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## Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge donates to local reading programs



Students from Ripplside Elementary School say thank you for the Ruttger's Enhanced Reading Fund donation. The students are surrounded by some of books purchased with the money donated. Photo courtesy of Beth Gaulke.

Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge donated \$7,400 to Ripplside Elementary school in Aitkin and Cuyuna Range Elementary School in Crosby-Ironton to assist with their reading programs.

The donations were made on behalf of the Ruttger's Enhanced Reading Fund, a charitable initiative dedicated to improving literacy in our community by sharing the love of reading with students. This year, \$7,400 was raised,

divided equally and distributed to the schools. Since its inception, more than \$75,000 has been on donated.

"Reading is so important, and we are thrilled and honored to be able to contribute to these school initiatives through the Ruttger's Enhanced Reading Fund," Chris Ruttger, President of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge said.

Ripplside Elementary School Principal Jesse Peterson and CRES Principal Kurt

Becker both said that the funds will be used to purchase books for the school libraries and in support of reading curriculum.

"We will use the money to continue to provide our students with the best resources we can as they develop their reading skills," Principal Becker said.

Peterson said the money will be helpful in purchasing new books, in a wide variety of genres, for the school's new Benchmark Literacy curric-



Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge President Chris Ruttger presents a check for \$3,700 to CRES Principal Kurt Becker

ulum. "It certainly goes to the benefit of the kids," he said. "We will find some great books to order right away."

Ruttger's collects funds through a reciprocal donation program with businesses, individuals and civic groups, personal contributions, and

as part of Ruttger's events. For example, a portion of the proceeds for the Fall Fashion Show were donated to the Ruttger's Enhanced Reading Fund.

To donate, please contact Ruttger's Enhanced Reading Fund Administrator Erin Mahoney at erin.mahoney@ruttgers.com or 218-678-4696.



Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge President Chris Ruttger presents a check for \$3,700 to Ripplside Elementary School Principal Jesse Peterson.

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# Snowmobile trails open Dec. 1, early snow presents challenge



As northern Minnesota received its first significant snowfall last week, many snowmobile enthusiasts are rushing to take their first ride of the season. Snowmobile riders are reminded that despite the early snow, most of the state's snowmobile trails are not yet ready for riding, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Minnesota's snowmobile trails officially open Dec. 1 each year, and several conditions must be met before trails are open and ready for travel:

The ground must be frozen to allow for crossing wet areas.

Adequate snow cover, about 12 inches, must be on the ground to allow for packing and grooming of the trails.

Trails must be cleared of fallen trees, signs put in place and the gates opened. Snowmobile club volunteers and

DNR staff are currently working on these tasks.

"While the early snow is encouraging, it acts as insulation that slows the freezing we need in order to work on brush clearing and other trail maintenance in wet areas," Grand Rapids area supervisor Guy Lunz. "Crews are out removing brush from trails where they can, and that pace will pick up once cold weather helps freeze the low-lying areas."

After recent record-breaking warm temperatures into early November, most lakes remain ice-free despite the recent snow. The DNR recommends a minimum of 5 inches of new clear ice for snowmobiles.

When the trails open, the DNR urges riders to use caution. Early season trails may have trees or other debris across the trails, unfrozen

areas, rocks or ruts, or standing crops and closed gates. Also, road ditches can have obstacles such as culverts, signposts and rocks.

While snowmobilers wait for the arrival of cold temperatures, now is a good time to verify their combined registration and trail sticker is current, ensure their snowmobiles are in good operating order, review safety training, and check local trail maps for any route changes or new trails.

Registrations and trail stickers for new snowmobiles must be purchased in person at any deputy registrar of motor vehicles or at the DNR License Bureau in St. Paul. Renewals of registrations and trail stickers may be done in person, or online at <http://licenses.dnr.state.mn.us/>.

Minnesota has more than 22,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails; more than 21,000 miles of them are maintained by local snowmobile club volunteers. Snowmobile trail maintenance costs are partially funded through the combined snowmobile registrations and trail sticker sales, and state gas tax attributed to snowmobile use. Donations and volunteer

work by trail clubs make up the remainder of the costs and efforts to operate these trails.

