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It happens at about this time every year. The cause: Chlorophyll production in tree leaves slows down and stops and the leaves lose their green color. The effect: Minnesotans flock outside to behold the magnificent red, gold and orange color transformation.

Whether searching for activities weeks in advance or an hour in advance, you can make use of the Fall Color Finder, a trip-planning tool on the Department of Natural Resources webpage (www. mndnr.gov/fallcolor) that shows the progression of fall color across Minnesota.

Each Thursday since Sept. 8, staff from Minnesota state parks and trails will update the trip-planning tool to help people find the finest color displays as well as fall color programs and special events. The website includes a slideshow and photo uploader so people can share their favor

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Crosby corner crash crushes clock

The small clock tower at Heritage Square in Crosby was struck by a car driven by Kimberly Ann Oliver, 35, of Brainerd on Thursday, September 8. Oliver was not impaired and she did not sustain injuries in the crash. The police report indicated that she may have fallen asleep at the wheel, allowing the car to cross multiple lanes of traffic before striking the small clock tower on the corner of Cross Avenue and West Main Street. Oliver was charged with Duty to Drive with Due Care. The clock tower was flatten to the ground and has been removed for repairs.





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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ongoing Events:

- AA- Aitkin Meeting closed Wednesday 3 pm Aitkin Alano Club
- 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,
- Altkin 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 Weslayson Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295
- Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group meets first Wed. 1-2 pm Birchstreet Center downtown 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.
- Clothes 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 (follow yellow signs). Call Pastor Stanley Mikles at 218-820-5365 for more info.
- 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, Iower level.
- Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.
- Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday
- 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 availalible to those who qualifiy. 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.
- 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 (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. 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 Aitkin (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
- TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanual Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.
- Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 5:45 pm at the Sno-Serpents building in Deerwood at 24197 Mohs St (next to the Deer Stand restaurant). Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.
- White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

September

17th - Jacobson Fall Colors Fun Ride a fun bike ride for the whole family, check in at 10 am. Pick your mileage from 1-50 miles. Hydration stops along the way Jacobson Community Center

- 17th Vietnam Veterans Veterans Rendezvous 1-4:30 pm, at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center located at 4801 Veterans Drive, in St. Cloud. Music by The Killer Vee's. Activities include a mental health awareness walk, car show, golf lessons, military memorabilia displays, and a Diabetes and Nutrition seminar. In addition, a Veterans benefits workshop will be held at 3:15 pm
- 17th Palisade Assembly of God Fall Festival The night starts with a spaghetti feed from 6 to 6:45 pm. Adults are \$8 and kids 10 and under \$4. At 7 pm join us for free bingo, popcorn, pop and prizes.
- 18th You are invited to attend the Palisade Assembly of God Mission Convention. Mike Reini shares his Cambodia ministry during the 9 am Sunday School and 10 am Morning Worship. Pot blessing and fellowship to follow.
- 19th & 21st Auditions for the Brainerd Community Theatre production of the drama 'Flowers for Algernon' All auditions begin at 7 p.m. and are in the Dryden Theatre on the Brainerd campus of CLC. The play calls for a cast of eight men and nine women, with age ranges for the roles of 20s to 60s. The cast also calls for one boy and one girl, age 8-10, and one teen boy age 13-16. Rehearsals will be in the evenings, scheduled during the hours of 6 and 10 pm on weeknights. Performances of the play are Nov. 2 through 5, all in the evening, with an additional 2 p.m. matinee on Nov. 5. The audition will consist mainly of cold readings of the play. Children who audition are asked to present a brief piece from memory: a story, a poem, a cutting from a play. For questions or more information contact Director Patrick Spradlin. at 218-855-8255 .
- 22nd Crow Wing County Genealogical Society Meeting at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd. Four demonstrations on PC Programs and Equipment. Social hour 6-7pm, program and meeting to follow. Any questions call: 828-9178 or 851-4819.
- 24th Cascade United Methodist Church Deerwood Harvest Supper 4-7pm
- 24th Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota (LCGM) "Autumn in New Orleans" event at Madden's Town Hall. This semi-formal annual event includes cocktails, a silent auction, a multi-course gourmet dinner and live Jazz entertainment. For more info call Cathe Picek at 218-270-8020

October

1st - Jaques Art Center Annual Harvest Dinner Butler Building Opera House 5 - 8:30 p.m. Entertainment by 'Hans Blix and the Weapons Inspectors' 'CHAIR'-ity Silent Auction Ordinary Chairs will be turned into 'art chairs' and sold for what the market will bear.

