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Fairgrounds filled with support for slain officer



Left photo: Over 1,200 runners, families and supporters filled the Aitkin County Fairgrounds on May 21 for the Officer Down 5K. There was a short ceremony to honor Steve Sandberg, Aitkin County Deputy who was killed in the line of duty last fall when guarding another local Aitkin man at a hospital in St. Cloud. Ann Schwartz photos



Photo Right: Aitkin County Sheriff Scott Turner looks up at the flag during the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Turner said the support from everyone has been phenomenal since the department lost its deputy last fall but "it still hurts."

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Ongoing Events:

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-2651 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am, Friday Night Grape Vine 6:30 pm.

AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.

ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson 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.

Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm

"Ask an Attorney," Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 2nd Tue. of month at noon.

Bay Lake Lions Auction - Taking donations every Saturday thru July 30th from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at the Bay Lake Lions building located at 18257 State Hwy 6 for the auction on August 6. If you have larger items that need pickup please call 218-678-9090.

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.

Closet is open second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8 am - noon. Free clothing for men and women. Narrows Community Church, 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing (look for yellow signs). Call Pastor Stanley Mikles at 218-820-5365 for more information.

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 Commu-

nity 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. Lions affordable hearings aids available to those who qualify. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.

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@mfos.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 Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

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.

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.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.

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.

May

28th - Brainerd Garden Club & Master Gardeners Plant Sale 8:00 am-Noon (NO EARLY SALES) at Northland Arboretum, 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401 Get your garden questions answered by a Master Gardener, purchase plants and miscellaneous garden treasures!

29th - 5th Annual Race for Grace at 10 am at Forestview Middle School in Baxter. Registration begins at 8:30am. The family friendly 5-kilometer run/walk will start and end at Forestview, near the tennis courts. You may register for the Race for Grace on-line at www.raceforgracemn.com or print registration forms and mail them to Race for Grace, 1912 Woodcrest Rd, Brainerd, MN.

30th - Chicken & Ribs Dinner and Music Benefit for Steve Sandberg, 3 pm Social Hour, Raffles & Auctions; 5 -7 pm Dinner; 8 pm - Midnight Music. Advance Tickets Only adults: \$25, kds 6-12 \$10, kids 5 and under free www.acleba.com Debra Exsted 218-927-7431

June

6th - Sour Grapes Half and Half Trail Run Call: (218) 829-8770 Sour Grapes Half and Half Trail Run, June 11, 2016, Northland Arboretum, Brainerd, MN.

9th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's Music in the Park Kick Off featuring Seth Doud and Cuyuna Rhythm Band The free, family fun event will feature music, food, games and more at Crosby's Memorial Park.

10th & 11th - Nisswa-stamman Scandinavian Folk Music Festival, Nisswa Call: (218) 764-2994 Call: (800) 950-9610 <http://www.nisswastamman.org/>

11th - FREE Brainerd Lakes Area Outdoor Youth Expo, 10 am - 2:30 pm (check in 10am - noon) at Lakeshore Conservation Club 9911 County Road 77 (Parking on Ski Gull Side) Family Friendly Events includes trap shooting, .22 & black powder, build wood duck/blue bird houses, duck & goose calling, DNR & youth programs, archery, bow fishing station, bb gun gallery, fishing stations, outdoor survival, face painting For more information call Amy 218-820-9215 or Jason 218-513-9388

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What the Bible says about divorce and remarriage

JIM DALY, PRESIDENT OF FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

In 1995, employees at the five-story Sampoong department store in Seoul, South Korea, noticed cracks developing on the top floor around one of the support columns. Despite warnings from civil engineers, the store's owner refused to close the building for repairs.

It was a minor problem, he insisted.

In reality, the crack was merely a symptom of a much larger structural failure. That became evident on June 29 when the entire building collapsed, killing over 500 people and wounding nearly 1,000 more.

A similar catastrophe is developing in our culture. We notice the cracks in our society, but many choose to ignore them and fail to recognize that the central problem is the breakdown of the family.

The epicenter of that upheaval is the far too high divorce rate, both in and out of the church. It's weakening the very structure of our nation

and, given enough time, could bring everything we value crashing to the ground.

