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Anglers can help with studies underway on Mille Lacs Lake

Anglers fishing Mille Lacs Lake can help the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources collect essential data needed for improving walleye fishing in the near future.

"Although this year's regulations don't let anglers keep any walleye, catching them and sharing information about your catch provides

invaluable data that helps us manage the fishery," said Don Pereira, DNR fisheries chief. "Walleye catch rates are pretty good so far this spring, and we ask anglers to work with us to help ensure future fishing can be even better."

Anglers can lend a hand by participating in the annual creel survey that is done to monitor the walleye harvest.

DNR creel clerks interview lake anglers on a regular schedule throughout the open water fishing season. They ask anglers about what fish are caught and their size, and count the number of individual fishing trips to estimate total hours of fishing on the lake.

The data provided by anglers is essential to helping the DNR estimate total fishing

effort and walleye survival rates.

Additionally, DNR creel clerks this year will ask Mille Lacs anglers how their fish were caught and whether they used artificial or live bait. That information will inform a new two-year project looking at how many walleye do not survive after being caught and released, referred to as hooking mortality.

The hooking mortality study is a cutting-edge project to catch and release 1,500 walleye of specific sizes throughout the fishing season and under a variety of environmental conditions and fishing methods.

Other such studies have been done in Minnesota and across the country, but none have been as intensive as

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Visitor at bird feeder

Harlan and Harriet Simonson snapped this photograph of a bear at their bird feeder on May 29 at 5 p.m.

No students hurt in Aitkin school bus accident south of Hwy. 47

A Suburban vehicle struck the back of an Aitkin School bus on Tuesday, May 31, at about 3:56 p.m.

The 2012 K15 Suburban was driven by Nicole Laird, 38, of Aitkin. Laird was transported from the scene with non-life-threatening injuries.

John Appel, 58, rural Aitkin, was the bus driver and had no apparent injuries.

The bus was stopped east-bound on Dove St. at 334th Lane with its lights flashing and stop arm out, according to the Minnesota State Patrol report.

The Suburban failed to

stop, swerved to miss the bus and struck the rear driver's corner of the school bus with the front passenger side of the Suburban.

There were 14 children on the bus, ranging in age from second to 10th grade. None of the children were transported to the hospital.

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Monse 60th anniversary



Bill and Marlene Monse will be celebrating thier 60th wedding anniversary on June 9. They were married at St. James Church in 1956. They will be celebrating with their family on July 16.



Aitkin to host HGTV

Home and Garden Television (HGTV) will be filming in the Aitkin area Monday-Wednesday, June 6-8. The show is called . They contacted Scott Rian, the new administrator of the Aitkin County Historical Society. The show's producer talked to him for about 30 minutes about the historical background, industries and other facts about the Aitkin area. Rian left his cell phone number with the producer and expects they will contact him for more information when they are in town. Ann Schwartz photo

New bakery in Aitkin



Candi's Sweet Boutique, a new bakery, opened in downtown Aitkin about a month ago. Above are Cheyenne Baumann and her mom, Candi. Ann Schwartz photos

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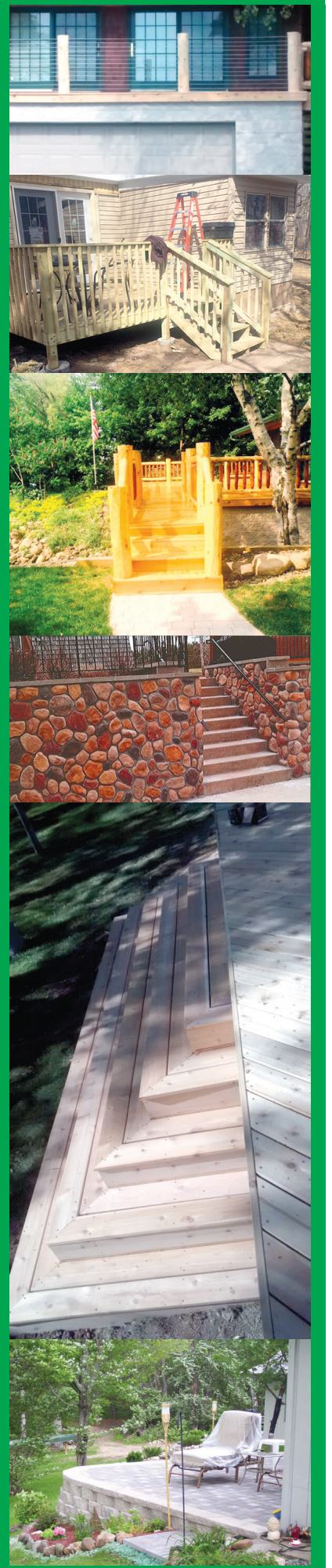
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AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

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 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. 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@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 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.operationminnesotainice.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.

