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Pros and cons presented by roundabout open house attendees

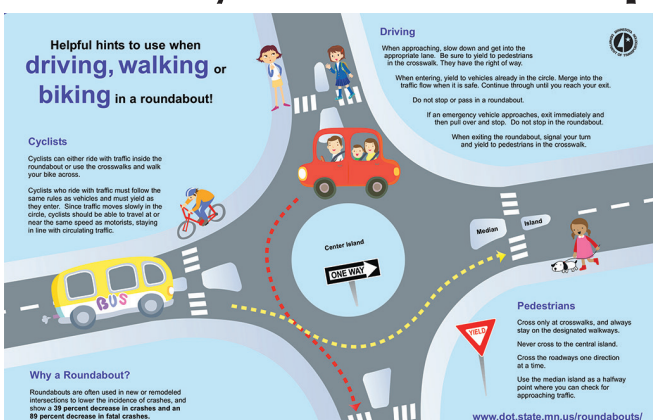
By ANN SCHWARTZ
About 23 folks attended an open house held in Aitkin on Sept. 28 to discuss the proposed construction of a roundabout intersection in 2017 at the corner of Hwy. 169 and Red Oak Drive (Paulbeck's area).

The project, at Southgate Drive/Red Oak Drive/ Highway 169, will include pedestrian crossings, trail connections, overhead lighting and other improvements.

On hand were engineers from Stonebrooke Engineering of Burnsville, consultants on the project, and from MnD-

ot's Brainerd office, along with Aitkin's mayor and city council members.

"It was a pretty normal meeting and the concerns weren't anything we wouldn't expect to hear," said Tim Arvidson, CEO of Stonebrooke. He said a video was playing that highlighted some concerns expressed at similar



listening and learning about the reasons for and benefits of roundabouts. There have been nine crashes at that intersection in the last five years, with one a fatality."

JP Gillach of MnDOT guessed that of those who attended, half were in favor and half skeptical of how a roundabout would work. "Some are opposed but we also got positive feedback."

Eric Schiller, MnDOT's manager for the project, observed: "People were willing to listen even if they were not initially for it. Some people who came out have driven on roundabouts in their travels to Europe, the East Coast and other places and they are in favor, and some have reservations."

Engineers noted that the roundabout design does serve to prevent the serious, right-angle crashes that drivers experience at other intersections. This is the only option being considered for improving that intersection in Aitkin, they said.

meetings and "offset some myths about roundabouts."

"There was some skepticism," Arvidson added, "but people who came tonight were

were in favor and half skeptical of how a roundabout would work. "Some are opposed but we also got positive feedback."



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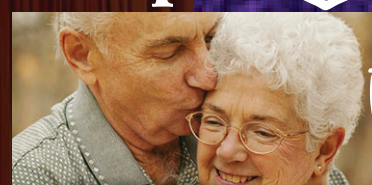
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\$125,000 in COPS Grant Funding

U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken, along with Representative Rick Nolan, announced \$125,000 in Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant funding for Aitkin.

"The first responsibility of government is to protect the safety of its citizens," Klobuchar said. "COPS provides critical support to local law enforcement in Minnesota, and this funding will help Aitkin prevent and reduce crime."

"All across our state, law

enforcement officers are dedicated to keeping Minnesota families safe," Franken said. "This new support will help Aitkin's police department continue to serve and protect the community."

"This grant provide a substantial and much needed boost for the law enforcement officers and personnel who go to work every day to make our region a safer, better place in which to live, work and do business," Nolan said. "Hats off to every one of them, and to the families who support them."

Since 1995, COPS has invested over \$14 billion to advance community policing, including grants awarded to more than 13,000 state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of approximately 127,000 law enforcement officers.

Klobuchar and Franken introduced the Cops Improvement Act of 2014 last year to provide vital support to local law enforcement by funding the COPS program through 2019.



