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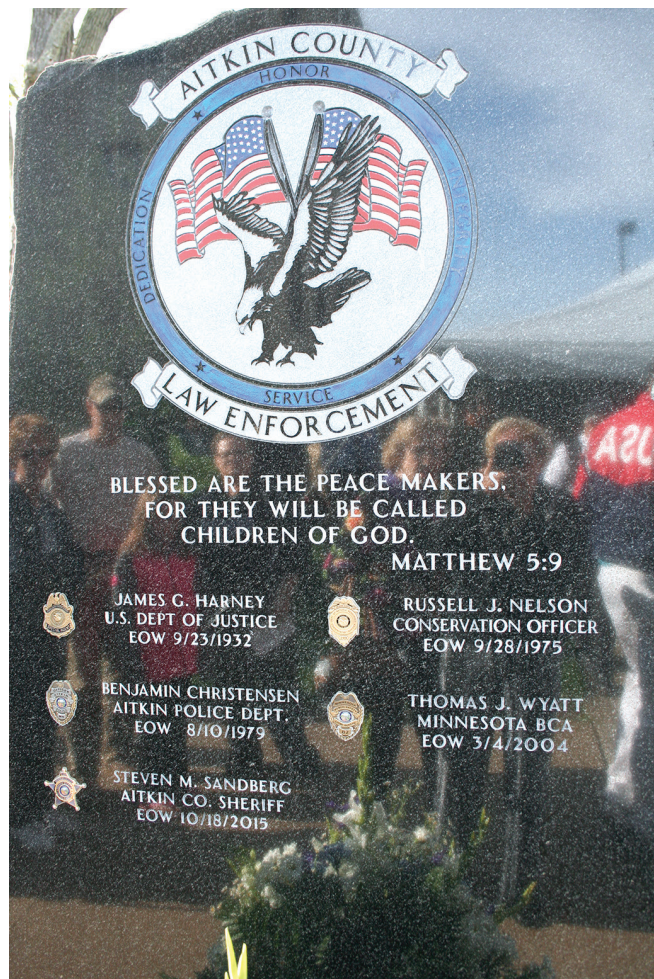
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Courthouse lawn home of memorial to fallen officers



The new memorial to fallen officers on the front lawn of the Aitkin County Courthouse was dedicated on May 15.

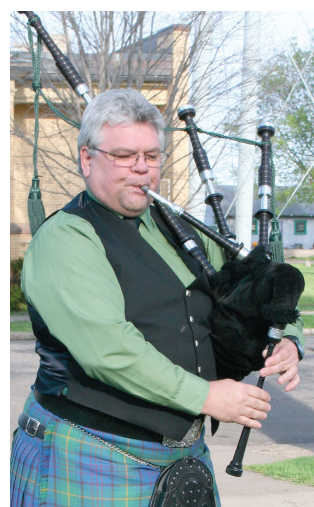
By ANN SCHWARTZ
In 1932 and 2015, Aitkin County law enforcement officers were shot and killed in the line of duty. In between, three more officers died on the job through accident and injury. These five fallen officers were honored on May 15



Aitkin County deputies represent and commemorate the late Steve Sandberg, who was killed in the line of duty October of 2015.

with a dedication and the placing of wreaths near a new memorial stone placed on the front lawn of the Aitkin County Courthouse.

Officers included James Harney, a federal prohibition officer, shot by moonshiners in September 1932; Russell Nelson, a conservation officer who died in September of 1975; Benjamin Christensen, an Aitkin Police officer who died in August of 1979; Thomas Wyatt, a Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agent who died in a car accident near McGregor



Jim Dougherty played the bagpipes.

in March of 2004 and Steve Sandberg, an Aitkin County Sheriff's Deputy who died in St. Cloud in October 2015 while guarding another Aitkin County man at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Over a hundred people were gathered for the ceremony held on National Peace Officers Memorial Day, which was signed into law by President John F. Kennedy in 1962.

Jim Dougherty began by playing the bagpipes – a

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Hunter's attorney asks questions and reveals information about case

Attorney Ed Shaw asked questions and revealed some information about the case against his client, Crosby Mayor Jim Hunter.

