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Ham Dinner

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January 19
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the stop lights in Aitkin

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Family sought for summer Aitkin Habitat for Humanity build



After some trees were cleared, Alex Schwartz affixed a sign on a tree at the new Habitat for Humanity build site—a large lot at 218 Minnesota Avenue South in Aitkin. Construction will begin in the summer of 2018. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Before you know it, it will be spring and the Habitat for Humanity home in Aitkin will be under construction.

This new home will be built on a lovely, large lot at 218 Minnesota Avenue South in Aitkin. That is Hwy. 169, kitty-corner from Aitkin Health Services (the old hospital).

The Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity Family Selection Committee is encouraging all eligible families to apply by Friday, February 9. Families must have lived in Aitkin County for a year, have a housing need, be willing to work on the home and have the ability to pay a mortgage and other costs.

Call Ann Schwartz at 218-927-5656 to get an application.

Public meeting

A public meeting for prospective partner family applicants is set for Wednesday, January 31, at 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Aitkin Public Library. Two meeting times are set to accommodate working parents. You may bring your children if you need to.

The committee wants to meet and greet potential applicants. If you are one of the 12 people holding an outstanding application from Habitat, please complete it and bring it to the meeting. For others, please request an application.

The Habitat partner family can be any age, with or without children. You need to have a steady income that meets guidelines. Your credit and criminal history background will be checked, but no one is ruled out until the committee examines their application. Don't let past troubles keep you from applying. Everyone who qualifies will be considered by the committee. A fair and impartial process will be used to pick the four finalists and the final partner family.

The four finalists will have home visits and more extensive background and credit checks.

If you would love to live in a brand new, energy-efficient

home in Aitkin by the fall of 2018, please apply today. Contact Ann Schwartz at 218-927-5656 or email annschwartz@habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.com.



The Johnson family of McGregor (top photo) was previously chosen as an Aitkin Habitat for Humanity partner family. They now live in the last home that Aitkin Habitat for Humanity built. The home (bottom photo) is located next to the Grand Timber Bank, in McGregor.

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Gov. Mark Dayton proposes \$1.5B for Minnesota infrastructure projects

Governor Mark Dayton introduced a \$1.5 billion public works proposal on Tuesday, Jan. 16. that he believes would make urgently-needed investments to build world-class colleges and universities for Minnesotans, and improve and repair state buildings and other critical infrastructure across the state.

Governor Dayton's proposal would invest \$542 million at the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State campuses. An additional \$998 million would be directed to improving state buildings, building affordable housing, repairing clean water infrastructure, and other urgently-needed infrastructure improvement projects across Minnesota.

Governor Dayton believe that his public works proposal would create an estimated 22,950 jobs and support statewide economic growth.

The graphic at the right to covers the areas that may benefit from this proposal.

Governor Dayton's 2018 Minnesota Public Works Bill

\$1.5b
TOTAL STATE INVESTMENT

OVER \$570m
ADDITIONAL FUNDING LEVERAGED

22,950
JOBS CREATED STATEWIDE

Governor Dayton's \$1.5 billion public works proposal would make urgently-needed investments to build world-class colleges and universities for Minnesotans, and improve and repair state buildings and other critical infrastructure across the state. The Governor's proposal would invest \$541 million at the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State campuses. An additional \$996 million would be directed to improving state buildings, building affordable housing, repairing clean water infrastructure, and other infrastructure projects across Minnesota.

mn.gov/governor/issues/public-works-bill

45NRTH Whiteout FatBike Race proceeds support trail maintenance

The 45NRTH Whiteout FatBike Race will be held on the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Trails located in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area near Crosby and Ironton, featuring 20 plus miles of groomed single-track mountain bike trails.

The Whiteout is unique in Great Lakes Fat Bike Series because the race route is a single "great loop" that is majority single-track. The 45NRTH Whiteout offers

three race distances: 30k Race, 20k Race and the 10k Race/Ride. Participants must be at least 12 years of age. Those under 18 will require a waiver signed by an adult or guardian. 100 percent of the proceeds from this event support the continuing maintenance of the trails by the volunteers of the Cuyuna Lakes MTB Crew.