Trail users are always encouraged to call in advance or research online to get local conditions for the area they plan to ride. State trail conditions are posted each Thursday

on the DNR website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/snow\\_depth/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snow_depth/index.html).

Links to snowmobile trail information, state trail maps, regulations, safety training, and more is available on the DNR website at [www.mndnr.gov/snowmobiling](http://www.mndnr.gov/snowmobiling).

Local trail conditions are often posted online by local tourism associations, chambers of commerce and volunteer snowmobile clubs. To find the nearest club, visit the Minnesota United Snowmobiler's Association website at [www.mnsnowmobiler.org](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org).

## Consider sharing the love of family

November is National Adoption month and there are 489 children in Minnesota who need adoptive families immediately.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is working with its partners, including Crow Wing County, to connect families looking to adopt with kids needing a forever home.

In 2015, Minnesota families adopted 662 children from the foster care system.

Crow Wing County is looking for residents who wish to adopt children presently in foster care. Currently there are 14 children that do not have an adoptive home. When courts terminate parents' rights, children are placed in foster care and committed to the guardianship of the state. The goal is to find permanent homes, preferably through adoption for all children under state guardianship. The county is responsible for identifying children's needs, finding an adoptive family and helping to facilitate the adoption process.

In 2015, Crow Wing successfully facilitated the adop-

tion of ten children.

"We are always looking for qualified people to provide foster care and also for those who might be interested in adoption," said Lynda Erickson, Crow Wing County Community Services Supervisor.

"At this time we have 68 licensed foster homes and 130 children placed out their home in foster care or another setting. There is a tremendous need for more homes."

Children in out of home placement cannot live with their parents because of child neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, substance abuse or mental health concerns of the parents, or due to their own behavioral issues.

By state law, child foster homes must be licensed according to the standards set forth by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The licensing process takes approximately three to six months. To apply, a person must be 21 years of age and pass a criminal background study, which includes fingerprinting for anyone over the age of 18 in their household and background

studies of anyone over 13 in the household. You can be single or married, rent or own your own home, and foster parents can be employed full time or part time. There is a monthly stipend to cover the foster child's expenses. All children in foster care are automatically eligible for medical assistance.

There is also eligibility for WIC for children under the age of five and free lunch for school age children. Individuals and families who apply to be foster parents are given training and support before, during and after they are licensed. Foster parents need to complete an orientation, child car seat training, SIDS/shaken baby training and children's mental health training, which is all provided by Crow Wing County. After becoming licensed, foster homes are required to have 12 hours of training per year.

"The need for families who can foster sibling groups is great at this time," Erickson noted. "Crisis homes that take children on short notice for short periods of time are also in demand." Erickson pointed out that Crow Wing County is also looking for permanency homes for children. Permanency means that if for some reason the child cannot be reunified with a parent or relative, the foster parent may adopt the child.

For more information contact Lynda Erickson at (218) 824-1187 or [lynda.erickson@crowwing.us](mailto:lynda.erickson@crowwing.us).

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Ongoing Events:**

AA- Aitkin - Meeting closed Wednesday 3 pm Aitkin Alano Club

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 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. 218-9271383.

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 offers free clothing to men and women in need. We are open the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. **NARROWS COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing (follow the yellow signs). Call 320.857.0182 for more information.

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at Cuyuna Range Community Center, lower level.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at 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@motas.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: Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Aitkin 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, Intercersory prayer Wed 6-7 pm; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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.

**November**

28th - True Hope Ministries "The Hope of Christmas with the Ball Brothers" Join us at the Reif Center in Grand Rapids, 7PM. Call 1-844-4MN-HOPE for more info.

**December**

1st - CLC Cultural Thursday at noon in Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus, local community members and students who have immigrated to central Minnesota are invited to take part in a panel presentation titled "On Being an Immigrant."

2nd - Caleigh, a Celtic/Irish trio of women will perform a holiday concert at the Reif Center in Grand Rapids at 7 pm. 3rd - Hill City United Methodist UMW Bazaar 10 am - 1 pm Baked goods, greeting card, crafts, white elephant items and pie \$3, sloppy joes, \$3 with free coffee

3rd - Harding Horse'n Around Christmas Parade featuring equine teams from around the state, 5 pm on Main Street in Harding.