Many will dismiss that warning as alarmist tactics, but marriage is a pillar that stabilizes our society.

It's a violation of the one-flesh-for-life union by which righteousness is passed from one generation to another. Marriage is also the means by which the relationship between Christ and His Church is demonstrated and symbolized in the world. When a marriage is shattered, there's loss on all fronts. Not only does that particular union break up, but the ability to pass God's truth to the next generation falls under terrible duress. It also confuses the relationship between the church and Jesus Christ.

It's all tied together.

With so much at stake, I think it's important that Christians revisit the topic of divorce and remarriage and develop a thoroughly biblical understanding of the idea.

So what does the Bible actually say about divorce and remarriage?

What we can know with cer-

tainty is that God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16).

But it's also important to share the other side of that perspective. God's heart is for your marriage, and, like every other area of our lives, His desire is to bring hope and healing to that which is broken. That means that, even if you have biblical grounds for divorce, you can choose to pursue reconciliation.

As I said before, marriage difficulties can be complex and exhausting. If you're in a hard spot, and you're not sure if you can save your marriage, please contact us. We'd be happy to walk through your questions with you and offer some perspective or even direct you to local contacts in your area.

We do have caring Christian counselors on staff, and it would be a privilege for them to have an initial consultation with you. Call us, leave your name and number, and they'll get back with you just as soon as possible. The number during business hours is 1-800-A-FAMILY (232-6459).

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OBITUARIES

LESTER VERNON CARR

Lester Vernon Carr, 90, of Aitkin died on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

He was born on September 18, 1925 in Aitkin to Ernest and Ella (Hall) Carr. Lester was co-owner and was a sales and service agent with North East Mack Truck in Duluth. In 1976, they moved to their home on Pickerel Lake in Fairfield Township.

Lester is survived by his daughters and sons-

in-law: Jean and Allen Tuve, Crosby; Marilyn Barnstorf, Crosby; Lorraine and Ronald Carlson, Duluth; and Marlys and Mark Millsop, Crosby; son, James Carr, Emily; brother, and sister-in-law, Lloyd and Florence Carr, Port Angeles, WA; ten grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Doris; brother, Lauren Carr and two sisters, Bernice Glasgow and Wilma Holder.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

DOROTHY HERMANSON



Dorothy E. (Curtis) Hermanson, 96 of Aitkin died Monday, May 23, 2016 at Golden Horizons Assisted Living in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at Glen Community Church in Glen with Reverend Randy Stauter officiating. Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Malmo Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial are preferred to: Glen Community Church, Aitkin County Historical Society or Heartland Hospice.

She was born June 16, 1919 at the Storm Farmhouse in Glen to Clarence and Betsy (Storm) Curtis. She started school in Glen at the one room school called Sunnyside. After losing her father, her mother married Earl Billiter and for a time Dorothy took on the name of Billiter. She went to Arnold School in Duluth where she graduated from the 8th grade in 1933. She married Olaf "Hap" Hermanson in 1936. They raised three daughters while living in Duluth. She was a school cook, a member of the Arnold Presbyterian Church, Sunday School teacher, 4-H leader, and a member of the Arnold PTA. She took an entry exam to qualify for LPN training at Miller Dwan Hospital in Duluth. She worked at Miller Dwan Hospital for many years after her training. Dorothy and "Hap" moved to

Columbia Heights in 1967. There she enjoyed taking care of and attending school activities of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In 2000, she moved back to her beginnings and loved living in Glen on Clear Lake, a dream come true for her. She enjoyed reading poetry, fishing, collecting dolls, her new neighbors, and watching sunsets and the loons. She had a green thumb that was evident by her garden and house plants. In 2011 she moved into Golden Horizons Assisted Living where she made many friends. She was a member of the Glen Community Church and managed to attend in the summers when able. She was a member of the Aitkin County Doll Club, Aitkin County Historical Society and Forever Young Club. She loved attending family reunions, school reunions, and having her family and friends visit her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Judith Lockwood; granddaughters: Cynthia Bond and Jodi Schaffer; brothers: Clifford and Donald Curtis; two step-brothers and five step-sisters.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law: Jo Ann and Ron White; and Jeanne Schneider; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 23 great-great-grandchildren (with 2 more on the way); sister, Maxine Mapes; son-in-law, Jack Rygg; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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

TAMI PETERSON



Tami I. Peterson, 52, of Aitkin died at home with her daughters by her side on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Private family services will be held Saturday, June 4, 2016.

