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Daylight Saving Ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5 Turn your clocks back 1 hour.

Cascade United Methodist Church
Bazaar & Craft Sale
Sat., Nov. 4
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Located on Hwy. 6 & Hwy. 210 between Deerwood & Crosby.

Zebra mussels confirmed in Serpent Lake and Dora Lake

DNR invasive species specialists confirmed zebra mussels attached to vegetation hanging from a dock removed from Serpent Lake.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed zebra mussels in Serpent Lake in Crow Wing County, and in Dora Lake and connected waters in Itasca County.

A lake service provider business removing a dock from Serpent Lake contacted the DNR after finding several suspected zebra mussels. DNR invasive species specialists confirmed zebra mussels attached to vegetation hanging from a removed dock at a second location, at the Highway 6/210 public access, approximately 1.3 miles away from the originally reported location.

Itasca County aquatic invasive species staff found zebra mussels downstream of Sand Lake, where zebra mussels were confirmed in 2013. The DNR confirmed zebra mussels at the Shogren Dam; Dora Lake, a small, shallow lake downstream of Sand Lake; and in the Big Fork River, seven miles downstream from Dora Lake at the Itasca County Road 31 crossing near Wirt.

Fall is an important time to check for zebra mussels, when docks and boat lifts are being removed from lakes at the end of the season. Look on the posts, wheels and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of watercraft or equipment that may have been submerged in water for an extended period.

Minnesota law requires that docks and lifts be allowed to dry for at least 21 days before being placed in another body of water, whether aquatic invasive species are present or not.

Whether or not a lake is listed as infested, Minnesota law requires boaters and anglers to:

Clean watercraft of aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.

Drain all water by removing drain plugs and keeping them out during transport.

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody, especially after leaving infested waters:

Spray with high-pressure water.

Rinse with very hot water (120 degrees Fahrenheit for at least two minutes or 140 degrees Fahrenheit for at least 10 seconds).

Dry for at least five days. Zebra mussels can compete with native species for food and habitat, cut the feet of swimmers, reduce the performance of boat motors, and cause expensive damage to water intake pipes.

Contact an area DNR aquatic invasive species specialist if you think you have found zebra mussels or any other invasive species that the DNR has not already confirmed in your lake.

More information is available at mndnr.gov/ais.

Duluth artist wins stamp contest

Duluth artist Dean Kegler won the Minnesota Walleye Stamp contest. His painting was selected by judges from among 11 entries for the annual contest sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Kegler's painting of a walleye about to strike a crankbait will be featured on the 2018 walleye stamp. This is the third stamp contest win for Kegler. He also has won the 2016 trout and salmon and 2009 pheasant stamp contests.

The voluntary walleye stamp validation costs $5 but is not required to fish for or keep walleye. For an extra 75 cents, purchasers will be mailed the pictorial stamp. A pictorial collectable stamp without the validation is available for $5.75. Walleye stamps are available year-round and are need not be purchased at the same time as fishing licenses.

Three entries advanced as finalists and were selected Oct. 26 at DNR headquarters in St. Paul. The DNR offers no prizes for the stamp contest winner, but the winning artist retains the right to reproduce the work.

Revenue from stamp sales is used to purchase walleyes for stocking in Minnesota's lakes. The 2017 walleye stamp is still available for purchase at all license vendors. More information about stamps is available at mndnr.gov/stamps.

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Deer hunters take to the woods, fields and forests this weekend

Half a million hunters are expected to take part in Minnesota's firearms deer season that begins a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Nov. 4.

"We have a great variety of hunting opportunities and deer populations have increased in recent years," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations manager for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Deer numbers are up following three years of conservative harvest regulations designed to rebuild the population, coupled with three relatively mild winters. The DNR anticipates the 2017 deer harvest will be in the 200,000 range, similar to the most recent 20-year average of nearly 206,000.

