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Aitkin County not up to speed with internet access

Broadband visioning meeting well-attended with varied professions and geographic representation



Part of the group who introduced themselves at the broadband visioning session. Attendees included county, city, township and school officials, chamber directors and representatives of social service agencies, health care, non profits, energy cooperatives, businesses and more.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Amanda MacDonald from the Beanery and the Katie Pierce, Aitkin librarian, talked of people parking in their parking lots to access high-speed internet.

Bill Klennert of Hill City said the credit card internet line in his gas station is very

slow and often goes down for days at a time.

Others in rural areas in Aitkin County spoke of spotty or non-existent cell phone service and internet access.

"I think we should have the same access as they do in Minneapolis and St. Paul," said Janet Hill, a Big Sandy

on-line grant application to complete from home. "There went my internet access and I had to go to the local coffee shop to finish it. Access is a huge need."

Real estate agents report that they have lost sales when potential buyers hear about the spotty internet access

here.

These were some of the concerns expressed about broadband access in Aitkin County from over 70 people who attended a visioning meeting at the Long Lake Conservation Center recently.

They represented business, government, non-profits, healthcare and all segments of the community from all over the county. High-speed internet access is also seen as a driver for economic development, education and a major force in attracting families and workers to the area.

The visioning meeting was facilitated by Bill Coleman, a Blandin Foundation contractor and owner of Community Technical Advisors. Ross Wagner, Aitkin County's economic development coordinator.



Bill Coleman, a Blandin Foundation contractor and owner of Community Technical Advisors.

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Aitkin County broadband visioning meeting | Continued from Page 1

erator, also helped to pull the meeting together.

The third meeting in the broadband planning process, at stake are \$75,000 in possible grants for community projects and \$25,000 for a broadband feasibility study for the county.

Wagner noted that only 27 percent of county residents have broadband access at the state standard of 25MB/3MB. The group agreed they'd like that increased to 100 percent.

What makes Aitkin County so attractive -- lakes and woods and trees -- stops signals. "Trees kinda eat the wireless signals," said Coleman, "especially pine trees. It's harder to serve hilly areas with lots of trees. God made the prairie for wireless and he made Aitkin County for hunting and fishing."

Aitkin County's income is

only 75 percent of the regional average and the closest colleges are in Brainerd and Grand Rapids. "We see lots of unemployed people from October to February," said Kari Paulsen of the Workforce Center. "Most job applications are online and workers need access to request benefits online. They have to be able to navigate a computer. We help lots of their men in their 50s to access benefits."

It was discussed that co-operatives such as Mille Lacs Energy and Consolidated Telecommunications Company may be better able to afford to make long-term investments in broadband infrastructure more than the for-profit carriers can.

After breaking into small groups and ranking ideas, the group came up with the following priorities:

Work with providers on a survey of the community.

Educate local officials and the public about the importance of broadband.

Expand broadband access and speed

Establish multiple video conferencing centers in the community and PCs for People, a program that provides refurbished computers for \$70 each.



Ross Wagner, Aitkin County's economic development coordinator.

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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.

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. 218-9271383.

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@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

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the Third Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.

National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.

Order of Eastern Star, Woodland Chapter 122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays September through May and 2nd Tuesday in June and 4th Tuesday in August at 7:30 PM above the Eye Care Center in Aitkin; dark July, January & February.

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 pm; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

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

Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11

Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

TOPS Deerwood (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Deerwood Legion, 23659 Forest Rd, Deerwood. For more information, please contact Lucy Bartz 218-839-2218 or Gwenn Smith 218-246-2180.

TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 5:45 pm at the Sno-Serpents building in Deerwood at 24197 Mohs St (next to the Deer Stand restaurant). Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.

White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

March

10th - Palisade Assembly of God Family Fun Night and Movie Matinee, 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun free night of bingo, popcorn, pop and prizes.

10th- John Gorka will perform at Grassroots Concerts in the Live Well Nightclub and Coffee Bar of the Journey Church at Nisswa at 7:30 pm. Concert general admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 with listening attention, when accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 6:30pm for seating preference. At each concert, non-perishable food and cash donations are welcomed, with donations delivered to local food shelves by Grassroots volunteers. For information go to www.grassrootsconcerts.org. Visit Grassroots Concerts on Facebook.

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OBITUARIES

PETER CARLSTROM



Peter M. Carlstrom, 65, of McGregor formerly of the Twin Cities died Monday, March 6, 2017 at the Grand Itasca Hospital in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the Victory Mission Church in McGregor with Pastor Jack Gould officiating. A time of gathering will be held from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. services.