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OBITUARIES

DEBRA JOHNSON



Debra M. Johnson, 56, of Aitkin died Wednesday, September 7, 2016 surrounded by family and friends at her home.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 1

p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Aitkin American Legion Post.

She was born July 4, 1960 in Aitkin. She grew up and attended schools in Aitkin graduating from the Aitkin High School in 1978. She had worked at the Great River Gardens. the Freedom Gas Station, the Aitkin American Legion, The Aitkin Municipal Liquor Store, the Blue Goose and the Pine Inn. She also owned her own landscaping company and also was the owner of Bginagins. She was a very hard worker. She enjoyed gardening, collecting rocks, doing jig saw puzzles, making Christmas wreaths and decorations, riding bikes, being outdoors, and her cats. She always looked forward to being with family and friends for the holidays.

She is survived by her mother, Bertha Sanvig, Aitkin; children: Alisha (Cody Stewart) Johnson, Aitkin; Benjamin Johnson, Deerwood; Carlianna Johnson, Aitkin; three grandchildren: Damien, Ezra and Felicia; brothers and sisters: Robert (Maria) Johnson, Glencoe: Lilly (Larry) Turner, Aitkin; Linda Sheperdson, Crosby; Dale (Lori) Johnson, Pelican Rapids: Lois Johnson, Garrison; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers: Gerald Johnson and Michael Johnson.

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

FREDERICK STEWART

Frederick F. Stewart, 68, of Aitkin formerly of Tamarack died Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at the Aicota Assisted Living Center in Aitkin.

A gathering of friends and family was held Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the Mc-Gregor Funeral Home. Burial was in the Round Lake Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the McGregor VFW and American Legion Posts at 3:30 PM.

He was born January 7, 1948 in Brainerd, to Kenneth and Gertrud (Toop) Stewart. He grew up in Tamarack and attended the North Star School, Tamarack School and then the McGregor Schools where he graduated from in 1966. He then attended college in Morris, Minnesota for a time. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1971 in Vietnam as a nurse. Upon his discharge he returned to Tamarack and married Diane Kay Schliauter on March 13,

1976 in Wright. They made their home in the Tamarack area. Frederick served in the National Guard from 1971 to 1998. He worked as a LPN at the Aitkin Hospital, the Moose Lake Hospital, Nopeming and the Cromwell Nursing Home. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, playing cards, crossword puzzles watching westerns and the Minnesota Twins. He especially enjoyed spending time with his granddaughter.

He is survived by his sons: Michael Stewart, Aitkin; Joey Stewart, Tamarack; granddaughter, Shelby Stewart, Crystal, TX; sisters and brothers-in-law: Mary Edith and Charlie Weyand, McGregor: Doreen Jo and Mike Turnock. McGregor; brother and sister-in-law, David and Patricia Stewart.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Diane in 2005.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral. com to sign the online guest register.

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2016 in Aitkin.

Church on September 24, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. She was born on February

MAVIS FRYE Mavis B. Frye, 88, died Wednesday, August 31,

A memorial service will be

held at Aitkin Community

14, 1928 in Marine on St. Croix to Thomas and Lillian Christopherson. Mavis was known for her quick wit, her love of nature, and incredible heart for animals.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Ronald; daughter and son-in law, Jamie and Frank Sciascia.



