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Homeless families in 10-county area may lose area shelters



Case Manager Geneva at the alleyway entrance to New Pathways in Brainerd. It is located in the lower level of the First Presbyterian Church (inset) at 512 South 8th Street.

the host family to violate their lease which puts that family at risk for eviction."

New Pathways helps homeless families in the Brainerd and Cambridge area which includes Aitkin, Cass, Chisago, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, and Todd counties

New Pathways is the only family shelter program operating in the 10-county area, and turns families away frequently due to lack of capacity. The need becomes even greater in the winter, as people find it more difficult to stay in temporary dwellings like tents or cars.

Last year, New Pathways served 192 family members at both of their locations, 110 of those were children.

In the Brainerd Lakes area alone, New Pathways helped 113 people, 65 of those were children from July 2016 to June, 2016-2017.

In Brainerd, New Pathways, can shelter six families or a total of 18 people at a time.

"They must be families," said Streed, "meaning at least one adult and one child, under the age of 18. We have 17 people in shelter in Brainerd and our maximum is 18, so we are at capacity

right now. We are typically at capacity, especially in the winter months, and regularly turn families away due to not having enough capacity."

Although New Pathways consistently averages 80 percent of their families finding stable housing, a federal housing grant will no longer be available for shelters next year.

New Pathways was recently informed that they will lose their Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding, effective June 2018. As the HUD contribution makes up half of the program budget, this is threatening the future services for homeless families.

"If we are unable to recoup the funding," said Streed, "we might have to decrease the number of people we serve, or we might have to decrease the amount of services we currently provide to them, [such as] case management with a licensed social worker and family education."

"We are very grateful to the communities who have supported us for over 15 years, and we are hoping they will help us continue to serve them for many years to come", said Streed.

To offset the loss of federal grant funding, New Pathways is launching Path to Home 350, an emergency fundraising campaign, immediately.

"Three hundred and fifty pledges of \$50 per month would cover our loss", said Streed. "We are hoping to find 350 generous donors in each of the counties we serve".

For those who cannot provide a monthly monetary gift, there are other ways to help.

"Any donation – monetary or other – is welcome, said Streed.

New Pathways regularly need supplies for the families that they serve and their day center as well. Items like laundry detergent, family transportation, gas cards, personal care items, toilet paper, paper plates are always needed.

"We will soon be posting a wish list on our web site," said Streed.

A video about New Pathways can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/185576352>.

If you would like to learn more about New Pathways or make a contribution, call the Brainerd office at 218-454-0460 or visit www.newpathwaysmn.com.

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During this time of year when temperatures start to drop, many people's thoughts turn to hunting, winter sports or celebrating the coming holidays.

For those who face homelessness, cold temperatures are more than a chilling thought.

According to Pamela Streed, Executive Director at New Pathways, Inc., there are many reasons people become homeless. Usually, it is a string of events and a family just doesn't have the resources to overcome the deficit. Many are the result of losing employment, which could

be caused by a layoff, termination, or injury preventing them from working. There could be a separation between parents (including the result of domestic abuse) that makes one suddenly homeless. Some people come directly from substance abuse treatment, because they have no other place to go.

"Initially, a lot of people double up," said Streed, "which means they temporarily stay with friends or family and then suddenly they have to leave, because something changes with that situation — a family member doesn't want them there or they are causing

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of Crosby Mattress will be giving away a total of six complete Serta bed sets including a mattress, box spring, frame, and a mattress protector.

To qualify for the drawing on December 26, children must write an essay of 100 words or less why they feel they need a new bed.

All essays must include name, age, address, phone number and be postmarked no later than December 22. Essays should be mailed to: Beds for Kids, P.O. Box 3, Aitkin, Minnesota 56431.

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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 Wesleyan Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295

Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-9271383.

Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting. Meet in member's homes. Info call Vern 320-684-2244 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

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

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at Cuyuna Range Community Center, lower level.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday

Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 5:30pm social, 6:00 pm dinner/meeting, at the Heartwood Senior Living. Call 218-831-5683, if you need more information or would like to join our club. Lions affordable hearings aids available to those who qualify. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and

networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mfos.org

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm

Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.

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 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.

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

November

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.

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.

14th - Author Amy Sharpe will be at Jesse F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby at 6:30 p.m. to talk about her book, "Charles Beck-Nature of an Artist."