He was born January 4, 1952 in Aitkin to Kay and Hildur (Westerlund) Carlstrom. He grew up and attended schools in McGregor where he graduated from High School in 1970. He then attended a Vo-Tech where he learned the carpentry trade. He worked in the Twin Cities for 25 years as a carpenter doing commercial

and residential construction. He moved back to McGregor in 1996 and he married Theron "Teddie" Gould on September 8, 2001 in McGregor. They have lived in McGregor since and he continued to work as a carpenter. He has resided at the Evergreen Terrace in Grand Rapids for the past four years. He was a member of the Carpenters Union. He enjoyed hunting and being at deer camp, bowling, gardening, dancing and spending time with his family. He enjoyed playing Santa for the kids at Christmas. He had a knack for being able to make people smile.

He is survived by his wife, Theron "Teddie" Gould; sons and spouses: Beau Carlstrom, Eric Carlstrom, Elijah and Sarah Wencil, Cassidy and Cassandra Wencil; daughters and sons-in-law: Kjel and Paul Nordstrom, Megan Carlstrom, Amber and Ron Wyttenback, Heather and Jon Belanger; 11 grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law: Louis and Gay Carlstrom, Anton and Robin Carlstrom; sister, Cinden Carlstrom; numerous aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kay and Hildur Carlstrom.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor.

JUDITH KНИЕFF



Judith "Judy" Eileen Knieff, 73, of Crosby formerly of Bay Lake Township died on March 6, 2017 at the Hallett Cottages in Crosby.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood. Burial will be at the Bay Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Thursday. Memorials are preferred to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood or to Hallett Cottages, Crosby.

She was born on October 11, 1943 in Minneapolis to Paul and Signe (Olander) Meuwissen. Judy graduated from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, class of 1968. She worked as a graphic designer and lived in Europe for a year during that time. Judy married Al Knieff on November 28, 1981 in

Bay Lake Township. Judy and Al owned and operated Knieff's Shore Acres Resort on Bay Lake. They made maple syrup there together for over thirty years. She enjoyed feeding the birds, planting trees, and building/painting cut out plywood figures for her Christmas lights display. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood. Her granddaughters were her greatest joy. She taught them her favorite songs and how to identify birds.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law: Erin and Justin Smith, and Kirsten and Vic Harris, all of Bay Lake; three grandchildren: Claire, Belle and Mary Smith; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Suzi Meuwissen, Fort Meyers, FL; sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Bruce Bushey, Minneapolis and.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Al and granddaughter, Cora Violet Smith.

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Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Sunday School JAM session 9 am; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Youth Group, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.
Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.
McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10 Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; Sunday Morning Service 9:30
Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; 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 pm.
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. 11:30 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; 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.
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
Outing - Narrows Community Church, (non-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
Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake.net
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm
Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15; Young Families Fellowship 2nd and last Fri. of month, 5 pm
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

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

LUTHERAN
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. 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.

and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd and 5th Sun; nursery staffed; Sunday service broadcast live on KKN (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.

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.popbaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish ELCA, 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, 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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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 9:30; 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.
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.
Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10. Service 11, fellowship follows.
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm
Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.
Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.
Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Peter 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 and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

PENTECOSTAL
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Mishtry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake — Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship Memorial Day-Labor Day at 9:30; Worship September to May at 10:15; Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:14444 Daggett Pine Rd. 218-692-4769
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 218-927-4107

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED METHODIST
Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9
Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Fleming — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10
McGregor — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947
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Bald eagles migrating back Minnesota 1-2 weeks ahead of historical dates



Bald eagles are migrating back to Minnesota and may be seen in large numbers across parts of the state over the next few weeks, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The spring eagle migration usually coincides with ice-out. A warm February melted much of the snow cover, and ice is breaking up along the rivers, said DNR regional Nongame Wildlife specialist Lisa Gelvin-Innvaer. "Because of that, this year's migration appears to be a couple weeks earlier, so folks in southern Minnesota will be seeing eagles soon, even with the last remnants of winter," she said. "We're already seeing small groups of eagles along the Minnesota River."

Only two states, Florida and Alaska, have greater nesting populations of bald eagles than Minnesota. In 2005, researchers estimated there are more than 1,300 ac-

tive nests in Minnesota.

Fall migration typically occurs as lakes and rivers freeze over, since most eagles prefer a diet of fish. Bald eagle wintering grounds

ideally contain open water, ample food, limited human disturbance and protected roosting sites. As their population increases, however, some eagles have become tolerant of some disturbance, particularly traffic, choosing to nest near busy highways or in very urban habitats. To supplement their diets in winter, eagles also prey on mammals and other birds, and will often be seen on roadsides eating carrion.

Not all bald eagles migrate southward in the fall, Gelvin-Innvaer said. In many areas in Minnesota, it's common for some eagle pairs to stay the winter, especially during milder winters and wherever there is open water.

"This year's winter was a bit milder," she said. "There were fewer subzero nights and not as much snow on the ground as some other years. That should have made for an easier winter for them to

find food."