She was born July 3, 1963 in Portland, OR. She married Kenny D. Peterson June 15, 1996 at their home in rural Aitkin. She most recently worked as a massage therapist.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-

law: Amanda and Jon Yost, Emily; Nicole Kemp, Aitkin; nine grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law: Randy and Venessa Kemp, Palisade; and father, Norman Kemp.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenny on January 10, 2016; son, Chris Peterson; granddaughter Makayla Yost and her mother.

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

VERNA BANKS



Verna Irene Banks, 90, of Crosby died on Monday, May 23, 2016 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at the Bible Baptist

in Crosby. Burial will be at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday. She was born on April 1, 1926 in Crosby to Fred and Elvira (Anderson) Richter. She married Woodrow Banks on August 18, 1946 in Crosby. She was

a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Crosby.

She is survived by her husband, Woodrow; sons and daughter-in-law: Bruce and Lucy Banks, Brainerd; Greg Banks, North Platte, NE; and Scott Banks, Crosby; two daughters and sons-in-law: Molly and Craig Seeley, Cedar Rapids, IA and Sandy and Jim Barnhart, Phoenix, AZ; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandchild, Sara Barnhart and sister, Bernice Hamilton.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.



LOOK WHOSE baby JUST ARRIVED

BRYNN ROESCHLEIN

Brynn Jacqueline Roeschlein, a girl, weighing 8 lbs., 1.8 ozs., was born May 15, 2016, in Aitkin, to Shelby and Lance Roeschlein of Onamia. Grandparents are Robert Starks, Isle; Michelle Ann Beaulieu, Afton; Tim and Karrie Roeschlein, Wahkon.

SCARLETTE ROBINSON

Scarlette Maebelle Robinson, a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 12 ozs., was born May 15, 2016, in Aitkin, to Jillian and Patrick Robinson of Aitkin. Grandparents are Ronald and Shelley Fredrickson, McGregor; and Bruce and Lorelie Robinson, Palisade.

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ALLIANCE
Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Sunday School JAM session 9 am; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Youth Group, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.

McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10 Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Rev. Jason Erickson; SS 9; Worship 10:45; Wed. 7 p.m.

Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30

Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45

Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 pm.

Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST

Aitkin — Westside, Pastor D. Smith; Worship 10; Bible Life group 11:11; aitkinwestside.org.

Brainerd — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673; Worship 11, SS 9:45.

Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252; Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.

Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm

Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.

Glory — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 a.m.; 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 — 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.ihmstmilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.

Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun 8:30.

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.; Sat. 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

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, SS 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Ulrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing — Narrows Community Church, (non-demoninational), Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-820-5365 Worship 11; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, second and fourth Saturday

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.thelochurch@crosslake.net

Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; 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 METHODIST

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 Ironton 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. 9; Wed. 6 p.m. at Maria Chapel; Sat. 5 p.m.; communion every Sat., and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd and 5th Sun.; nursery staffed. Sunday service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 a.m., Wed. Community meal every Mon., 5:30 p.m.; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each month, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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 Ingleswood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9. Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.popbaxter.org

Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church-AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Worship at 10 am. Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.lhchurch.org)

Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. - Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

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), Pastor Glen Bickford; 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 — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

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

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Vote for positive change in Crosby

I have lived in Crosby for three plus years and have seen and heard about things that make me wonder, if Crosby is the place for me and my family.

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I have seen miscalculation for water usage at CRMC, that the residents of Crosby have to get stuck paying for.

I have seen excessive attorney fees due to drawn out decisions that should not take months or even years to come to a close.

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I have observed him help people with a variety of needs. He does anything he can to help people, from finding out answers for people, to helping them make their life easier, as well as my

own family.

He is a selfless and compassionate man that cares about his friends as well as his community. Many people seek him out for advice, because they know they can count on his answers. He gets things done quickly and does research until he finds the answer.

Crosby needs a person who resides and works in the community, who has the ability to respond to issues in a moment's notice. He is innovative, tenacious and has the determination to make our town thrive again.

