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Popular Ruttger's Oktoberfest thirty-one years in the making



Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge Chairman Jack Ruttger (center) and President Chris Ruttger (right) kicked off last year's Oktoberfest celebration. This year's Oktoberfest is Saturday, Oct. 22.

A touch of Bavaria returns to Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge Oct. 21-23 with one of the region's most popular Oktoberfest celebrations. The festivities feature live entertainment, traditional German food and drinks, an arts and crafts fair and much more.

Ruttger's first celebrated Oktoberfest in 1985 as a way to honor the Ruttger family's German heritage and as a fun event for its guests. Oktoberfest has grown each year, be-

coming a multi-generational experience with more than 3,000 visitors expected to attend this year's celebration.

"What started humbly has become an annual tradition for many people," Ruttger's President Chris Ruttger said. "We're proud that our resort guests and the surrounding community look forward to Oktoberfest each year, rain or shine."

The popularity of Ruttger's Oktoberfest has spread beyond the Brainerd Lakes area. Last year, it was voted runner up for most popular event in the state by readers of

Minnesota Meetings + Events Magazine, trailing only the Minnesota State Fair.

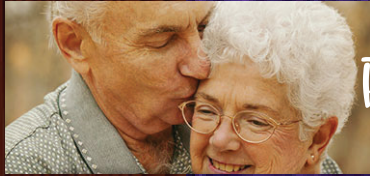
"The root of Oktoberfest's success is simple - it's a lot of fun, just like the original in Munich," Ruttger said.

The festivities begin with Friday evening's Harvest Buffet Dinner Shows featuring the famous Concord Singers of New Ulm and Alpensterne band from Mayer, MN. The Narren of New Ulm, with their hand carved wooden masks and colorful costumes, add to the fun, too.

The arts and crafts fair with **Continued on Page 5**

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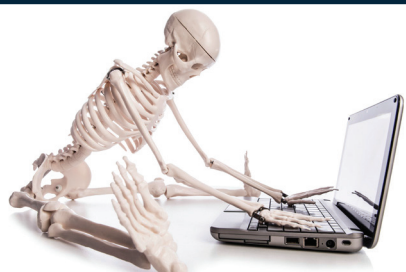
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Saving Hearts suicide prevention walk/run set for October 29 in Crosby



Kicking off the Suicide Prevention Walk/Run with a donation for the Crisis Line, from left: Ann Raph, run organizer; Mary Marana, Crisis Line director and Josh Netland from Emily Cooperative Telephone Company. Submitted photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ
"We have had other deaths in our family but this is a whole nother experience – horrible. If we can just prevent other families from going through this pain maybe his death won't be in vain."
So says Ann Raph, co-founder of the Saving Hearts Walk/Run, about her nephew Shane Heyn, who took his own life in December 2012 at age 35.

"Shane loved the outdoors and he loved it up here," said Raph in an interview. He was very close to her and her husband and loved to spend time in the Emily area. "He was a great fisherman and a hard worker. We had no idea that he was suffering and about to take his own life."
Shane was the oldest of the family's four grandchildren and Raph's daughter said "Why don't we just have a little walk?" to remember her cousin and prevent suicide.
The third such event is set for Sat., Oct. 29, at the Cuyuna Range Elementary

School in Crosby. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the walk and run, 5K and 1 mile, set for 10 a.m.
The event moved to the elementary school from the Hallett Center as its numbers have grown. They are also adding a silent auction and hope to triple their donations this year.
"Once our family started working on the preparation of this event in 2014, the outpouring of support and volunteers was incredible," Ann outlined in a press release. "In 2014, we welcomed 90 participants and raised \$2,400

for the National Alliance on Mental Illness.
"In 2015, the Saving Hearts team was astounded by 192 participants and raised \$5,500 for the Crisis Line and Referral Service of Brainerd.
"We are hoping to surpass those numbers again this year for the third annual event on October 29. All proceeds from the event will go to the Crisis Line and Referral Service Center of Brainerd, serving Crow Wing, Aitkin, Cass, Todd, Morrison and Wadena counties."
"We want the Crisis Line to use this money to try to prevent even one person from taking their own life" continued Raph. "This is such a good organization where they go around to the schools every year and try to educate our young people that there are resources out there — if you are feeling lonely, angry,

