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## As water temperature dips, DNR urges caution for boaters 30 percent of boating deaths happen on cold water

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As the days grow shorter and the water temperatures dip, the Department of Natural Resources urges hunters, anglers, paddlers and all boaters to use extreme caution, especially when venturing out in small boats.

People on small boats, such as canoes, kayaks, and fishing boats, should take extra precautions to prevent being suddenly thrown overboard, swamped or stranded in rough, cold waters.

"Cold water robs body heat 25 times faster than air of the same temperature," said Lt. Col. Greg Salo of the DNR's Enforcement Division. "Should you find yourself in the water, righting your canoe or small boat and climbing back aboard is extremely difficult in muscle-cramping cold water. It's best to not boat alone and to always wear a

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life jacket."

Recent incidents have involved late season boaters ending up in the water after reaching over the side of the boat or small boats capsizing in rough conditions. Even with above average air temperatures it's important to keep in mind that the water is cold. Hypothermia and cold water shock can set in within minutes. Wearing a life jacket, at all times, while boating will increase chances of survival in cold water.

"In Minnesota, more than 30 percent of all boating fatalities happen in cold water with the victim not wearing a life jacket," said Lisa Dugan, DNR boat and water safety outreach coordinator. "Wearing a foam-insulated life jacket or float coat can help retain your body's core temperature and delay the

onset on hypothermia. Those wearing, not just carrying, a life jacket when exposed to cold water have the life-saving advantage of being able to keep their head above water, stay calm, and call for help before hypothermia sets in."

Know the risks of cold water boating and take the right precautions when boating in cold water.

At the very least, all boats must carry one U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each passenger. Wear it, don't just carry it.

Don't boat alone; boating safety increases with numbers. Keep an eye on the sky, head to shore if wind gusts start to pick up.

If the boat capsizes or swamps, stay with the boat and try to re-board. Do not attempt to swim to shore.

No matter the season,

ets should be worn. For more tips on staying safe in cold wa-

when on the water, life jack- ter visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/ safety/boatwater/cold-water.

## Landmark demolished



The former Temple Baptist Church on Oak Street in Brainerd was demolished on November 28. Reportedly, repairs were too expensive. Many have memories of attending Sunday school and church there. In 2011, the congregation moved to Laurel Street as Communitas Church. Garry Schwartz photo



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## Fun in Aitkin on Fish House Friday

By ANN SCHWARTZ Another Fish House Parade Day in Aitkin is history.

The holiday shopping season was kicked off in Aitkin with a walk/-run, visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, Fish House Parade and other events on Friday, November 25.

Jason Mitchell of Fox Sports was the parade's grand marshal.

#### Fish House Parade winners were:

Aitkin Rebekah Lodge won the Incredibly Great Fish House award, Pine Insurance won the Overwhelmingly Noisy award, Security State Bank and Agency won the Outlandishly Humorous award, and the Cub Scout Pack won the kids' entry.

#### **Raffle winners**

John Francis won a \$500 Paulbeck's gift card. Lucinda Mikelson won a \$250 Hardware Hank gift card. John Sommers received \$100 from Tidholm Productions. Linda Erlandson won a \$100 Aitkin Holiday gas card. Jim Stetson got \$50 from CVS of Aitkin. Craig Klingelhofer won \$50

from Shopko; and Karl Karkkanen won \$50 from the Office Shop.

Other events included a rummage sale, craft sale, spaghetti lunch, matinee movie, YoYo Mama's performance, free chicken wild rice soup and, on Saturday, a variety show at the Aitkin High School.



The Riverboat Ramblers at the AHS Variety Show (left to right) Harvey Blomberg, Phil Tange, Joe Gans and Dick Buhlman. Ann Schwartz photo



The Pine Insurance float was an award winner with its Grumpy Old Men theme.