We need positive changes to our drowning city and I believe Jim Hunter is the person to do it.

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Mille Lacs economic aid, marketing funding are key for the area

The Minnesota Legislature began the second half of their 89th biennial session on March 8 this year, an unusually late start, leaving only 11 weeks to meet in regular session before the constitutionally mandated deadline of May 23. The House adjourned just before midnight on May 22, and the Senate adjourned the following morning. They were able to reach agreement on and pass omnibus spending and tax bills, but the transportation funding/bonding legislation ran into snags over a late Senate floor amendment to expand the Met Council's authority to bond for light rail, ultimately killing the bill for the regular session. The Legislature was also unable to agree on a real ID/drivers license bill to bring Minnesota into conformity with federal law. There is already some discussion of a special session to deal with these issues; only the governor can

call a special session.

Even though some business remained unfinished at the conclusion of the 2016 session, Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, said it is important to recognize that key work such as the economic aid package for the Mille Lacs Lake region did receive final approval by the Legislature.

The legislation includes two important provisions that will provide immediate aid to businesses in the Mille Lacs Lake region and strengthen the ability to frame Mille Lacs Lake as a premier outdoor recreation destination. Both provisions were part of a supplemental finance bill that area legislators and Gov. Mark Dayton's office developed. Pending the governor's approval, the area would see approximately \$4 million in aid to bridge the current economic issue.

"This legislation is very important to our area, we fought hard and got it done," Lueck

said. "While the Senate may have unraveled transportation and bonding at the last minute, this immediate aid for Mille Lacs was badly needed. It shows we can work on a bipartisan basis at the Capitol."

The package includes a \$3.7 million in direct aid and loans that will be available to businesses around the lake that have been adversely impacted by the current issue with walleye regulations. Mille Lacs County will serve as the fiscal agent for the program with assistance from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Lueck said he is especially pleased legislation he introduced providing \$300,000 to the Mille Lacs Tourism Council was adopted in order to "continue telling the story that Mille Lacs Lake offers a wide range of world-class recreational opportunities."

OBITUARIES

KENNETH CURRAN, SR.



David Forsman will officiating.

Kenneth L. Curran, Sr., 78, of Aitkin died Thursday, May 19, 2016 at St. Cloud Hospital.

Memorial service was held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father

Ken has chosen to donate his remains to the University of Minnesota Medical School. He was a 19 year transplant recipient and was very grateful for this time. He was born March 15, 1938 in Aitkin to James and Alice (Carlson) Curran. He graduated from Aitkin High School in 1956. He married Patty (Eklund) on February 27, 1960 in McGrath. He owned and operated Curran Electric prior to retirement. He was a

member of the Dam Lake Sportsman's Club, Aitkin Moose Lodge #1060, and a 21 year member of the Aitkin Fire Department. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Patty, Aitkin; daughters and son-in-law Christine and Tim Lindberg, Aitkin; Angie Curran, Brainerd; sons and daughter-in-law: Jim and Beth Curran, Bagley; Ken Curran, Jr., Aitkin; mother-in-law: Lovina Hobson, Aitkin; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Jeanne (Gene Sacha) Shallman, Tucson, AZ; other relatives and many friends.

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

MARTHA MILLER



Martha Lucille Miller, 92, of Irondale Township died on May 17, 2016 at Northern Lakes Senior Living in Baxter.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born on September 25, 1923 in Crosby to Marko and Ana (Adam) Butorac. She married George Miller on August 24, 1946 in Crosby. She was a retired financial office clerk with the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center with 38 years of service. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby and the National Catholic Society of Foresters, St.

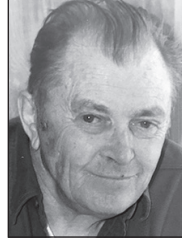
Mary's Court #854. She was also a member of the Myrin-James American Legion Auxiliary and a long time clerk for Irondale Township.

