood. The Office of Inspector General at Texas Health and Human Services announced the defunding after evidence of Medicaid program violations came to light at Planned Parenthood affiliates. The abortion seller will no longer receive taxpayer dollars at the state or local level.

"Texas has stepped forward and shown its unyielding commitment to both protecting life and providing women's health services," said Gov. Greg Abbott. "The gruesome harvesting of baby body parts by Planned Parenthood will not be allowed in Texas, and the barbaric practice must be brought to an end."

Kellie Fiedorek, an attorney with Alliance Defending Freedom who worked hard to get funding stopped, said there will be no effect on women's health care due to the defunding. Thousands of reduced-cost and free clinics that do not perform abortions will benefit.

"Texas is right to recognize that taxpayer money should go to fund local community health centers, not to subsidize a scandal-ridden, billion-dollar abortion business," she said. "Texans shouldn't be forced to give their money to Planned Parenthood, which was caught in authenticated undercover videos trafficking aborted babies' body parts and has a long track record of abusive and potentially fraudulent billing practices and repeated failures to report the sexual abuse of girls. That tax money should be redirected to trusted health care providers, not given to the abortion industry."

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Fire truck ladders and a huge flag over Minnesota Avenue made a ceremonial arch for squad cars to pass under.

turned tail if she knew what she was in for. Thinking she was coming to a sleepy small town, she was faced with conducting the service for

conquerors for them that loved us."

The pastor said her last memory of Steve was when he came to pick up a box of

busy schedules to make new memories.

In addition to the many brotherhoods he belonged to, Steve was also a "child of God, fully committed to being a disciple of Jesus Christ." From daily Bible reading and praying to mentoring confirmation students: "He didn't just read about how to be a disciple, he lived it."

He had a great peace, joy and calm, she said, and had loved going to church ever since he was a small boy.

Cassie Sandberg remembers
Daughter Cassie spoke about how she is always told how much she looks like her dad and that they were "two peas in a pod."

"He was my travel buddy, my sports watcher and my biggest fan," said Cassie.

She said she could only get up and talk on such a day because of the "strength he instilled," in her. She said they would take long walks around town on summer evenings and he would tell lots of stories.

"He was my biggest fan and was at every event, taking pictures, After every game I'd walk up to the bleachers and he'd throw his arm around me and say 'Great job, Cass.' Whether hitting the tennis



Deputies from all around Minnesota at the funeral.

an officer who died a violent death — a service that thousands attended and perhaps millions watched on the airwaves and the Internet all around the world.

"If I heard it one time, I heard it a hundred times, this was SO not Steve," said Houser. She was referring to all the pomp and ceremony for a man who was so humble and unassuming.

Rev. Susan Cline, a family friend, spoke of Job from the Bible

Stacy Leiviska, Steve's cousin, read a Psalm that said: "We are more that

books at the church for his wife and she thought what a nice husband he was. She said he had the "toughness of a serpent and the softness of a dove."

Steve loved children and had them hanging from every limb at family gatherings, yet he had to investigate child abuse cases. He was a great dad who attended every one of his daughter's events. "He was intelligent with a tough mind," Houser said.

She said in August he took time to take a family trip with his mom and brother and we all need to take time from our

ball on the courts at dusk or taking to the basketball court on Sundays, he worked with her to improve her skills.

"There are lots of things I don't know, but I do know how much my dad loved me."

From cutting up her fruit for her snacks in elementary school to leaving her two-minute voice mails: "He always wanted to spend time with me more than anyone else."

She urged the crowd to let someone you love know you are proud of them.

"To the world you are only one person but to one person you just might be the world."

203 honored by sheriff
Sheriff Scott Turner, tired from a very difficult week, agreed. "This was NOT Steve. He was probably the most unassuming person I've ever met. Sorry buddy, but you've earned this much and more with your service and your sacrifice."

Turner said that Steve went by "203" his badge number, and was a hometown boy who used law enforcement to give back to the community.

He handled many difficult cases and the sheriff got a positive performance review many times, being told by those involved: "He's such a nice guy," or "He was good to deal with."

Steve would shrug off the comments saying, "That's how I'd want my family to



A formation of State Patrol officers leave Steve Sandberg's funeral. Ann Schwartz photos



As they escorted him into Aitkin for his goodbye, squad cars escort Deputy Steve Sandberg to his final resting place.

be treated."

Steve focused on helping people and "let the content of his character determine who he was and the officer he became."

"Cassie, Steve was very proud to be your dad," Turner told his daughter.

Rev. Houser closed with: "We never say goodbye, we

say I'll see you later."

Then, the service became public again as the officers exited the Aitkin High school in the hammering rain. A huge procession of squad cars escorted their fallen brother to the Bennettville Cemetery, where another ceremony was held at his final resting place.

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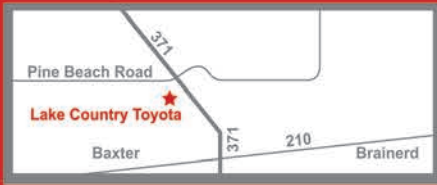
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