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## Aitkin mourns fallen sheriff's investigator Steve Sandberg and family are firmly rooted in Aitkin



Law enforcement officers escort the body of Steve Sandberg home to Aitkin for his final resting place. Ann Schwartz photo

ly and easy to get along with and well liked.

A procession of police and fire vehicles brought Steve's body from St. Cloud to St. Paul to the medical examiners on Sunday. On Monday evening, October 19, a huge procession of law enforcement, fire and emergency vehicles from all over Minnesota escorted Steve back to Aitkin. They were driving him by his favorite places: the courthouse, high school and football field. People lined the streets along the route and a huge crowd gathered at the United Methodist Church downtown where Steve was a member. A candlelight vigil was scheduled there.

This is a tragedy for two local families and one that

impacts the whole town with Steve and his wife and daughter all involved in the community, along with his extended family. His late father, Dave, was also a community leader.

An email passed around to let locals know about the procession summed up the community's feelings about the Sandberg family: "Steve was a very good man and officer. He attended a lot of your home football games. His wife, Kristi, just retired from teaching in Aitkin last year and Cassie, his daughter, is a recent AHS graduate. His brother, Brian, is a former Aitkin teacher and drives school bus for many away games for many different sports. The family has been a great supporter of Aitkin."



Steve Sandberg

## Empty bowls fundraiser



Tree bowl by Midori Marcum.

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*Pray with Us*

**Public Square  
Rosary  
Tuesday,  
October 27  
1 p.m.**  
at the Big Fish  
in Garrison

Public Square Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Big Fish, Garrison. Contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Sixty year old Steve Sandberg, a 24-year investigator for the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, was shot and killed in the early morning of Sunday, October 18, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

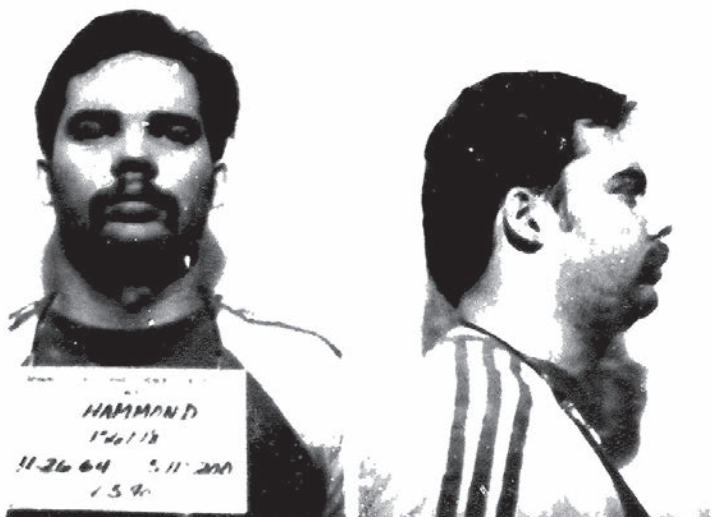
He was guarding Danny

Hammond, 50, also of Aitkin, who was facing felony charges due to a domestic assault on his wife in the Aitkin area. Hammond attempted suicide by taking prescription pills and was admitted to the hospital's intensive care unit in critical condition. The hos-

pital requested guards from the sheriff's office.

Hammond and Sandberg apparently had a struggle in Hammond's hospital room around 5 a.m. and Hammond shot Sandberg with his own gun. Hospital security then rushed into the room and used a Taser on Hammond, who later died.

Locally, Steve, a graduate of the class of 1973, is remembered as a football player, a fireman and a family man. He was one of many past football players who attended and enjoyed the alumni football night in Aitkin, in late August. He was very friend-



Booking photo of Danny Hammond.

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# Mille Lacs winter walleye harvest cap set; final ice fishing regulation harvest level decision by end of October

State and tribal biologists have reached agreement on how many pounds of walleye could be harvested by Mille Lacs Lake anglers over the winter season, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The agreement paves the way for a decision later this month on the state's ice fishing regulations.