15th- Silk Scarf dyeing at The Crossing Arts Alliance with Diane Runberg, 5 -7 pm. The workshop offers an introduction to a fun and easy method of dyeing silk scarves using a special tissue paper. Students will create two colorful scarves to take home. Cost is \$25 for Crossing Arts members, or \$30 for non-members. Register by calling The Crossing Arts Alliance at 218-833-016 or in person at 711 Laurel Street, Brainerd.

16th - Minnesota's Give to the Max Day

17th & 19th - Crosby-Ironton High School musical: "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"

18th - Needle-felted Gnomes at The Crossing Arts Alliance with Lisa Jordan 10 am - 1 pm. This class introduces students to 3-dimensional felting. Using a specially barbed needle and fluffy wool, students will create a small gnome to use in their holiday decorating. \$20 for Crossing Arts Members, or \$25 for non-members. All tools and materials are provided and students will keep their mats and needles for future use. Register by calling The Crossing Arts Alliance at 218-833-016 or in person at 711 Laurel Street, Brainerd.

23th - Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge Thanksgiving Buffet.

23rd - Free Thanksgiving Dinner at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church 11 am - 2 pm or until food is gone T Shepherd of the Lake Church is located on Highway 169, one mile north of the "Y" in Garrison. For more information please call 320-592-4581.

24th - Thanksgiving Dinner Cascade United Methodist Church, noon. For reservations, please call 218-534-3507, or email cascadedumc@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 1/4 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 - Jaques Art Center St. Nicholas Day Tea 1 p.m. each day - tickets are \$20. An

Ice Fishing Extravaganza tickets now on sale

The Brainerd Jaycees 28th Annual Ice Fishing Extravaganza is set for January 27, on Gull Lake's Hole in the Day Bay, north of Brainerd,.

This year's prize list is valued at nearly \$200,000. Contest tickets are available for a discounted price of \$30 until November 30 at all Mills Fleet Farm locations. As of December 1, contest tickets will be available for \$50 at all ticket outlets through the event date.

The 28th Anniversary has much in store, including the Catch of the Day Extravaganza Give-Away, Clam Bounty cash prizes, and a Kick-Off party featuring Deuces Wild Dueling Piano Show. If you cannot attend the event, there is also the Extravaganza raffle, with total prizes valued at \$40,000. Tickets for this are \$10 each and can be purchased from several Brainerd area charitable organizations and at

all Minnesota ticket outlets. The Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza is completely volunteer run and all event proceeds are donated to area charities. The primary beneficiary is Confidence Learning Center, an outdoor recreational facility and camp for individuals with

developmental disabilities. However, over 60 organizations in the Brainerd Lakes Area have received donations throughout the event's history, which has exceeded \$3.6 million in total. More information and official updates can be found at www.icefishing.org.

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OBITUARIES

VERNA KULLHEM



Verna L. Kullhem, 87, of Aitkin died Sunday, November 5, 2017 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. A memorial service was held Friday, November 10, 2017 at 1 p.m. from First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. Darrell Pedersen officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at a later date in Pine Grove Cemetery near Palisade. Verna was born April 7, 1930 at Palisade to Arvid and Signe (Beck) Johnson. She attended elementary school in Palisade and High School at Aitkin graduating in 1948. She moved to the Twin Cities and worked there for a time and then returned to Palisade and married Raymond E. Kullhem on April 16, 1955 in Palisade. They lived in Alaska for a time and then moved to Aitkin where she has made her home since. She started

working as a book keeper for Paul Beyreuther in 1969 and had continued until she retired in 2008. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Aitkin and also the Aitkin American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed sewing, baking, kittens and doing puzzles. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Gary and Marylee Kullhem, Aitkin; Greg and Tiffani Kullhem, Aitkin; Gail and Michael Dickson, Andover; five grandchildren: Tiffany Hartman, Abbi Kullhem, Matthew Dickson, Carson Kullhem, Allie Kullhem; two great-grandchildren: Harper Hartman, and Brynlen Hartman. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Raymond, in August of 2017; six sisters and one brother. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

