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## Trickle-down effect of testing water quality in Aitkin County



Starting in June, crews from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will be sampling fish from area lakes, streams and rivers as part of the effort to monitor the health of local bodies of water. Using electrofishing equipment, crews will be able to determine abundance, density, and variety of fish species present, causing no permanent harm to fish.

The Upper Mississippi River - Brainerd watershed, which includes parts of Aitkin, Crow Wing, Cass, Morrison and Todd counties, includes 212 lakes that are larger than 10 acres, and 2,149 river miles — sources of economy, recreation and tourism for the area.

While the health of Aitkin

County's waters are important to those who live, work and vacation here, it trickles down — literally — to the Gulf of Mexico, where the water eventually ends up, a resource for millions of people along the way.

In an effort to ensure water leaving Aitkin County is just as clean, if not cleaner, than

when it arrived here, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), along with the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), the Aitkin County SWCD and Central Lakes College are teaming up to monitor bodies of water to identify areas where land use changes are necessary and

resources need protecting.

This spring, teams will be collecting water samples from 25 locations within the watershed — studying water clarity, oxygen, nutrient and bacteria levels in area lakes, streams and rivers. MPCA crews will also be sampling fish using electrofishing equipment from June-September, and collecting invertebrate samples from August-October.

"This intensive monitoring and assessment approach is being used in the state's 80 major watersheds on a rotating 10-year cycle," said Chad Anderson, aquatic biologist with the MPCA's Baxter office. "We want to make sure Minnesota continues to have fishable, swimmable waters."

This is the second year of the four-year process. Once all the data is gathered and analyzed, a full picture of the health of Aitkin County's waterways, and the watershed as a whole, will come together. Then, numerous partners including local SWCDs and the MPCA will create an improvement plan and take actions designed to restore and protect each county's water quality.

"We'll address the un-

healthy areas and bring them back to state standard," said Janet Smude, district technician for the Aitkin County SWCD. "It's also our goal to provide people with the resources they need to help improve the water quality."

A recent study by the MPCA shows the upper Mississippi River, which starts at Lake Itasca in northern Minnesota, is nearly pristine. It becomes more polluted — by development, farm runoff and pollution from cities — as it flows south. By the time the river reaches Minneapolis, it no longer meets standards set by the Clean Water Act for aquatic life and human use.

"This is a big challenge, but we can make a difference, right here at the local level," said Smude.

This project, funded by the Clean Water and Land Legacy Amendment, was created to preserve Minnesota's drinking water sources, as well as protect, enhance and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, fish, game and wildlife habitat. For more information, visit [www.aitkincountyswcd.org](http://www.aitkincountyswcd.org) or [www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us), and search "Mississippi River Brainerd."



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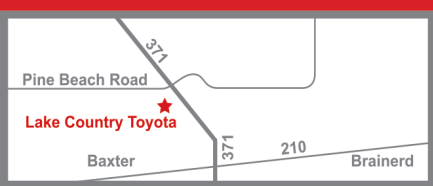
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AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am, Friday Night Grape Vine 6:30 pm.

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, 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@mfos.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.

Hearth 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 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.

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.

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.

29th - Aitkin's Farmers' Market each Saturday beginning Memorial Weekend through Lakor Day Weekend, 9 am - 1 pm, in the parking lot of the Butler Building (301 Minnesota Avenue North).

**June**

2nd - Aitkin High School Commencement, 8pm - 9pm AHS new gym

3rd - Garrison's 14th Annual Community Clean-Up Day, 8am - noon. Located at the VFW parking lot in Garrison. Can't find the time to make a trip to the landfill? Drop off appliances, mattresses, batteries, old computers, scrap metal, tires, bikes, couches, chairs, construction materials. NO CHEMICALS OR PAINTS, PLEASE! Nominal fees will be assessed by the load. Any questions call: 651-491-3849

3rd - Malmo Free Church Summer Gospel Concert featuring the Ostrom Family, a family of seven from the Quamba area exalting Christ through music and clogging, 7 pm, located near the junction of Hwys. 47 and 18, near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs. For more info call 320-684-2201.