In addition to the three race distances, all registered racers and their friends/family

will be welcomed to join the following 45NRTH Whiteout event activities:

- **Friday Night Racer** Check-in Event, 6-9 p.m. Spalding House, Crosby. The Spalding House is a Crosby establishment created to service the Cuyuna community.
- **Friday Night Ride**, 7-9 p.m. Sagamore Unit, Riverton.

Members of the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew welcome FatBike Cyclists to

enjoy the groomed trails of the Sagamore Unit in Riverton. Ride routes include a shorter/flat trail around Sagamore Lake or challenge yourself on the picturesque climbs to return on the exhilarating downhill's back to the Klondike Trail. NOTE: Pre-registration and a signed waiver (in person) are required.

- Saturday AM Racer Check-in Event, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Red Raven, 3rd

Ave SW, Crosby.

Enjoy the experience of a local Cuyuna destination while checking-in or registering to race (if not sold-out) and pick up your complimentary 45NRTH gift. Please note that registration closes at 11:00 a.m., no exceptions.

- Saturday – Race Day! Watch the Whiteout, 12:00-3PM – Cuyuna Country State REC Area
- Saturday 45NRTH / Whiteout Post Race Party,

4:00-9:00 p.m. – Cuyuna Brewing, Crosby.

The 45NRTH Whiteout post race party will feature live music and special Whiteout Brews from Cuyuna Brewing. Also, live music, food from Maucieri's and much more.

Complete event details including race rules and volunteer information can be found at <http://www.cuyunalakesmtb.com/whiteout.html>

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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!
Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.
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.
Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.
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 the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.
Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.
Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday
Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.
Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 5:30pm social, 6:00 pm dinner/ meeting, at the Heartwood Senior Living. Call 218-831-5683, if you need more information or would like to join our club. Lions affordable hearings aids available to those who qualify. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.
Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.
FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking.

Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org
Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402
Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org
Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin
Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs. 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.
Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.
Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.
Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.
Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm
Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon
Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.
Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.
Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.
Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club
McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.
McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.
McGregor Community Meal sponsored by ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd 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.
McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.
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.
Overeaters Anonymous Open Meeting, Sat. 9:35am, Aitkin Library. Everyone welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12-step fellowship of people recovering from compulsive eating. OA is not a diet club. We are dedicated to helping individuals recovering from compulsive eating, anorexia, bulimia, food addiction and obesity. If you are struggling, you are not alone any more. For more info: OA.org, or call Cheryl, meeting contact, 770-576-5984.
Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.
Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.
Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.
RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Mon.: 10 Glory Baptist Church; Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.
Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.
Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.
TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm
TOPS Deerwood (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Deerwood Legion, 23659 Forest Rd, Deerwood. For more information, please contact Lucy Bartz 218-839-2218 or Gwenn Smith 218-246-2180.
TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.
Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.
White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.
January
20th - Annual Ice Fishing contest on Lawrence Lake in Outing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry fee is non refundable \$10. Prizes for heaviest fish.
20th - 2018 Ironton Bar Stool Races start at noon in Morningside Park.
20th - A reception for the Francis Lee Jaques, a world renowned wildlife artist, exhibit. from noon - 3 p.m. Free admission.
27th - Brainerd Jaycees 28th Annual Ice Fish-