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.

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.

9th - Aitkin Chamber Business After Hours, 5pm - 7pm at Gramma's Pantry in Downtown Aitkin.

10th - Sons of Norway Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 meeting at the I.R.E.C. bldg. in Isle, 7 pm. The program will be about Woodcarving by Lowell Torgelson. Coffee & goodies will be served. Bring a neighbor or friend. Questions call Bill Peterson at 1-320-679-2380.

10th & 11th - Nisswa-stamman Scandinavian Folk Music Festival, Nisswa Call 218- 764-2994 or 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

11th - Wild & Free Gala Dinner/Silent Auction for the non-profit organization that rescues, rehabs and releases back into the wild wounded and orphaned wild animals, at

Rutgers on Bay Lake, 5 pm silent auction and 6:30 pm dinner. Tickets are available at Garrison Animal Hospital (320-692-4180).

13th - 17th - Cave Quest VBS at Salem Lutheran Church from June 13 to June 17. Cave Quest is for kids from age 3 - Grade 6 and will run from 9 am to noon each day. Suggested donation for the week is \$15 per child or \$30 per family if 2 or more children in family. For more information, call 218-534-3309 or email connielou@salemwdw.org.

15, 16 & 17 - Jessie's June Jumble MEGA Book Sale 101- 1st St SE Crosby. This Sale event is conducted by the JFHML Friends Foundation at the Jessie F. Hallett Library www.hallettlibrary.org

16th - Join Cuyuna Rolling Hills and the Deerwood Bank as they host the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Business After Hours at 24410 State Hwy 210 in Deerwood 5 - 7 pm. To make your reservation, call the Chamber office at 218-546-8131.

18th - 19th - Nisswa Majestic Pines Fine Arts Fair Call: (218) 963-2620



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School districts should kiss federal education funding goodbye

The federal government is threatening to withhold federal education funding from local school districts that disobey the recent Obama Administration bathroom directive.

The directive, issued via letter from the Departments of Education and Justice, mandates that public schools affirm a student's chosen gender identity by allowing the student to use whichever showers, locker rooms, and bathrooms correspond to his or her chosen internal gender identity, regardless of his or her biological sex.

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has called the federal government's threat "blackmail," saying that the president "can keep his 30 pieces of silver."

Texas and officials from 10 other states recently filed a lawsuit against federal agencies and administration officials, asking a federal court to overturn the directive, which was handed down by the executive branch without any congressional vote. The plaintiffs claim that the directive exceeds the executive branch's authority and violates the 10th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution.

This lawsuit supplements the existing lawsuit filed by the State of North Carolina against the Department of Justice, and a lawsuit filed by families in North Carolina surrounding the same debate.

As states count the risk of losing federal education funding, it is important to understand how that funding is used.

Here in Washington, just 8 percent of a local school district's budget comes from the federal government. Most of that money comes in the form of categorical grants that fund programs for disadvantaged students, such as special education, school lunches, Head Start, transportation services, and others.

It is unconscionable that a presidential administration would bully local school districts by threatening to withhold funding for programs aimed at low income and disadvantaged students unless they adopt the agenda of social experimentation foisted upon them by federal bureaucrats. Local school districts should consider responding by using this as an opportunity to finally liberate their budgets from federal education funding and the strings that come with it.

The burdensome mandates that accompany federal funding give federal officials significant control over the affairs of local schools. It is estimated that the regulations that accompany federal education funding saddle states and local school districts with millions of hours of administrative work, costing local schools millions annually and converting them into bureaucracies that must do the bidding of the federal government for fear of losing their federal funding.

Federal mandates also hinder innovation and experimentation by creating a one-size-fits-all regulatory scheme. The good news is that states and local school districts can escape many of these obligations by choosing to refuse federal education funding.

Students benefit when local communities - not distant, unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. - retain control over their schools. Maintaining local control over education allows schools to be more responsive to the unique needs of students in their communities. Because of this, schools and students will be in a better position if state and local education officials use this opportunity to rid themselves of federal education funding and the onerous regulations that accompany it.

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OBITUARIES

EVELYN WITT

Evelyn Ann Witt, 90, of Aitkin died Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at Golden Horizons Assisted Living in Aitkin.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Reverend David Becker officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lakeland, FL.

She was born September 30, 1925 in Parkers Prairie to William and Helena (Borchardt) Mielke. She married Herbert A. Witt on December 2, 1941 in Parkers Prairie. They loved dancing together. They lived in many towns including Cottage Grove prior to moving to Florida in 1983. Evelyn moved back to Minnesota in 2012, making her home in Aitkin. She was

a member of Saint John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Judy Witt, Aitkin; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Herbert in August of 2000; daughter, Judith Charlene Cassidy, siblings: Elsie Brockupp, Martha Karger, Edwin Mielke, Renetta Madson, and Doris Mielke.