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* 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 & 6:30 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 — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; Sunday Morning Service 9:30

Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30

Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth;

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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

month, 9:30 am - 5 pm

Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter - Christ Lutheran Church (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www. christbaxter.com.

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

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

- 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
- 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 am.; Wed. 6 pm Glory Family night, Kids' Club age 4-6, MAD4Christ grades 7-12.
- Hill City Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
- Isle Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
- Opstead 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, 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, 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.

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- 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; 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 Lifespring Church, 9:30, 30 Hallet Ave NE 218-545-5433, visitlifespring.com
- Crosslake Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@ crosslake.net
- Isle Pastor 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.

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 & Bob Munneke; worship Sun., 8:15 am and 10 am; Sunday School 9:45 am; Wed. 5:30 pm; Sat., 5 p.m; communion every Sat. and 1st and 3rd Sun.: contemporary services 2nd and 5th Sun; nursery staffed; Sunday service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) at 10 am and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 am, Wed; community meal every Mon. and Thurs., 5 p.m.; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each

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- Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.llchurch.org)
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- Brainerd Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9
- Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran Third Sun 11, May - Oct.
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- Giese Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
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- 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)
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- 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.
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Mass of Christian Burial

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OBITUARIES

SARA DOTZLER



Sara E. Dotzler, 98, of Aitkin died Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 11 AM from St. James Catholic

Church in Aitkin with Fr. David Forsman officiating. Burial will be in the St. Thomas Cemetery in Aitkin. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 PM with a Rosary at 7 PM at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and also 1 hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

She was born April 7, 1918 in Irondale Township of Crow Wing County the daughter of Grover and Martha (Hatton) Banks. She grew up and attended schools in Aitkin. She then attended teacher's normal school in Crosby, She taught school at White Oak, Pine Knoll and the Jungle School. She married Frank W. Dotzler on September 6, 1941 in Aitkin. They made their home in Cuyuna for several years and then moved to Cedarbrook where

she lived until 2013. She worked at the Aitkin County Court House in the Auditors office for a number of years and in 1968 started working for the Aitkin Independent Age. She worked for the newspaper until her retirement in 1998. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin. She enjoyed crocheting, gardening, reading, canning, birds and cats.

She is survived by daughters and sons-inlaw: Ruth and Gerald Erickson, Minnetonka; Elaine and Roland Schafer, Oak Park; Eileen Ternus, Dent; son and daughters-in-law: Phillip Judy Dotzler, Aitkin; Ronald and Sharon Dotzler, Aitkin; Linda Dotzler, Aitkin; and Carol Dotzler Aitkin; 19 grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren and two great-great -grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Frank; sons: William and Donald, five brothers and five sisters.

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



KINGSTON ADAMSON

Kingston James Adamson, a boy, weighing 6 lbs., 4.1 ozs., was born September 4, 2016, in Aitkin, to Ashley Adamson of Otsego. Grandparents are Scott and Janee Adamson, Otsego.

LAKE GRAVEL

Lake Harper Gravel, a girl, weighing 8 lbs., .08 ozs., was born September 8, 2016, in Aitkin, to Amanda and Joseph Gravel of Aitkin. Grandparents are Mike and Sissie Ahn of Arizona; and Tim and Lisa Westerlund of Minnesota and Robert and Betsy Gravel of Arizona.

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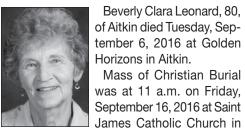
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MAREN KOOP

Maren Ashley Koop, a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs. and measuring 20 inches, was born September 8, 2016 to Anthony and Erin Koop of Ironton. Grandparents are Mark and Kris Lindberg, Ironton; and Rick and Deb Koop, Ironton. Great-grandparents are Sue Lindberg, Ironton; Bill and Vonda Bongs, Ironton; and Dennis and Judy Eckermann, Maple Grove.



