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Skye Fielder puts away skeins of yarn in her store.

BV ANN SCHWARTZ Seeing a need to offer arts and crafts supplies in Aitkin, Skye Fielder is adding art supplies and crafts to her Minnesota Avenue North gift shop Wise Skye Gifts. Fielder has lived in Aitkin

for about a year and a half. "I used to work in church administration," said Fielder. "We fell in love with

Aitkin when we passed through it. I love living here and like the people."

mission is to carry "unique, whimsical and useful finds," Fielder said, and with recent store closings there is a need to satisfy the creative-types who live in the area. The store

will carry yarn, knitting and crochet supplies, paper craft, art supplies, embroidery thread, craft kits and books. The back half of the store is being assembled slowly but surely.

Artists' guild

Linda Causton, who has lived in the area since 2007 and has been an artist all of displaying her works in the shop.

Sat., October 28, 2017

"From the first, I wanted to set up here," said Causton, who paints wildlife art on plywood and Styrofoam backing. She uses both acrylic and oil paints in each work. "It's small but growing and the commission is affordable for the artist."

Causton said it's a great set up for someone who doesn't want to travel around to shows or join an art club. She invites all artisans to consider joining their guild, From Heart Through Hands.

"We won't have dues or meetings," explained Causton. "I'm excited to be with other artisans and encourage them to come and exhibit."

Causton worked for many years with people with special needs or chemical dependency or mental health issues. "They come in so broken shows," she said of her time people of the Aitkin area to working at the Mille Lacs

Academy. "There are no mistakes in art."

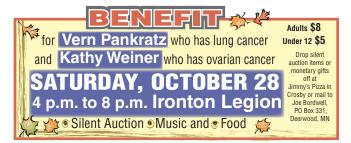
Les Kouba, who died in 1990, was her mentor and she is drawn to wildlife art.

If the stream of people stopping in on a rainy Saturday morning is any indication,

her life, is one of the artists down and end up having art and crafts supplies and for the express themselves creatively.



there is a yearn- Linda Causton holds bowling ball art with ing to buy arts other pieces behind her.









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True story of service to country 'Ghosts of War' at CLC November 9

In commemoration of Veterans' Day, the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center will present 'Ghosts of War' at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday November 9 in the Chalberg Theatre on the Brainerd campus of Central Lakes College.

The play is the true story of Ryan Smithson, who was a typical 16-year-old highschool student until 9/11.

"I'd thought about joining the military the moment I saw the towers fall," Smith-

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son wrote in his book of the This unforgettable story about same title, and which Griffin Theatre has adapted into a stage production. But this is no ordinary teenager's story. Instead of opting for college life, Ryan Smithson joined the Army Reserve when he was seventeen. Two years later, he was deployed to Iraq as an Army engineer.

His story—and the stories of thousands of other soldiers-is nothing like what you see on CNN or read about in the New York Times.

combat, friendship, fear, and a soldier's commitment to his country peels back the curtain on the realities of war in a story all Americans should experience.

Smithson's poignant, often harrowing account, especially vivid in sensory details, chronicles his experiences in basic training and his tour of duty in Iraq. He lucidly recounts the intensity of battle and the pain of losing comrades. For Smithson, the

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war is a source of personal enlightenment, and this story vividly brought to life on stage is a remarkable, deeply penetrating personal account that will compel audiences to reflect on their own thoughts about duty, patriotism and sacrifice.

Patrick Spradlin, producer of the Center's Cultural Arts Series, spoke of the play and the producing company. "We've had Griffin Theatre here before with a military-theme play," he said. "Their production of 'Letters Home' was such a powerful work, and showed a side of active servicemen and women that the public doesn't ordinarily see."

He added that 'Ghosts of War' will be especially powerful for one particular reason. "Ryan Smithson himself will be traveling with the

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play. While he doesn't appear onstage in his own story, he will be conducting a talkback session after the performance. It's a rare opportunity for the audience to meet the per-

son about whom the play is written."