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

GERTRUDE KISLING

Gertrude E. Kisling, 86, of Palisade died Thursday, May 26, 2016 at Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin.

Graveside services were held at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis with Reverend Robert Taylor officiating.

She was born March 1, 1930 in Minneapolis to William and Elise Schmidt. She attended West High School in Minneapolis and graduated from Watsonville High School in California. She married Wesley B. Kisling on October 19, 1951 in Minneapolis.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-

law: Bruce Kisling; Dale and Elizabeth Kisling; daughters: Gail Kisling and Laura Kisling, both of Golden Valley; grandsons: Benjamin and Daniel Kisling both of Monticello; nephews and one niece.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wesley on August 28, 2011; and three brothers.

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

MARLIN ROBINSON

Marlin Lee Robinson, 65, of Crosby died on Friday, May 27, 2016 at his home.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.

He was born on May 11, 1951 in Crosby to William and Elaine (Evans) Robinson. He was a former employee of Crosby Super Valu.

He is survived by his sons: Benjamin Robinson, Crosby and Andrew Cook, Brainerd; two

grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law: Jeff and Karen Northburg, Aitkin; and Harold and Sandy Robinson, Cottage Grove; sister and brother-in-law, Barb and John Blood, Crosby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, Francis Northburg; one brother, Darrel Northburg and one sister, Sandra Arruda.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

GUY LOMMEN



Guy Lommen, 65, of Rochester formerly of Deerwood died on May 28, 2016 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

Funeral services will be 1:00 pm on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to Salem West.

He was born Nathan Guy Lommen on August 27, 1950 in Alexandria to Melvin and Dulce (Faehnrich) Lommen. He married Susan Karel on June 11, 1977 in Minneapolis. He graduated from the Jefferson High School in Alexandria, class of 1968 and Moorhead State University in 1972. Guy was generous with his time and labors, had an unwavering moral

compass, competitive when it came to sales contests in his career, and steadfast in holding friends and family close. He worked in route sales for Pepsi-Cola and as a marketing rep for the Minnesota Lottery, retiring in 2013. He and Susan lived for 26 years on Hamlet Lake near Deerwood where he loved fishing and taking care of his trees and grass. Guy was an active member of the Bay Lake Area Lions, serving multiple terms as an officer and receiving the Melvin Jones Award. As an organ donor, his eyes will be donated and support the Lion's mission for eye banks. Guy also served on the Crow Wing County Transit Board and a term as a Deerwood Township supervisor.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; and brother and sister-in-law, James and Barb Lommen.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

"Hear By Faith" concert in Malmo



will be inside the air conditioned church. Refreshments will be available and a free will offering will be received.

Malmo church is located near the junction of Highways 47 and 18 on highway 18 near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

The Malmo Evangelical Free Church will present "Hear By Faith" from Hermantown, in concert on Saturday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

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.ihmstemilys.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
McGregor — 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 Uhrich; 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, vitalitiespring.com
Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelochurch@crosslake.net
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnson; 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 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.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). Worship 10 with communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor Volkert; Worship 9; Bible Study, 10:15.
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Jean Megorden; Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10. Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 pm; Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm
Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.
Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.
Pequot Lakes-Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Rev. Donna M. Olsen, Worship 8 & 10; SS 10; Wed. Worship 5:45 pm; Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm.
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

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

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake — Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship Memorial Day-Labor Day at 9:30; Worship September to May at 10:15 ; Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:1444 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.

OBITUARIES

FLORENCE TARR



Florence Ann Tarr, 87, of Aitkin died Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at the Aitkin Health Services.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at the Westside Church with Rev. Dallas Smith officiating. Memorials are preferred to the Aitkin Area Food Shelf or the American Cancer Society.

She was born June 15, 1928 in Malmo Township of Aitkin County to Brynolf and Edith Peterson. She grew up and attended country school at Clear Lake and then moved into Aitkin where she attended the Aitkin High School and lived with the Blaufuss family. She graduated as Salutatorian of the Aitkin High School Class of 1946. She married Marion Virgil (Bud) Tarr on June 17, 1947 at her parents' home in Glen. She had worked for Aitkin County for 47 years and retired as the Aitkin County Court Administrator in 1995. She was a member of the Westside Church and had taught Sunday school for over 52 years. She was also a member of the Clear Lake Grange, Aitkin Rebekah Lodge, Aitkin Historical Society, Aitkin Friends of the Arts, Triad, Christian

Women's Connection, Kinship, Aitkin County DFL, Miss Aitkin Pageant, Persian Gulf Support Group, Aitkin Area Food Shelf, and Rides for Health. She enjoyed flower gardening, collecting ear rings, and sparkly clothes. She was the 2005 recipient of the Warren Potter Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce; and was named Aitkin County Senior Woman of the Year. She performed over 400 weddings in her capacity as court administrator and retired court administrator.