Bald eagles that stay local may begin courting and nesting as early as December or January. Other bald eagles return to their breeding territories as soon as a food source is available.

"Eagles tend to vary their migration routes, so it's hard to say exactly where the eagles are right now," Gelvin-Innvaer said. In Minnesota, the biggest migrations tend to be along the Minnesota River corridor, the north shore of Lake Superior and around Lake Pepin in southeastern Minnesota.

Adult bald eagles are easily identified by a white head and tail contrasting with a dark brown body. Bald eagles attain full adult plumage in their fourth or fifth year. In flight, bald eagles are sometimes confused with turkey vultures. Bald eagles can be distinguished by their tendency to soar on flat, board-like wings, while turkey vultures fly with their wings in a V-shape.

The bald eagle's recovery is a success story and an example of how they and many other wildlife species benefit directly from donations made to the Nongame Wildlife checkoff on Minnesota tax forms. For the past forty years, checkoff dollars have been used to fund research, surveys and education for more

than 900 nongame wildlife species. When the checkoff began, bald eagles, peregrine falcons and trumpeter swans

were almost gone from our landscape. Today, they are all thriving in Minnesota. Each dollar donated is matched

by funds from the Reinvest In Minnesota Account. Donations are accepted year-round.

Capitol essay contest entries wanted

State Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, urges local students to consider entering an essay contest which could land them recognition at the Capitol and \$1,000 for college.

Minnesota students in grades K-12 are encouraged to submit essays explaining how the State Capitol has shaped our collective past and will impact future generations. Contest winners in elementary school, middle school, and high school categories will be invited to share their works during an Aug. 12 program during festivities marking the completion of an extensive \$310 million refurbishment of the 112-year old Capitol. Winners in each category also will receive a \$1,000 college savings plan.

"The restoration work at the Capitol has returned this magnificent building to its original glory," Lueck said. "The intricate details both inside and outside that set the standard for state capitol buildings have been fully restored, along with many new improvements that will preserve it for another 100 years. This contest is an excellent way for students to learn

more about the history of the Capitol and keep its legacy alive. We would like to see a good number of essay submissions come from our region. Prizes aside, there would be great benefit for students by simply by participating."

Essay participants are asked to consider the following prompts and craft an essay about one of them:

My Minnesota Capitol. Your Minnesota Capitol. Everybody's Capitol. Everyone who works or visits the Capitol uses and views it in different ways. What does the Capitol building mean to you? What do you think it represents for Minnesotans from different backgrounds, and why is it important to remember that the Capitol building is designed for every Minnesotan? **A Place to Remember History and for History in the Making.** Many historical and symbolic moments have occurred at the State Capitol, and it will be the site of more history-making events in years to come. What is one of the most important events that occurred at the State Capitol? How do you think our state Capitol will continue to

serve Minnesota as our state keeps changing, and what do you think might occur at the Capitol that will impact the future of Minnesota?

Essays will be reviewed by a panel of state officials. Each submission must contain the student's name, school, home address, phone number and current grade on the front page or cover sheet. Middle and high school entries must be typed in a 12-point font, double-spaced on white 8.5-by-11-inch piece of paper. Elementary school entries may be handwritten. Essays should be 250 words or fewer, and will be judged on creativity, clarity, content and adherence to the theme.

All essays must be received via email or postmarked by April 28. Entries should be mailed to the Minnesota Department of Administration, c/o Kathy Morgan, 50 Sherburne Ave, Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55117. Entries also may be emailed to: capitol.essays@state.mn.us.

More information on the contest also is provided at: <http://mn.gov/admin/capitol-restoration/grand-opening/>.

New Jack Pine Brewery facility to open in May, welcomes head brewer

What started with a small online Kickstarter campaign in 2012, has now become something much bigger. Patrick Sundberg never dreamed that his operation would grow this quickly, but thanks to loyal customers, a solid demand for wholesale, and the continued production of award-winning beer, Jack Pine Brewery is growing ahead of his projections.

"I'm just amazed at how this has grown over the years. When I started, I expected to be drinking beer with the same 12 people every Friday night in the taproom," said

Sundberg, Jack Pine's owner, founder, and brewer. "I never thought my beer would be so widely accepted, but I'm ecstatic that it is."

Not only are his goals growing, but his team is as well. Kevin Clark will become Jack Pine Brewery's head brewer when the new location opens on Edgewood Drive in Baxter.

Clark first spent five years as head brewer at Peter B's Brewpub in Monterey, California. After moving to Minnesota with his wife and young son, he helped build Urban Lodge Brewery and

Restaurant in Sauk Rapids, while living in Pequot Lakes. The shorter commute and opportunity to be part of the growing team at Jack Pine Brewery provided inspiration for Clark.