At a meeting October 15, DNR and tribal biologists agreed to set the winter harvest cap for state anglers at 5,000 pounds or less. The total walleye harvest last winter was 3,100 pounds. The DNR and the Chippewa bands were able to reach this decision because September fish assessment data show that pounds of spawning-age walleye and numbers of walleye from the 2013 year class were above established benchmarks.

"This decision allows anglers and businesses to look forward to some harvest opportunity during the upcoming winter angling season that begins December 1," said Don Pereira, DNR fisheries chief. "We'll announce a final decision about the details of the ice fishing season by the last week of October, following an October 21 meeting with the Mille Lacs Fisheries Advisory Committee."

In preparation for that meeting, DNR biologists will evaluate the potential effects of various fishing regulation alternatives for discussion

with the committee. Results of those analyses and input from the advisory committee will then be considered in making the final decision for this winter.

"We will monitor creel data every two weeks during the winter and will assess in January whether we need to adjust the state's harvest level

recreation Policy Committee, expressed his approval on the announcement.

"This decision is a relief for hundreds of businesses around Mille Lacs," Lueck said. "Ice fishing is a key to bringing tourists to our area in the winter, and I'm grateful that this year's allowed harvest will be even

R-Princeton echoed Lueck's assessment.

"[This] news is a welcome relief for businesses and families around Mille Lacs Lake," said Erickson. "Ice fishing continues to be a major economic driver for our communities during the winter months and I am happy to see that the DNR will not only allow fishing this winter, but that they are increasing the weight limit. The lake will once again be open for business, as Mille Lacs continues to be the premier fishing destination in the state."

### Mille Lacs Lake background

Since 2008, not enough young walleye have been surviving to maturity and replenishing the Mille Lacs Lake population. As a result, Mille Lacs walleye numbers are currently at a 30-year low. In response, the state instituted more restrictive walleye regulations earlier this year in order to protect young walleyes so they could grow older.

The Mille Lacs 2015 walleye safe harvest level was deliberately reduced from 60,000 to 40,000 pounds so that more fish could potentially survive and spawn to improve the walleye population. Under the 2015 quota, state anglers could harvest up to 28,600 pounds of walleye, and the eight Chippewa bands with 1837 Treaty harvest rights could harvest up to 11,400 pounds of walleye.

On August 3, the DNR

closed the lake to walleye fishing after state anglers exceeded the quota of 28,600 pounds. Following the closure, the DNR announced that it had begun implementing several concrete steps aimed at improving the Mille Lacs Lake walleye population, while building a closer working relationship with the Mille Lacs community. Technical work is underway to determine if experimental fry stocking is feasible.

"Even after encouraging fall fisheries assessment data,

there is still a need to protect spawning-sized walleye, as well as the young fish that we need to survive into adulthood, to allow the walleye population to continue to improve," Pereira said.

For more about how the DNR has implemented steps aimed at improving the Mille Lacs Lake walleye population, and improving its working relationship with the community, can be found at [www.mndnr.gov/mille-lacs-lake](http://www.mndnr.gov/mille-lacs-lake) under the "Building A Future" tab.



DNR fisheries specialist Alisha Hallam weighs a northern pike at the Aitkin fisheries office during the September Mille Lacs fish assessment.

for the rest of the winter to stay under 5,000 pounds," Pereira said. "At the January State and Tribal Fisheries Technical Committee meeting we will set the safe harvest level for the year, which will inform the open water fishing regulation to be set in late winter."

Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, Vice Chair of the House Mining and Outdoor Rec-

higher which might help offset some of the decline in revenue due to the early close of the walleye harvest this year. Mille Lacs Lake will be open for business this winter; I encourage folks to make their ice fishing plans now so they can enjoy the great resorts, restaurants, and winter recreational activities our area has to offer."