She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law: Patricia and Ben Chamberlin, Warba; Wendy and Terry Johnson, Aitkin; granddaughter, Becky Eddy; Foster granddaughter, Mendy Oukrop; brothers and sisters-in-law: Ed and Joyce Peterson, Shoreview; Carl and Trudi Peterson, Pearland, TX; Vern Peterson, Fridley; aunt, Vivian Anderson, Aitkin; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Marion (Bud) Tarr; grandson, Mark Chamberlin; and brother, Robert Peterson.

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

READER RIBBETS

Hunter caring, honest and giving

This letter is in response to the letter in last week's paper.

Nobody has claimed that Jim Hunter is unifier or a god-like person. I would like to believe that we are all sitting at the right hand of the Lord; but that doesn't mean that we will be able to fix everything that's wrong. If someone is willing to try, why should they be put down?

Jim Hunter is a very good friend of mine and I'm not a shamed to tell anyone. Jim has helped my husband and me many times and never asked anything in return. And it wasn't done with a hand shake. Although there nothing wrong with a hand shake.

He has also employed several people; one in particular has worked for him for over 25 years. He is a very caring, honest, and

giving person who is just trying to make a positive difference.

I thought we had a constitution that allows us freedom of press and freedom of speech. Apparently, that only applies to certain people. As far as you claim, Jim doesn't do anything for economic development in Crosby, just exactly what have you done?

What did Jim have to do the McDonald's and Casey's etc. not coming to Crosby? He didn't even live in Crosby at that time, so he couldn't have threatened them or put up a barricade or anything like that. Why didn't you do anything about it, since you seem to think you are the great fixer of Crosby.

In my letter, I didn't say that Jim would make Crosby what it was years ago. I asked, if people

remembered what it was like. Maybe you should pay a little more attention to what you read.

Could you be a little more specific as to what you mean by the unifier pulling off another saint-like miracle? I missed the first one and I'd really like to know what it was.

In a perfect world, there wouldn't be anything that needed fixing or people saying negative things about others. But we don't live a perfect world, so who are to judge someone who is trying and willing to try. If you feel the need to accuse me of anything else. Why don't you put on your big boy pants and tell me to my face. If you'd like to declare a war with me, bring it on.

**Barb Blood,
Crosby**

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By Janet Tharpe

Simple Side Dish for Summer, Brown Rice Citrus Salad

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-Janet

Brown Rice Citrus Salad

What You Need

- 1 c brown and wild rice
- 1/2 c dried cranberries
- 3/4 c pecans, toasted and chopped
- 2 stalks green onion, finely sliced
- 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp olive oil, extra virgin
- 2 tbsp honey
- 2 tbsp fresh orange juice
- 3/4 tsp orange zest
- Fresh cracked pepper, to taste
- Pinch of salt

Directions

- Cook rice as per directions.
- Cool in the fridge.
- Combine liquid and pour over rice.
- Add the rest of ingredients the and chill.

Submitted by: Trish Morris, Pahrump, NV (pop. 35,698)