6th - Hallett Library & Friends Host Holiday Open House at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library, 101 1st St SE Crosby at 10 a.m. Throughout the day enjoy fellowship, hors d'oeuvres and special shopping opportunities. There will be ribbon-wrapped books, American Girl Doll items, and Christmas décor. The day will end with a MAGIC OF THE HOLIDAYS family magic show with magician Robert Halbrook at 6 pm.

All are welcome!

6th - 29th Annual Farm Forum from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Central Lakes College's Staples campus. Attendees will hear from speakers on the current issues in agriculture. Topics include: Yearned tax planning hints, Ag-Centric/CLC Ag & Energy, township nitrate testing, technology in agriculture, and soil health and fertility. The event is free and open to the public. No RSVP needed. When on campus, enter door No. 3 or 4 and follow the signs. Questions? Email Keith at KOlander@clcmn.edu.

6th - Vietnam Era Veterans Recognition Planned at Brainerd Lakes Area VA Town Hall Meeting at 5 p.m. at the American Legion Post 255, located at 708 Front Street, in Brainerd. Beginning at 4 p.m., County Veteran Services and VA staff will be available to discuss enrollment in VA health care and provide information on the full range of Veterans benefit programs.

6th - Free Holiday Festival at Central Lakes College - Staples 5-8 .m. There will be photos with Santa, cookie decorating, face painting, caricatures, ornament making, crafts, and more. The event is held by The Right Brain Media Club, CLC's Graphic Design club. For more information call 218-855-8157.

10th - Holiday Shopping Extravaganza 10 am - 4 pm at Holy Family Activity Center Bulldog Lake, 1182 County Road 8, Hillman, 3 miles South of Pine Center. For Info Call Bev at 320-277-3271

10th - Tusenvann Lodge Sons of Norway #1-659 meeting noon. (Dec.thru Mar. moves to Saturdays.) Featuring "Julebord" Potluck Christmas Party. Entertainment will be "Gary & Friends" with music. Bring a dish to share, a friend, or a neighbor. Fun will be had by all but you must be there to enjoy it! If you have questions call Candice at 1-320-983-2886 or Bill at 1-320-679-2380.

10th - Merry Tuba Christmas at 1 p.m. in front of Herberger's in the Westgate Mal

10th - Mille Lacs Lake Historical Society December Tea 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. Music, old-fashion decorated tree, coffee, tea, snacks, displays, stories to tell and hear. Door prize drawing every hour.

10th - Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota Holiday Concert at 7:30 pm at the historic Aitkin Opera House. Admission to the concert is \$12 and doors will open at 6:30 pm

12th - Free Holiday Festival at Central Lakes College - Brainerd 5-8 pm. There will be photos with Santa, cookie decorating, face painting, caricatures, ornament making, crafts, and more. The event is held by The Right Brain Media Club, CLC's Graphic Design club.

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# OBITUARIES

## RICHARD ANDERSON



Richard E. Anderson, 88, of Crosby died Saturday, November 19, 2016 at his home. A memorial service is being planned for at a later date.

He was born on June 27, 1928 in Crosby to Elmer and Alice (Cunningham) Anderson. He graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1946. He was a U.S. Korean Army veteran. Richard received his BA degree from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis in business and journalism in 1952. He was a retired typesetter with the *Milwaukee Journal*

*Sentinel* and the *Brainerd Dispatch*. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby and the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443 of Ironton.

He is survived by his sister, Elizabeth Hanley, Fort Meyers, FL; sister-in-law, Margaret Anderson, Medford, WI; and 12 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Jo Anderson and brother, Robert Anderson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

## JAMES GLOMSKI



James Paul Glomski, 82, of Deerwood died at his home on Sunday, November 20, 2016.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday November 26, 2016 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the funeral home on Saturday.

He was born on November 6, 1934 in Fountain City, WI to Paul and Josephine (Ebertowski) Glomski. He married Beverly Craft on November 25, 1972 in Crosby. He was employed with Scorpion in Crosby; Kenner Toys in Cincinnati, OH; Riverwood International in Crosby; Lakeside Industries in Minneapolis. After retiring from Riverwood, he was a host

for the Woodlands at Grand Casino, Mille Lacs until it closed.