Rep. Sondra Erickson,

## BINGO fun at CRYC



Several youth and seniors played bingo at the Cuyuna Range Youth Center on October 14. Bingo is part of the GO Program (Generational Opportunities) which is a collaboration with the Care Center. From left to right are: Doris Johnson from the Cuyuna Range Medical Center's Care Center and Samantha Witt from the Youth Center.

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# Spinach creates satiety and may reduce hunger

Is there anything spinach isn't good for? Packed with nine vitamins and minerals including vitamins A and K, folate and iron, spinach is a powerhouse food linked with brain health, hearing and blood sugar control. At less than ten calories per cup, you may not suspect this leafy green could also help keep you full, but researchers from Louisiana and Sweden have

found satiety could be another benefit of adding spinach to your daily diet.

In a double-blind, placebo-controlled randomized crossover study, the gold star for study design, 60 overweight or obese adults consumed either five grams of spinach extract or a placebo before eating a 750 calorie lunch. For two hours after the meal, participants were

periodically asked about their hunger levels.

Compared to the placebo, consumption of the spinach extract before lunch increased diners' fullness by about 6 percent and reduced their hunger by about 11 percent for two hours after the meal. Researchers attribute this effect to thylakoids in spinach, compounds in plant membranes that contain

chlorophyll, the pigment that gives plants their green color. Thylakoids can slow fat digestion, thus promoting the release of satiety hormones and reducing the hunger hormone ghrelin. This process supports a feeling of fullness and alters cravings for food.

Spinach is a versatile food that can easily be added to smoothies at breakfast or sandwiches at lunch.



Stuff mini pumpkins with a spinach salad made with spinach and other various greens, chopped green onions, fresh rosemary, fresh figs, chopped pears, toasted walnuts and toasted cranberries tossed with a maple syrup and balsamic vinaigrette dressing.

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By Janet Tharpe

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-Janet



Rosetta Sperring  
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### Orange Rolo Cupcakes

#### What You Need

- 1 box orange cake mix
- 1 tbsp grated orange peel
- 24 unwrapped caramel chocolate candy, such as Rolo (frozen)
- 24 caramel chocolate candy (not-frozen)

#### ICING

- 1 c (2 sticks) butter, room temperature
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp orange extract
- 1 lb 10x confectioner sugar, sifted

- 1 - 2 tsp whipping cream (or milk or half and half)

#### Directions

- Make cake mix according to package directions.
- Line cupcake pan with cupcake paper.
- Place a frozen candy in the bottom of each cupcake paper.
- Pour cake batter over frozen candy (2/3 full).

- Bake at 350 for 18 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.
- Allow to cool and then ice.
- For icing, cream all the icing ingredients together until fluffy.
- Top each cupcake with a chocolate caramel candy on top of icing, then decorate.
- Make sure to put sprinkles on before icing dries.

Submitted by: Rosetta Sperring, Pensacola, FL (pop. 51,923)

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## READER RIBBIT

### Why is Crosby against business?

Why does it seem that the Crosby City Council is anti-business?

Since the city has been charging for sign permits, why is it that, if a business changes locations within a few months, they have to pay for another permit?

There was a meeting on right of way issues held in May of this year. I attended this meeting as did several other business owners, a couple of Crosby City Council members and two MNDOT employees. MNDOT announced at the meeting, they don't own the right of way on Main Street or 3rd Ave SW.

Apparently, Justin Burslie of National Joint Powers Alliance

(NJPA) had better things to do, because he wasn't in attendance at that meeting.

If NJPA is handling all permit requests for the city, wouldn't you think that they would know who owns the right of way on Main Street and 3rd Ave. SW in Crosby when dealing with sign permit requests, instead of assuming?

How much is the yearly contract with NJPA and the City of Crosby? It is obvious that the city has not been getting their money's worth.

I talked with Burslie on the phone, only to get threatened with an after the fact charge of \$500, if I don't pay for another permit.

I have brought up these sign issues in the past and the council has not responded to me.