3rd & 4th - "Hepzibeth, Woman of Iron" performance by Lauren Nickisch in the Pequot Lakes High School theater. More info at 218-568-9200.

**May**

26th - Aitkin Women of Today Memorial Cookie Bake Sale in front of The Office Shop, from 9 a.m. until sold out.

27th - ATV Youth Safety Training Hands-On Course, Granny's in Emily, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., sponsored by the Over the Hills Gang. Call 612-919-5806 for more details.

27th - Plant Sale at Northland Arboretum 9 am- 1:00 pm Outside lower level of the visitor center, 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd 218-829-8770. Perennials, Annual, Red Wiggler Worms, Garden Treasures, Get your gardening questions answered by a Master Gardener Sponsored by the Brainerd Garden Club & Arboretum Garden Volunteers

27th - Rutger's Bay Lake Lodge Summer Concert Series: Tami Lee and the Northern Lights Band, 6:30 p.m. \$5 admission.

29th- Emily, Outing and Fifty Lakes Lakers Lions Memorial Day Service at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily, 9 a.m. For more information contact Kathy at 218-792-5314.

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**Monday, May 29**

**AITKIN** - 10:30 a.m. at Aitkin Legion Post 86 (20- 1st Ave. NE, Aitkin) Light lunch will follow the program.

**CROSBY** - 8 a.m. at Boat Landing on Serpent Lake (Highway 6, North of Deerwood) A special tribute to honor military veterans who served on the high seas.

**CROSBY** - 10:30 a.m. at Lake wood Cemetery. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at the Mayberry Auditorium at the C-I High School

**DEERWOOD** - 9 a.m. at Scandia Cemetery (south of Deerwood on Highway 6.) Bring lawn chairs. Coffee and treats provided by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Auxiliary Unit #557 will follow. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at the Deerwood Auditorium.

**PALISADE** - 10 a.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery, south of Palisade on Great River Road.

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# Crosby city council approves 4th of July fireworks and beer garden

At the City of Crosby Council meeting on May 22, the council approved liquor licenses from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 for for Barstock Liquors; Croft Pub & Grub; Crosby Bar; Cuyuna Brewing Company; Cuyuna Lanes; Iron Range Eatery; Miner's Inc., dba Super One; Red Raven, LLC; and Spalding House.

The 4th of July fireworks contract was approved for \$14,000 (last year was about \$13,000) with RES Specialty Pyrotechnics, to be paid out of the fireworks donation account. The council approved temporary 3.2 liquor license issued to the Crosby Fire Relief for the beer garden 4th of July celebration at the Crosby Memorial Park. The council approved payment of liquor liability insurance for the 4th of July beer garden.

The council approved Resolution 2017-15-0522 to purchase property from ISD 182.

The council approved the Encroachment and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Crosby and ISD 182 regarding the use of the right of way on 10th St. SW.

The council approved the MNDOT request to replace the scenic byway signs for the Great River Road along city roadways without the need for a permit State Project

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Council considered the ongoing coal vault filling and sidewalk project located just off Main Street in Crosby next to property owned by Linda McLaughlin. After much discussion about who's financial responsibility it was to fill the vault, installing new sidewalk and curb, it was determined that the city would provide the fill for the vault and pay 50% of the cost of the curb and sidewalk. McLaughlin would pay the cost to fill and tamp the fill for the vault as specified and 50% of the cost of the curb and sidewalk. The council allowed another 30 days to get other bids for the project.

Building Inspector Scott Sadusky asked the council, if they wanted him to proceed with work on the rental ordinance. Jeff Olsen, Larry and Peggy Hartman Crosby landlords sat at the table in front of the council and were in opposition a rental ordinance. Larry Hartman spoke about the rental ordinance being a negative for our town. Based on discussions he had with other landlords in other towns were rental ordinances existed. Having a third party involved in the rental process and the additional regulations made it less desirable to do business. He also said

it made the rental property less marketable when it came time to sell.