Shaw said it was extremely unusual to have the investigation of a city official being done by the police department of that city. He said it is usually handled by a sheriff's department or police department from another town.

"You're not going to have the Minneapolis police investigating the Minneapolis mayor," Shaw said. "Why is no one from outside leading this? I would say because no one from the outside would bring a case, because the evidence isn't there."

Swindle sham

Hunter recalled some of the history of the business relating to the sale of Buy Sell Trade to Candice and Tom McCartan in July 2016. He said that Candice had worked for him for two years. A problem arose when a customer came into Buy Sell Trade inquiring about marijuana. Candice McCartan referred the customer to her now ex-husband, Tom; and the purchase of marijuana was made later at

the McCartan's home.

Hunter said he found out about the transaction about a week later from the person that bought the marijuana. He told Candice that he "couldn't have that" activity going on in the store. Hunter told Candice, if the activity continued, he would have to let her go and close the business. It was at that time he suggested an idea of the McCartans purchasing the business. After about a week, the McCartans decided they were interested in purchasing Buy Sell Trade, so Hunter had an attorney, Charles Barnum, draw up an agreement.

Following a full inventory of Buy Sell Trade and a meeting with both Tom and Candice at their home. Hunter gave a copy of the agreement to the McCartans for them to review. In the agreement, a sale price of \$90,000 was established for the inventory, shelving, equipment like pop machines, cash register, copy machine and including a new cash machine worth \$4,000 plus \$3,000 cash inside and a business with monthly cash flow between \$9,000-\$13,000.

Hunter said the sale did not include the building.

The McCartans house valued at \$46,000 was used as collateral on the note. Later in the divorce agreement filed on February 27, 2017 Tom McCartan was to pay Candice \$23,000 from loan proceeds or sale of their home. Tom McCartan will be released from his obligation to purchase Buy Sell Trade once payment is made.

Hunter said when asked about the transaction, "Tom McCartan never ever lost ten cents. He never invested any money, any money at all. In his divorce, I agreed to take him off that contract, if Candy would pay on the contract that money."

Lovers label

In clarifying his relationship with Candice, Hunter indicated there was no affair or living together. Candice had rented her own apartment before leaving Tom McCartan.

Assault twist

A charge of second degree assault was made by Nick McCartan. According to Shaw, the complaint states that in September Nick and his friend had been out drink-

ing at the Spalding and other bars. They then decided to pay Hunter and Nick's mother, Candice McCartan, a visit at Buy Sell Trade. Following some crude language directed at Hunter and Candice who were both in Hunter's truck, which was parked outside the business, Nick claims Hunter pointed a gun towards the truck door he was standing by.

Shaw said, Hunter, age 67 at the time, felt threatened by the two men in their twenties. According to Hunter the two men had been there twice that night. The second time they aggressively tried to open his truck door. The gun served as a deterrent and was pointed toward the front of the truck, never at Nick or his friend.

Hunter said, a third event occurred at the Roadside Restaurant in Aitkin when Nick blocked Hunter from getting into his truck. Hunter asked Candy to call the police and then Nick drove off in his vehicle.

Shaw said, even if you believe Nick's assault story, why does he keep seeking Hunter out, even after the court placed an order for

protection against Nick and his dad Tom last fall? Shaw said Nick didn't claim he was a victim of this alleged assault until months after the events. Shaw wondered why didn't the law enforcement investigation include looking into the amount of alcohol consumed by Nick prior to these events and why was the order of protection not followed?

Missing Firearm

Hunter said that there is a firearm that is missing from the inventory from his home. The only gun not accounted for is his duty weapon a .357 Smith and Wesson revolver, holster that was removed from the head of his bed in his home. Hunter had it from when he worked for the City of Holly in Colorado as a Transportation Officer and Deputy Coroner.

Pull tabs and vehicle sales

According to Shaw, the details of the charges relating to pull tabs and vehicle sales are at this point not clear. Shaw said the records he has been reviewing do not have any evidence of wrong doing.

"And Mr. Hunter never charged any interest in the

sale of the vehicles on payments, just a document fee," Shaw said.