Nancy Albares of Monticello was one runner in the Fish House 5K. She has a cabin in the Aitkin area. Ann Schwartz photo



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at the Butler Building to meet with children on Fish House Parade Day. Ann Schwartz photo







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

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

ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St. Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each

month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library. Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and

free. All are welcome! American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm "Ask an Attorney", Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference

room, 2nd Tue. of month at noon. 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 Emilv. 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

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, Mc-Gregor 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.,

Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 &

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

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

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 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.

#### December

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.



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# OBITUARIES

#### **VERDELL BROWN**



of Aitkin formerly of McGregor died Thursday, November 24, 2016 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 30, 2016 from the McGregor

United Methodist Church with Rev. Joel Seibel officiating. Burial was in the Woodland Cemetery in McGregor.

She was born October 31, 1943 at Pine City to August and Dorothy Lucille (Lewellin) Gehrke. She grew up and attended schools at Wrenshall graduating from the Wrenshall High School in 1961. She married Kenneth Brown on November 11, 1961 in McGregor. She made her home in McGregor where she raised her family and helped on the farm. She lived at the Northland Assisted Living in McGregor for

Verdell Lucille Brown, 73, a time and in 2013 she moved to the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and canning.

> She is survived by her daughters and sonsin-law: Vicky and John White, McGregor; Wendy and Wayne Beauchem, Grandy; son, Matt Brown, Fergus Falls; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers and sistersin-law: August and Paulette Gehrke, Grafton, VA; David Gehrke, Aitkin; Charles Gehrke, Advance, NC; sisters and brothers-in-law: Lois and Paul Stephan, Brook Park; Debbie and Al Bergstrom, Mora.

> She was preceded in death by her parents August and Dorothy Lucille Gehrke, Husband Kenneth Brown, Son Neil Brown, sisters: Shirley and Karen and brothers: Douglas and

> Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor.

#### HJALMER HUTAR

Hjalmer Toivo Hutar, 102, of East Lake died hunter and fisherman, and was a very hard Thursday, November 24, 2016 at Villa Court Senior Community in Cromwell.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor with Reverend Hal Kamppi will officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Rice River Cemetery.

He was born December 19, 1913 in Rice River Township, Aitkin County to Matt and Ida (Beckman) Hutar. He attended country school in the East Lake and Rice River Township area. Hjalmer married Effie Westerlund on December 31, 1937 in Beaver Township, Aitkin County. He worked as a farmer and logger. He was member of Rice River Lutheran Church and Rice River Seniors. He was an avid trapper, worker who always provided for his family.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-inlaw: Donald and Carol Hutar, Cromwell; Kent Hutar, McGregor and Sharon Hutar, Tamarack; daughters and sons-in-law: Joan and David Whitney, New Hope; Darlene Radtke and Chuck Jacob, Carlton; and Elaine and Dick Farah, McGregor; 17 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Effie on August 7, 2006; son, Roger; grandson, Michael; five brothers and sisters, and his

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

#### **GARY O'NEIL**

Gary "Darby" O'Neil, 61, of Aitkin died Saturday, November 26, 2016 at his residence. There will be no services.

He was born March 20, 1955 in Aitkin to Dennis and Ruth (Olson) O'Neil. He graduated from Aitkin High School and worked as a truck driver and in construction. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his son and daughter-

in-law, Travis and Sarah O'Neil, Aitkin; two grandchildren: Baylie and Brooklyne; brothers: Tom O'Neil, Richard O'Neil, and Dean O'Neil all of Aitkin; many other relatives and friends.

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

#### MICHAEL PETERSON

Michael Charles Peterson, 54, of Crosby died at his home on Sunday, November 27, 2016.

No services are being held.

He was born on November 2, 1962 in Aitkin to Charles and Donna (Olds) Peterson. He was a Crosby-Ironton High School graduate, class of 1980. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by his mother, Donna; sisters:

Rhonda Swehla, Crosby; Dawn and Timm Searle, Warroad; and Tamara and Randall Price, Deerwood; five nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles and a niece, Taylor Grace Nguyen.

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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-

#### **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;

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

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

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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; Wor-

ship 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.

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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.

Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.

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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.

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Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959

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Sat. 5 pm Sun 9, 10:30 & 11:45 am (218) 824-5617

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

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

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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.

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Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536. Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

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tional). Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 11; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, second and fourth Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor

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Service 9

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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.

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Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

May - Oct.

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 Fellow-

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Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows. Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner: SS 1st & 3rd

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follows, SS 10. McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue.

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Worship 9.
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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 Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm.

1st & 3rd Sunday each month. Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

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3rd Sun. April through December. Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

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# **OBITUARIES**

#### **LINDA QUINEHAN**



Linda (Alsaker) Quinehan, 68, of Deerwood, died on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A Memorial Gathering was held at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby on Saturday, November 26, 2016.

She was born on April 25, 1948 in Glenwood to Henry and Evva (Nerlien) Alsaker. She retired at the age of 50 from Land O' Lakes. She enjoyed gardening, watching lake activities and playing cards. She loved keeping up with friends and family through her ipad.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years,

Jerry; daughters and sons-in-law: Bridget and Cary Tranberg, Cambridge; and Lonna and Jason McKenzie, Coon Rapids; five grandchildren; one great grandson, Nolan; brothers and sisters-in-law: Lanny Alsaker, Princeton; Loren and Mary Alsaker, Blaine; Steven and Michelle Alsaker, Zimmerman and Terry Alsaker, Maddock, ND; sisters and brothers-in-law: Sheila and Jim Mayne, Deerwood; Robyn Risovi, Maddock, ND; and Lisa and Chris Pehler, Ramsey.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Wade and their family dog, Fred.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

officiating.

Mark Gregory Bayliss, 57, died on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Celebration of Life will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the New Life Church in Aitkin.

He was born on November 25, 1958 in Crosby to Roger and Lois (Erickson) Bayliss. He was a former employee of Hytec Construction in Brainerd.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-

law: Matt and Becky Bayliss, Aitkin; daughters, Misty Bayliss, Brainerd and Amber Mckee, Brainerd; nine grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Sue Bayliss, Cook; sisters and brothers-in-law: Candace and Jerry Ferrier, Aitkin; Mary Parker, Pequot Lakes;

Sue and Charlie Berg, Nisswa and Nanette

Stevenson, Cambridge. Preceding Mark in death are his parents; one brother, Joe Bayliss; and one sister, Nadine

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

#### JOANN BORDWEL



Joann Theresa Bordwell, 84, of Deerwood died on Monday, November 28, 2016.

She was born on January 20, 1932 in Deerwood Township to Vincenzo and Michelina (Telericco) Roc-

ca. She graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1950. She owned and operated Eng and Bordwell Oil Company in Ironton. She was a former switchboard operator for the Crosby Telephone Company and a former employee of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby and it's CCW, the

Myrin-James American Legion Auxiliary in Ironton for 62 years.

She is survived by her son and daughterin-law, Jeff and Joella Bordwell, Monticello; daughters and sons-in-law: Jane and Terry Brink, Baxter; and Julie and Dave Maus, Bemidji; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, John Rocca, Ironton; sister, Angeline Cronk, Maplewood; Preceding Joann in death are her parents; six sisters, Mary Fitch, Ritha Rocca Glass, Santina Rocca, Bernice Woods, Virginia Zarr and Rose Rocca; two brothers, Frank and James Rocca.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

#### **SONJA HAKES**

**MARK BAYLISS** 

Sonja Nina Hakes, 72, of Aitkin died Monday, November 21, 2016 at Aitkin Health Services. Funeral services were held 11 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2016 at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Reverend Darrell Pedersen

She was born November 26, 1943 in Minneapolis to Emil Konnow and Deloris Lorraine (Thompson) Svenkerud. She graduated from Moorhead High School and then from Concordia College in Moorhead with an Education Major. She worked as a teacher, school librarian, and media specialist. She married Allan Ladd Hakes July 2, 1966 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Moorhead. She enjoyed

quilting, sewing, mystery novels and card games such as Tripoley. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Aitkin.