She is survived by her son, George R. Miller, Greeley, CO; daughter and son-in-law, Cindi and William Ryan, Brainerd; brother, Matt Butorac, Stanbaugh, MI; four sisters: Margaret Harrison, Crosby; Frances Vidmar, Crosby; Elizabeth Formanek, Henning and Elsie Skoff, St. Anthony; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George; son, Vincent; grandson, Jason Ryan; brothers: Frank and Joe Butorac and sister, Mary Domencich.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

ALBERT KNEIFF



Albert "Al" Knieff, 90, of Bay Lake died peacefully on Monday, March 28, 2016 at Golden Horizons in Aitkin.

A Masonic Memorial Service and Military Honors with the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557 will be noon on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Bay Lake Church Camp on Church Island with a reception to follow. There will be shuttles out to the island from Knieff's Shore Acres starting at 11 a.m. Burial will be at the Bay Lake Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Al's life. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

He was born on January 13, 1926 in Bay Lake Township to Hugo and Hattie (Reiley) Knieff. He served in the Army Air Force when he was 18 years old. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's of

science degree. He married Judy Meuwissen in 1981. Al and Judy worked together for over thirty years operating Knieff's Shore Acres on Bay Lake. Al's greatest joy was sharing his love of Bay Lake. Al was passionate about nature and history. He wrote a book about his family's history, "A Family of Pioneers," in 1996. He was involved in local government as a former Bay Lake Township Supervisor. He was a member of the Mystic Masonic Lodge #213, Aitkin, the Bay Lake Area Lions Club, Cuyuna County Heritage Society and the Trails Association.

He is survived by his wife Judy; daughters and sons-in-law: Kirsten and Vic Harris, Bay Lake; Erin and Justin Smith, Bay Lake, and grandchildren: Claire, Belle and Mary Smith.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Cora Smith.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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Rain garden project approved, busy city attorney stalls garbage contract

At the Crosby Council meeting on May 23, Building Inspector Scott Sadusky reported about the brew pub application and rental meeting progress.

Mayor Joanna Lattery interjected, "I had this question asked. If you look in a window of a business, and you look up and you can see sky. Does that give you the authority to go in?"

Sadusky said, "Not from a building code perspective, I don't think. Not unless there is an immediate danger."

Lattery continued "Well don't you think that there is a hole there and that could be?"

It was discussed and determined that it was a vacant building the Mayor was talking about and not an active business.

Sadusky suggest he should get a formal complaint and he would look in to it to get it resolved. Sadusky indicated the ordinance requires buildings to have roofs that are water tight.

In the public comment portion of the meeting, Nadine Albrecht owner of the Spalding House asked, "Is it common practice for the city to cash checks before the council approves licenses?"

Mayor Lattery responded "the city is not allowed to hold any checks given to them. When checks come in they have to be deposited."

Albrecht clarified "the question is if it is appropriate and prudent for the city to be cashing checks before the council approves."

"A liquor license," Lattery finished Albrecht's sentence and then continued, "If the license is going to have to be gotten in, I believe it is."

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo read from the ordinance that it was required that all license fees must be paid in full with license application submissions.

Albrecht then asked what if the check is cashed and the application gets lost and never processed.

Lattery said, "I am going to have to say that I think that's really kind of unprofessional for you to say that. For one thing is, we have to follow our ordinances and our rules and regulations. And to even imply that an application could be lost. If you have a problem with that. the clerk's office is willing to work with you on that."

Albrecht responded, "I don't think it was unprofessional of me to simply repeat something that was said to me, which was what was said if they lost the check. If she (the clerk) brought up losing the check, it is not unprofessional of me to bring up that if someone in the clerk's office could also lose the application."

Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District, Stormwater project update was presented by Beth Hippert. Hippert thanked councilmen Prushek and Heglund for their work on the stormwater project committee. Hippert said three of the biggest phosphorous sources had been identified and the threats were needed to be reduced.

The committee unanimously agreed that they would like to look at reducing the phosphorous from a pipe on second street. The pipe discharges directly into Serpent Lake.

Hippert talked about planting some new rain gardens and replanting the old rain gardens by the city hall, because on complaints that they have become an eyesore.

They are looking to get some volunteers to maintain these gardens. Hippert suggested to post a workshop to examine the two options and look at feedback and ideas for future projects. They were seeking the councils clear direction and approval of the plan for the storm water project. According to Hippert, the grant funding would cover the project with no cost to the city.

