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Emotional evening at the Aitkin Chamber Annual Dinner



Steve Bare's son, Mike, accepted the Aitkin Chamber of Commerce's Warren Potter Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of his father.

Bootery, an old-fashioned shoe store on Aitkin's main street, as did his parents before him. Bare was instrumental in getting the Little League field in Aitkin upgraded and lighted, in upgrading the high school track and supporting the local football team by lighting off a canon at home games.

"My dad gave excellent customer service but also made sure you had a wonderful experience when you visited Bare's Bootery," said Steve's parents in a recorded video.

A roomful of well-wishers at the Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner at the 40 Club Convention Center on January 27 wiped away tears as Steve's other son, Mike, came forward to accept the award on behalf of his family and he choked

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Although he wasn't able to accept it in person due to illness, Steve Bare was named the Warren Potter Award winner for being an outstanding and longtime business owner in Aitkin. Unfortunately, Steve Bare subsequently died on January 30.

Bare operated Bare's



Peg and Tom Lundberg's business, Lundberg Plumbing and Heating, is the Business of the Year in Aitkin.

up numerous times.

Matt joked that the production of other downtown businesses, like Tim Catlin and Aitkin Flowers, went up when Steve closed his downtown store because Steve loved to "chew the fat" with everyone.

Dollars for Scholars, raising scholarship funds for Aitkin's graduates, is Steve's pet project now, at the end of his life, said Mike.

"My dad had a passion for downtown Aitkin," said Mike. "He's now slipping away from many of the roles he had. He's honored to be the second generation of Bares to receive the Warren Potter Award." Steve's parents received the award in the 1990s.

Lundbergs also winners

Peg and Tom Lundberg of Lundberg Plumbing and Heating won Business of the Year. They are known for their close family of three daughters and their community involvement, which includes volunteer work with Riverwood Healthcare Center.

Daughter Megan wrote a touching letter that was read aloud. She remembers literally growing up inside the family business, where she helped make copies, had her own little work station and went on service calls with her dad, Tom. "I remember Dad would pick us up in the morning after he'd already been working



Amanda MacDonald (front), director of the Aitkin Chamber, speaks about all that Gary Tibbitts (back) has done for the chamber over 25 years.

to school. Mom would hold family dinners with us every night, even if dad had to work late."

Board honors

Gary Tibbitts, Aitkin's mayor and 25 year chamber board member, got a standing ovation in announcing his retirement.

Jeff Tidholm is stepping down to become the captain of the Mississippi Showboat Riverboat and Terry Barrett finished his term, after concentrating on business expansion and retention.

New chamber board members elected are LeeAnn

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In happier times, Steve Bare, in hat, is ready to light off the canon at Birchwood and then Aitkin Gobbler home football games. Ann Schwartz photos

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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.

Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.

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 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@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 (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) 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 (Aitkin) 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) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm,

at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm

Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

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

February

2nd - Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Women's Health and Wellness Event 4 - 7:30 pm at the Franklin Arts Center in Brainerd. Presentation, 75 booths, mini spa services, great food and more. A free shuttle service is being offered compliments of Executive Express. Vehicles should be parked in the East Brainerd Cub Foods lot where rides will be given to and from the event.

2nd- 4th - Crosslake 14th Annual WinterFest

4th - Emmas' T1Done Diabetic Expo Presented by Aitkin Women of Today at Rippleside Elementary School, Aitkin, 10 am - 2 pm Event includes informational booths, life stations, Aitkin Lions video vision screening, games, prizes and silent auction

4th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber 13th Annual Ice Fishing Contest and Scorpion Homecoming at Serpent Lake in Crosby, noon - 3 pm \$10

9th -Women's Cancer Support Group, 2 p.m., CRMC Ambulatory Conference Room

9th-Brain Injury Support Group, 6 p.m., CRMC Clinic Conference Room

10th - Palisade Assembly of God Family Fun Night at 7 pm. Free night of popcorn, pop, bingo and prizes.


11th - Cascade United Methodist Church Pie Social, Pie, Ice Cream & Coffee 1-3 pm, Highway 210/6 Deerwood

11th - Norah Rendell and the Lost Forty to perform at Aitkin Library at 1 p.m. The trio features Live Ireland's "Best Irish Vocalist of 2011 and 2012," Canadian singer and flutist Norah Rendell, with multi-instrumentalists Brian Miller and Randy Gosa.

11th - Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 meeting at noon at the IREC Bldg in Isle. The program will be Carol & James Berry discussing their African Adventure. Coffee and a lite lunch will be served. If you have questions call Candice at 1-320-983-2886 or Gary at 1-218-927-6557.