James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in Saint Thomas Cemetery, Aitkin. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

She was born January 31, 1936 at the family farm near Wadena to Leonard and Mathilda (Kaufman) Schwartz. She moved with her family to Verndale in 1942. She was the first homecoming queen for Verndale High School in 1952 and graduated in 1953. She married Laurence Arlin Leonard on October 19, 1955 in Verndale. She worked at many jobs including: daycare, bookkeeping, Mille Lacs Electric, Aitkin County Social Services, proofreader at Aitkin Independent Age, and owned and operated Deerwood Lumber in Aitkin with her husband Laurence. She was a volunteer

BEVERLY LEONARD Beverly Clara Leonard, 80,

at Riverwood Health Care Center and for Lights of Love, chairman for Relay for Life and for several years helped as a volunteer, past president for Aitkin Mrs. Jaycees, was a member and very involved at Saint James Catholic Church where she taught Catechism and served as a Eucharistic Minister, and enjoyed her ladies craft group.

She is survived by her sons and daughtersin-law: Dan Leonard, Aitkin; Brian and Sonia Leonard, Maple Grove; Gary and Rea Leonard, Brooklyn Park; Dave and Leisa Leonard, Brooklyn Park; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters-inlaw: Martin and Lelia Schwartz, Owatonna; and Steve and Gail Schwartz, Carlton; sisters and brother-in-law: Dorothy Ann Lehner, Verndale and Barb and Roman Moench of Wadena; sister-in-law, Marian Schwartz, Beaver Dam, WI; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Laurence on December 28, 2005; brother Jim Schwartz; and her parents.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin.

Landowner and Partner Celebration

Crow Wing Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is hosting a Thank You and Celebration Event for 20 Landowners, City of Brainerd, and Master Gardeners on Tuesday, October 4 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP at 218-828-6197.

Event is to celebrate the success and partnership of Little Buffalo Creek Revitalization Project. This project worked with 20 landowners within Buffalo Hills neighborhood to complete 17

rain gardens and 2 stream stabilization projects.

According to Beth Hippert, District Technician, "Years of heavy polluted runoff into the Little Buffalo Creek has led to landowners losing land into the Creek. Much of this area was built prior to runoff rules and regulations. Now, these projects treat and filter polluted runoff before the water gets to the creek. This is a direct benefit to the Mississippi River. The City has been a key leader in this effort. Many thanks to all the partners that contributed to

these projects."

The event will provide opportunity to thank all partners and participants for their involvement. In 2013, a \$329,750 grant was awarded to the SWCD for these projects. Funding for this project was provided through Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment and Board of Water and Soil Resources.