"Accusations are easy," Shaw said, "A lot of back-story on this. Obviously, Tom McCartan, we know, a bitter extremely angry ex-husband. You get the leadership from the Crosby Police Department, the Lieutenant and the Chief jump all over this. They never liked Mr. Hunter from the get go. They weren't happy to see him elected."

Shaw said at this point he has not been provided the discovery or supporting documents of the evidence in the case against Mr. Hunter.

He said he plans to file next week that all charges be dismissed. Included in that filing he will also request that the interview videos of Tom and Nick McCartan be released for public inspection.

Shaw said, "I want the whole world to see what those videos are. Not just rely on the Crosby Police Chief and Police Lieutenant summary of what was said in those interviews. Because, frankly, the summary doesn't match up with what I've seen in the interviews."

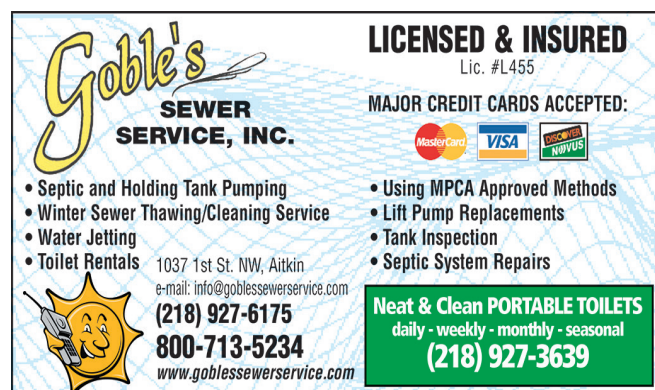


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AA- Aitkin - Meeting closed Wednesday 3 pm Aitkin Alano Club

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, 4th Tues. 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, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.

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 T O P S (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets T h u . . 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 p.m. 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.operationminnesotainice.com.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; 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) Mon.: 10 Glory Baptist Church; 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 Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. 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.

May

20th - Lakes Area Singles Spring Dance, 7:30-11:30 pm, Eagles Club, 124 Front Street, Brainerd, Music by the Agates, \$5 cover charge, Free admission for new members with paid \$25 membership fee. Singles over 40 welcome, bring a friend, Come casual or dress up. Call Mary for questions 218-829-5297 20th - Walk to Cure Arthritis Northern Lakes in Baxter, Paul Bunyan Trailhead. Register by calling 651-229-5368.

20th - Spring Fling in Emily, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Events include a golf tournament, mega meat raffle, horse racing, drink specials, beer/wine tasting, gardening seminar, food specials, bake sale and craft vendors.

21st - Aitkin Habitat for Humanity "Toolin' Tour," a six-hour motorcycle ride through Aitkin County, noon to 6 pm will raise funds for the Aitkin Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Proceeds will help construct a new home in Aitkin. The Ride for Habitat will leave from the historic Butler Building in Downtown Aitkin (301 Minnesota Avenue North) and end at the Aitkin American Legion Post 86 (20 1st Avenue NE) with food, music, a silent auction and fun prizes. To register for the ride or to inquire about becoming a sponsor for the event, call 218-927-5656 or email annschwartz@habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org.

23rd - Informational meeting for a proposed three evening, tent meeting style Evangelical Outreach in the Palisade area at 7 p.m. This initial informational meeting will help determine if there is enough interest to plan and hold this event. Christians of all churches are welcome to be involved. The meeting will be held at the Assembly of God Church in Palisade. For more information contact Pastor Ed Sornberger at 763-244-7205 or JoLynn Kullhem at 218-429-2437.

23rd - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce's second annual Sip and Savor, 5 to 7 p.m.; Crosby Memorial Park on Serpen Lake. Enjoy craft beer and wine tastings, appetizers and other specialties from local restaurants and caterers.

25th - The Crow Wing County Genealogical Society Meeting at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd

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OBITUARIES

JUNE SIMON



June Arlette (Ewing) Simon, 100, died peacefully on Monday, May 15, 2017 at home in her apartment at Heartwood Senior Living Community surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be 4:00 pm on Friday, May 19, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood. Burial will be at the Deerwood Scandia Cemetery. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to services at the church on Friday. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Hallett Community Center Foundation or St. Joseph Catholic Church of Deerwood.