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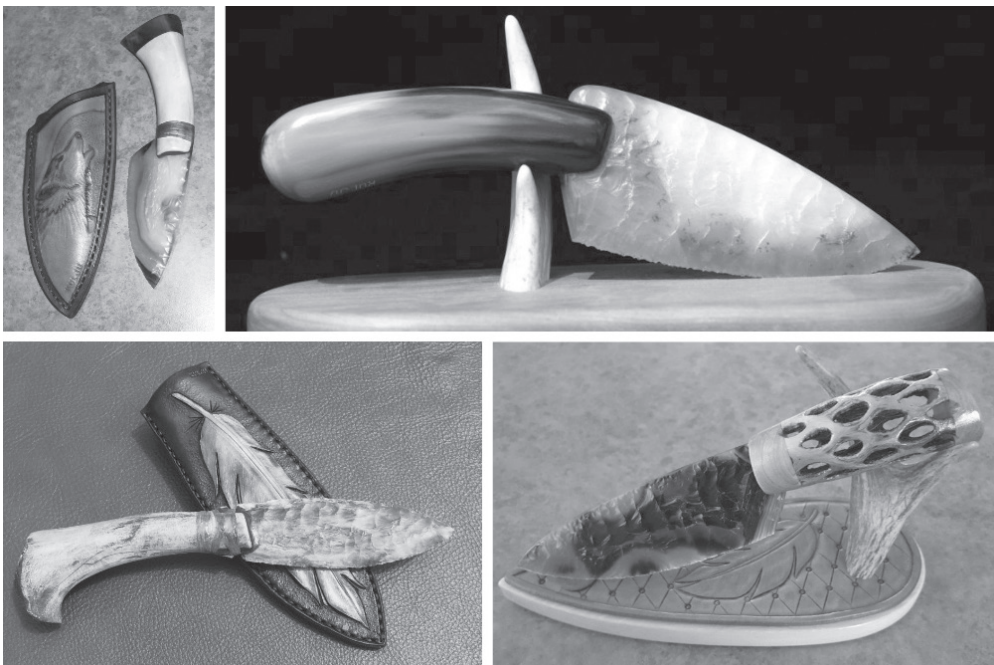
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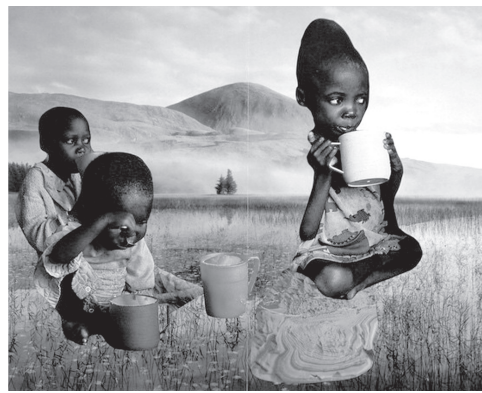
Artist Tom Kulju will demonstrate the art of flint knapping on Saturday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Crossing Arts Alliance in Brainerd. The public is encouraged to attend this free and informative event.

Flint knapping is an ancient technique in which edged stone tools are made by strik-

ing stone like flint, chert, or obsidian with simple tools in a controlled manner, resulting in a sharpened edge. Kulju focuses primarily on knife-making, but also makes arrowheads and spear points using the ancient method, and makes his own unique leather sheaths for his knives, as well.

Kulju lives in Longville,

and has been flint knapping for 16 years. He will have a selection of his completed works for sale at the time of the demonstration. The Crossing Arts Alliance activities are held in the Franklin Arts Center, 1001 Kingwood St. Brainerd. Call 218-833-0416 for more information or email info@crossingarts.org.



Crossing Arts Gallery art salute

The much anticipated annual exhibit 'Salute to the Arts' will run from June 11 through July 1 at the Crossing Arts Gallery, located in the Franklin Arts Center. An opening reception will be held Friday, June 10 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The reception is \$5 for Crossing Arts members and \$10 for non-members.

Hors d'oeuvres from Prairie Bay, and wine and refreshments will be served.

Michelle Sakry-Winkelmann will be providing musical entertainment beginning at 5 p.m. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Artists exhibiting: Carolyn Abbott, David Boran, Kathy Braud, Kate Carlson, Karen Cheney, Adelle Erickson, Jeanni Foss, Haddie Hadachek, Gary Harris, Lynne Johnson, Molly Krautkremer, Kerry Kupferschmidt, Tom Larson, Jan Lendobeja, Eve-

lyn Matthies, Martin Nelson, Mitchell Cory Nelson, Taya Person, Greg Rosenberg, Jane Ryan, Ellen Smith, Andrew and Andy Turner, Steven Weagel, and Todd Yotter.

Works on display include lighted sculpture, paintings, photography, woodworking, and more.

Call The Crossing Arts Alliance at 218-833-0416 or email info@crossingarts.org for more information.

Anglers can help with studies underway on Mille Lacs Lake | Continued from Page 1

the Mille Lacs study, which includes a focus on bait types and additional detail on angling methods.

Anglers on the water might actually see aspects of the hooking mortality study. It will be done from boats designated with special flags or on special launches. When a walleye is caught, the boat will signal a nearby DNR shuttle boat via marine radio or air horn blast. Walleye will be

immediately transferred to the shuttle boat so the DNR can take the fish to a nearby net pen.

Walleye will be kept in net pens for five days to determine how many survive after being caught; surviving fish will then be released. Data about each fish and how it was caught will be recorded. Next year, the DNR will repeat the catching and data collection with 1,500 more walleye.

"Mille Lacs is a changing lake and some angling practices have changed," Pereira said. "Angler help is essential to helping us secure the future of Mille Lacs as a key walleye fishing destination in our state."

For more information about the lake and steps the DNR is taking to manage it, visit the Mille Lacs Lake home page at www.mndnr.gov/millelacslake.

Farmer's Market open for season



On Saturday, May 28, the Aitkin Farmers' Market opened for the season. You can visit them at the Butler Building in downtown Aitkin on Saturday mornings. Bringing your own shopping bag or basket is recommended as there are lots of home-grown and homemade items to stock up on. Above, Miranda, of Aitkin, with her pup Willard, make a purchase from Mathew Nix of Righteous Oaks Farm. Since 1902, the Nix family has farmed near Bluebird Corner in rural Aitkin. They raise grass-fed beef; pastured goats, pigs and poultry, maple syrup and vegetables. Mathew and wife Katie support a family of three sons with the farm.