The DNR collects data on deer harvest by requiring all hunters to register deer before processing, before antlers are removed and within 48 hours after taking the animal. Hunters can register deer via phone, internet or in person.

"Before each season we remind hunters to check this year's regulations, especially details like when shooting hours are open, considering we set the clocks back when daylight saving time ends during opening weekend," Merchant said.

Hunters in some areas will be required to have their harvested deer tested for chronic wasting disease Nov. 4 and Nov. 5. Precautionary testing will determine whether CWD may have spread from captive deer to wild deer in central and north-central Minnesota. Testing also is mandatory in southeastern Minnesota, the only location where CWD is known to be found in wild deer.

Central Minnesota deer permit areas with mandatory testing are 218, 219, 229, 277, 283 and 285. North-central permit areas with mandatory testing are 155, 171, 172, 242, 246, 247, 248 and 249. Southeast deer permit areas affected are 343, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349 and 603.

Hunters not in a mandatory testing area can collect their own lymph node sample and submit it for testing to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Minnesota for a fee. A video showing how to collect a lymph node sample and a link to the lab's website are at mndnr.gov/cwdcheck.

Deer hunting information can be found at mndnr.gov/hunting/deer and hunters can follow along on social media using #DeerCampMN. Hunting questions can be directed to the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Support the visual arts in the area at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin

The Jaques Art Center in Aitkin has taken down the Juried Show which was its last official art exhibit for the year. In its place, will be a number of festive events to help everyone get through the chill of November and December.

On Tuesday, November 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the JAC will host their annual 'First Dibs' Luncheon which is a 'sneak peek' at all of the wonderful holiday artisan craft items on display and for sale at Christmas Marketplace. Tickets are only $10 and includes a tasty gourmet box lunch.

On Wednesday November 8 the doors will be open to the public for holiday one-of-a-kind shopping experiences. Christmas Marketplace will go on through December 22.

After the World-Famous Fish House Parade on Friday, November 24, make sure to stop by the JAC to enjoy free hot apple cider and donuts and hear the music of the 'YoYo MaMas'.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5 and 6 the JAC will host their traditional St. Nicholas Day Teas with tempting appetizers and proper British tea. This year's guest speaker is Mary Wasche, a mystery/romantic suspense novelist. The theme is "The Romance of Christmas". Tickets are $20.

An added event this year is the Spirit of the Arts Christmas Social on Thursday, December 14 rom 5:50 to 8 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing events with savory appetizers, holiday punch and assortment of wines and desserts with specialty coffee and tea. Tickets are $20.

Support the visual arts in the Aitkin area by visiting the JAC. They are open 11a.m. to 4 p.m. from Tuesday to Saturday. Admission to the galleries is always free.

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Ongoing Events:

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 qualifiy. 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.

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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 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.

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 - Our Lady of Fatima Hunter's Dinner in McGrath 5:00 -8:00 p.m. The cost of the Ham Dinner and all the fixings will be adults $8.00 and children $4.00. Everyone welcome.

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 trimmings: mashed potatoes, stuffing, squash, corn, cole slaw, roll, and homemade dessert 4:30 pm to 8:00pm. Adults $10, children under 12 $5 (Under 5 eats free) 4 miles south of Jacobson on Hwy. 65

4th - 10th - Friends of the Aitkin 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.

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 & 11th - Palisade Assembly of God Church Family Fun Night & Movie Matinee November 10th at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome for a fun free night of bingo, popcorn, pop and prizes on Friday at 7 p.m. and a free movie matinee with hot dogs and snacks on Saturday at noon.

Messiah rehearsals begin Nov. 13 in Aitkin

Rehearsals for The Messiah begin on Mon., Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Aitkin High School choir room.

Rehearsals continue on Nov. 20 and 27, with the performance set for Sun., Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Aitkin.

Anyone interested in singing is most welcome to attend and participate.