She was born on May 19, 1916 in St. Paul. She was adored by four generations of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren. June had a passion

for watching the Minnesota Twins, Vikings and sharing with her families many activities. June was the oldest member of the Hallett Community Center where she loved her aqua aerobics which gave her a zest for life. She had fond memories of her family and friends enjoying her Placid Lake area cabin in the pines for over 70 years.

She is survived by her son, David Simon of Oakdale; four daughters, Sharon McGinnis of Maplewood, Shirley (Floyd) Hale of Crosby, Linda (Glenn Olson) Simon of Minneapolis and Joan (Dale) Wikre of Spring Valley, WI; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Hazel Ewing; husband, Frederick in 1998; son, Frederick Jr. and brother, Richard Ewing.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.



Edward Rau, 100, of Merrifield died on Monday, May 15, 2017 at the Woodland Good Samaritan Village in Brainerd.

Celebration of Life will be 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2017 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Visitation will be two hours prior to the services at the funeral home in Crosby.

He was born on November 16, 1916 in Duell to Philip and Margaret (Jurek) Rau. Ed was a former owner of the Torch Tavern in Princeton. He was a retired owner of the Sunset Bay

Resort on Mission Lake.

Ed is survived by his three sons: Roger Rau of Garrison, Randy Rau of Rocky Point, Mexico and Gary (Laurie) Rau of Merrifield; one daughter, Janice (Peter) Sjoquist of Princeton; two brothers, Donald Rau of Hanford, WA and Bill Rau of St. Cloud; two sisters, Helen Dietrich of Spokane, WA and Lillian Brackebusch of San Point, Idaho; thirteen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Leona, in 2003; son, Dennis Joseph Rau and nine siblings.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

SCOTT HARVEY

Scott William Harvey, 64, of Garrison/Aitkin, died unexpectedly on Monday, April 17, 2017.

There will be celebrations of his life on Saturday, June 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at David Fong's, 9329 Lyndale Ave South, Bloomington, MN 55420, and on Saturday, June 24, 2017, noon, at Trottersville Resort on Round Lake, 45104 - 228th St. Aitkin, MN 56431. Memorials are preferred to family at PO Box 333, Garrison, MN 56450.

He was born June 7, 1952 in Bloomington, to George (Judd) and Lucille Harvey. Scott was a proud Union Piledriver of 38 years. He

enjoyed hunting, fishing, Key Largo and big band music. He will always be remembered for his infectious laugh, bright and beautiful blue eyes, bad hearing and sentimental heart.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jo; son, Sam and his wife Shannon along with their daughter Sophia; step children: Alicia (Bruce), Chris, Jenn (Devin), Megan (Dan) and nine grandchildren: Tanner, Deelyla, Tucker, Landin, Sera, Clayton, Miles, Brock and Colton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Jackie Dunham.

ADAM HORST

Adam Robert Horst, 40, of Brainerd died on May 12, 2017 at his home.

A Memorial Gathering was held Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

He was born in Minneapolis to Dennis and Susan (Odegard) Horst.

Adam is survived by his parents, Dennis and Susan Horst of Brainerd; two brothers, Jason (Tanya) Horst and Paul (Chrissy) Horst; one sister, Jaime (David) Douglas and nieces and nephews.

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ALLIANCE

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 - The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchontheisewerroad.org
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.ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sun 8:30.
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.; Sat. 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10
McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sun. 11:15 am.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:45 am
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; 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 — Ospeee 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, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 11; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, 4th Saturday, 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
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.

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

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Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email theologchurch@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.

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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 Sunday; contemporary services 2nd and 5th Sun; nursery staffed; Sunday service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) at 10 am and on TV cable channel 181

at 9 am, Wed; community meal every Mon. and Thurs., 5 p.m.; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each month, 9:30 am - 5 pm

Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Ingledwood 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.pobpaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church-AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, 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.lchurch.org)
Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd - Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. - Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Breezy Point* - Eagles Nest, Pastor Jonathan Lemaster, 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m.
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct.