It's not fair to charge some business owners a sign fee and others no fee at all. The vast majority of businesses in town do not have sign permits. Some have had their signs up before the city got in the business of charging fees for signs.

I don't believe that it's legal to enforce this sign ordinance on some businesses and not all businesses. I would hope in the future that the city takes these issues seriously and addresses them according.

Doug Gillette  
Crosby Mattress, Crosby

### Empty bowls soup kitchen fundraiser

The Crossing Arts Alliance and Brainerd Public Schools Community Education are pleased to sponsor the second annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser on Saturday, October 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lower gym at the Franklin Arts Center.

For a fully tax-deductible \$20 cash donation at the door, guests will enjoy a delicious meal of soup and bread, and can choose a handmade bowl to keep as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. Proceeds will go to benefit Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen in Brainerd.

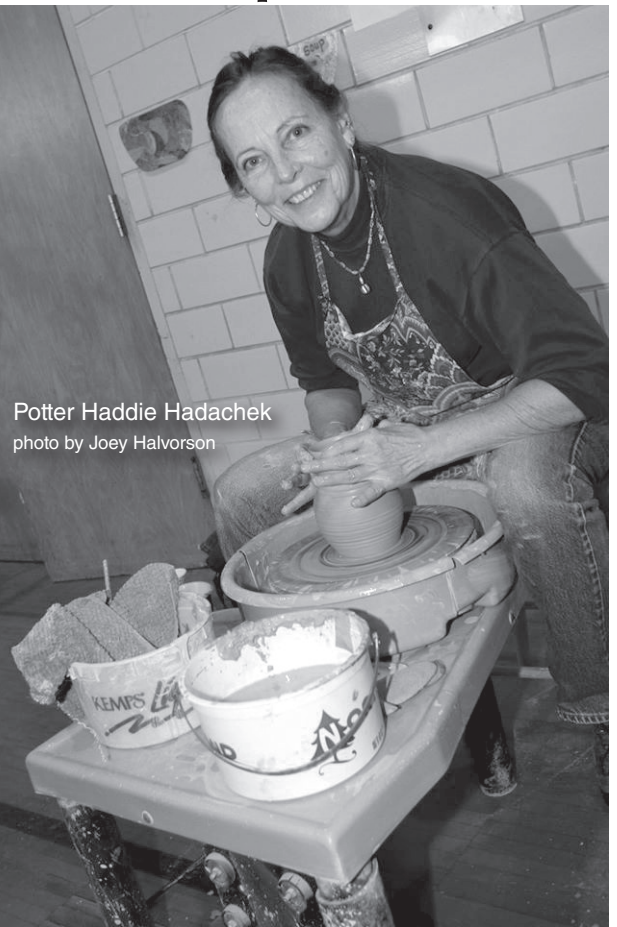
Food donors for this year's event include Prairie Bay,

Foods.

Potters donating handmade bowls are Haddie Hadachek, Midori Marcum, Dan Devine, Paul Bloom, Ruth Anne Weaver, Kevin Matthews, Bonnie Fercho, Cyrus Swann, Bob Johnson, Lea Anderson, Tim Nelson, and Mike Weiss.

"Language of Clay", an exhibit highlighting the work of the donating potters will be open in The Crossing Arts Gallery during the event. This exhibit will run through Nov. 6 with a closing reception on that date from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information visit [crossingarts.org](http://crossingarts.org) or call TCAA at 218-833-0416.



Potter Haddie Hadachek  
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# 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 Immanuel 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.operationminnesotanic.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**

27th - Public Square Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison. Contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

**November**

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

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, wood-working, 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. Ham dinner with Scalloped potatoes, baked beans, corn, cole slaw, roll and dessert. Adults \$8.00 and children under 12 \$4.00.

14th - Hilltop Chapel's Hunter Dinner Turkey with all the trimmings 4:30 - 7:30 pm, adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$3, and age 5 and under free. Waukenabo Community Center 1.75 miles west of Hwy. 169 on Co. Rd. 3.