Katie Nix shows customers her pasture-fed meat at the Aitkin Farmers' Market.



Destiny Snyder of the Swatara Country Bumpkin Farm and Carfts, and her husband, Adam, display jams and pickles to customer Miranda of Aitkin.

The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota auditions June 9

The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota will be holding auditions for its 15th (2016-2017) Season on Thursday, June 9 from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m., at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Baxter. The Chorale's Artistic Director, Sarah Aamot, is seeking singers of all voice parts, and will be listening for the following musical skills during auditions: intonation, tone quality (choral vs. solo), ability to control vibrato and volume, vocal flexibility, and expressiveness. A prepared piece is not necessary.

Upon acceptance into the Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota, singers will be given season schedules, program information and membership guidelines. Each singer will also be required to sign a "Statement of Un-

derstanding" contract, pay a membership fee of \$35 (per season), and pay for the cost of their own concert attire and transportation to rehearsals and concerts. Rehearsals will be held every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 9:00 pm beginning September 20, in the choir room of Brainerd High School. The chorale's annual fall fundraiser is set for Saturday, Sept. 24 at Madden's Resort in Nisswa (rehearsals for this event will start in August); winter concerts are scheduled for December 9, 10 and 11 in Nisswa, Aitkin and Brainerd; and spring concert dates will be April 21, 22 and 23, 2017.

The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota is a non-profit arts organization created by Aamot in the fall of 2001. The group's mission

is "to ensure the legacy of excellence in choral music in the greater Minnesota area, while enriching, inspiring and renewing the communities in which we live." Singers from any community in Minnesota, large or small, are being encouraged to audition. The current members of The Legacy Chorale represent the following communities: Aitkin, Backus, Baxter, Brainerd, Breezy Point, Crosby, Crosslake, Deerwood, East Gull Lake, Garrison, Hackensack, Ironton, Little Falls, Longville, Merrifield, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager and Pine River.

For further information and to schedule an audition, please contact Cathe Picek, Chorale Manager, at 218-270-8020, legacychorale@gmail.com, or visit our website: www.legacychorale.org.

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Jessie's Mega Book Sale in Crosby

Book sale co-coordinators Ann Eberhart (left) and Barbara Ukura (right) prepare collectible Life magazines for the JESSIE'S MEGA BOOK SALE which will be held by the JFHM Friends Foundation on Wednesday, June 15 through Friday, June 17 at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library, 101 1st St SE, Crosby. All proceeds will go towards programming, materials and technology for the library. Hours of sale on Wednesday, June 15 and Thursday, June 16 will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday, June 17 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You are invited to come, browse and shop this popular annual fundraising event. There will be bargains and refreshments too.

LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., May 21 & June 4, 2016)
NOTICE OF HEARING

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the adoption of amendments to the Aitkin County Mobile Home Park and Recreational Camping Areas Ordinance. The hearing will be conducted on June 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Aitkin County Board Room of the Aitkin County Courthouse.

The Aitkin County Board has entered into a Delegation Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health based on MN Statutes Section 145A.07. Through this delegation of authority, the Aitkin County Board has been charged with protecting the public health as outlined under MN Statutes Chapters 144, 157, and 327. The Mobile Home Park and Recreational Camping Areas Ordinance is being amended to update definitions, include provisions for fish house parks and update references.

Language that is proposed for deletion is in strikethrough and proposed new language is highlighted in yellow.

Copies of the Ordinance with the proposed amendments are available for review and inspection at the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Office and the Aitkin County Auditor's Office in the Aitkin County Courthouse during regular business hours. A copy with proposed amendments can also be viewed in their entirety on the Aitkin County website at www.co.aitkin.mn.us. Comments can be submitted in writing to the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Office 209 2nd St NW RM 100, Aitkin, MN 56431, by facsimile (218) 927-4372, or by e-mail to aitkinpz@co.aitkin.mn.us before 4:30 p.m. on June 6, 2016. Please include a full name and a complete address with all correspondence.

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., May 21, 28 & June 4, 2016)
CITY OF AITKIN PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LAND FOR SALE BY SEALED BID PROCESS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Aitkin Economic Development Authority has conducted a public hearing and offers to the public the following properties to be sold within the City of Aitkin;

Property Identification Number 56-1-146500- Tract A, Lot 1, 2, and 3, Block 1, Potters First Addition to Aitkin Township.

Property Identification Number 56-1-146900- Tract B, Lot 3, 4, and 5, Block 1, Potters First Addition to Aitkin Township.