Spradlin further noted that the production is free to veterans, on a first-come basis day of show, and subject to availability. "We scheduled this show where we did because it does speak so eloquently about the experience of those in uniform. We want all veterans to see the show. We are

offering free admission as a for those who have served or are serving."

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Tickets for 'Ghosts of War' are available from the CLC Theatre Box Office at (218) 855-8199 or online at www. clcmn.edu/arts Veterans wishing to take advantage of the offer of free tickets should try to arrive at least a half hour prior to curtain.

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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.
- 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 Weslayson 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 availalible to those who gualifiy. 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 caregiv-

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 each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin,MN
- 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 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

performed by area men and women age 55 and older, at the Franklin Arts Center in Brainerd at 1:30 p.m. The Oct 29 show has an additional performance at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 for general seating and \$17 for premium seating with a \$3 processing fee per ticket. All seats are reserved. Call 218-825-4993.

- 31st Fall Festival at Restoration Books and Gifts 3 p.m.- 6 p.m., 111 W. Main Street, Crosby
- 31st Trunks for Treats at Salem Lutheran Church of Deerwood, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
- 31st Trick-or-Treaters are welcome at Crosby Fire Hall located at First Street and First Avenue NW in Crosby, 4:30- 8 p.m. Free hot chocolate and cookies
- 31st Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church Trunk or Treat 5:00-7:00 p.m. A fun, family event with games, snacks, prizes and crafts inside! Shepherd of the Lake is located on Highway 169, one mile north of the "Y" in Garrison. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact the Church at 320-692-4581.
- 31st Trick-or-Treaters in are welcome at the Ironton Terrace Apartments, 400 Eighth Avenue, 5 to 7 p.m. Please use the front entrance at the west end of the building and follow signs to the community room.
- 31st Trunk or Treat behind the Emily Fire Hall at 20837 West County Road 1, 5 to 8 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate, games and prizes.
- 31st Trick or Treat at Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby from 6 to 7 p.m. Residents will be handing out a variety of treats for youngsters dressed in costume.
- November
- 3rd McGregor Grace Log Church Hunters Ham Dinner 4:30 -7 p.m., adults \$9, kids under 12 \$5 . Located from McGregor 7 miles North on Hwy. 65 to Co. Rd. 14 1/4 mile East.
- 4th Waukenabo Community Center Hunters' Breakfast and Bake Sale 5 am - noon. Breakfast Includes: Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Juice, Coffee & Milk Adults \$6.00 Ages 6-12 \$3.00 Ages 5 and under free From Aitkin take Hwy 169 N to CR 3. Turn west on CR 3 for 1-1/4 miles.
- 4th Cascade United Methodist Church Bazaar and Craft Sale 9am-2pm (Noon Lunch) Highway 6-210 Deerwood
- 4th Jaques Art Center Kaleidoscope 10 to 11:30 am. Pam Andell Thanksgiving Decorating paint an Autumn Birch Tree - \$10, scholarships are always available. 121 2nd Street NW, Aitkin, 218-927-2363
- 4th Glory Baptist Hunter's Supper 4:30 -7:30 p.m. at the Glory Community Center. The meal will feature Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, bread, pie, and beverage. The proceeds from the freewill donation will go to purchase a defibrillator and remaining funds to South Aitkin First Responders. Take-out meals will be available by calling 218-927-3678 during the serving time or on request while at the church. Glory Community Center is located 12 miles southeast of Aitkin off County Road 12 or 4 miles west of Glen.
- 4th Carmel Lutheran Church Harvest Dinner A turkey / venison dinner with all of the trim-