Hartman cited a couple of things that helped and said, "We did use that low interest loans, that was out there, to improve rental properties. Another thing that really helped us, was the police department. We would call them, say we got so and so wants to rent, what do you think of them people?"

Olsen said, "If you have a couple of bad apples in the city, you got to address it. And don't punish everyone in town."

The council approved to take off the table the continued work on the rental ordinance by Scott Sadusky by a vote of three to one. Paul Heglund made the motion, Jim Traylor seconding and Jim Goshey all voting aye and Ron Prushek voting nay. Prushek said he would have liked to table the rental ordinance until later.

City Engineer Phil Martin suggested the work could start on that old railroad grade North of Third Street the city just agreed to purchase from ISD 182. They could do work on the First Street portion now so work would not be going on Third Street at the same time. This would make Graphics Packaging access

easier. The council agreed to allow the work to start. The cost share estimate came in at \$184,000 for street, sidewalk, curb and gutter for the project. That could be split 50% cost to the city and 50% accessed to the residents along the Third Street project area.

Martin said, "they need to notice that your going to have a public hearing to discuss preliminary assessment associated with cost sharing of Third Street. All those property owners, through the process that Lisa [Sova] is aware of, they would show up. We would say what we're doing and identify what the costs are based on. We actually have bid costs, so they are a bit more solid than early on."

Mayor Hunter brought up two construction related concerns to the Engineer Phil Martin's attention. There was fire hydrant that needed some fill around it and a garage that had the footing crack when a slab was removed. These two issues will be brought back to the council by Martin after he has a discussion with the contractor.

The council approved hiring a DNR certified beaver trapper to remove them from Serpent Lake Creek area in effort of stopping them from damming up the creek.

Two property owners from Lakeshore Drive, Ron Hetrick and Dale Frolic sat and spoke with the council. Hatrick indicated the ongoing problem on Lakeshore Drive involved four property owners. The problem is the road pavement is in bad condition since it sits under water. The drain doesn't drain into sod that is higher than the road. Mayor Hunter relayed the problems a representative from Anderson Brothers expressed after looking at the road: two stumps need to be removed, the road was in bad condition from being underwater and he felt there needed to be a holding pond added.

Dale Frolic indicated he would donate a portion of his property for a holding pond. The council approved having City Engineer Phil Martin look into recommendations and

cost for correcting the problems with Lakeshore Drive.

Martin then spoke about the water supply lines that come from south of the campground at the Crosby Memorial Park. Martin said it wouldn't be part of the Third Street project. The council approved having Martin get bids for the campground project to replace the sewer lines and attaching them to the new Third Street lines. The project should be started after Labor Day.

City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova talked about the recycling bins and cardboard recycling funding and amounts for 2018. She said since Ironton is going to go with curbside recycling. Crow Wing County has committed \$41,400 in funding for the City of Crosby for next year. The cost to empty the bins is \$315 each time and \$40 per month for the cardboard. Sova made the council aware that if they exceed the \$41,400 that would be the city's responsibility. Sova also said she would alert the council once the limit was being reached.

## Hardy motorcycle riders



Two days of rain did not deter a small group of motorcyclists from riding in the Toolin' Tour Motorcycle Ride for Habitat. Due to generous donations, Aitkin County Habitat made money to put toward building a new home in Aitkin in 2017.

## OBITUARIES

### DOROTHY ANDERSON

Dorothy May Anderson, 98 of Aitkin, died Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be 11:00A.M. - Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. Reverend Randy Stauter will officiate. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Diamond Lake Cemetery.