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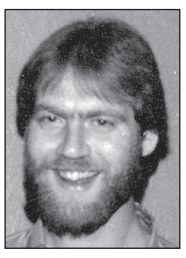

Kyle Patrick Mahle, 55, of Crosby died on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at his home.

A private service is being held.

He was born on March 27, 1962 in Glencoe to Gerald and Bess (Burns) Mahle. Kyle enjoyed driving truck and fishing.

He is survived by his mother, Bess Mahle, Aitkin; one daughter, Nicole; three grandchildren; brothers and sister-in-law: Kim and Barbara Mahle, Ironton; Shawn Mahle, Deerwood and Wade Mahle, Crosby; sister and brother-in-law, Twila and Lyle Larson, Olivia; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

PEGGY IVERSON

Peggy Ann Iverson, 63, of Emily died on Sudnay, October 22, 2017 at her home.

A Memorial Mass was held on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at St. Emily's Catholic Church in Emily. Burial was in the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.

She was born in St. Paul on March 20, 1954 to Donald and Ruby (McSherry) Iverson. Peggy was active in the Prayer Ministry at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Crosslake. She helped many elderly with cleaning and giving rides to the grocery store and medical visits.

She is survived by her mother, Ruby of Emily; one brother, Donald Iverson, Emily; and two sisters, Dyan (Michael) Dietz of Lake Dallas, TX and Theresa Russell of Emily.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

JOHN LEONHARDT

John Thomas Leonhardt, 87, of Crosby died on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Hallett Cottages in Crosby.

Funeral services were held on Monday, October 30, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls

He was born on May 18, 1930 in Jessenland Township to Thomas and Margaret (Oldenburg) Leonhardt. He married Regina Strobel on August 28, 1954 in Jessenland Township, MN. He was a US Army Korean War Veteran. He attended country school in Jessenland Township. He was a farmer in Jessenland Township. John was well rounded handyman. He was a welder for Ohnsorg Truck Body Mfg in Bell Plaine. He was a retired owner of Serpent South Shore Resort and John Excavating Company. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby and was a former member of CREDI.

John is survived by his two sons and daughters-in-law: Chuck and Debbie Leonhardt and Bob and Karla Leonhardt all of Deerwood; two daughters and sons-in-law: Sharon and Mark Wagner, Glencoe; and Shirley and Neil Ogborn, Ironton; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brothers and sister-in-law: Bill Leonhardt, Deerwood and Terry and Flor Leonhardt, Bell Plaine; sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Don Strobel, Henderson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Regina; one daughter, Marion; three brothers:Joseph, George, and Larry Leonhardt.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

EDWARD SABA

Edward "Eddie" K. Saba, 73, of Aitkin formerly of Minneapolis died Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Aitkin Health Services.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 11 a.m. from St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Fr. David Forsman officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

He was born June 24, 1944 in Minneapolis to Nasif and Gladys (Bjelland) Saba. He grew up and attended schools in Minneapolis. He married Rene Croteau in 1965 at Millbank, SD. They made their home in North East Minneapolis and he worked for the City of Minneapolis driving trucks. He and his wife moved to the Emily area where they owned and operated a business for a time and then eventually retired to Aitkin. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin. He enjoyed and cared very much for his family.

He is survived by his wife, Rene Saba, Aitkin; daughter, Rebecca Saba, Gilbert; sons and daughter-in-law: Edward and Karen Saba, Pelican Rapids; Steve Saba, Deering, ND; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one due anytime; and sister, Linda Saba, Aitkin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Lester Saba and one half-brother John Vetrano.

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

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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.

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* - 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.

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 -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. 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, Sunday School 9, Worship at 10, followed by coffee fellowship. Wednesday 7pm 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 Interlachen 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.

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

McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.

McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm

Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.

Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed . School classes 4:15 p.m.

Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed – 10:15 am. Wed. Worship 5:45 pm. Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5: pm.

Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.

Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

PENTECOSTAL

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.

Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.

Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow 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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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

UNITED METHODIST

Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.

Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.

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

Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9

Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.

Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.

Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10

McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.

Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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OBITUARIES

HENRY JOHNSON

Henry Emil Johnson, 88, of Hill City, died Sunday, October 29, 2017 in Majestic Pine Assisted Living, Grand Rapids.

Services were held on Thursday, November 2 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade with Reverend William Sass officiating. Burial with Military Honors was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Palisade.

He was born July 13, 1929 in Kidder County, ND to Emil and Annie (Boatz) Johnson. Henry attended Bunker Township country school for grades 1 and 2. He then moved to Minnesota in 1937 where he attended grades 3 through 8 in Palisade and grades 9 through 12 in Aitkin Public School. He graduated from Aitkin in 1947. Henry attended the North Central School of Agriculture in Grand Rapids for post graduate courses in 1949. Henry joined the United States Air Force in 1950 and received an honorable discharge in 1951. He graduated from Dunwoody Institute in 1954. He married to Betty Irene Anderson on June 7, 1957 in Cohasset. He worked for the Oliver Mining Company in 1957 and graduated from Bemidji State College with a teaching degree in 1961. He taught 6th grade in Carlton from 1961-1963. He then began teaching in Grand Rapids in 1963 until retiring in 1994 as a middle school principal.

He is survived by his three sons and daughters-in-law: Brad and Becky Johnson, Greg and Kelley Denver and Kent and Connie Toriseva; 15 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren brothers and sisters-in-law: Albert and Helen Toriseva and Roy Cheryl Johnson; sister and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Myron Myers; ; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Betty; his parents; sisters, Esther (Floyd) Barry and Edna (Phillip) Spolarich; infant brother, Carl Oscar; grandson, William Robert Denver and great grandson, Benjamin Shraeder.

To sign the guestbook online go to: www.srtfuneral.com.

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

HARLON BUISMAN

Harlon "Truman" Buisman, 81, of Aitkin, died Monday, October 23, 2017 following a long battle with Parkinson's.

Truman's life was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 3, 2017 at First Lutheran Church, 107 2nd St. SE., Aitkin with Reverend Darrell Pedersen officiating. Presentation of the American flag to honor Truman's military service was accorded by Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin VFW Post #1727. Private burial was in Bennettville Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to First Lutheran Church in Aitkin and Aitkin High School Athletics.

He was Born June 28, 1936 in Foreston to John "Jack" and Evelyn (Meyer) Buisman. He graduated from Milaca High School in 1954 and spent the next four years in the Air Force. Following his honorable discharge he attended St. Cloud State University where he earned his Bachelors Degree in 1961, Masters Degree in 1964, and played football and baseball. He married Ruth Ann Carlson of Milaca on March 29, 1961. Their son Terry was born in 1962 and son John in 1963. He started his teaching career in Sartell and then he and his family moved to Aitkin in 1964 where he taught history, PE, and health while coaching wrestling, football and baseball. His baseball teams were highly successful, most noted in the early and mid70's with over 100 victories in his 10 year run. He transitioned to a greater administrative role becoming athletic director in 1976 and assistant principal in 1978. He retired in 1994 and Ruth Ann retired in 1997 with time to enjoy many fishing trips and vacations. They moved to Farm Island Lake for 16 years then built their last home in the Black Rock neighborhood of Aitkin. He was an active member at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin, American Legion, Lions and Quarterbacks clubs.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann; sons and daughters-in-law: Terry and Keri Buisman, Chanhassen and John and Lisa Buisman, Aitkin; four grandchildren; brothers and sister-n-law: Donald and Delores Buisman, West Salem WI and Jim Buisman, Willmar; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, George of Princeton.

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

MARLYS KRUSSOW

Marlys Krussow, 89, died Tueday, October 24, 2017 in West Palm Beach, FL.

Services were held graveside at Saron Cemetery, Dam Lake on Friday, Nov 3, 2017 with Rev. Rick Perry will officiating.