11th - Valentine Dinner and Dance at Waukenabo Community Center/ Town Hall with Roast Beef Dinner 5:30 - 7 pm, Dance: Two for the Road 7:30 - 10 pm. Grand prize to be given away. Donation \$10 for adults and \$ for children age 12 and younger

16th - Community Blood Drive and Chili Feed The Palisade Assembly of God Church will be hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross noon - 6 pm.



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Upcoming blood donation

opportunities:

Palisade Thursday, Feb. 16, noon - 6 p.m., Palisade Assembly of God Church, 209 3rd St. N.

Pillager Thursday, Feb. 16, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pillager High School, 323 E. 2nd St. S.

Brainerd Friday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Brainerd VFW 1647, 309 S. 6th St.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card

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The Great River String Ensemble spring practice schedule is Tuesday nights, February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11 and 18 in the Crosby-Ironton High School Junior High Band Room.

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Jill Lee and the Great River Strings will practice from 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. directed by Richard Aulie.

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OBITUARIES

STEVEN BARE



Steven Michael Bare, 61, of Aitkin died Monday, January 30, 2017 at his home.

A memorial service was held Friday, February 3, 2017 at 11 a.m. from First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. Darrell Pedersen officiating.

Visitation was Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and also one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in the Howard Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Aitkin Dollars for Scholars.

He was born November 27, 1955 at Marshfield, WI to Arnold and Dorothy (Smith) Bare. He grew up and attended schools in Aitkin where he graduated from the Aitkin High School in 1973. He then attended the St. Cloud Technical College studying Business Management. He started working for Bonne's Shoes in St. Cloud. He married Janice Howard on May 14, 1977 and they lived in the Twin Cities and he worked for Bonne's Shoes in St. Paul. In 1983, they moved back to Aitkin where he worked with his parents operating Bare's Bootery. He bought the business from his parents in 2002 and operated it until his retirement in August 2015. He was a very active member of First Lutheran Church in Aitkin. He was a very dedicated volunteer to the Aitkin Little League program. He was also active in the Aitkin Children's Center, Aitkin Quarterbacks Club, Aitkin Chamber of Com-

merce, Aitkin Retail Committee, Aitkin Dollars for Scholars, and was an enthusiastic booster for all of the Aitkin Athletic programs. He played softball for many years in the Aitkin league and played hockey in his younger days. While in high school, he played football and baseball. He enjoyed following his children's activities as they grew up. He enjoyed fishing with the boys, family and friends and serving as the fishing guide. He also liked hunting, camping, snowmobiling and 4-wheeling. He loved working in the store and all of his customers were very special to him especially the relationships he developed over the years with them. What brought him the most joy was his growing family - his sons, his daughters-in-law, and granddaughter Ella.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Bare, Aitkin; sons and daughters-in-law: Matthew and Kristen Bare, Vadnais Heights; Michael and Alexandra Bare, Halstad; granddaughter, Ella; brother and sister-in-law, Douglas and Mary Bare, Aitkin; mother-in-law: Betty Howard, Aitkin; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Dale and Linda Howard, Aitkin; Carole and Steve Prince, Garrison; Joanne and Steve Mott, Pequot Lakes; Dan and Dianne Howard, Bellecheester; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and father-in-law, Larry Howard.

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

ELIZABETH LIDFORS



Elizabeth Alma Lidfors, 99, of Aitkin died Friday, January 27, 2017 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 30, 2017 at Noon from the First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. Darrell Pedersen officiating. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Lakeview Cemetery at Aitkin.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 30, 2017 at Noon from the First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. Darrell Pedersen officiating. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Lakeview Cemetery at Aitkin.

She was born March 14, 1917 in Crosby the second child of C.E. and Alma Nelson Skone. She was baptized on June 10, 1917 and later confirmed on May 22, 1932 at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Her family lived in Deerwood, so she attended elementary school there and then graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School in 1935. After high school, she attended the University of Minnesota and later graduated from Minnesota School of Business. While working as a waitress at the Blue Goose in Garrison, she met Henry Lidfors who was the cook. On June 10, 1940 Betty and Hank were married in Cresco, Iowa at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. After marriage, they lived outside of Aitkin where Hank had a milk route, and then they moved to Deerwood while Hank worked in the mines. In 1946, they moved to Aitkin, when they purchased Deerwood Lumber Co. from Betty's father. Their marriage was blessed with four children: John Henry, Rebecca Elizabeth, Mary Beth and Bernice Ann. Betty was a faithful member of First Lutheran Church, serving as Sunday School superintendent, teacher of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and was