DOROTHY PAQUETTE

Dorothy Mae (Dottie) Paquette, 98, of McGregor died Sunday, November 5, 2017 at Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin. A gathering to celebrate her life for family and close friends will be held at a later date, at her former residence on Big Sandy Lake. She was born January 12, 1919 in Chatfield. She graduated from Chatfield High School. Dottie married Martin Roger (Marty) Paquette. She worked for Golden Valley City Hall prior to going into business with Marty at Valley Electric. They moved to McGregor where they purchased and renamed Randy's Tavern to the STOP INN. The STOP INN was well known by visitors from all seasons and famed for the best cheeseburgers in the area for many years. Marty also served as an Electrical Inspector during this time for Aitkin County. Dottie loved to tend to her vegetable

garden in the summertime and her favorite winter activity was to participate in the snowmobile poker runs that all the local taverns used to run. She was an avid card player and taught her kids and grandkids many different games and played in the local cribbage and 500 clubs. Dottie is survived by her children: Judith Marie Olson, Apple Valley, CA; and Gerald Arthur Paquette, McGregor; 11 Grandchildren: Bob, Steve, David, Ronnie, Curt, Lisa, Jeff, Jeremy, Jacob, Jason, Jenn; many great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin Roger Paquette; son, James Martin Paquette; and her parents. Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

CAROL TRIPP

Carol Tripp, 87, of Aitkin died Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. Graveside service were held Thursday, November 9, 2017 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. Meet at Assembly Area #6. She was born January 7, 1930 in Edina to Joseph and Amanda (Pavelka) Rousher. She graduated from Eden Prairie High School. She was married Harold E. Tripp on August 13, 1940 in Finlayson. They lived in Blaine until retiring to Lake Minnewawa near McGregor and then moving to Aitkin. She enjoyed going on walks

with Harold, golfing, bowling, and reading. She was a life member of the American Legion, V.F.W., and the D.A.V. She is survived by relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold on January 3, 2012, brother, sisters and her parents. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

Harvest up by less than a percent Hunters register 70,724 deer during first weekend of season

Minnesota firearms hunters registered 70,724 deer during the first two days of deer season, according to the Department of Natural Resources. Preliminary numbers from opening weekend show that the number of deer registered was essentially the same as from 2016. Of the deer harvested, 57 percent were bucks, compared to 67 percent of the first weekend harvest of 2016. In Zone 1, in northeastern Minnesota, total firearms harvest was up 16 percent. In Zone 2, which covers the majority of the state and runs from Canada to Iowa, harvest was down 5 percent and Zone 3, in southeastern Minnesota, was down 20 percent. "We expected to see an increased harvest this year, and that appears to be so in Zone 1. In the other zones where the first weekend harvest is off, it could be that the amount of standing corn negatively affected deer harvest," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations manager. "If that is the case, we should see improved deer harvest as more corn is harvested." Based upon the number of antlerless permits available and the number of permit areas that allow multiple deer to be taken, the DNR is projecting the 2017 total deer harvest to be around 200,000. The 2016 total harvest was 173,213. In much of Minnesota, the deer season continues through Sunday, Nov. 12. Additional deer will be harvested during the northern rifle zone season, which continues through Sunday, Nov. 19; the late southeast season, which runs Saturday, Nov. 18, through Sunday, Nov. 26; and the muzzleloader season, which begins Saturday, Nov. 25, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 10. More information on deer management can be found at mndnr.gov/deer.

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Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 pm.
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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.
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Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
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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.ihmstamilys.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)
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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.

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Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; Sacrament Mtg. 10 , SS 11; 10 Priesthood/Relief Society noon

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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.

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Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Kari Foss; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
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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 Ingelwood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
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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
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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 (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Jean Megorden; Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicap accessible.
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.
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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.
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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.

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McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
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Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

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Cromwell — Pastor Tim Hornstad; Worship 10; SS 9
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It is suggested everyone plan to arrive by 10 a.m. Plans are to have hot coffee,

hot cider and other refreshments for all attending this most honored event. The ceremony starts at 11 a.m. sharp. Wreath placement begins at about 11:20 a.m. WreathsForTheFallen.org will be expanding this year with the addition of the new veteran's cemetery in Preston, Minnesota. This addition will require several hundred additional honor wreaths needed to honor our countries fallen veterans and their families at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemeteries Minnesota this

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an excellent time to send that contribution or sponsorship to honor a veteran."

For those that would like to make a general donation to this worthy cause, please feel free to contribute to the wreath general fund for the 2017 event. Information is on the www.WreathsForTheFallen.org web site.

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For additional information, contact John Thomas at 218-829-6622 or go to www.WreathsForTheFallen.org.

Minnesota DNR to allow Mille Lacs Lake winter anglers one slot walleye

Mille Lacs Lake walleye fishing will open on Friday, Dec. 1, with no bait restrictions and a limit of one walleye 20-22 inches or one longer than 28 inches.