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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City Clerk
City of Aitkin
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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., May 28 & June 4, 2016)
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.

Dated: May 15, 2016
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk
Wealthwood Township
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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., June 4 & 11, 2016)
LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The board of supervisors of Libby Township will hold a special meeting on Monday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Palisade Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss planned stream-bank restoration and roadwork on 275th Place. The meeting may include other matters that may come before the board.

Dated: May 27, 2016
JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT,
Clerk Libby Township
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(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, June 4, 2016)
LEGAL NOTICE

The following individual who was convicted of crimes in Crow Wing County has applied for relief from the Minnesota Board of Pardons. The application will be considered at the meeting of the board scheduled for the afternoon of June 15, 2016, commencing at 1:30, at the Minnesota Judicial Center, St. Paul, MN:

- Peterson, Shane Anthony
Defraud an Innkeeper
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Victims of the aforementioned offender have a right to be present at the meeting and to submit an oral or written statement to the board summarizing the harm suffered by the victim as a result of the crime and making a recommendation to the board as to whether the requested relief should be granted or denied. To submit an oral or written statement or to obtain scheduling information, call the Board of Pardons at 651/361-7171. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to HYPERLINK "<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=13D>" Minn. Stat. Ch. 13D.

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Help make a real wish come true

You may know Joe Plut as the "the mad hugger." He's a local celebrity and community figure.

Celebrate Joe's 80th birthday with the world's biggest hug on Monday, July 4 at Prairie Bay in Baxter from 2-5 p.m. The hug is at 3 p.m. There will be free hors d'oeuvres and pizza.

A retired educator from Central Lakes College, Joe's legacy at the college lives on through The Joseph Plut Scholarship Fund, which started 15 years ago from a \$3,000 donation by a former student, Mildred Stave ('77). With additional contributions over the years, the perma-

nently endowed scholarship fund has reached \$41,000. Since, it's helped more than 50 students get an education.

Now, Joe is hoping to expand that reach and raise another \$9,000, which would bring his scholarship fund to \$50,000. It is a great hope of Joe's that he will see his scholarship fund reach \$50,000 within his lifetime.

It's an effort he's turning to the community for help.

While at Central Lakes College (formerly Brainerd Community College), Joe created a culture that fostered creative communication. He began teaching there in 1965, and spent his teaching career

at the Brainerd campus and also taught an off-campus course at Minneapolis Community and Technical College on Saturdays in the fall of 2003. He retired in 2001.

In honor of Joe Plut, please consider making a donation to his scholarship fund. A gift of any size will help Joe reach his goal and make his wish come true.

Your gift will also undoubtedly help students achieve their academic goals at Central Lakes College.

Thank you for your support for the opportunity to allow Joe Plut's legacy to live on forever. #madhugger.

Gramma's Pantry doubles in size



Gramma's Pantry in Aitkin has fulfilled the late Becky Jones' dream of being an everyday grocery store -- not just a specialty store -- according to her son Pete, the new owner along with his sister, Becca. The store, on the corner of Aitkin's main street, Minnesota Avenue, has doubled in size. There is a hugely expanded produce section, a professional cheese case with gourmet cheeses, an expanded refrigerated products section, salads to go and more. According to Manager Victoria Ludwig, they are expanding their weekday hours and adding Sunday hours as well.



Gramma's Pantry now has a wide selection of fresh, organic produce. Ann Schwartz photos

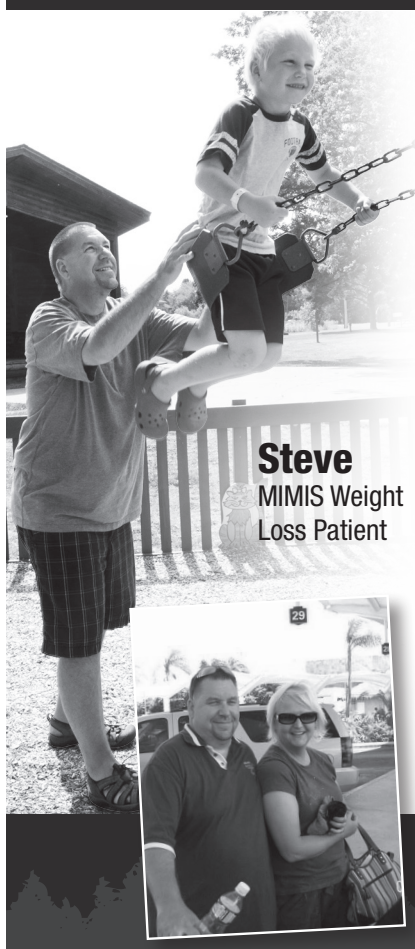


About 20 different types of cheeses are available now.