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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, 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.
 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 the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 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, lower 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 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.
 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.
 Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.
 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 Deerwood (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Deerwood Legion, 23659 Forest Rd, Deerwood. For more information, please contact Lucy Bartz 218-839-2218 or Gwenn Smith 218-246-2180.
 TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel 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.
October
 15th - Public Square Rosary Rally Crusade at noon at the Big Fish on Hwy. 169 in Garrison. Contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more information.
 15th - Palisade Assembly of God Family Movie Matinee at noon for a free movie matinee, hot dogs and snacks.
 17th - TZD to host local Car Seat Clinic, 3 - 6: p.m. at the Aitkin Fire Hall To Register: Call Amy at the Fire Hall: 218-927-2133 At the clinic a trained technician will check your car seat, making sure it has not been recalled, assure it is the correct size and fit for your child and that it is installed properly.
 17th - New chapter TOPS Deerwood (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at the Deerwood Legion, 23659 Forest Rd, Deerwood 6:30- 7:30 pm. For more information, please contact Lucy Bartz 218-839-2218 or Gwenn Smith 218-246-2180
 20th - BAELN Event: Sustainability initiatives in the MN National Guard 3:00 - 4:30 pm at Camp Ripley to learn about the sustainability initiatives Included will be a site tour of the newly constructed 10 Megawatt Solar PV array spanning 62 acres. Sessions are free and all are invited to Camp Ripley Education Center, Room 252, 15000 Highway 115, Little Falls, MN. All Attendees must show a government issued ID at the Main Gate security prior to entering. If you have questions concerning this presentation, please or 320-616-2619. 20th - 23rd & 27th -30th Geritol Frolics at the Franklin Arts Center in Brainerd. The Geritol Frolics is a musical variety show performed by talented seniors age 55 and older. This year's show will feature a selection of great music from the days of "Your Hit Parade." Ticket prices are \$18 and \$20. All seats are reserved. Tickets may be purchased at the box office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday or by calling 218-825-4993.
 20th - American Girl Doll Tea at Library If you are a fan of the American Girl Dolls & books, the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library, 101-1st St SE Crosby, cordially invites you to attend the 8th annual American Girl Doll Afternoon Tea hosted by the JFHML Friends Foundation from 11am-1:00 pm. This spe-

cial event will feature hospitality time, sit down refreshments, and a craft activity. Bring along your American Girl doll (or other doll) and a friend and join us for this elegant affair. Ages 5-12. Please preregister by calling the Library at 546-8005 to reserve your spot. Check out details on the Library website www.hallettlibrary.org or e-mail the library with any questions at hallett@hallettlibrary.com.
 22nd - Shepherd of the Lake Annual Fall Bazaar 9am - 2pm. There will be lefse, baked items, pasties, craft items, grandpa's shed, and grandma's attic. A luncheon of soup and sandwiches, pie and beverage will be available. Located on Highway 169, one mile north of Garrison. Everyone is welcome! For questions, please contact the Church at 320-692-4581.
 23rd - Aitkin Women Of Today Annual Pumpkin Patch Bake Sale 11 am - 2 pm at the Aitkin City Park. Delicious items will include: Breads, fudge, cupcakes, cookies, bars, snack mixes, pies, and more! Please join us for a tasty treat!
 25th - Public Square Rosary on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Big Fish in Garrison. Contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more information.
 27th - United Methodist Church of Emily Downsizing Workshop - Who Gets Mom's Table? Led by Kathleen Gilbride of the Central Minnesota Council on Aging, St. Cloud, 3:00-4:30 pm. This is another in a series of Emily area community educational events. The public is invited to this free event. Bring a friend. The church is located across from the Emily Post Office near the intersection of Hwy 6 and Co. Rd 1. Questions? Contact Dan Klement, 218-566-2220.

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OBITUARIES

RAYMOND ANTILA



Raymond Edward Antila, 74, of Deerwood died on Friday, October 7, 2016 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Saturday.