However, Melissa Barrick,

Crow Wing SWCD District Manager, indicated the city would need a 25% match component to the total grant. The grant amount presented at the February 8 council meeting was \$400,000, so the city's match would be \$100,000.

Councilman Goshey made a motion of support with councilman Heglund seconding. It was passed unanimously.

In reference to the fire-works contract, City Attorney Tom Pearson wanted time to review the contract. The council approved a suggested solution by Attorney Pearson. It would allowing the mayor to sign the contract and pay the \$6,500 deposit once the contract had been reviewed and approved by the city attorney.

The council approve the small cities assistance program/road maintenance grant of \$33,000.

Councilman Heglund again requested summer help for the city crew of two high school students. A suggestion was made to publish the ad for two weeks and if there was still no response to open it up to other age groups.

There were several 3.2 and full on and off Sale Liquor licenses for nine Crosby businesses were approved by the council: Barstock Liquors, Crosby Bar, Cuyuna Lanes, Miners Inc. DBA Super One, Nordic Inn, Peanuts Pub and the Midway, Spalding House, Croft Pub and Grub, and Red Raven LLC. The council also approved a 3.2 liquor license to the Crosby Fire Relief for Fourth of July Celebration.

Council approved the CSAH 33/3rd Street SW project.

Justin Burslie spoke about the storm water proposal ordinance with his recommendation for approval by the Planning and Zoning Board. Mayor Lattery asked Attorney Pearson, if he had a problem with accepting ordinance as written. Pearson indicated that he felt Burslie had a good history and no review would be necessary. It was pointed out by Clerk/Treasurer Lisa

Sova there was a missing item in the ordinance, under financial security there was no amount indicated. The missing information was explained by Crow Wing SWCD Technician Darren Mayers indicating it could be a percentage or a dollar amount. It would depend on the cost of the project. Mayor Lattery asked what it should be, a percent or a dollar in the blank? City Attorney Pearson recommended the city be allowed some discretion depending on the size of the project. Mayers recommended 10% fill the blank with an unrevokable security option added and a cash deposit by the city. The council approved the storm water proposal zoning ordinance addition.

Councilman Paul Heglund ask about a request for rezoning from a property owner from residential to commercial and was wondering where the Planning and Zoning Board was at with that. Burslie indicated it was on hold with the comprehensive plan not being done yet.

City Engineer Phil Martin spoke about the 1st/2nd Street NE utility project and

said it would begin June 6 and work would go slow because it is tight quarters.

Title work on the Graphics Packaging drainage project has been completed; and the final work on 1st Street has been done. The final payment is due for the IRRRB portion of the project.

Councilman Goshey asked as to what kind of expense would residents incur on the elimination of deduct meters (meters for water use that does not enter the sewer system, such as lawns.) Martin indicated that none of them were on residential properties.

Submitted intended use plans to get funding packaging for water and sewer projects.

Martin asked the council to approve permission for Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo to sign a letter for funding the 2017 water and sewer project for 3rd Street.

Crosby Lift station property transfer to the Serpent Lake Sewer District from the City of Crosby. It was Martins recommendation the city allow that with the easements for Crosby City utilities on the property. City Attorney Pear-

son suggested he and Martin should review the matter and have a recommendation by next meeting.

Pearson indicated he didn't have time to review the refuse contract with the term self hauling that appears in the ordinance.

Part-time Deputy Clerk Linda Distad resigned and the council accepted the resignation. Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo then asked for a full time Deputy Clerk to fill the position. Councilman Heglund made the motion to hire a full time Deputy Clerk. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Goshey made a motion to temporarily fill the part-time position until a decision could be made.

There was some discussion about some lift pump problems and price options.

Clerk Sovo indicated the campground hosts declined the position. She said they would continue the search.

Police Chief Kim Coughlin indicated the NJPA intern to start June 1, four days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be Abby Sovo subject to background check.

Annual list of potential timber harvest sites available for review

The annual list of potential timber harvest sites on state-administered forest land is now available for public review, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Comments will be accepted until June 22.

The list of potential harvest sites is for fiscal year 2017, which begins July 1 and ends June 30, 2017.

DNR field staff will examine 2,700 forest stands on nearly 60,000 acres for potential timber sales during the year. The DNR estimates that 45,000 of the 60,000 acres of forest land will be suitable for timber sales.