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

Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.

Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15.

Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sulton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.

Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.

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

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 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.
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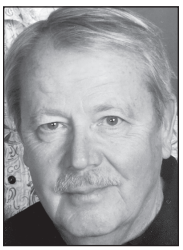
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OBITUARIES

OSCAR OLSON, JR.



Oscar A. Olson, Jr., 70, of Bennettville, died peacefully on Saturday, May 13, 2017, after a day with family and friends.

Funeral service was held May 18 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin with burial at the Bennettville Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the Aitkin VFW and American Legion Posts.



He was a dedicated husband and father, a successful businessman, an avid fisherman, a member of the 2nd Squadron, 1st Armored Cavalry Regiment, and a Vietnam veteran. He served as mayor of Oak Grove, Minnesota, for several years and was also a long-time city council member. Oscar was a certified NAUI scuba

instructor, and a life-long member of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. He loved animals, boating, singing in the choir, and spending time in his garage. Oscar was a big man with a big personality and an even bigger sense of humor. He loved his wife, his children, his grandchildren, his God, and his country with his whole heart.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Marie; sons: Joel (Glenn) and Mark; grandchildren Zoey, Noah (Samantha), Abilene, Jacob, Jolie, Josie, Elijah, and Ethan; siblings: Ruth, Melissa, and David; sister-in-law Marcy; and many extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents, Oscar and Ruth, and his son, Stephen.

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

KAREN PREKKER

Karen M. Prekker, 91, died peacefully on Sunday, December 11, 2016 in Eagan, MN.

Funeral services will be 12:00 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood. Burial will be at St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery in Sauk Center. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Saturday. Memorials preferred to Brandie Reed at gofundme.com/38yp2f4.

She was born January 7, 1925 to Axel and Katarina Magnusson in Sveg, Sweden. In 1929, the family emigrated to the United States, where Karen became a U.S. citizen in 1950. Karen was a loving, caring person, always wanting to help others and known as "Mom" to many. Karen loved spending time with her family, grandchildren and friends. She was always ready with a cup of coffee and a shoulder if needed or a big warm hug. She enjoyed gardening, tending flower beds, fishing and helping others. Karen loved to sew and made more than a hundred baby blankets to give to the needy. Karen's kindness, humor, laughter, love and many good times together is already missed.

She is survived by her children Bill (Heidi) Prekker, Charlie Baxter, Jody (Dave) Kraby, Karen (Butch) Randall, Kathy (Rick) Cottrell, Jeri Ann (Dennis) Sowada, June Beck (Mike Sorenson), Sue Lampton (Roger Willocks), Patti (Sam) Smith and daughter-in-law, Linda Prekker; 12 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren

and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by husband, Harold (Bud), sons: Gary, Gene and Harold (Swede), grandchildren: Christopher Kraby, April Beck and Michelle Stroup; siblings: John Edwin Magnusson, Mae Erickson, Greta Olson, Evelyn Miller, Ingrid Magnusson, Esther Munson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

Passionately Pursuing Christ and a Life of Purpose

All Catholics and non-Catholics are encouraged to join St. Joseph's churches in Crosby-Ironton and Deerwood for *Ablaze: Passionately Pursuing Christ and a Life of Purpose*, a series on Gospel living with Deacon Keith Strohm. The series will run for three consecutive evenings, starting Sunday, May 21 and ending Tuesday, May 23. Deacon Strohm will speak from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. An optional dinner is available in the church social hall by reservation from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Child care is available during the lecture. Please pre-register for dinner and child care prior to the event.

The evening session topics are: May 21 - Our Relationship in Communion with God, May 22 - Restoring and Strengthening the Divine Life within Us, and May 23 - Living out the Kingdom Life. For more information on the

evening session topics, go to www.cuyunacatholic.org.

In addition to the evening series, Strohm will hold question and answer sessions after the noon masses on Monday May 22 and Tuesday May 23 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood.

This series is geared toward adults and high school students and is open to all faiths. Register for dinner or child care at www.cuyunacatholic.org/mission or by calling the parish office at 218-546-6559.