- 10th Sons of Norway Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 meeting 6:30 p.m. at the I.R.E.C. Bldg in Isle Lucas Franco will discuss food unions in Norway and the U.S.A and how they compare. Various soups will be served. Bring your neighbors & friends. If you have questions call Gary at 1-218-927-6557 or Candice at 1-320-983-2886.
- 10th -12th & 17-19 Pequot Lakes Community Theatre presents "My Fair Lady" Nov. 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. at the Pequot Lakes High School Auditorium. Adults, \$14, seniors, \$12 and youth, \$10.
- 11th Spirit of Christmas Bazaar, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600- 4th St. SW, Crosby, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Crafts, Fresh Rolls and Coffee, Lefse, Handmade Confections, Bake Sale, Children Only Room and more.
- 11th Hilltop Chapel's Hunters Dinner: Turkey with all the trimmings 4:30-7:30 p.m. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$3, 5 and under free. Waukenabo Community Center is 1 3/4 miles west of Hwy. 169 on County Road 3. Handicap Accessible
- 11th Free meal for veterans starting 11 a.m. at the Crosby Bar and Grill. Hot beef dinner including roast beef on a slice of bread, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable and coffee, water or fountain pop. The Crosby Fire Department will be assisting with meal orders
- 17th &19th Crosby-Ironton High School musical: "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee".
- 23th Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge Thanksgiving Buffet.
- 24th Thanksgiving Dinner Cascade United Methodist Church, noon. For reservations, please call 218-534-3507, or email cascadeumc@embarqmail.com. Free will offerings accepted. Church is located between Crosby and Deerwood on Hwy 6 and 210.
- 24th Fish House 5K Run and Walk at 9 a.m. The Fish House 5k serves as the official kickoff to Aitkin's World Famous Fish House Parade. The race starts and ends at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds and the course runs through the streets of Aitkin and the city park. The 5k route has been certified by USA Track & Field. A 5K Run/Walk category for ages 12 and under will make this event more economical for entire families. For questions, please contact Brian at the Aitkin Chamber of Commerce at 218-927-2316.
- 24th Emily, Outing and Fifty Lakes Lakers Lions tree lot opens in downtown Emily.
- 29th-Waukenabo Dance, "Frank & Fran" will be performing 1-4 p.m. at the Waukenabo Community Center located 15 mi. north of Aitkin on Hwy. 169 to Co. Rd. 3, west 1 1/4 mi. on left.
- December
- 2nd Harding Horse'n Around Christmas Parade (Christmas equine parade) 5 p.m. on Main Street in Harding. Horses will go thru town with lights & music. For more info call Dondi Schubert at 218-831-8850.
- 5th & 6th Jagues Art Center St. Nicholas Day Tea 1 p.m. each day - tickets are \$20. An annual affair at the Jaques complete with lovely British tea, appropriate finger appetizers and a guest speaker.121 2nd Street

- ers 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.

playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.

- Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.
- TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm
- TOPS Deerwood (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Deerwood Legion, 23659 Forest Rd, Deerwood. For more information, please contact Lucy Bartz 218-839-2218 or Gwenn Smith 218-246-2180.
- TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanual Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.
- Weight Watchers meets every 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.

October

- 28th Catch a preview of the 2017-18 Central Lakes College women's basketball team at 10 a.m. in an Alumni Game. Any former CLC players are encouraged to participate. Please contact head coach Randy Swanhorst for more information: rswanhorst@ clcmn.edu.
- 29th Geritol Frolics, a musical variety show

mings: mashed potatoes, stuffing, squash, corn, cole slaw, roll, and homemade dessert 4:30 pm to 8:00pm. Adults \$10, chil-

dren under 12 \$5 (Under 5 eats free) 4 miles south of Jacobson on Hwy. 65 4th - 10th - Friends of the Ait-

- kin Library will host their fall used book sale Nov 4-10 during regular library hours.
- 6th Book fair fund-raiser at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Crosby, just inside the lobby from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 7th Jaques Art Center First Dibs Luncheon 11 - 1 pm. Get a sneak-peek at the goodies at JAC Christmas Marketplace - \$10 while you eat a gourmet box lunch.121 2nd Street NW, Aitkin, 218-927-2363
- 8th-Waukenabo Dance, "Marie & Ross" will be performing 1-4 p.m. at the Waukenabo Community Center located 15 mi. north of Aitkin on Hwy. 169 to Co. Rd. 3, west 1 1/4 mi. on left.

NW, Aitkin, 218-927-2363 6th -Christmas in the Park, Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 4:30 to 7 p.m.