Aitkin area food drive donations

As part of their celebration of Women of Today Week, the Aitkin Women of Today held an Aitkin Area Food Shelf Drive. Pictured here, with over 450 pounds of food and over \$325 in donations are: Heather Goble, Cathy Olson, Suzanne LaLond, Roxy Appel Wigton, and Leslie Goble. Not pictured are: Erin and Irene Wagner and Gaylen Goble.



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Crosby City Council approves JFHL merger with Kitchigami Library

At the Crosby City Council meeting on August 28, it was announced that in conjunction with the earlier resolution by the Jessie F. Hallett Library (JFHL) Board the Crosby City Council expresses its intent for a merger of JFHL with the Kitchigami Regional Library System (KRLS).

Fire Chief Jay DeCent addressed the council reporting there had been no calls since

last meeting. Again the membership wanted permission to change the Crosby Volunteer Firemen by-laws from six minutes response to ten minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the change. Then the City Attorney Tom Pearson suggested they should find out if Crosby and contracted community residents insurance rates would go up if the change

were made. Following some discussion, it was decided that more information was needed and the motion and second was rescinded.

Councilman Dusty Paul spoke about some people were attempting to vandalize the Serpent figure in the Crosby Memorial Park by hanging and pulling on it. Paul suggested installing a fence around the base of the figure

and the council approved to have the fence installed.

Cuyuna Range Chamber Executive Directory Jessica Holmvgiv gave a proposal for a total budget of \$12,500 for the years events in 2016. In addition a request for \$3,000 the Christmas in the Park, scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, for 2015 sponsorship and permission for use of the cook shack and band shell. It was noted by City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova that Crosby's total advertising budget for 2015 is in two parts advertising and economic development. The advertising budget for the year is \$18,500 with \$21,380 spent so far or \$2,880 over budget. The economic development is \$4,909 under budget leaving approximately \$2,030 remaining in the budget from the two categories. The council approved the donated use of the cook shack for the event and tabled the \$3,000 sponsorship for later.

Jenny Smith spoke on behalf of Jennifer Holmvgiv from Cuyuna Regional Medical Center (CRMC). Holmvgiv wrote for a \$2,500 grant plus collected over \$4,000 in donations from CRMC to purchase 40 bike racks. The main purpose of writing the grant was to encourage bike riding in our area and to encourage bike riders to come downtown with a safe way to park and store their bikes. The racks have been ordered and should arrive here in four to six weeks. Some ideas were discussed for locations of the racks in the area.

A donation was accepted from James R. Anderson.

Mayor Joanna Lattery appointed to the Planning and Zoning commission seven members. The members are John Hunter, Robin Wolf, Ed Vukelich, Dale Sova, Chris Ryan, Beth Hippert and Duane Anderson. In addition she appointed alternate, Jim Hunter. Hunter will fill in if someone is absent. The council approved the appointments.

There was a request to allow a cemetery marker placed in the ground without a cement base. The council approved the exception with a hold harmless release to allow the monument without a

base, with the understanding the marker will most likely be damaged from weed whipping and lawn maintenance.

Councilman Ron Prueshek suggested flowers be sent to the City of Brainerd for the recent death of their Mayor.

City Building Inspector Scott Sadusky volunteered to donate half his regular HVAC permit fee for the Hallett Community Center back to the City of Crosby.

There was some discussion about if the fine increase for maintenance code and if it had improved anything yet. Sadusky said he would be able to tell more in the coming weeks. City Attorney Tom Pearson spoke about a citation for long grass at a property formally owned by Sherry Wink. An attorney representing Wink was in attendance and indicated the property had been sold by contract for deed. Pearson indicated the administrative citation should be rescinded for Sherry Wink and reinstated for the new owner.

Overpayment to Holms Radiator was discussed. Paul indicated he had heard the business had been sold. Pearson was directed to seek a verdict in small claims court based on the promissory note including interest and attorney fees.

Pearson indicated that Charter had contacted the city since a recent merger. He felt no motion or action was necessary to continue with the service.