14th - Holiday Arts & Crafts Festival 150+ artists/crafters with quality

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16th - Great Decisions: Session -Brazil's Metamorphosis, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Unlimited Learning, Heartwood Senior Living, Crosby anne.laufman@gmail.com

18th - Essentia Health Itasca Hospice Spiritual Companions Seminar "Meeting in Thin Places: Spiritual Friends and Companions On the Dementia Road." Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids, 8 am. Primary objective is empowerment in caring for dementia and Alzheimer's victims. Please call Itasca Hospice at 218-327-8780 for registration info.

20th - 22nd - Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota (LCGM) Fall Concert Series, "From Sea to Shining Sea," will run Friday, November 20, at the First Lutheran Church in Aitkin (7:30 pm); Saturday, November 21, at the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle HS Auditorium (7:30 pm); and Sunday, November 22, at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd (3:30 pm).

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**CitizenLink Partners with Texas Values to stop 'Bathroom Bill'**

CitizenLink and Texas Values Action are alerting voters to a dangerous Houston "bathroom bill" set to be voted on November 3. Early voting began Monday on the ordinance that would put women and children at risk and threaten religious freedom. Proposition 1 would allow men who identify as women to use the facility of their choice. That means men would have access to women's dressing rooms, showers, bathrooms - all public accommodations. It would also threaten business owners, forcing them to participate in same-sex weddings, despite their deeply held religious beliefs. In conjunction with CitizenLink, Texas Values has released a video explaining the troubling impact of the "bathroom bill." John Paulton, director of alliances with CitizenLink, said the measure is unnecessary. "Proposition 1 is a serious threat to Houstonians safety and security, and this video clearly shows one of those threats," he explained. "Houston is already a tolerant city and there is no need for heavy-handed government dictates found in Proposition 1."

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# Day of the Dozers raise \$27,000



Central Lakes College students and staff helped at an event that raised \$27,000 for the Children's Hospital and Clinics of Minnesota. The 3rd annual Day of the Dozers took place Saturday, October 3 in Elk River, and 13 of CLC's Heavy Equipment Operations and Maintenance student club members, four staff and faculty, and a few CLC graduates, were on hand to help out. The CLC representatives helped children line up and get ready to ride on the machines. They also operated a trailer of heavy equipment simulators for visitors to test out. The money raised far surpasses the goal of \$20,000. "It made me proud to see our students interacting with both parents and children. They did a fantastic job and I think truly enjoyed being part of the event," said Chris Hadfield, dean of Career and Technical Education and the Staples Campus.

# Hwy 210 lane closures in Brainerd

Motorists on Highway 210/Washington Street in Brainerd may experience delays as the Highway 210/Washington Street bridge spanning the Mississippi River is intermittently reduced to a single lane.

from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on weekdays through Friday, October 30, and are needed as crews conduct routine maintenance and repairs on the bridge.

Motorists should slow down and use caution as they approach the daily work

zone, and must obey temporary traffic control signs as they navigate any work zone.

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# Garrison Lions Quarterback bench additions to Garrison city park

The Garrison Lions continue to support Garrison City Park enhancements with the recent purchase and installation of benches in the playground area. This addition has been accomplished with the involvement, support and cooperation of the Garrison City Government and the Garrison Commercial Club. Pictured here is the bench install team represented by all three organizations. Back row (left to right) Win Carlson, Vice President Commercial Club; Loren Larson, Commercial Club Board member; Dick Gatz, Garrison Lions; Myron Stevens, President Garrison Lions; Bill Stimac, Garrison City Counsel; Bob Ensminger, Garrison Lions; Don Steinle, Garrison Lions Project Committee Chair.

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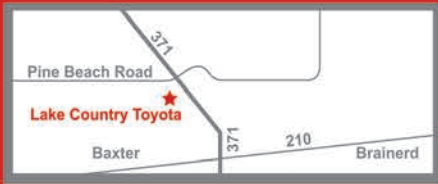
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