an active member of LCW and her circle. She and Hank attended services regularly and participated in Bible Study. They would entertain many visiting pastors and guests of the church and enjoyed getting acquainted with many special friends as a result. Betty believed that volunteering was very important. She was active in the Red Cross, serving as the blood chairman for many years and was a Gray Lady, she was a Home Health Aide, a Girl Scout Leader, and a member and officer of PTA. Betty and Hank spent 22 winters in their mobile home in Mesa, Arizona after retirement. In 1999 they sold their home on Cedar Lake and moved to Blackrock Terrace in Aitkin for eight years. In April of 2007, they moved to Aicota Assisted Living and Hank moved to the Aicota Health Care Center in February of 2009. Betty moved to Heartwood in Crosby in August of 2010 where she lived until moving to Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin on August 9, 2012.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law: Rebecca and John Jungas, Mountain Lake; Bernice Hayes and Rod Cornell, Duluth; four granddaughter; four great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Arnold and Marian Lidfors, St. Louis Park; several nieces and nephews and many special cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years who passed away on January 18, 2010; parents; brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Lorraine Skone; brother, Jacky Skone; sister and brother-in-law Dorothy and Robert Terry; sister-in-law, Vera Robinson; son, John Henry - "Bam"; daughter, Mary Beth Lidfors; great granddaughter, Annika Nilson; nieces: Cynthia Skone and Virginia Lidfors and nephews: Terry Skone and Brian Skone.

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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

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

BAPTIST
Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9 and 10:30, thejourneynorth.com
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com
Brainerd — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673, Worship 11, SS 9:45.
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm
Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
Glory — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed. 6 pm Glory Family night, Kids' Club age 4-6, MAD4Christ grades 7-12.
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC
Aitkin — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am.
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat. 4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstemils.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
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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

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Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; Sacramento 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 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.
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Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
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Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
Outing - Narrows Community Church, (non-denominational), Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 11; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, second and fourth Saturday
Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

CONGREGATIONAL
Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9

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

EVANGELICAL FREE
Crosby — Lifespring Church, 9:30, 30 Hallet Ave NE 218-545-5433, visitlifespring.com
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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.

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Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

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Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Kari Foss; 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.

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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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Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church- AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study at 9, Worship 10, Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.
Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.llchurch.org)
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Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9
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 Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15.
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. Lovaa; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Jean Megorden; Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicap accessible.
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Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10. Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10. Service 11, fellowship follows.
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 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.
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PENTECOSTAL
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.
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

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McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

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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.
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Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10
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OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH MELQUIST



Elizabeth Matilda "Liz" Melquist, 86, of Crosby died on January 28, 2017 at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Thursday.

She was born on August 26, 1930 in Crosby to Jacob and Frances (Sustersic) Ravnik. Liz was a retired auditor with Midway National

Bank in St. Paul with 35 years of service. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby, and the Myrin-James American Legion Auxiliary Post #443, Iron-ton.

She is survived by her two brothers and sisters-in-law: Jacob and Marlys Ravnik, Crosby and Frank and Nellie Ravnik, Missoula, MT; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ben, in 1988; four brothers: John, Adolph, Henry and Edward Ravnik; and two sisters: Frances Ravnik and Julia Barrett.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

LETTIE CORY



Lettie Grace Cory, 88, of Crosby died on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Edge-wood Vista Senior Living in Brainerd.

Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the Cascade United Methodist Church in Deerwood. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Saturday.

She was born on November 18, 1928 in Cannelton, PA to John and Ruth (Baker) Klink. She married William Cory on June 26, 1951 in Crosby. With her husband, she was a partner of Cory Turkey Farm with 33 years of service. She was a well-known seamstress, quilter and gardener. She was a member

of the Cascade United Methodist Church in Deerwood, and was a Past Worthy Matron and Secretary of the Evergreen Chapter of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband; two sons and daughter-in-law: William "Tygre" Cory, Crosby; Daniel H. and Joanne Cory, Deerwood; daughter and sister-in-law, Tonna and Joel Parsons, Webb, IA; three sisters: Della Walters of Westerville, Ohio, and Marie Powers of New London Ohio; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding Lettie in death are her parents; three brothers: Raymond, Jimmy and Freddie Klink; and four sisters: Helen Klink, Patricia Kain, Isobel Davis and Emma Thompson.

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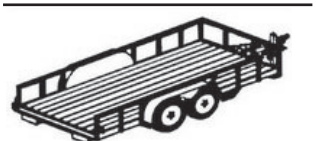
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Deerwood Police Chief Gottsch retires early; Taylor interim replacement



City of Deerwood Police Sgt. Mark Taylor was promoted to Interim Police Chief after an employee dispute resulted in (20 year) Police Chief Harry Gottsch's early retirement.