The Comprehensive Plan draft for the City of Crosby was due August 14. So far the draft has not been produced, yet the city has paid about \$3,000 of the \$16,000 to \$18,000 that the completed plan should cost. Planning and Zoning Administrator Justin Berslie indicated he could not do the work at this time. Berslie has no idea how far the work had progressed to this point. Lattery said she wasn't happy with the lack of progress on the Comprehensive Plan. It has been over a year now.

Pearson indicated that there had been a data request by Eric Heglund from the NewsHopper. Heglund indicated he had been asked by readers for the information

and was trying to get it from the City of Crosby. The data request pertained to a cost comparison of legal fees from last year and this year between law firms, including any reimbursements. Heglund also requested a breakdown of costs associated with litigation, mediation and legal fees. It was indicated Pearson and Sova would work to get attorney fee cost for Hallett Library, CRMC, Up North Basecamp, garbage collection and other specific legal fees broken down. It was indicated the specific costs for attorney fees were not being currently being tracked and some litigation was still ongoing.

Engineer Phil Martin spoke about the west Crosby project. It will start the third week in October and November 30 is the anticipated completion date. The \$150,000 grant would be used on this project.

Martin said the Up North Base Camp would probably need an easement for utilities.

There was a coal chute in a resident's yard and was a potential hazard. Martin had concerns about the material used to fill the chute jeopardizing the integrity of the adjoining building.

Council approved the hiring Jerry DeCent as a part-time police officer.

City Clerk/Treasurer Sova recommended a \$1,270,000, 2.8% increase in the preliminary 2016 budget. The council approved to certify the delinquent utility accounts to the tax rolls.

Sova indicated she had received a letter from CRMC dated September 18. After an audit, CRMC had discovered a billing error resulting in an overpayment \$116,552.37 to the City of Crosby on their water and sewer bills going back to 2011. CRMC is looking for a refund of the overpayment within 30 days. CRMC had hired an utility audit company to audit three meters. The audit showed that one meter was over-billing and one was under-billing. One meter was for lawn watering. The audit discovered that there were two meters metering the same water usage and as a result were being billed twice.

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- 2 eggs
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- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 jar raspberry jam

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350.
- In your stand mixer, cream butter and sugar.
- Once creamed, add

eggs. Continue to beat until smooth and very creamy.

- In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt.
- Once combined, gradually add into the cream mixture. Mix well. Add in vanilla.
- Roll dough into small balls, place on prepared cookie sheet (parchment paper lined). Then flatten with the bottom

- of a cup coated in powdered sugar.
- Bake for about 10-12 min. You want them to be a light golden brown. If you prefer a crispier cookie, bake for 13-14 min.
- Spread raspberry jam over cookies while they are still warm. Press another cookie on top.
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Submitted by: Lindsey Cook, Dallas, TX (pop. 1.2M)

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OBITUARIES

LEE SIMONSON



Lee Simonson, 90, died Saturday, August 29, 2015 at home surrounded by his family.

There was a viewing at Autumn Funerals and Creations on Thursday, September 3, 2015. A graveside service was held on Friday, September 4, at Lone Mountain Cemetery, in Nevada.

He was born July 19, 1925 in McGrath, fourth of 12 children. He then joined the Navy and served in WWII as an Ensign. He married Beryl Drayfahl in May of 1949, and they raised four children. He worked for the Minnesota, Kansas, Alaska, and Arizona Highway Departments before moving to Nevada in 1969 to work as a Traffic Design Engineer for the DOT in Carson City. At this time, he became an active member of Kit Carson Toastmasters. Lee loved the Lord lived his life accordingly.

He is survived by his daughters and son-in-

law: Patty and Bob Simola, Marge Penner, Marie Simonson; son, Steve Simonson; brothers and sisters-in-law: Ted and Bunny Simonson, Harlan and Harriet Simonson, Paul and Karen Simonson; sisters: Maryann Zortman and Helen Kehn; grandchildren: Rodney Mayers; Brenda (Paul) Phillips; Robbie (Heather) Simola; Misty (Eddie) Holt; Rusty (Teresa) Penner; Kenny and Jayme Penner; Heidi Vaughters and Lisarah Simonson; great-grandchildren: Josh Mayers; Trstian (John) Tuin, Kayla and Chase Penner; Colby and Ashton Simola; Monique, Neil, and Brittany Clifton and Shyann, Lil Lee and Aaliyah Vaughters; KC and Sarah Penner. He was also Grandpa to his adopted Chinese girls: Faithann, AnnJi, Hannah Hope, Ginny Mei, and Meika. and 50+ nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Beryl; parents, Axel and Anna; brothers: Allen, Lloyd, David, Alvin, and sisters: Lydia and Bonnie.