"I saw the vision Patrick has for the community and brewery and I'm thrilled to say that I will be part of his crew," said Clark. "My expertise is in Lagers, Belgian Ales and India Pale Ales, but I also love a good raspberry ale. I have started two successful barrel programs. One of my favorites was a barley wine aged in tequila barrels. I love

the production of beer and sense of community that it creates!"

Located just south of Arrowwood Lodge, the new 7,400 square foot facility will allow for an increase in annual production from 900 barrels to 2,000 - the equivalent of 27,600 cases of beer. When Jack Pine Brewery originally opened it had four taplines; the new taproom will have 26.

Food will not be provided by the brewery but Sundberg

hasn't ruled out the possibility of having various food trucks in the parking lot. And customers will be invited to bring in their own food, not unlike the current taproom. The new building will also have outdoor seating and a meeting room - available for overflow or to rent. Nor-Son's local construction team broke ground last October.

"We are on schedule for a Spring opening," said Nor-Son's project manager Nathan Norton.

"The project has been a real success thanks to Patrick's involvement and personal commitment to the business."

"There are some very unique aspects to the building; things that will make it easier to see from Highway 371," said Jesse Hopkins, Nor-Son's lead architect for the project. "Our team is proud to be a part of the project and look forward to joining Patrick and his team at the grand opening."

LEGAL NOTICES

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE

Wealthwood Township Board regular meeting will be changed to Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 7 p.m. due to the Annual Meeting and Election at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Dated: February 20, 2017
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk
Wealthwood Township 2.25

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the voters of Wealthwood Township.

The annual election of Wealthwood Township will be held at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, to elect one Supervisor for a three (3) year term and one Treasurer/ Clerk for a two (2) year term. The polls will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The annual meeting will convene at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

Dated: February 20, 2017
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk
Wealthwood Township 4.20

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Libby Township, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at the Palisade Community Center. The Annual Meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2017
JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT,
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Libby Township 3.6

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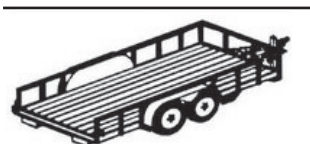
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MLEC Represents Members to Increase State Broadband Funding

On February 27, Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative (MLEC) testified at the Senate Committee Hearing on Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy on broadband funding for rural Minnesota. Stacy Cluff of MLEC spoke in support of increasing funding for broadband grants available to rural areas; changing grant terms by reducing the required match; and determining funding amounts for a two year period.

During her testimony, Cluff stated "MLEC is committed to investing in our members and community; however we are unable to undertake the level of financial risk of extending fiber to all our rural members without financial assistance."

Without broadband, rural communities do not have the

same access to educational opportunities, health care options, and employment and economic development opportunities. Our communities need broadband to attract and retain people, grow businesses, educate our children and adequately care for our seniors.

For rural areas like Aitkin and Mille Lacs County, the grant program is extremely important.

Increasing the funding available and reducing the match would allow MLEC to plan and pursue additional projects. Cluff said "let's hope history can repeat itself by cooperatives connecting rural Minnesotans to broadband, just as they connected them to electricity 75 years ago."

Stacy Cluff is the Informa-

tion Systems and Technology Administrator at Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative and serves on the Blandin Foundation Broadband Strategy Board.

About MLEC

MLEC is a not-for-profit, electric distribution cooperative owned by the members we serve. They provide service to over 13,000 members in parts of Aitkin, Crow Wing, and Mille Lacs counties.

Their headquarters is located at 36559 US Highway 169, one mile east of Aitkin, MN. MLEC and Consolidated Telecommunications Company (CTC) from Brainerd were the recipient of a 2076 Border-to-Border Broadband grant to extend fiber-to-the-home to approximately 850 members.



(Left) Jimmie Walker became known when at 26-years-old he played the strutting wide grinning teenage son on the television sitcom, *Good Times*. (Right) Today, Walker is in the stand-up circuit, touring an average of 25-30 weeks a year. He will be appearing at the 40 Club Banquet Center in Aitkin on Friday, March 17. Advance tickets may be obtained by calling 218-927-2903.

Comedian Walker coming to Aitkin

Comedian Jimmie "JJ" Walker will bring his "Dynamite" comedy show to the 40 Club Banquet Center in Aitkin on Friday, March 17. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the opening act will begin at 7 p.m. and Walker will perform at 8 p.m.

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Walker became popular in the 1970s as the wide grinning and strutting character, James (J.J.) Evans, Jr., in the television sitcom, *Good*

Times. Walker has also made guest appearances on *The Love Boat*, *Fantasy Island*, *The Larry Sanders Show*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *Cagney & Lacey*, *The Fall Guy*, *Scrubs*, *Star Dates*, *Everybody Hates Chris*, to name a few.

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