She was born on July 24, 1928 to Oscar Olafson and Pearl Heineman Olafson of Dam Lake (Kimberly). She moved to Robbinsdale in her teens and graduated from Robbinsdale High School. That is where she met Orrin Krussow and married on May 22, 1948. They raised their two daughters in the Osseo/ Maple Grove, Minnesota area. Marlys worked as a school cook in Osseo as well as managing her chicken farm. She was well known for her baking and delicious desserts. She loved to socialize and play cards and had an infectious laugh. At retirement she moved to her family homestead on Dam Lake. For the past 5 years she has lived with her daughter in West Palm Beach

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orrin.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law: Bonnie and Jacob Richter, West Palm Beach; and Carol Adamson, Rochester; three grandchildren: Marla Richter (Ron Knutson), Savage; Justin (Heather) Richter and Ian Adamson, Milwaukee, WI.

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

READER RIBBETS

Nice work St. Joe's pasty team

In the spirit of Truman Capote's 1956 "Christmas Memory," every year for the past 22 years a group of ladies and gentlemen have been making pasties at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby, MN.

In the chilly air of late September and early October, lots of folks in the Cuyuna Lakes area, Aitkin/McGregor, Brainerd/Baxter, and points beyond call in their orders for pasties and if desired, gravy and apple pie squares. In the months prior to September, workers collect boxes that would be filled with the finished pasties. Capote's story dealt with fruitcakes which have a colorful and humorous history in the modern holiday season. Pasties are associated with miners who would carry them to work, and according to some legends, would heat them on their shovels for a warm midday meal.

With orders in-hand, the pasty team began their work. One day the team would cut into small cubes select cuts of meat, potatoes, carrots, onions and rutabaga (no pecans and bootleg whiskey as in Capote's story). The next day an assembly line of workers would prepare the dough, insert the ingredients and bake the pasties. Unlike the dense panforte of Italy, or the tapered loaf coated with butter called stollen in Germany, pasty dough was basic, foundational dough which was wrapped around the ingredients, then placed in an oven for an hour to bake. The team worked well to achieve its production goals as each member contributed in a valuable way to the project.

Observing their work table-to-table, and shoulder-to-shoulder, one would see high levels of mutual respect and collaboration. In the world of professional ethics, one would easily see evidence of the following values: reasonableness, and responsibility, or the art of listening and responding thoughtfully to others, acknowledging mistakes, and avoiding blame shifting; respect, or allowing work to proceed within each person's capacity of autonomy; justice broken into distributive (dividing benefits and burdens fairly), retributive (fair and impartial administration of punishments), administrative (fair and impartial administration of rules), and compensatory (how to fairly recompense those who have been wrongfully harmed by others); trust, honesty and integrity, or the expectation of reasonable moral behavior from others, truthfulness as a balance between too much honesty (bluntness which harms) and dishonesty (deceptiveness, misleading acts, and mendaciousness); and lastly, integrity, which is a meta-value used to integrate the above values into a smoothly functioning whole.

In addition to the above values often used in the corporate world evaluating professional teams, the pasty workers displayed additional qualities including: generosity, humor (lots of humor), patience, forbearance, determination, consistency, community spirit, cooperation, friendliness, compassion, perseverance, compromise, gentleness, commitment, and gratitude.

The nameless woman in Capote's "Christmas Memory" worked patiently with her cousin, Buddy, preparing seasonal fruit cakes. Similarly, the women and men of the pasty project worked carefully and diligently preparing pasties for their audience of young and old patrons.

Nice work all.