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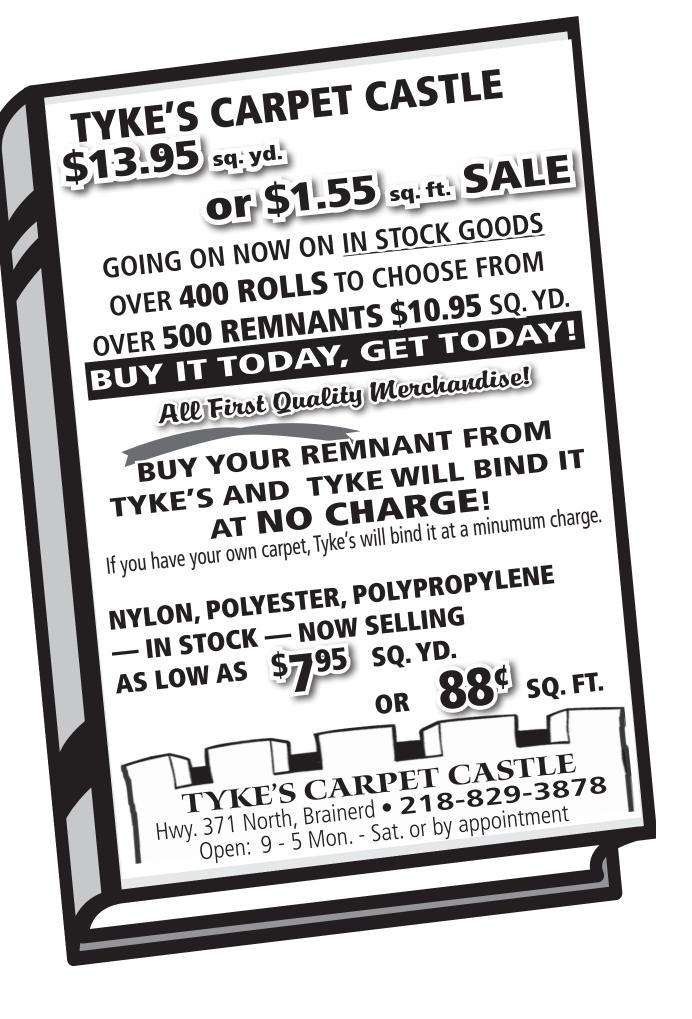
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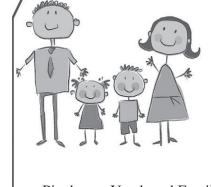
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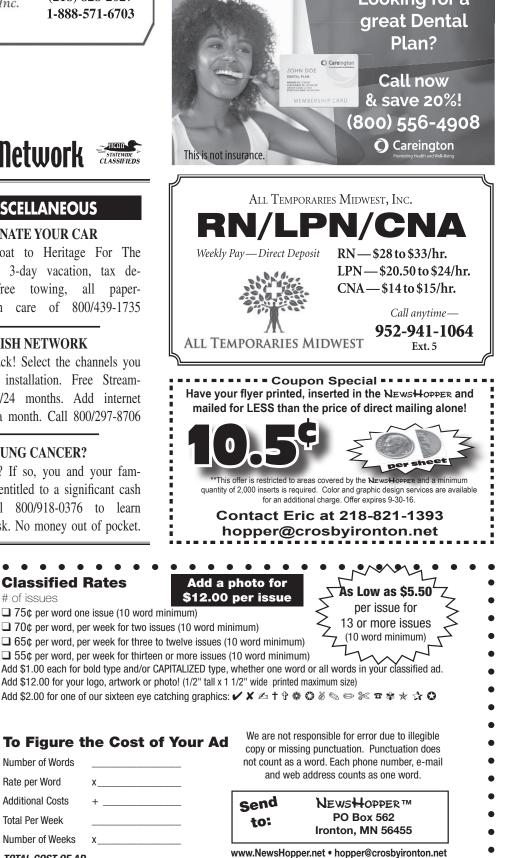
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At the City of Crosby council meeting on September 12, City Engineer Phil Martin indicated the water and sewer project was proceeding into Cross and First Avenue East. Martin talked about the slow pace because of the working conditions. He recommended a suspension of work soon after the North alley utility work is done and roads could be put back to good condition for winter snow plowing. Martin said that would leave remaining work in south blocks to resume next spring. He told the council they should pay a partial payment of \$253,500 to the contractor for the materials and work done. Council approved this payment.

In reference to the West Crosby storm water overflow project by Graphics Packaging, the council approved the final payment for the project request of \$19,675.46. This amount will be somewhat offset by partners in this project (Crow Wing County, Crosby Schools and Graphics Packaging).

The council approved the sale of alcohol at the Ducks Unlimited Banquet. Vern Lewis and Marissa Skuza from the Greater Lakes Association of Realtors invited the council to a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Hallett Center of Crosby.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss housing and property values in Crosby. Terry Wisniak President

Cuyuna Lakes Garden Club painted a flowery picture of Crosby main street with park benches and beautiful flowering pots. Wisniak indicated if the city would transport the large 50 gallon planters with dirt, the club would plant, water and maintain them each summer. Working Foreman Steve Perpich indicated they had some smaller wooden planters already. They had some problems with vandilism and pots being turned over in the past. Perpich indicated he would be willing to put the planters out in the spring and store them in the fall. After Wisniak attempted to persuade the council and mayor to contribute some financial resources. Mayor Joanna Lat-

tery passed the matter on to be discussed with Economic Development Committee on Sept.15 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. That committee would then make their recommendation to the council.