"If you have a house, cabin or favorite recreation spot near state forest land, you can check the list of potential

timber harvests, see what is planned nearby and provide input," said Jon Nelson, DNR forest planning supervisor.

There are two ways for the public to provide input—online or discuss it in person with a local forester. Forest stand locations and descriptions, along with their proposed management, are on the DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/harvesting/plans.html. Use the map to zoom into an area of interest and then comment within the map details for each potential harvest site.

Those without Internet access or who prefer to review and discuss the site list directly with a forester, may contact or visit their local DNR area forestry office. Contact the

office prior to a visit to ensure the appropriate forestry staff will be available.

The DNR administers 5 million acres of forest lands that have been certified as being well-managed by two separate third-party auditing systems. Annual lists of potential timber harvest sites are derived from multi-year forest management plans for state lands. The plans are developed by interdisciplinary DNR planning teams with public input, and based on long-term forest resource management goals.

For statewide timber harvest information, contact Jon Nelson, DNR Forestry, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, 55155-4044; 651-259-5278; jon.nelson@state.mn.us.

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Sealed Bid Closing Date is June 16th 2016 at 4:00 p.m. (Central Time) Sealed bids must be delivered to the City Clerk at City Hall.

Conditions of the Sale and Sealed Bid Packets are available on the City Website www.ci.aitkin.mn.us or at the City Clerk's Office, City of Aitkin 109 1st Avenue NW, Aitkin, Minnesota 56431. For more information please call 218-927-2527 or email cityclerk@ci.aitkin.mn.us.

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE

The Wealthwood Township Board regular meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. instead of June 14 due to scheduling conflicts.

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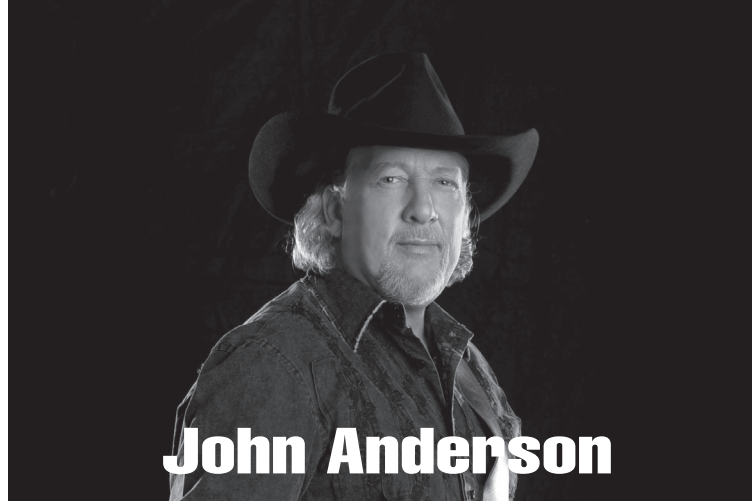
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Toolin' Tour riders see the county

Twenty five motorcycles with 43 riders participated in the first-ever Toolin' Tour Ride for Habitat on Sunday, May 22. They saw much of the scenic beauty of Aitkin County. They started at the Butler Building in downtown Aitkin and traveled back routes to McGregor, Jacobson, Palisade and back to Aitkin. Stops were Mark's Bar and the Rustic and they ended at the Aitkin American Legion. Shown here are the bikes lined up on the main street of Palisade with the Rustic in the background. Proceeds from the ride will be used to build a new Habitat for Humanity home in Aitkin. Organizers hope to increase the ride to 75 people next year Ann Schwartz photo

Ninety-eight Aitkin bike commuters



Ninety-eight commuters logged 523 miles on May 19 biking to Aitkin for work, school or fun. Energy stations were set up at Paulbeck's County Market, Rippleside Elementary School and The Beanery Internet Cafe. Sponsors were Aitkin County Public Health, Members Co-op, Riverwood Healthcare Center, City of Aitkin, Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce, Shopko, Shirts Plus and Mille Lacs Energy. Shown above are planning team members Mary Beal, Pam Landgren, Paulette Anderson and Amy Wyant. Ann Schwartz photos

John Moen, employed at Aitkin County Health and Human Services, biked into Aitkin from his home near the Tire Barn. He's one participant in Bike Day in Aitkin. He's welcomed by Planning Team Members Paulette Anderson and Pam Landgren.