He is survived by his wife Bev; sons and daughters-in-law: Tim Glomski, Hopkins; Terry and Cindy) Glomski, Robbinsdale; Todd Richtman, Golden Valley; Troy and Susan Glomski, Prescott, WI and Michael Glomski of Deerwood; two daughters: Thomi Glomski, Hopkins and Andi Glomski, Deerwood; 19 grandchildren; one great grandchild; brothers and sister-in-law, John "Jack" Glomski of St. Paul; and Tom and Marleen Glomski, Surprise, AZ; and sister, Barb Ganchow of AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter, Samantha; and two brothers, Jerry and Larry Glomski.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

# St. Louis Park man found dead

Crow Wing County Sheriff Todd Dahl reported that on November 19, at approximately 3:47 p.m., a 65 year old male from St. Louis Park, was found deceased in Ross Lake Township.

The male had been hunting and was located by a friend lying in the snow a short distance from a deer stand. Foul play is not suspected and it appears the male subject may have had a medical emergency.

The body was transported to Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. The name of the victim is not being released at this time, so family members have time to notify relatives.



# Thanksgiving wishes to local veterans

The American Legion Auxiliary visited with our veterans at the local care centers for Veterans Day to thank and honor them for their courage in serving our country. All Aitkin Legion Auxiliary members received a card wishing them a very happy Thanksgiving. Pictured with Vietnam Navy veteran Don Shroeder of Aicota are Roberta Elvecrog, Pauline Moore and Barb Jones. Stan Jones photo

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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

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Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45  
Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 pm.  
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**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 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.ihmstamilys.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 a.m.; 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  
Aitkin — The Journey North; 810 2nd Street NW, Aitkin; 9 & 10:30 am (218) 824-5617 thejourneynorth.com  
Baxter — The Journey North; 6785 Woinda Road, Baxter; Sat. 5 pm Sun 9, 10:30 & 11:45 am (218) 824-5617 thejourneynorth.com  
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 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  
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Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun. 10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

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Aitkin — St. John's, Rev. Karl E. Bell, Holy Communion Service 9

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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 Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.  
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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 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.  
Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.  
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910  
Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.  
Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Glen Bickford; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 10 am.  
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 M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study; SS 10:15.  
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Jean Megorden; Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)  
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.  
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.  
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.  
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.  
Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.  
Malmø — 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 Rosenkvist, 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.  
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 & 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.  
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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

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# Tests confirm 2 Chronic Wasting Disease-positive deer in Minnesota

Test results show two deer harvested by hunters in southeastern Minnesota were infected with Chronic Wasting Disease, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

One deer has been confirmed as CWD-positive. Confirmation of the second is expected later this week. The deer, both male, were killed near Lanesboro in Fillmore County during the first firearms deer season.

The two deer were harvested approximately 1 mile apart. These are the only deer to test positive from 2,493 samples collected Nov. 5-13. Results are still pending from 373 additional test samples collected during the opening three days of the second firearms season, Nov. 19-21.

CWD is a fatal brain disease to deer, elk and moose but is not known to affect human health. While it is found in deer in states bordering southeastern Minnesota, it was only found in a single other wild deer in Minnesota in 2010.

The DNR discovered the disease when sampling hunter-killed deer this fall in southeastern Minnesota as part of its CWD surveillance program. Dr. Lou Cornicelli, DNR wildlife research manager, said hunter and landowner cooperation on disease surveillance is the key to keeping the state's deer herd healthy.

"We were proactively looking for the disease, a proven strategy that allows us to manage CWD by finding it early, reacting quickly and aggressively to control it and hopefully eliminating its spread," he said.

It is unknown how the two CWD-positive deer, which were harvested 4 miles west

of Lanesboro in deer permit area 348, contracted the disease, Cornicelli said.

"We want to thank hunters who have brought their deer to our check stations for sampling," he said. "While finding CWD-positive deer



A DNR employee removes lymph nodes from a white-tailed deer at a registration station to test for chronic wasting disease. DNR photo.

is disappointing, we plan to work with hunters, landowners and other organizations to protect the state's deer herd and provide hunters the opportunity to pass on their deer hunting traditions."