Leon Schefers, Ironton

Caleigh to perform Dec 9 in Aitkin

Caleigh, a musical trio from northwest Minnesota, will perform Saturday Dec 9 in Aitkin at the Butler Building and Dec 16 in Bigfork at the Edge Center for the Arts. Show time will be 7 pm at each event and advanced tickets are $15 and $18 at the door for both shows. Since many themes are observed around the globe during the mid winter season of long nights , such as, harmony, introspection, the warmth of fire, and the disappearance and rebirth of the sun; Caleigh will present a mid winter concert celebrating musical traditions from around the world including: British Isles; Spain, France, Italy, Israel, Ukraine, United States and more. The trio, consisting of Lenore Siems, Dee Furfaro and April Larson, often don an array of instruments, including a harp, fiddle, bodhran, banjo, accordion, guitars and more, and will take the audience on a musical journey that inspires the imagination and brings to life sounds of ancient and contemporary songs . All Minnesota-born, Lenore lives outside Bemidji,

Dee outside of Pinewood and April lives on a ranch south of Bagley. In Aitkin you can purchase advanced tickets on-line at Eventbrite or in person at Paulbeck's County Market. In Bigfork advanced tickets can be purchased at Timber Rose Floral and Gifts.

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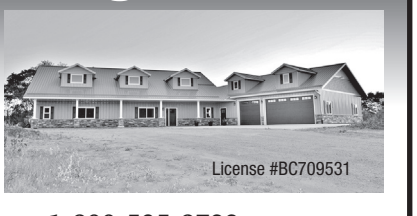

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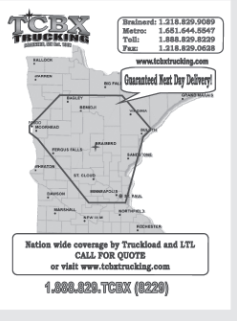

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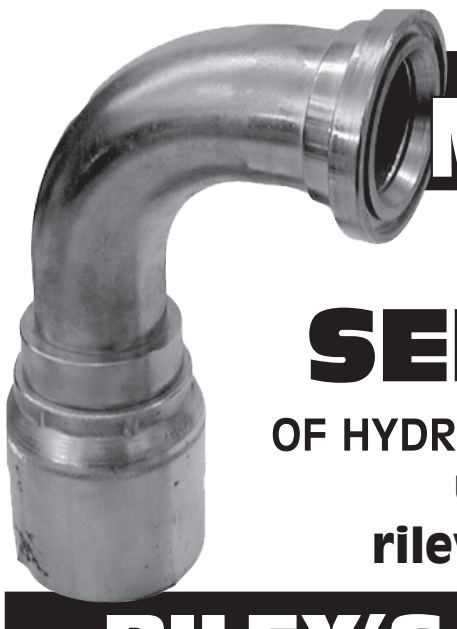
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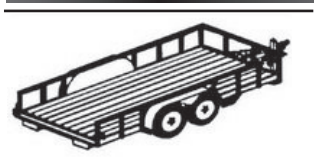

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Minnesota DNR deer forecast expects increased harvest for 2017

The overall white-tailed deer harvest in Minnesota has increased now for two seasons in a row, and there's little evidence that would suggest the trend won't continue when the state's half-million or so hunters head into the fields and woods this fall. Following a decades-low kill of fewer than 140,000 deer in 2014, the total kill rose in both 2015 and 2016 — a trend that state deer managers expected as a result of relatively mild winters as well as conservative deer-hunting regulations that were meant in most parts of the state to increase the numbers in the whitetail herd.

The state's firearms deer season kicks off Saturday, Nov. 4. It runs through Nov. 12 in the 200 and 300 series of permit areas, and through Nov. 19 in the 100 series. The 3B firearms season in the southeastern part of the state runs Nov. 18-26, and the statewide muzzleloader season is Nov. 25 to Dec. 10. Wildlife officials don't have a specific estimate of the number of deer our hunters will kill, but they believe it will be higher than it was in 2016, as long as the weather cooperates.