He was born on April 2, 1942 in Minneapolis to Edward and Margaret (Tondo) Antila. He married Judy Peterson on April 20, 1963 in Crosby. He

was an employee of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad with 31 years of service. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judy; son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Jessica Antila, Crosby; daughters and sons-in-law: Rebecca and Randy Schurmann, Kokato; Julie and David Bayerl, Big Lake; and Debra and John Tibbetts, Monticello sister, Mary Alice Lutz, Golden Valley; seven grandchildren; one great grandchild, Presley Estes and his canine companion, Casino. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

MILDRED MATHSON



Mildred Lillian Mathson, 99, of Crosby died on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby.

Funeral services were held on Monday, October 10, 2016 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born on August 3, 1917 in Crosby and is the last to survive Peder and Anna (Skrinde) Midthun. She married Bernard Mathson on September 21, 1946 in Crosby. She was a retired telephone operator with Pioneer

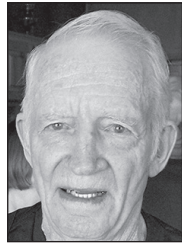
Telephone in Crosby and Northwestern Bell in Duluth. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby; it's Mariam Circle, quilters group and altar guild.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bernard; and infant daughter, Donna Rae in 1957; eight brothers: Lars, Hans, Martin, Gilbert, Oscar, Myron, Lloyd and Clarence Midthun; six sisters: Anna Sanbeck, Stella Walker, Clara Wick, Margaret Smith and infant sisters, Mary and Stella Midthun.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

DONALD HALE



Donald Leon Hale, 88, of Aitkin died Sunday, October 9, 2016 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Maria Chapel, Aitkin with Reverend Darrell Pedersen officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Diamond Lake Cemetery.

Military honors by: Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86 and Aitkin VFW Roberts-Glad Post # 1727. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers to the American Lung Association.

He was born June 13, 1928 in Keswick, Iowa to Arthur and Pearl (Reed) Hale. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran and was employed by the Air Force as an air craft mechanic, serving from 1946 to 1970. He married Lois Janette (Work-

man) on October 15, 1949. He was married to Doris Carlson. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and cutting wood.

He is survived by his son, Thomas Lynn Hale, Hopkins; daughters and sons-in-law: Connie Lou and James Krueger, Brainerd; Lou Ann and Alvin Carlson, Aitkin; Georgia Ann and Jack Short, Freehold, NJ; step-son, Gary (Marilyn) Carlson; step-daughters: Kathy (Jim)Julkowski and Nancy (Steve) Carlson; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and special friend Mary Mikes.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife Lois Janette (Workman) Hale, second wife Doris Carlson Hale; brother Merlyn Hale; sisters: Shirley Leiser and Bonnie Edmundson.

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

CHARLES PEARSON



Charles T. Pearson, 76, of Aitkin formerly of Stacy, MN died Sunday, October 9, 2016 at his home.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the Glory Baptist Church with Rev. Chris Meirose officiating. Burial was in the Glory Cemetery with military honors provided by the Aitkin VFW and American Legion Posts.

He was born February 28, 1940 in St. Paul to Elmer and Isabelle (Anderson) Pearson. He grew up in the Glory area and attended schools there and graduated from the Aitkin High School in 1958. He then worked for Woodland Container for a year. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served from 1959 to 1967. He was on submarines most of the time. He married Judy M. Flowers on August 28, 1960 in Aitkin. Upon his discharge from the Navy

their made their home in Stacy and he worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone and the ATT. Later he operated his own telephone repair and installation service. They retired to Aitkin in 2006 and have lived here since. He loved to play golf with his two brothers and his sister. He enjoyed gardening, playing cards and dominoes, visiting friends and family and cutting wood. Chuck always had a song to sing or whistle.

He is survived by his wife Judy Pearson, Aitkin; sons and daughters-in-law: Thomas and Lynne Pearson, Lino Lakes; Andrew and Sarah Pearson, North St. Paul; daughters and sons-in-law: Dawn and Robert Nelson, White Bear Lake; Christy and Randy Heckmann, Anoka; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and Sister, Shirley White, Brainerd.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Roger Pearson.

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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 Esepeth; 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
Baptist — 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, 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. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sun. 11:15 am.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:45 am
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
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30-16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
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 Grace 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, visitolifespring.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 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 Ingelwood 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.poppbaxter.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
Breezy Point* - Eagles Nest, Pastor Jonathan Lemaster, 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m.
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct.

Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; 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.
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), Rev. Tom Peterson. 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

Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.