Bruce Swanson Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew spoke about the property west of the Manuel Mine. The DNR purchased the property. The intermediate trail on this piece of property would be paid for by a \$55,500 IRRRB grand and a matching funds grant from the Hallett Foundation. So the entire trail project would be paid for with the total of both grant and match of \$111,000. The grant needed to be applied to IRRRB and accepted by the city and paid out for the trail development. The council approved applying to IRRRB and accepting the funds to pay for the trail.

The council approved the letter acknowledging notice of intent to discontinue fire protection service for Trommald.

Maurice Slepica General Manager Hallett Center of Crosby indicated this would

be his last time addressing the council as general manager since he was retiring. Slepica informed the council he just got an invoice for \$4,300 from last October for compressor repair in the ice in the arena. Slepica said the Hallett Foundation Trustees came to tour the Hallett Center earlier today(Monday Sept. 12). He said without their contributions the center wouldn't be able to run with it's current business model. Slepica said his last day should be October 8.

Amber Moon currently the Wellness Coordinator will be assuming the general manager duties. Slepica said "to her advantage the heavy lifting has been done with Shirley and Sandy throughout the years." Slepica plans to continue on a part-time basis to help with the transition. He also acknowledge the Crosby Council's help in the past and continued support to make the center available to the public.

The council approved posting for a student position for the 2016-2017 school year at the Hallett Library.

Mayor Lattery decided to postpone approval of the payment of the \$3,000 invoice for the Overdrive ebooks program for the Library. Lattery plans to meet with the Kitchigami Library this coming week. The Overdrive program would not be compatible with the Kitchigami system.

The council approved accepting donations to the Jessie F Hallett Memorial Library.

Police Chief Kim Coughlin indicated that she was accepting the resignation of Officer Brandon Nadeau. He was accepting another position in his hometown of Litchfield and had given his two week notice. The council accepted the resignation with regrets. Coughlin then requested the council's approval of transferring Officer Alan Booth from part-time to full-time officer to replace Nadeau. The council approved this request.

Anderson Brothers had given a recommendation to revamp the alley by the Kelly house to improve drainage. There was some discussion if it would be considered a

repair or a replacement for purposes of responsibility. It was considered a reconstruction project. To get the project done soon it would probably need to be considered a repair to be paid by the Small Cities Development funds. The cost of the project is \$4,115 minus the cost of the homeowners financial responsibility for repair of an earlier sewer installation pavement replacement.Public Works Working Foreman Steve Perpich then talked about a necessary upgrade to the water meter reader system at a cost of \$5,470.

Perpich told the council about a resident on Cross Avenue that would like to replace a portion of their sidewalk. It had a hole in it and was a potential tripping hazard. The ordinance policy is to have a 50/50 split of cost between the city and the property owner. The council approved the request. Perpich said on August 15 the skidsteer trailer was stolen. It was decided to turn in a claim to the insurance for replacement funds. The only time the trailer

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was used was to transport to and from the cemetery.

There is a scheduled water tower inspection next week. Perpich said the Ash trees in the park are dying. The DNR checked for the emerald ash borer and they didn't find them .

The DNR are on the agenda to be at the next meeting, about the dock condition at the park, and they will have a proposal for the council to review. Councilman Jim Goshey said the other two docks at the boat landing were needing some maintenance as well.

It was decided to have one extra person trained for the water treatment plant in addition City Engineer Phil Martin, who also already trained to operate the facility.

A new pump was installed at the NE Crosby lift station.

City Attorney Tom Pearson talked about the Serpent Lake Sewer District land conveyance. Pearson indicated the SLSSD Engineer Mark Hallen was working on the surveys for the utility easements. When they are done they will proceed with the process.