More changes in downtown Aitkin



The new look of downtown Aitkin includes the Members Co-op Credit Union building, which opened in May in Aitkin. Some finishing touches are being added to the bright and modern building on the corner of Minnesota Avenue North and First St. NE. The bank also has a community room open for meetings. Old-timers may have noticed that the old credit union building, to the east on the same block, was demolished. It was once Dr. Closuit's clinic where many Aitkinites received their health care. Across the street to the south, dirt work has begun on the construction of a new Family Dollar Store.



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Pillager Elementary achieves Educational Non-Verbal Yardsticks



Pillager Elementary School being presented with a crystal trophy and gem from Rynell Schock, NJPA Leader of Education Solutions, and Paul Drange, NJPA Director of Regional Programs, to commemorate their hard work to achieve this status.

The Pillager school district has reason to celebrate. In one school year, Pillager Elementary School trained and certified 80% of their teachers

in ENVoY (Educational Non-Verbal Yardsticks), a program aimed at improving classroom climate and relationships through non-verbal

strategies.

National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) facilitates the training for Region 5 schools. NJPA Education Solutions

Leader Rynell Schock says the Pillager school district is one of only two schools in the state to achieve the certification. "The administration and team at Pillager Elementary, have focused on accomplishing the requirements of becoming certified in this behavioral program. They are true leaders and an example of what can happen in a school when everyone strives for the same goal."

Pillager Elementary third grade teacher, Wendy Hall, is one of the teachers who has already produced results in the classroom. "The ENVoY program is phenomenal at giving teachers a management system that makes a world of difference in the classroom. They provide us with a lot of little things you can put together to be strategic with your time and resources." Hall says she now will be

an ENVoY internal coach for next year for other Pillager staff who want to become certified. She said, "Learning these strategies empowered me to make a real difference in the classroom."

ENVoY is a teaching system that Michael Grinder developed and wrote about in his best-selling book for educators, "ENVoY: Your Personal Guide to Classroom Success." ENVoY is a system of non-verbal strategies that improve classroom climate, and decrease the level of staff burnout. The non-verbal communication skills can positively influence the single most powerful leverage point in education: the teacher-student relationship.

NJPA launched this training to Region 5 teachers in the summer of 2014. Over 300 teachers have been trained since implementing the program.

Wadena-Deer Creek Elementary has also taken part in working to achieve the 80% of their teachers being certified, and have plans to hit that goal by this fall.

National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) is a public service agency that is committed to providing cooperative solutions that assist government, education, and non-profit entities as they strive for efficient public service. NJPA was created in 1978 by Minnesota Statute 123A.21, Subdivision 1 as one of Minnesota's nine service cooperatives and offers a variety of cooperative programs and services for members on a local, regional, statewide, and national scale including Canada. On behalf of our locally elected Board of Directors and public employee staff, we are committed to meeting and exceeding the expectations of our members.

Demo Derby at Itasca County Fair

The Itasca County Fair in Grand Rapids will once again host a demolition derby at the fair on Saturday, August 20 at 6 p.m. Those interested in entering the derby can go on line for rules. Google: Top Notch Motor Sports MN, then click on Itasca-Grand Rapids or log on to [\[notchmotorsports.webs.com/itascagrandrapids.htm\]\(http://notchmotorsports.webs.com/itascagrandrapids.htm\) for rules and purse information. This is the first time in two years since the fair has had a derby. It is hoped that we can bring it back to being a](http://top-</p>
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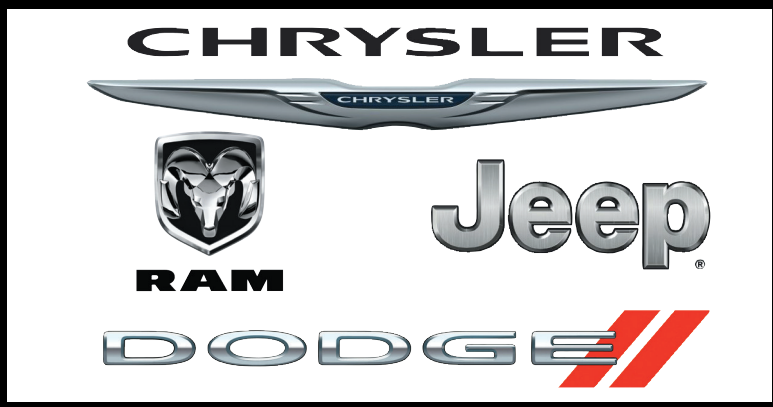
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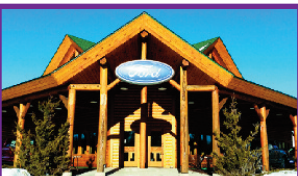
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