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OBITUARIES

CHARLES LEACH



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Charles Garst Leach, 66, of Aitkin died Friday, October 13, 2017 at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017 memorial service at the Church of The Nazarene in Merrifield



with Reverend Ron Christenson officiating. Military honors will follow the service at the church. Burial will be in Ione, Arkansas.

He was born September 5, 1951 in Sioux City, Iowa to Roy C. and Ruth (Garst) Leach. He graduated High School in Sacramento, California. Charles was a U.S. Navy Veteran and worked

as a nursing Tech in China Lake, California. After being honorably discharged he worked as an LPN for 36 years. He was an avid bowler and enioved fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Rushmeyer; children: Korena (Bowie Rushmeyer) Hammond of Deerwood; Roy Charles (Heather) Leach of Shirley, AR.; Rod (Stacey) Rushmeyer of Bertha: Jodi Christenson of Remer; Tiffany (Mike) Deering of Baxter; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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MARSHALL KEARNS

States Army. He loved playing pool, gaming, fixing computers and rock and coin collecting. Marshall was a jokester who always put a smile on everyone's face.

Marshall is survived by his three children: Kasie, Alyssa and Mitchell Kearns; ex-wife, Stef Kearns; mother and step-father, Dee and Bob Larson; brothers: Terry (Tiffany) Kearns and Donnie Kearns; step mother, Lori Kearns; many other

Marshall was preceded in death by his father,

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tober 6, 2017 in rural Wealthwood. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017 at the Aitkin American

Legion at 4 p.m. He was born Jan. 7, 1922 in Swaledale, IA to Alfred and Cecilia Christensen. He attended school at the Swaledale Consolidated School District,

from which he graduated May 15, 1940. Melvin worked for his father's road construction company while in school and after graduation. Mel started college at the University of Iowa in the fall of 1941 with the intention of becoming a doctor. WWII interrupted those plans and he joined the U.S. Army Dec. 29, 1942 and served in the Pacific Theater throughout the war, he was honorably discharged from service Jan. 21, 1946. Melvin achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant as a Radio Direction Finder Evaluator in the 119th Signal Radio Intelligence Company. Towards the end of the war Mel traveled to Moscow. Russia to help the Russian Army install radio direction finding

MELVIN CHRISTENSEN Melvin Dale Christensen, equipment in tanks, the story of which he loved 95, passed away Friday, Octo tell. After the war Melvin worked at various jobs in the transportation industry, later specializing in the new field of hydraulic power systems. In the late 1960's he became an instructor at Alexandria Technical College in their new Fluid Power program. In the early 1970s Melvin traveled to Alaska

for a vacation and fell in love with the state. He moved there and taught marine diesel and automotive mechanics at the Juneau- Douglas School System. After being seriously injured in an explosion aboard a boat he was repairing in 1978 and spending a year and a half in the hospital; Melvin moved to Aitkin where he and his father had owned a Mille Lacs lake cabin since around 1950. Melvin taught for 11 years in the vocational school in Milaca. He also operated a trucking business on the Alaskan Highway hauling large boats and trailers. Those who knew Melvin knew that he was always busy; he had the energy of someone half his age until well into his 90s. Even over the last few years he was not afraid to take on projects of immense size and go after them with amazing tenacity. Melvin always had a joke and a smile for everyone.

He was proceeded in death by his parents and sisters.

Esther Villeneuve Lemire, 92. of Aitkin died Thursday,

October 19, 2017 at Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, October

23, 2017 at St. James Catholic Church with Fr. David Forsman officiating, Burial

was in the St. Thomas Cemetery in Aitkin. She was born August 12, 1925 in Aitkin to Napoleon and Salome (Gratton) Villeneuve. She grew up and attended schools in Aitkin

graduating from the Aitkin High School in 1942. She married Cyril B. Lemire on April 11, 1943 in California. She lived in Aitkin and in 1958 they moved to Minneapolis where they raised their family. They moved back to Aitkin in 1977 and she has lived here since. She was a member of

ESTHER LEMIRE

St. James Catholic Church, the Golden Age Club, the Aitkin VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries. She loved to bake pies, make maple syrup, sewing, knitting, quilting canning and gardening.