These are the first wild deer found to have CWD since a deer harvested in fall 2010 near Pine Island tested positive. It was found during a successful disease control effort prompted by the detection in 2009 of CWD on a domestic elk farm. The DNR, landowners and hunters worked together to sample more than 4,000 deer in the Pine Island area from 2011 to 2013, and no additional infected deer were found.

The National Centers for Disease Control and Pre-

vention as well as the World Health Organization have found no scientific evidence that the disease presents a health risk to humans who come in contact with infected animals or eat infected meat. Still, the CDC advises against eating meat from animals known to have CWD.

With the muzzleloader deer season stretching into mid-December and archery season open through Saturday, Dec. 31, hunters should take these recommended precautions when harvesting deer:

Do not shoot, handle or consume any animal that is acting abnormally or appears to be sick.

Wear latex or rubber gloves when field dressing your deer.

Bone out the meat from your animal. Don't saw through bone, and avoid cutting through the brain or spinal cord (backbone). Minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.

Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.

Avoid consuming brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils and lymph nodes of harvested animals. Normal field dressing coupled with boning out a carcass will remove most, if not all, of these body parts. Cutting away all fatty tissue will remove remaining lymph nodes.

If you have your deer or elk commercially processed, request that your animal is processed individually, without meat from other animals being added to meat from your animal.

The DNR already has begun implementing the state's CWD response plan. Three additional CWD testing stations were opened in Fillmore County last weekend and

electronic registration was turned off in two additional deer permit areas.

"We'll wait until the late 3B firearms season concludes this weekend and analyze test results from all the samples we collect from hunters," Cornicelli said. "That will provide a better indication of the potential prevalence and distribution of CWD so we can determine boundaries for a disease management zone and the actions we'll take to manage the disease and limit its spread."

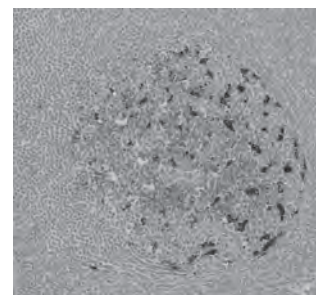
The DNR began CWD testing in southeastern Minnesota again this fall in response to expanded CWD infections in Wisconsin, Illinois, and northeast Iowa, as well as new and growing infections in Arkansas and Missouri. The increasing prevalence and geographic spread of the disease also prompted an expanded carcass import restriction that does not allow whole carcasses of deer, elk, moose and caribou to be brought into Minnesota.

The discovery of CWD in wild deer reinforces the need for the vigilance that disease surveillance and carcass import restrictions provide. Although inconvenient, hunter cooperation with these measures help protect Minnesota's deer herd.

"Working with landowners and hunters to better protect deer from disease is vital to Minnesota's hunting tradition and economy and most important, the deer population in general," Cornicelli said. "In states where CWD has become well-established in wild deer, efforts at elimination have been unsuccessful. Research has shown that if



A lymph node from a white-tailed deer is prepared for analysis under a microscope at the University of Minnesota's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. DNR photo.



Stained with dye, chronic wasting disease prions appear red (dark spot in photo above) in this magnified image of lymph node tissue from an infected deer. DNR photo.

established, the disease will reduce deer populations in the long term. Nobody wants this to happen in Minnesota."

Because much of southeastern Minnesota's land is privately owned, the DNR will work with landowners when collecting additional samples to assess disease distribution and reduce the potential for CWD to spread. Sample collection could take the form of a late winter deer hunt, landowner shooting permits and sharpshooting in conjunction with cooperating landowners who provide permission.

"Those decisions will be made after surveillance is done this hunting season," Cornicelli said.

The DNR has been on the lookout for CWD since 2002, when the disease first was detected at a domestic elk farm in central Minnesota. In recent years it has put additional focus on southeastern Minnesota; the region abuts Wisconsin and northeastern Iowa. Wisconsin has 43 counties affected by CWD and the disease has been detected in northeastern Iowa's Allamakee County.

Since 2002, the DNR has tested approximately 50,000 deer, elk, and moose for CWD.

CWD is transmitted primarily from animal-to-animal by infectious agents in feces, urine or saliva. The disease also can persist for a long time in the environment and may be contracted from contaminated soil. The movement of live animals is one of the greatest risk factors in spreading the disease to new areas.

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