City of Deerwood and Police Chief, of over 20 years, Harry Gottsch. Aulie indicated that Gottsch's vacation pay, calculated based on the date of the separation, was about \$2,100. He said there was about \$17,600 sick pay and four months health insurance benefits (February, March, April and May) that would be paid by the city or about \$4,800. The total amount would be about \$24,500.

The separation agreement would allow 100 percent of the sick pay, instead of the usual 50 percent; and the agreement allowed for four months of health insurance premiums paid for by the City of Deerwood. Gottsch's contract would have expired end of December 2017, before this agreement.

Rick Stirewalt, a resident, asked, how many days of sick leave did Harry have? According to Sgt. Mark Taylor it accumulates at eight hours per month with a maximum of 960 accumulated hours.

Aulie indicated, if the City of Deerwood Council agreed to the terms of the Gottsch's separation agreement, there would be an estimated cost savings to the city due to the reduction in salary amount for the interim police chief compared to Gottsch's salary. This cost savings allowed this agreement to be approved. Council Member Millsop made the motion to accept Gottsch's separation agreement with Leonard seconding. Council unanimously approved this motion.

Sgt. Mark Taylor was recommended to succeed Gottsch by Mayor Aulie.

Sgt. Mark Taylor said, "Harry and I had been in discussion for a week or so. He said that he was thinking of retiring, so I kind of knew it was coming. Mike [Aulie] came to me about a week and a half ago and asked me, if I'd be willing to step into that position. I basically told him, absolutely. I think that I'd be good for the city. I look forward to the

added responsibility and I'm very excited to see where we could go with this. Please, if anybody has any ideas, I am open for suggestions."

Taylor said he felt that the department has been running great, as far as he could tell.

"Although," Taylor said, "I understand that when a new person comes in, sometimes people feel more willing to come in and bring up that small thing that they're not sure they want to bring up. Please my phone is always on and my office is always open."

Aulie indicated the council needed to appoint an interim chief. He said he would like to include the community in the discussion about the options for the future of the police department in Deerwood. Three options are to hire a new police chief, second would be to contract out services to other law enforcement source and third would be to discuss the forming a police district.

Aulie then asked for a motion to appoint the interim

police chief. Council member Eric Ostrowski made the motion to approve the appointment and council member John Taylor, a family member of Mark Taylor, seconded the motion. Aulie asked John Taylor to rescind the second and abstain because of the family ties. Taylor then rescinded the second. Council member Debby Leonard seconded the motion. Council approved the appointment with John Taylor abstaining.

Training

Council members Taylor, Ostrowski and Millsop will be attending training for city officials in Brainerd through the League of Minnesota Cities. The training is on February 24 and 25. There will be three of them there so Aulie felt he should let everybody know they will be attending. City Clerk Jeff Turk had expressed interest and might be attending as well.

The council approved a resolution authorizing the Clerk Jeff Turk and Mayor Pro Tem Debby Leonard to execute/sign the lease of a breathing apparatus for the Fire Department.

Closed Session

Council moved into closed session concerning Officer

Damien Stalker, indicating if any action was taken the media would be informed.

Stalker was placed on paid administrative leave shortly after being hired full-time on December 19, before a post-hiring background check turned up a complaint against him that is currently under investigation.

The, now former, Police Chief Harry Gottsch had voiced opposition to the decision to make Officer Stalker full-time at the December 19, 2016 council meeting.

According to Aulie, after an was completed, Stalker has been reinstated as a full-time police officer in Deerwood and Ironton.

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Feb. 4 and 11, 2017) **LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT**

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Emotional evening at the Aitkin Chamber Annual Dinner| Continued from Page 1

Sampsen of Aitkin Eyecare Center; Ashley Warner of Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union and Candi Baumann of Candi's Sweet Boutique.

The theme of "Aitkin's Got Talent" included performances by local musicians and auction items made by talented local artisans. Beth Norris Brennan, a 1988 Aitkin High School grad, blew the room away with her renditions of "Over the Rainbow" and "Summertime." Brennan, who works in marketing, is a com-

petitive Karaoke singer.

Mississippi Showboat Update

The Aitkin Chamber acquired the Mississippi Showboat Riverboat, along with costumes and props, from the Showboat group in Grand Rapids. Funds are being raised to give the boat a complete renovation, relocate it to a cement slab at the Aitkin Fairgrounds and build a stage there. The first performance on the Showboat Stage will tentatively be held during Riverboat Days 2017.

Events

Coming events of the Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce include The Commerce and Outdoor Show at the Aitkin High School March 11 and 12, a Spring Dinner May 4, the Riverboat Scramble gold tourney, June 21; Riverboat Days August 4-6; A Fall Dinner in October and the World Famous Fish House Parade on November 24. The chamber also hosts monthly Business After Hours and Lunch and Learns.



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