She is survived by her husband, Allan Ladd Hakes, Aitkin; daughter, Sarah Hakes, Aitkin; brothers and sister-in-law: Erik Svenkerud, Austin, TX; and Ernie and Barb Svenkerud, Park Rapids.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Kristin Spencer, and her parents.

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



#### **CALVIN SIEGFORD**

Calvin Donald Siegford, a boy, weighing 6 lbs., 15.4 ozs., was born Nov. 25, 2016, in Aitkin, to Chesna and Daniel Siegford of Aitkin. Grandparents are Jim Matteson, Paulette Matteson, and Don and Sheri Siegford, all of Aitkin.

#### **MASEY PISAREK**

Masey Leigh Pisarek, a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 9 ozs., was born Oct. 31, 2016, in Aitkin, to Emilee and Travis Pisarek of Aitkin. Grandparents are Jim and Lorna White, and Brian and Meriellen Pisarek, all of Aitkin.

#### **OLIVIA BLAKESLEY**

Olivia Marie Blakesley, a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 7 ozs., was born Nov. 21, 2016, in Aitkin, to Colby and Jeff Blakesley of Aitkin. Grandparents are Oren and Tracy Lesmeister, Eagle Butte, SD; and Lynn and Wanda Blakesley, Aitkin.

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A felon's Chevy sits behind the Holiday gas station in Aitkin were it crashed into the dumpster area. The car's door is wide open as the suspected fled on foot. He ran across the highway and was arrested by the Woods and Shores building.

## **Felon flees State Patrol**

BY ANN SCHWARTZ

A 53-year-old man with a long list of prior criminal convictions, caused mid-day excitment at about 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29 in Aitkin.

Roger Frank Schmitz, Staples, was arrested in Aitkin. He fled from the State Patrol, who chased a Chevrolet Malibu that Schmitz was driving northbound on Hwy. 169 into

Schmitz crashed into the dumpsters behind the Holiday gas station in Aitkin and fled on foot.

He crossed the highway headed toward the the Ripple River and was arrested when he fell near the Woods and Shores Real Estate building.

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Among his crimes are drug offenses, including cocaine, selling marijuana and attempting to manufacture methamphetamine.

He was twice convicted of assault and also robbery, vehicle theft, burglery, DWI, theft, disorderly conduct and fleeing police officers.

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., December 3, 2016)

#### **AITKIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF HEARING**

The Aitkin County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the adoption of amendments to the Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance and Aitkin County Shoreland Management Ordinance. The hearing will be conducted on December 19, 2016, at 4:00pm in the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the proposed ordinance amendments to the Countv Board of Commissioners for final review at a regularly scheduled board meeting on

of the Aitkin County Zon-

amendment are: Section 3 -Definitions, Section 5 - Signs, Section 8 - Administration, Section 16 Travel Trailer Parks and Campgrounds, Section 17 - Vacation/Private Home Rental - Water Supply and Sewage Treatment, Use Classification List and Appen-

A summary of the sections of the Aitkin County Shoreland Management Ordinance proposed for amendment are: Section 2 - General Provisions and Definitions, Section 3 – Administration, Section 4 - Shoreland Classifiction and Land Use Districts, Section 5 - Zoning Standards (controlled access lots, patios, shoreland alterations) and Section 6 -Nonconformities.

The above is only a summary; a full text is available for public review at the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Office and the Aitkin County Auditor's Office in the Aitkin

Courthouse regular business hours. copy of the proposed ordinance amendments can also be viewed in its entirety on the Aitkin County website at www. Comments co.aitkin.mn.us. can be submitted in writing to the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Office: 209 2nd St NW, Rm 100, Aitkin, MN 56431, by facsimile (218) 927-4372, or by e-mail to aitkinpz@co.aitkin.mn.us before 4:00pm on December 16, 2016. Please include a full name and complete mailing address with all correspondences.

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(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, Dec. 3 & 10, 2016) **BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP** 

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