Mayor Joanna Latter asked Pearson about where they were with the refuse ordinance. Pearson indicated it had been several months since he had worked on it. He would get going on the wording again. The billing continues to be done by the city since there have been some compatibility issues with the software between the city and Range Disposal. City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova indicated they were hoping to have Range Disposal start doing the billing November 1.

The council approved the preliminary levy of \$1,219,000, a 4% reduction from last year.

Truth and Taxation meeting was set for Monday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

One Last item Mayor Lattery talked about Planning and Zoning Commission decision to recommend the elimination of the alternate board position. Currently, Jim Hunter has been participating in meetings since being appointed as the alternate. Hunter is a candidate for mayor. Lattery suggested a letter be sent to Hunter thanking him for his service. With a split vote of two to one the council approved the elimination of the alternate, Councilman Paul Heglund and Councilman Ron Prushek voted for the motion and Councilman Jim Goshey voted against it. Councilman Dusty Paul(also a candidate for mayor) was absent.

Best places for fall color| Continued from Page 1

ite images from the northernmost tip of Minnesota to the southernmost plains.

"The DNR's forest health specialists say we've had enough rain around the state this summer to keep things green and healthy, which is the first building block for great fall color," said Erika Rivers, director of Minnesota state parks and trails. "To increase the chances of having a flashy fall, we need warm, sunny days and cool nights to bring out those vivid colors."

As a general rule, colors peak between mid-September and early October in the northern third of Minnesota, between late September and early October in the central third, and between late September and mid-October in the southern third (which includes the Twin Cities). Peak fall color typically lasts about two weeks, but that can vary widely, depending on location, elevation and weather. Trees at higher elevations are the earliest to show color change.

For mobile device users, the DNR offers fall colors "to go" on a mobile Fall Color Finder that is integrated with Google maps. To access the fall color information in a format optimized for smart phones and tablets, go to www.mndnr.gov/ fallcolor and select the "mobile page" button.

State Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, and other members of the Minnesota House Agriculture Policy Committee held a hearing Tuesday to clear up confusion created by Gov. Mark Dayton's recent executive order suggesting that immediate restrictions on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides were forthcoming.

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"Unfortunately the content and manner in which this order was announced created unnecessary confusion and uncertainty within the agriculture community that rely on neonicotinoids as an approved means of controlling insect damage to crops," said Lueck, who serves on both the House agriculture committees - finance and policy. "Whether intended or not, the governor's order left the perception with the media and farmers that neonicotinoids and their use by farmers are single handedly responsible for the decline in pollinators."

Neonicotinoids, aka neonics, are a relatively new class of insecticides that are approved for use on 140 crops. Lueck said they can be used in place of organophosphates and synthetic pyrethroids, which tend to be more toxic to bees, mammals, birds, aquatic life and can present a risk to those humans handling the chemicals.

Neonics are used to treat seeds before planting to control insect pests while the plants are small and most vulnerable to insect damage. In Minnesota, Lueck said about 90 percent of seed corn and about 40 percent of soybean seed are currently pretreated in this manner before planting.

The governor's recently issued Executive 16-07 implied that neonics are the primary cause for the loss of pollinators including honey bees and calling for immediate action to reduce or eliminate the their use.

Lueck said the order was issued without consulting farmers and was a surprise to key legislative chairs and agriculture committee members responsible to make adjustments to existing state statutes governing the regulation of pesticides and herbicides.

"We were able to clear up some of the confusion during the three and a half hours of testimony by state Ag. Commissioner David Frederickson and ag. department personnel," Lueck said, "While pesticides present an obvious risk to pollinators, pollinator decline is linked to a variety of issues including, loss of habitat, bee specific diseases including viruses and bacteria, parasites, predators, pets, bee keeper practices, local weather events and general climatic changes.

"I was pleased that, when queried, Commissioner Frederickson clarified that farmers ordering seed for next year's planting should follow current practices and label instructions. They should not anticipate any immediate changes in the use of neonicotinoids. The commissioner acknowledged the department currently does not have statutory authority to create or impose new regulations in this area and that next year the administration would be coming to the legislature next year to work on the issue.