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 9:30; handicapped accessible.
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 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. Peter Rosenkivist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed — 10:15 am. Wed. Worship 5:45 pm. Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5: pm.

Rosburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

PENTECOSTAL
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.

Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Mishtry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

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;14444 Daggett Pine Rd. 218-692-4769
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

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.

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Crosby passes ordinance that allows residents to self haul garbage

At the City of Crosby Council Meeting on October 10, Fire Chief Jay DeCent informed the council there had

been seven calls last month. The call included one smoke alarm on 300-3rd Ave NE, two calls to CRES unit on

kids missing, one call on mutual aid to Cuyuna, two car accidents on Minnesota State Hwy 6 and mutual aid

to Ironton. The council approved budgeted item purchase of a new heater for the fire hall from SCR Northern for \$4,875. The council approved the purchase of new chairs for the fire hall and updating the training stuff caging and cables for FireOne in the amount of \$5,265. Chief DeCent indicated the funds could be paid out of donations made to the Fire Department by the Relief Association.

He said that fire prevention is going on at the school, DeCent will be doing some reading to the kids. On Friday October 14, the fire truck will go to the school for demonstrations for the kids. He said that on Halloween there will be hot chocolate and cookies served at the fire hall from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. There was some discussion about the fire contract with Wolford Township. It was decided to discuss the matter further later in private.

Hallett Community Centers
The Hallett Community Center's new General Manager Amber Moon was given spending authority by the council. Moon said they had replaced the filter and pump in the small pool. She said the women's locker room was measured for the new carpet squares. The ice is in the arena and ready for hockey. She said in September, membership increased by three members. There will be a promotion coming for the Hallett Center's 17th year in business. She said they will be adding more classes for winter.

Hallett Memorial Library
Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library Head Librarian Peggy Beseres, spoke to the council about upcoming events and Minnesota Library Association conference in Duluth. She said the 8th annual American Girl Doll Tea will be Thurs., Oct. 20 and will be coordinated by Deb Weide. She said there are 26 filled already with only 32 slots available that fill up fast. The council approved the library advertising for up to three temporary part-time library assistants and accepting an application as student library assistant Lauren Wisely. Jingle books is the Friends of the Library largest fund raiser that begins on Give to the Max day on November 17 through the end of November, including up to \$10,000 match grant from the charitable Hallett Trust. Last year they raised \$16,600 with the match grant to help purchase books for the coming year. Council approved accepting donations to the library.

Garbage Collection
The next matter discussed was revisions to the ordinance for organized sold waste collection to allow for the self hauling of refuse. After some discussion by Range Disposal Attorney Kurt Porter spoke about Minnesota Statute Law. Porter relayed that organized collection self hauling issue and indicated the matter was up to the council if it was allowed in the city. Porter suggested it should be taken on a case by case basis instead of allowing anyone to self haul. Mayor Joanna Lattery suggested she had read in Porter's memo that multiple parties could share one trash cart. Lattery said she didn't think people should be required to have garbage service from Range and couldn't self haul.

City Attorney Pearson said "The statute says if you have an organized collection and you know your residents must subscribe to that or have a way to dispose their refuse in an environmentally sound manner." Lattery then asked for a motion. There was none made. Then the self hauling issue was discussed amongst all the councilmen they all were in support of allowing it. The council decided unanimously to allow self hauling in the ordinance. Lattery said the waste collection billing is still on schedule to be taken over by Range Disposal by November 1. City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo presented delinquent utility account list to pay by the end of the month or Crow Wing County will add the bills to their property taxes. The council approved the resolution to allow.

Sewer District
Sova said the Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District rate increase was to be put in effect on January 1, 2017. Lattery said that she felt that Crosby flows were too high. There was some discussion with Councilman Jim Goshey who serves on the Board representing Crosby. Goshey explained they are going with an average flat rate billed monthly. It was decided to talk to City Engineer about his findings on the flow meter he had installed to meter Crosby's sewage flow. Goshey indicated the Sewer District had losing money for the past three years and the rates needed to be increased. The matter was decided to be tabled until next meeting so they could check with City Engineer Phil Martin.