"We're glad results of fall population survey show Mille Lacs anglers will be able to keep some walleye during the winter walleye season," said Don Pereira, fisheries section chief for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "We know this is important to resorts and businesses because the ice fishing season contributes a lot to the

local economy."

The DNR selected the size regulations to protect Mille Lacs' walleye spawning population, which is largely comprised of walleyes hatched in 2013 (also known as a year class). Those fish currently range from 15 to 19 inches in length and represented about 40 percent of the walleyes sampled during this fall's population survey.

Since the 2013 year class now is nearly fully mature, the DNR determined anglers could keep older and larger fish, something some anglers

have been suggesting and requesting. In recent years, conservative regulations on Mille Lacs have protected the younger spawners to be so they can replace the older spawners, which is necessary to sustain the population.

The DNR and members of the Mille Lacs Fisheries Advisory Committee did discuss setting the large fish limit at 26 inches. But feedback suggested that keeping those fish in the lake was preferred because the possibility of catching walleye 26 to 28 inches makes Mille Lacs an at-

tractive destination. There also was concern that a 26-inch limit could result in a higher harvest level that would count against the 2018 allocation.

Insights from annual fall surveys

Mille Lacs fall walleye population survey, known as an "assessment," showed that the 2013 year class continues to dominate the population. The catch of walleye hatched in 2014, 2015 and 2016 was below average. Fish hatched this spring were caught in good numbers but it's uncertain if those numbers will remain as

the 2017 year class progresses through its first, second and third years.

"During the past 15 years, our studies show fewer and fewer young walleye surviving to their third year," Pereira said. "Young fish not surviving has put Mille Lacs' walleye population in the unfortunate situation it is now. Whatever is causing that mortality is the root problem."

The assessment also looks at food abundance and walleye health. Perch 1-2 years old were caught in low numbers and the number of young-of-

year perch was above average. The number of young-of-year tullibee caught was near average.

Perch and tullibee are the primary food source for Mille Lacs' walleye, which are showing negative effects from a lack of adequate food. That shortage may be driving the hot walleye bite anglers have experienced on Mille Lacs.

Complete winter regulation information for Mille Lacs Lake is available on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/mille-lacs-lake.

Author Talk features Amy Sharpe

Gallery owner, weaver, and local author, Amy Sharpe, will be at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby, on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. for an Author Talk and Book Launch of her newly released Charles Beck—The Nature of an Artist.



weeds and flowers. My hope is that in a small way I have helped open the eyes of others to this diversity, to this mystery."

Charles Beck passed away on Sept. 12, 2017 at the age of 94.

Sharpe's book features 144 pages, hardcover and includes 150 color illustrations.

The book will be available for purchase \$40 + tax. The evening program is hosted by the JFHML Friends Foundation, all are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Charles Beck said it best, "Nature is all about us. The never ending cycle of the seasons stimulates the senses. One must only look to experience the patterns, textures and colors of the land, sky, the hills and woods, the

From the Web site www.ripperivergallery.com: "For over seven decades Charles Beck interpreted the landscape of Minnesota through paintings, woodcuts and carved bird forms."

Two Crossing Arts Alliance classes

Silk Scarf dyeing with Diane Runberg will be held Wednesday, Nov. 15, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The workshop offers an introduction to a fun and easy method of dyeing silk scarves using a special tissue paper. Students will create two colorful scarves to take home.

The registration fee covers all instruction and materials needed. Cost is \$25 for Cross-

ing Arts members, or \$30 for non-members. Additional scarves and materials will be available for purchase after the class.

Needle-felted Gnomes with Lisa Jordan will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class introduces students to 3-dimensional felting. Using a specially barbed needle and fluffy wool, students will

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Register by calling The Crossing Arts Alliance at 218-833-016 or in person at 711 Laurel Street, Brainerd.

FSA deadlines fast approaching

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Crow Wing/Cass/Aitkin/Itasca County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are all applicable: **November 15** - Apiculture, Perennial Forage, Fall-Seeded Small Grains for 2018; **January 2, 2018** - Honey; **January 15, 2018** - Apples and **July 15, 2018** - Beans (Black Turtle, Great Northern, Dark Red Kidney, Light Red Kidney, White Kidney, Lima, Pea, Pink, Pinto, Small White/Navy), Forage

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Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

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