At the close of the hearing, the committee heard testimony on changes to planting equipment and practices that may significantly reduce the primary means of exposure to pollinators, which occurs from the dust created during planting that can result in small amounts of neonics

becoming air borne and then coming in contact with pollinators.

"The decline of pollinators is of concern to all farmers, not just bee keepers. Pollinators play a key part in plant reproduction," Lueck said. "Their absence can mean severely reduced yields for crops that require their activity for pollination

"Ensuring we maintain

a healthy pollinator population is a shared goal. Now that Commissioner Frederickson has clarified what the governor's executive order means to farmers already planning for next year's crops, I am confident that the Legislature and the ag. department can develop solutions to this issue in a fact-based, common-sense manner."



Aitkin DFL open house

The Aitkin DFL had their open house on Fri., Sept 9 at 209 Minnesota Ave. in Aitkin. Pictured are (left) Tiffany Stenglein, running for State Senate, and Erin Wagner, running for State House of Representatives.

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Sept. 17, 2016) **PUBLIC NOTICE BAY**

LAKE TOWNSHIP The Annual Fall Road Inspection for Bay Lake township will be held on September 29, 2016 starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Bay Lake Town Hall.

Dated: September 14, 2016 CAROL PUNDT, Clerk, Bay Lake Township

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Sept. 17 & 24, 2016) LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

The board of supervisors of Libby Township will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, September 28 at 1:00 p.m. at the Palisade Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss planned streambank restoration and roadwork on 275th Place. The meeting agenda may include other matters that may come before the board.

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"Lone Barn True" photograph by Rachel Cain

Ripple River Gallery's fall open house, set for Saturday, Sept. 24, is an annual celebration of the season with a colorful combination of art, fun and fall color. Get creative with hands-on arts activities, meet artists and watch demonstrations and enjoy refreshments-all while learning more about the Wild and Free Wildlife Rehabilitation Program in Garrison.

Activities begin around 10 a.m. From weaving and fiber arts, a group painting project, origami and more, artists of all ages can join in. Bob Carls will demonstrate bowl turning, fiber artist Susan Longstaff and lapidary artist Karren Mills will also be on hand to talk about their work and explain the processes involved.

The open house coincides with the gallery's opening for a new exhibit of photographs by Rachel Cain. A photographer for over 15 years, Cain's subject matter is varied. "If I fall in love with a subject, it is fair game," she says. She is particularly drawn to old buildings, texture, architecture, landscapes and birds.



her goal with each photograph is to get to the 'essence' of the subject, eliminating distracting details. She enjoys the post-processing part of her work, using it to emphasize essential qualities.

A special feature this year is a trunk show with jeweler Candyce Westfield. Her work, which uti-

lizes both traditional metal fabrication as well as metal clay, is influenced by her love of nature. "I find great beauty in natural textures and common objects under-

Cain says foot," she says. "Each piece care to orphaned or injured is a memento to the passage of time, the cycle of life, and preciousness of nature."

> Volunteers with Wild and Free will be on hand to talk about their work with wild animals. Wild and Free Wildlife Rehabilitation Program in Garrison is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about wildlife and habitat, as well as caring for orphaned or injured wild animals. Veterinarian Dr. Debbie Eskedahl heads the volunteer-based program, which provides food, shelter, medical and surgical

wildlife under permits from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Donations for Wild and Free will be accepted. A highlight of the after-

noon is a release of a rehabilitated raptor-in past years owls and several species of hawks have been released. According to a Wild and Free spokesperson, this year at least one bird will be released. Names are drawn to see who gets to do the actual release, which takes place around 2 p.m. "With leather gloves it's one-twothree, up, up and away! It's a thrill!"

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Take time to celebrate the season, feed your creative spirit and travel the back roads of the lakes country. For a fall destination, consider Ripple River Gallery, five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue. For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail: ripplerivergallery@gmail.com



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