She is survived by her children: Shirley Maxwell, Lavonne Anderson, Connie (Pat) Ordorff and George (Sonja) Lemire; 11 Grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents;husband, Cyril, twin daughter, Bonnie; five brothers: Omer, Alfred, William, and Floyd; four sisters: Louise Stofferan, Alma Bolduc, Clara Farah, Betty George; and two sons-in-law: Terrance Anderson and Robert Maxwell.

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* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* - New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; 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.

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; Sacrament 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 Sunday service broadcast on KKIN (94.3FM) at 10am, and on TV cable channel 181 at 9am on Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9:30am - 5pm.

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 EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Worship 10, coffee fellowship

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.



Marshall Allen Kearns, 47, of Aitkin, formerly of the Twin

Monday, October 16, 2017 Memorial Service was held Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the New Life Church, Aitkin.

Military honors will accorded

by Aitkin VFW Post #1727 and Aitkin American Legion Post #86. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

He was born March 31, 1970 in Long Beach, California to Thomas Kearns and Dee (Robinson) Larson. Marshall was a veteran of The United

relatives and friends. Thomas Kearns.

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, the journeynorth.com
- Baxter The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com
- Brainerd* Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com
- Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.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 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 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.

- -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; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) 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, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; 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.

EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 EVANGELICAL FREE

- 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
- 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* (ELCA) Pastor Darrell Pedersen, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 8:15 & 10am, Wed. 5:30pm w/supper; communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed nursery during 10am Sun. & Wed. services. Sun. school 10:30am, Wed. night youth activities grades 3rd - 9th.

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- ning 7 pm adult bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Rd, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church
- Brainerd Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.llchurch.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 Sutton-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; handicapped 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. Lake Shore - Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Inter-
- lachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)
- Malmo Bethesda (ELCA Sun, Worship 8:30 & 10: Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

Call

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

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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 Ministry, 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.

REFORMED

Crosby - Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

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

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9:45; fellowship follows.

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WESLEYAN

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

Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Wor-

ship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.

Crosby/Deerwood - Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship

Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.

Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship

Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30;

McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship

Onamia - Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship

Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time

10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-

Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9

fellowship follows; handicapped accessible

Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10

www.NewsHopper.net Art exhibit at Aitkin Public Library

Submitted By JANICE HASSELIUS The Jaques Art Center, partnered with the City of Aitkin, is very excited over the newest art exhibit on display at the Aitkin Public Library, with art by local artist, Duane Barnhart. The Aitkin Public Library is part of our rotating art show which also includes the Neighborhood Bank in Aitkin.

Duane Barnhart, paints on location (plein air) and at his home studio on Big Pine Lake. Aitkin is honored to have this national and regional award winning artist Jaques Art Center, as well as: displaying 24 original works of art at the Aitkin Public Library through the end of the year.

Duane has won numerous awards in competitions for his amazing work. He is especially proud of his awards as a plein air painter. To be in a plein air painter competitions, you must be invited. Duane has won numerous plein air awards, including two Best Sense of Place awards from the Outdoor Painters of Minnesota. He has displayed his art at Red Wing Arts Association Gallery in Red Wing, MN, The Seasons Gallerv in Hudson Wi, The Grand Marais Art Colony in Grand Marais, MN, and several others.

Duane often teaches art classes at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin. He is a wonderful teacher and you don't need any experience as he will walk you through all stages to completion. You will be pleased with the results from his class, even if you have never touched a brush before.

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Wolfe appointed

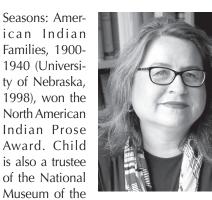
City of Crosby Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova swears in Robyn Wolfe to the Crosby Council on November 23. Wolfe was appointed to fill remainder of the term when Bob Novak was appointed mayor after Mayor James Hunter resigned. The term of the appointment goes through December 31, 2018.