Fairgrounds filled with support for slain officer | Continued from Page 1



During the ceremony, Kristi Sandberg, widow, shown, was presented with a wooden flag to remember her husband.



Area police held a procession over the Mississippi River Bridge from the Aitkin VFW to the fairgrounds and then stood at attention for the National Anthem.

Keep aquarium pets and plants out of Minnesota lakes and rivers

With warmer weather and the end of the school year, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds teachers and hobbyists it is illegal to release aquarium animals and plants into the wild. One example commonly found in classrooms, the red swamp crayfish is causing major environmental and economic harm as nearby as Wisconsin.

"Teachers and hobbyists may not be aware that dozens of aquarium animals and plants are prohibited or regulated invasive species that can cause serious harm if released into the wild," said Heidi Wolf, DNR invasive

species unit supervisor. "The red swamp crayfish is a good example of a prohibited species that some online retailers ship to unsuspecting teachers or to people hosting 'crawfish boils.' A special permit is required to import crayfish for any purpose, and without a permit it is illegal to buy or possess red swamp crayfish in Minnesota."

Prohibited species cannot legally be possessed, released into the wild, or transferred to others. The recommended and most humane method of disposing of them is to put them in a plastic bag in the freezer for a day, then put the bag into the trash. "We

recommend teachers check the prohibited invasive species list before committing to classroom aquarium animals," Wolf said. "We also encourage teachers to discuss invasive species with their students."

Examples of prohibited and regulated species include goldfish and koi (which are types of carp), rusty crayfish, red swamp crayfish, Chinese and banded mystery snails, and many aquatic plants. DNR staff recently found these invasive aquarium species in Minnesota waters: piranha, koi, goldfish, yellow iris, Amazonian catfish, and even a cayman, a type of alligator.

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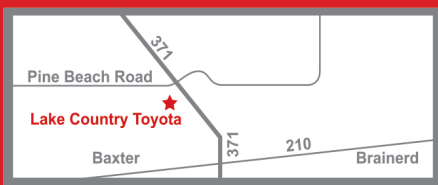
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14 F-150 CrewCab FX4 6.5' Box

\$32,705

Mileage: 47,504 • 5.0 V8 • Heated/Cooled Leather • Dual Temp • Soft Tonneau Cover • MoonRoof #55482a

14 F-150 4x4 CrewCab Lariat

\$36,832

Mileage: 24,152 • 3.5L EcoBoost • 1 OWNER • Heated/Cooled Leather • Nav • BackUp Camera #71689

14 F-150 CrewCab 4x4 Lariat

\$37,293

Mileage: 14,116 • ONE OWNER • 5.0L V8 • Heated/Cooled Leather • Remote Start • Tailgate Step • SYNC #55400a

12 F-250 CrewCab King Ranch

\$36,699

Mileage: 42,054 • BackUp Camera • SYNC • Heated/Cooled Leather Seats • Soft Tonneau Cover • Remote Start #55330a

2014 Ford Fusion SE

\$17,485

Mileage: 9,663 • 2.5L • SYNC • CD • Power Seat, Locks & Windows • Cruise • Aluminum Wheels • Keyless Entry #71684

2015 Ford Taurus AWD Limited

\$26,499

Mileage: 6,594 • Nav • BackUp Camera • SYNC • Heated Leather • Dual Temp • 20" Aluminum Wheels #71688

2010 Chevy Equinox LTZ

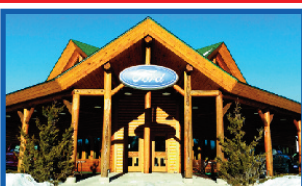
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Mileage: 82,708 • 3.0L V6 • BackUp Camera • Heated Leather • Remote Start • MoonRoof • Power LiftGate • SYNC #55396b

15 Dodge Journey Crossroad

\$25,415

Mileage: 12,227 • Rear Sensing • BlueTooth • Heated Steering Wheel • 3rd Row • MoonRoof • Remote Start #55325a



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