Arrangements were with Autumn Funerals and Cremations.

ALICE TROTTER



Alice Marie Trotter, 88, of Aitkin died Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the Golden Horizons Memory Care Unit.

Funeral services wer held Friday, October 2, 2015 at 11 a.m. from the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Foote officiating. Burial will be in the Bennettville Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to Heartland Hospice.

She was born March 27, 1927 in Newton, IA to Robert and Zelpha (Russell) McWhirter. She grew up and attended schools in Newton and she graduated from the Newton High School in 1945. She married Ronald G. Trotter on February 2, 1946 in Iowa City, IA. They lived in Newton where she operated a daycare and also had worked at the Maytag Dairy Farm. In 1963, they moved to the Aitkin area and purchased a resort on Round Lake near

Garrison and operated Trotter's Resort until present. She had also worked for the S&L Clothing Store in Brainerd for many years and she also operated a daycare in Brainerd for a number of years. She enjoyed embroidering and collecting owls.

She is survived by her son, Denny Trotter, Aitkin; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dale Howard, Aitkin; grandchildren: Todd (DeLynn) Howard, Amy (Darrell) Dwire, Jeff (Char) Trotter, Chad (Stephanie) Trotter, Jamie (Emily) Trotter, Cory (Katie) Trotter, Sheri (Mike) Bruning; 15 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; sister: Clarice Trotter, Newton, IA and brother in law: Terry Trotter of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ronald, in 2004, two sisters and one brother.

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

HUBERT JACOBSON



Hubert V. Jacobson, 92 of Aitkin, died Sunday, September 27, 2015 at Aicota Assisted Living in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Westside Church in Aitkin with Reverend Dallas Smith officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

He was born January 13, 1923 in Fleming Township to Oscar and Caroline (Eskilson) Jacobson. He graduated from Aitkin High School and farmed for most of his life. He married Ruth H. Esau on September 3, 1947 in Aitkin. He enjoyed restoring airplanes with his friends and had a passion for flying. He was on the board of directors for Mille Lacs Electric. He attended the Fleming United Methodist

Church for many years and Westside Church in Aitkin.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; sons and daughter-in-law: Mike and Vicky Jacobson, Aitkin; Alan Jacobson, Aitkin; daughter and son-in-law: Carolyn and Roger Macy, Brainerd; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and one on the way; brothers and sister-in-law: James and Lucille Jacobson, Phoenix, AZ; Leonard Jacobson, Maplewood; brother-in-law: Ole Thornbloom, Aitkin; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Evelyn Thornbloom; brothers: Carroll and Hubert's twin brother, Herbert.

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

Pumpkin Patch season in Aitkin



The Aitkin Women of Today Annual Pumpkin Patch will be held on Sunday, October 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Aitkin City Park. There will be games and prizes, a craft, face-painting, fall family photography, a petting zoo, bake sale, concessions, and, of course, the Not-So-Haunted Haunted House. Remember to pick out your pumpkins for your holiday Jack-O-Lanterns! Admission to this event is free with tickets for purchase to participate in the activities. Students at Rippleside and McGregor Elementary will receive fliers for this event. On the backs of the fliers is a coloring page. Children who color and return their flier to the Pumpkin Patch on October 11 will be eligible for a prize drawing! Aitkin Women of Today is a non-profit organization with a focus on community service, building friendships, and personal growth. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about this group, please visit our Facebook page under Aitkin Women of Today.

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Crosby — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmsterni.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.