"I suspect it will be a good fall for Minnesota's deer hunters," said Adam Murkowski, big-game program leader for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "Hunters did well last fall and harvested a good number of deer. If you look at individual permit areas and aggregates of permit areas, it becomes clear that the harvest strategy last year still allowed for deer-population growth. It's important going into this fall that we take steps to manage deer in a way that keeps the herd healthy. That's going to result in increased opportunities for hunters. It's in everyone's best interest to have an appropriate number of deer out there on the landscape."

Following high harvests in the early to mid-2000s — including in 2003, when hunters killed more than 290,500 whitetails, which remains a record-high harvest for Minnesota — severe winters played a role in holding down the deer population, especially in the northern part of Minnesota. The total kill in 2014 was less than half what it was in 2003. (It's worth noting, however, that even following that record-setting 2003 season, DNR wildlife officials said a harvest that high wasn't sustainable.) While the statewide deer population currently is trending upward, there are some concerns, too, Murkowski said.

"Throughout the state, we have areas — often localized areas — where there are too many deer," Murkowski said. "And that's often a function of people not recognizing the importance of harvesting adequate numbers of antlerless deer."

The highest deer densities in Minnesota, according to Murkowski, occur in the central and transition zones where the prairies give way to forests. One of the prime examples is Permit Area 241, which includes an area north of Highway 10 and east of Detroit Lakes. Almost without fail, hunters kill thousands more deer in that permit area each fall than in any of the state's other permit areas. There are good numbers of deer throughout the northwestern part of the state, too, though deer densities are lower in the northeastern portion, where recent winters have been more severe than elsewhere in the state. In addition, deer predation always is a consideration in the state's Arrowhead region.

"No one is denying that everything likes to eat deer, and particularly fawns," Murkowski said. "But that is something that's accounted for when we make our management decisions."

Still, it's important for hunters to realize that deer in the northeastern part of the state often make use of traditional wintering areas where they can hole up and have food and shelter during tough winters. Fewer, or smaller, wintering areas reduce the capacity of the landscape to hold deer, and when the animals are restricted to smaller wintering areas, they become more susceptible to predation, Murkowski said.

CWD Testing Plan

Since the early 2000s, wildlife officials in Minnesota have tested thousands of white-tailed deer in the state for chronic wasting disease. Until last year, they'd found just one animal in the wild that tested positive. That all changed in November of 2016, when two hunter-harvested wild deer tested positive near Lanesboro in southeastern Minnesota.

As the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources kept testing deer harvested during special seasons and by federal sharpshooters from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the total number of positive deer from the area was 11. The agency created a special permit area in the southeastern part of the state — Permit Area 603 — that it now considers a CWD zone. This fall, the antler-point restrictions in place in the rest of southeastern Minnesota won't be in place in 603, and hunters there will be able to buy permits to shoot an unlimited number of antlerless deer, said Lou Cornicelli, the DNR's wildlife research manager. Hunters who kill a deer there have to submit a sample for testing.

"Every adult deer that dies in that permit area is going to get a CWD test," Cornicelli said.

Additionally, the DNR will be conducting CWD surveillance in other parts of the state where captive deer on game farms tested positive in 2016. Hunters around those game farms in Crow Wing and Meeker counties have to submit harvested animals for testing. Depending on outcomes of tests at other captive facilities, the agency may conduct surveillance in other parts of the state, too, Cornicelli said.

Northland Counseling Center moves and expands

By ANN SCHWARTZ

From humble beginnings with opening one small office in the Birchstreet Center in Aitkin a little over a year ago, Northland Counseling Center in Aitkin has expanded, grown and moved. Community members toured the center during an October 24 open house.

Now housed in a log office building on Bunker Hill Drive, near Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin, the mental health center offers therapy, ARMHS workers and peer support services.

Steve Loney in the director and therapists include Tim Markgraf, Emily Kyllonen and Kristy Farley. Sarah Johnson and Natel Greenhalgh are Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services workers and Janet Watson is a certified peer support specialist.

Kari Kruithoff holds it all together as an office administrator/intake specialist.

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