She was born August 30, 1918 in Hampton, Iowa to Thomas and Lillian (Ladd) Micklewright. Dorothy was united in marriage to Herbert Clemens Anderson on January 22, 1943 in Minneapolis. After marriage they moved to Aitkin for a short time and then moved to Waseca, where they made their home until moving back to Aitkin in 1967. She did upholstery work in her early years and worked at the Aitkin Hospital as an Aide. She

loved her cows; and enjoyed sewing, cooking, and playing Bingo at Aitkin Health Services.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law: Dale Anderson, Duncan, Oklahoma; and David and Joanne Anderson, Cadott, Wisconsin; eight grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; sister, Eva Adcock, Aitkin; many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Clemens Anderson on December 20, 1982; daughter, Charlotte Noonan; son, Dennis Anderson; brothers, Robert and George Micklewright; and her parents Thomas and Lillian (Ladd) Micklewright.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

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# Watercolors by Duane Barnhart at the Jaques Art Center May 26 - July 7

Artist Duane Barnhart, of Aitkin, will be displaying his watercolors at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin through July 7 in an exhibit entitled "Across the Pond and Home Again."

The public is invited to an artist reception for a new exhibit at the Jaques Art Center on Saturday, May 27 from noon - 3 p.m.

Barnhart has spent his career as an illustrator and cartoonist. He has taught literally thousands of children the art of cartooning as an artist in residence at schools all over the country. His book, "Cartooning Basics" is in its twentieth year of publication has been translated into Chinese and Spanish.

Even though cartooning is his love, watercolor painting

is his passion. In this exhibit, "Across the Pond and Home Again," the Jaques Art Center presents his work from European and United States travels. Whether painting landscapes or barnyard scenes, Barnhart likes to work on location if possible, and when it is not, he uses his own reference for photos and sketches.



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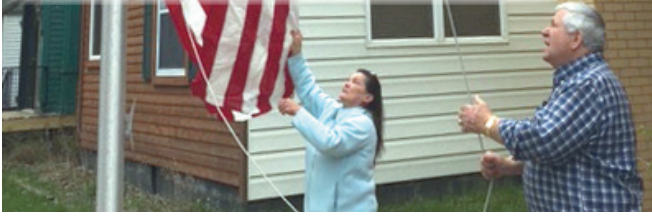
rope and visit many beautiful and historic locations. Since then I have been reliving moments from those trips as well as places around our beautiful country, especially the Minnesota and Wisconsin area, but also travels to Colorado, Arkansas, Alabama and the Carolinas. When time permits, I prefer to paint on location (en plein air) otherwise, I work in my home studio. Watercolor is my medium of choice and I enjoy the welcome and unwelcome surprises of painting with watercolors. I like the way light penetrates the various layers of transparent watercolor and gives a luminescence that seems to add life to the painting.

"I admire the works of J.M.W. Turner, Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, Edward Hopper, Francis Lee Jaques and others. I have taken classes and workshops from Judy Blain, Malcolm Meyers, Tom Lynch, Andy Evansen, and Raleigh Kinney.

"I have been a member of the Northstar Watermedia Society, Outdoor Painters of Minnesota and my paintings have been in juried exhibits, galleries and in private collections.

"I am very pleased to have this opportunity through the Jaques Art Center and Gallery in Aitkin to exhibit this body of my work."

## Nelson donates flag



Aitkin resident, Nancy Nelson donated a large American flag to Jaques Art Center in remembrance of her father, John Nelson, an army veteran. John's casket was draped with this flag and Nancy felt it was more important to fly the flag than to "just put it in a drawer forever." Helping Nancy raise the flag is Jerry Holm, past Aitkin resident and long-time supporter of the JAC.

## Veterans visits in May



During May, the Aitkin American Legion Auxiliary visited with 20 veterans and 11 Aitkin Auxiliary members at four area care centers. Pictured above with Army Veteran Don Hillman at Aitkin Health Services are from left Pauline Moore, Harriet Simonson, Bonnie Mickelson and Roberta Elvecrog holding grandson, Jack. Not pictured is Barb Jones. Barb Jones photo

on location if possible, and when it is not, he uses his own reference for photos and sketches.

"I love to travel and see new things and places," Barnhart said. In 2013 and 2015, I was fortunate to travel to Eu-



One of Duane Barnhart paintings features tall ships in Duluth.

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