Deacon Keith Strohm is the former Director of the Office for the New Evangelization and a deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago. A well-known international speaker and conference keynote, he has helped tens of thousands of men and women hear the Gospel message and encounter the mercy, love and power of Jesus Christ. He is also the Executive Director of M3 Ministries (www.m3catholic.com) and a long-time teacher and collaborator with the Catherine of Siena Institute. He is a co-author, along with six other collaborators, with Sherry Weddell for the book *Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples*--a follow-up

Tami Lee and the Northern Lights Band at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge

Country music artist Tami Lee and the Northern Lights Band kick off the Ruttger's Summer Concert Series at



6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 27 on the shores of Bay Lake.

One of the Midwest's best country and variety shows, Tami Lee has been playing and singing since early childhood. She performs a mix of classic and contemporary country songs.

The concert is the first of an eight-event series featuring local and regional bands. All concerts are open to the public. Admission is \$5 per person for non-resort guests.

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Jim Peterson drives the group from his drum throne

with a fantastic sense of time and a great sense of humor. The newest addition to the show, Micah Hamm brings a wide musical variety to the show. He has a very strong instrumental background, and his vocal performances are second to none.

Other Muscial Events

Ruttger's will also has other musical entertainment scheduled for this summer including Sunday, May 28 Erin & Madison; Saturday, June 17 Alpensterne; Saturday, July 1 October Son; Saturday, July 8 Street Dance with the Shane Martin Band; Friday, July 14 Ipso Facto; Saturday, Aug. 26 Street Dance with King Wilkie's Dream and Saturday, Sept. 2 Copperhead Creek.

For more information about the acts that are part of the concert series, go to ruttgers.com/summer-concert-series.

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Itasca County Honor Guard retires the colors.

solemn melody that set the somber tone for the ceremony.

Next, the colors were presented by the Itasca County Honor Guard with Deputy Jon Cline calling out the commands.

Noting that people who attended his church worked for all areas of law enforcement, the jail and court system and others who attended his

monument in Washington D.C. and the carved stone and event on the local courthouse lawn.

Sheriff Scott Turner talked about how the community rallied to support the sheriff's office after the loss of Sandberg and that "it is so very important to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while working to keep the community safe."

us get through our toughest of times."

"Our collective goal is a safer Aitkin County."

Turner added that officers realize that they may be called upon to lay down their lives in the call of duty. "I wish we had no names to put on this memorial but sadly that is not the case."

The names of all five men were read one by one and



Ginny Harney (center) chats with Deputy Greg Payment (far right). Harney is a daughter-in-law who survives her late husband's father, Officer James Harney, who was shot by moonshiners in 1932. Payment did a lot of research to find all the county's officers who died in the line of duty and contacted Harney's relatives. Ginny brought along to the dedication four children with two spouses, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild who is the great-great grandson of the fallen officer.

church are in jail or on probation, Pastor Darrell Pedersen of First Lutheran Church in Aitkin gave the invocation. "We honor the faithful and compassionate work of the law enforcement community and their respect for humanity even though the people involved are in the darkest moments of their lives."

Pedersen said every time he hears a siren he prays: "God be with whoever is in trouble and those who go the help them."

"We stand ground with those members of the law enforcement community and bless this dedication to honor officers who sacrificed their lives for the well-being of the community."

Greg Payment, president of the Aitkin County Law Enforcement Benevolent Association, spoke about how many agencies bonded together to form the association. It collected donations and held fundraisers which cumulated with Sandberg's name being read at a national

"I'm proud how the community of Aitkin County came together and made this memorial a reality." Local officers have a great relationship with the community, Turner said.

"After our latest tragedy we saw such deep-rooted and widespread support to help

a bell tolled. Then family members solemnly marched up to place wreaths by the memorial. Each branch of law enforcement also had a strong contingent of officers who went forward.

After the bagpipes played *Amazing Grace* the honor guard retired the colors.



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The Crow Wing County Highway Department is using portable traffic signal lights to control traffic in work zones. These lights are similar to standard traffic signal lights but are portable and used on many different county highway projects.

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This initial informational meeting will help determine if there is enough interest to plan and hold this event. Christians of all churches are

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