Other
Crow Wing County reclassification of two properties to Non-Conservation lands with permission of the city. The council approved the reclassification. The council approved the partial payment of \$326,065.37 to Pratt's Affordable Excavating. Lattery indicated that the owners of the old Community Center on Hwy. 6 had not found another nonprofit to take it over. So they want to deed it to the city. Lattery wanted to wait to have the City Building Inspector Scott Sadosky give a report of what he thought.

Rain Gardens
Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing County Soil and Water Conservation District talked about revised rain garden plans to allow for the expansion of the Police Department. The plans would be to remake the two rain gardens outside City Hall. The price for this would be \$38,000 to be paid out of the grant proceeds. The council approved the two rain gardens including maintenance of them.

Fire department receives donation



Mission Township Fire Chief, Randy Roach, accepted a \$2,200 donation from Jan Slayton, a member of the Township Auxiliary, on September 18, 2016 at the annual Firemen's Community Pancake Breakfast. Anyone interested in joining Mission Fire Department should contact Chief Randy Roach at 218-765-3976 or missionfire@brainerd.net. The Fire Auxiliary also welcomes new members. For information about activities, luncheons, and fundraisers sponsored by the fire auxiliary, please contact Jan Slayton at 218-765-3356.

Saving Hearts donations needed



Fifty Lakes Fire Chief Andy Hemphill (right) and future fireman Henry Otto (center) presented a \$1,000 donation to the Crisis Line and Referral Service Center to Ann Raph, co-founder of the Saving Hearts Organization, Emily. Saving Saving Hearts welcomes cash donations as well as silent auction items - all proceeds will benefit the Crisis Line & Referral Service which serves a 6 county area, including Aitkin, Crow Wing, Cass, Morrison, Todd and Wadena Counties. If you have questions, would like to arrange pick up of a donation or would like to volunteer, please contact Ann Raph at savinghearts12@outlook.com.

Suicide prevention walk/run | Continued from Page 2

depressed, there is help out there. Suicide is not the answer. We also hope to reach adults who suffer from depression and anxiety and don't know where to turn to for help — there is such a stigma."

The bonding with other families who have suffered losses has been incredible, she said. "One lady behind a desk came up with tears running down her face, crying "I lost my son!" He died

just 20 days after my nephew. She said "What can I do to help?" and has become an integral part of our team. Another family came forward to talk about their daughter, 23, who took her own life. They had no idea she was suffering. Another girl saw our flyer at the vet's office and said: "What can I do to help? I lost my brother to suicide." It's incredible the people you meet who want to work together and spread the word that there is always hope."

Raph grew up in Emily and still lives there. She works

for the city of 50 Lakes and operates a cleaning service. Her husband is a local builder and they have two grown children.

To volunteer or for more information contact Ann Raph at 218-838-6109 or email SavingHearts12@outlook.com.

About the Crisis Line

If you are feeling a little blue, a little lonely, a little frustrated or just need a friend to talk to, 24-hour Crisis Line volunteers are ready to listen, call 218-828-HELP (4357) or 800-462-5525."

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over 150 vendors is on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and complements the food, plenty of beverage choices, entertainment, and music running all afternoon. Children's activities include face painting, balloon twisting, and new this year, a wandering stilt walker will add to the festivity. The Concord Singers, Alpensterne, and the Narren of New Ulm are on stage beginning at 11 a.m. with the keg tapping in the Entertainment Tent.

Saturday night is the celebrated Oktoberfest Dinner Buffet, with all the favorite German specialties. Bay Lake Volksmusikpelle performs in the buffet area and Alpensterne is again on stage in Ruby's Dining Room. After dinner, our guests head upstairs to the ballroom to join in family bingo.

Reservations are required for the dinner buffets, but Saturday's arts and crafts fair and the daytime events are free admission.

"Oktoberfest has become an annual event for many people," Ruttger said, "Our resort guests and the surrounding community look forward to Oktoberfest each year, rain or shine because it is such an exciting, fun family event." For more information and to make your dinner reservation, call Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge at 218-678-2885. See the dinner menus and schedule of events at ruttgers.com.

Blue lights to honor Deputy Sandberg

As the one-year anniversary approaches of the death of Aitkin County Sheriff's Deputy Steven Sandberg, who died while on duty Oct. 18, 2015,

members of the Aitkin community are asking residents to display a blue lights Oct. 17-24.

The hope is to get 1,000 blue lights distributed.

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