Boarding School Generations

In conjunction with Native American History Month, University of Minnesota American Studies Professor Brenda J. Child will present "Boarding School Generations" at noon on Thursday, Nov. 2 in the Chalberg Theatre on the Central Lakes College Brainerd campus.

Presenter Brenda J. Child will talk about the boarding schools American Indians were sent to in the 1870s by the federal government.

Child is a professor and chair of the Department of American Studies and former Chair of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota. She received her PhD in History at the University of Iowa. Her first book, Boarding School



American Indian-Smithsonian. She serves on the Repatriation Committee, the Executive Committee, and Chairs the Scholarship and Collections Committee. She is also a trustee of the Minnesota Historical Society. She was an original consultant to the exhibit, "Remembering Our Indian School Days" at the Heard Museum



where she is a citizen and member of a committee writing a new constitution for the nation of 11,900. She resides with her family in Saint Paul and Bemidji.

For questions on any Cultural Thursday presentations, please contact Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez at Central Lakes College 218-855-8183.

CLC alumni women's basketball

Catch a preview of the 2017-18 Central Lakes College women's basketball team at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 28 in an Alumni Game. Any former CLC players are encouraged to participate. Please contact head coach Randy Swanhorst for more information: rswanhorst@ clcmn.edu.

"We're looking forward to welcoming back alumni and will look to make this

a tradition," Swanhorst said. "It's a chance for our fans to see how we're coming along and to catch up with some Raider greats."

Swanhorst took over mid-season last year as the Raiders' head coach and led the team to a 7-17 overall finish (4-8 in MCAC play). He spent the spring and summer recruiting and is excited to hit the hardwood.

"We are pleased to have

a full roster this season after being short-handed last year," he said. "Our four returning players have laid the foundation and set the bar high for our nine newcomers, all of whom could step in and make an instant impact on

the court." The Raiders are scheduled to open their season at home on Saturday, Nov. 11 versus Leech Lake Tribal College.

Sign up to ring Salvation Army bells

By ANN SCHWARTZ

A little generosity on your part could lead to a better winter for your Aitkin County neighbors.

Volunteers are needed to ring Salvation Army Bells at Paulbeck's and Shopko in Aitkin. The Red Kettle Campaign runs from Nov. 24 to December 23 and days include Nov

23, 24 and December 1, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Bells are not rung on Sundays.

Proceeds from the kettles stay in Aitkin County and are used to help those in need with basic life necessities.

Individuals, couples and families are encouraged to take two-hour shifts. Call

the Birch Street Center at 218.735.6122 to sign up for a shift.

Records show that giving increases when there is someone standing with the kettles. If you can, sign up to ring the bells or be generous when you pass the Salvation Army kettles this season.

Red Cross calls for blood donors

With the busy holiday season approaching, the American Red Cross encourages donors to give blood now to help ensure a sufficient supply for patients this winter. Upcoming blood dona-

tion opportunities: Aitkin November 6 and

7, noon - 6 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, 107 2nd St. SE **Brainerd** November 1, 10

a.m. - 3 p.m., Brainerd VFW 1647, 309 S. 6th St. November 8, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., American Legion Post

255, 708 Front St. Crosslake November 15, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Community Center, 14126 Dagget

Pine Road Hibbing November 3, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Fairview Range, 750 E. 34th St.

Little Falls November 1, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., St. Francis Center, 116 8th Ave. SE

McGregor November 8, noon - 6 p.m., Community Center, 41442 Highway 65 N.

Royalton November 6, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Royalton High School, 120 S. First St.

Swanville November 912:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Swanville High School, Sixth and DeGraffe

Verndale November 15, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Verndale High School, 411 Brown St. SW

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

Volunteer

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross is to become a volunteer transportation specialist and deliver lifesaving blood products to local area hospitals. Volunteer transportation specialists play a very important role in ensuring an ample blood supply for patients in need by transporting blood and blood products. For more information and to apply for a volunteer transportation specialist position, visit rdcrss.org/driver.

to get on the Call Us Today... Fall Building Schedule!



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