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; Sacramento 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 — Pastor Fred Cressman; 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 Irontdale 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; 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.
Rosburg — 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 — Bethlehlem, 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 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.operationminnesotanic.com.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercersory 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.

September

26th - Harvest Supper 4-7 pm Cascade United Methodist Church, on Highway 6/210 between Crosby and Deerwood. Menu: pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, assorted vegetables, assorted breads, dessert and beverage Cost: adults \$8, kids (6 to 12) \$5, kids under 5 Free.

26th - Teen Dance at the Cuyuna Range Youth Center, 6 -10 pm. The dance is for grades

7 - 12. There is a \$4 cover charge with free food and beverages. There will be three or more qualified adult chaperones.

October

3rd - Fall Harvest Turkey Dinner, 5-7pm at the Hill City United Methodist Church. Cost-adults \$10, children under 5-\$5. Roast turkey with all the trimmings including REAL mashed potatoes, and homemade pie.

4th - Carmel Lutheran Church Harvest Bazaar, Jacobson, 10 am - 2 pm. Lunch, which includes chicken salad croissant sandwiches, sloppy joe sandwiches, cheesy-broccoli soup, and desserts will be available. There will be baked goods, canned goods, garden produce, craft and gift items, quilts, rugs, embroidered dish towels, Christmas items, jewelry, hand-made bar soap, and white elephant items.

9th - Palisade Assembly of God Church Family Fun Night, 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun night of free bingo, popcorn, pop and prizes.

9th - Bring a neighbor or a friend to the Sons of Norway Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 meeting at the I.R.E.C. Bldg. in Isle, MN, 7 pm. The program will be presented by Jim Plummer on the Kensington Runestone, and he will talk about the Runestone Museum at Alexandria. Coffee and food snacks will be available. If you have questions call Bill Peterson at 1-320-679-2380 or Candice Jacobson at 1-320-983-2886.

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 Picek, 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.

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

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Good news on the marriage front

New research suggests the millennial generation is finally ready to settle down, get married and start a family – in that order.

That's good news after years of disheartening trends. Ever since the sexual revolution, most of what we've heard about marriage has been bleak. Marriage scholar Brad Wilcox explains: "Since the 1960s, the rate of new marriages has fallen by more than 50 percent, and rates of divorce and single parenthood has more than doubled."

Until recently, things haven't shown signs of improving. The current millennial generation, those born between 1980 and 2000, were delaying marriage and choosing single parenthood. That now seems to be changing.

New trends indicate "about 60 percent of the children of millennials will be born to married parents, up from about 45 percent today," reports the *Wall St. Journal*.

Why the shift? Why are researchers now predicting more millennial marriages and families? Perhaps it's because millennials are now graduating college and entering their mid-20s and early 30s.

Perhaps, the *WSJ* suggests, it's because this generation is finally on a "sounder economic footing" and feeling more secure about settling down.

That's encouraging news for those of us who believe marriage plays a vital role in God's plan for humanity and society. Social science proves biblical wisdom: marriage is best for adults, for children, and for society. The stabilizing influence of marriage helps everyone thrive.

This shift toward marriage doesn't surprise Focus on the Family's Glenn Stanton.

"God created us with a hope for marriage," he says. "We want someone to love and to love us. People have always wanted and needed marriage, so it's not surprising that we find this trend happening among millennials."

For many millennials, choosing marriage requires a leap of faith. Many younger people saw their parents' marriages falter and fail. They experienced the pain of divorce first-hand, and are unwilling for their own children to go through that. That has caused some millennials to "test drive" marriage by cohabitating, a strategy that ultimately undermines a couple's future.

But with a growing number of millennials ultimately taking the plunge into marriage, Stanton advises they seek mentoring from a sometimes-overlooked source.

"While many of millennials' parents failed at marriage, their grandparents' generation succeeded," says Stanton. "As this [millennial] generation considers and starts marriage, they should find a grandmother/grandfather couple who can walk them through marriage. Let them become advice-givers and cheerleaders. Older couples are today's Ph.Ds in marriage – millennials would be wise to make use of them."

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