ing Extravaganza on Gull Lake's Hole in the Day Bay, north of Brainerd, MN. This year's prize list is valued at nearly \$200,000. More information and official updates can be found at www.icefishing.org.
27th - Tamarack Vintage Snowmobile Vintage Run Registration 9 a.m. at the Sno-Flyers' Club House in Tamarack.
28th - Brandon Harwig Memorial Fishing Tournament on Black-Hoof Lake. \$20 entry fee with all proceeds benefiting the C-I High School Fishing Team. Sign-up at Town Tavern in Ironton or Deerstand in Deerwood.
31st-Waukenabo Dance, Joe & 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.
February
3rd - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Ice Fishing Contest on Serpent Lake in Crosby. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Call 546-8131 for more details.
3rd - Scorpion Homecoming on Serpent Lake in Crosby coinciding with the Ice Fishing Contest. The Scorpion Whip is the featured sled of the show. Visit www.trailasled.com for more details.
13th- Lakes Area Unlimited Learning presents "Police Chief Coughlin: Issues facing Crosby" Heartwood Senior Living, 500 Heartwood Dr., Crosby, 1:30-3:30 p.m., non-members welcome \$5.
14th -Waukenabo Dance, "Two for the Road" 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.
16th&17th - Fishing for Ducks Ice Fishing Contest. Over \$100,000 worth of prizes to win!
17th - Annual Rabbit Lake Fishing Contest sponsored by the Woodtick Inn.
17th - Waukenabo Valentine's Dinner & Dance, dinner is 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Jerry's Dance Band will be performing 7:30 - 10:30 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. For more information call Gene at 218-845-2819.
28th-Waukenabo Dance, Chmielewski & Leroy 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.

March
2nd - 4th - Mille Lacs Kite Crossing 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
3rd & 4th - Gun Show at the Deerwood Auditorium. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 per day or \$9 for both days.
13th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning presents "For Peat's Sake" Peggy Jones VP American Peat Technology, Heartwood Senior Living, 500 Heartwood Dr., Crosby, 1:30-3:30 p.m., non-members welcome \$5.
14th-Waukenabo Dance, "Jerry & Ramblin Leroy" 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.



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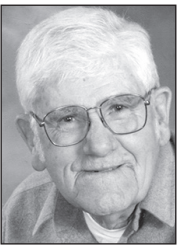
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OBITUARIES

LARRY HAYES



Larry E. Hayes, 84, of Crosby died at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby on Sunday, January 14, 2018.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Saturday.

He was born on March 28, 1933 in Minneapolis. Larry married Dorothea Springer on June 18, 1954 in Spring Lake Park. He was a retired

highway tech for the Minnesota Department of Transportation with 38 years of service. Larry was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Larry was involved with the Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network and the Soo Line Depot Museum.

He is survived by his wife Dotty; two daughters, Kathryn (Louis) Pearson-Brevik of Hoyt Lakes and Christine (Curtis) Southmayd of Crosby; three brothers: Jerry Hayes, William O'Connor and Patrick O'Connor; two sisters: Connie Wreath and Vivian Knode and three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

LUELLA PHILLIPS

Luella J. "Sally" Phillips, 75, of Aitkin formerly of McGregor died Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A time of sharing was held at 1 p.m. on Friday January 19, 2018 at the McGregor Funeral Home. A gathering time was from noon until the 1 p.m. sharing time on Friday.

Sally was born February 3, 1942 in Douglas County, WI to Robert and Ovedea (Lokken) Burger. She attended schools in Wisconsin and the moved to the McGregor area where she lived most of her life. She worked at the McGregor Lanes as manager for many years. She also drove school bus and worked as a teacher's aide in the McGregor Schools. She had lived at the Northland Village assisted living center in McGregor prior to moving to the Aicota Health

Care Center about one year ago. She loved bowling and would bowl every day of the week if she could. She also had managed a girls' softball team.

She is survived by children and their spouses: Brenda Erickson of Blaine, Edward (Samantha) Phillips of Duluth, Peg (Tim) Terwilliger of Pillager, Julie Peterson of McGregor, and Barb (Dennis) Morris of Aitkin; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother: Leroy Burger of South Range, WI; two sisters: Diane Sellers of Iowa City, IA and Shirley Burger of Superior, WI.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson Michael, five brothers and two sisters.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

KATHRYN JOHNSON



Kathryn M. "Katy" Johnson, 93, of Ironton died on Monday, January 15, 2018 at her home.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. In lieu of flowers memorial are preferred.

She was born on August 23, 1924 in Sidnaw, MI to Oscar and Olga (Anderson) Provost. Katy graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1942 and then attended the Crosby Junior College. During the war Katy went to Hastings, Nebraska to build bombs for the US Navy. She married Warren Eugene Johnson on February 15, 1948. She worked at the Crosby Telephone office as a switchboard operator until her children were born, managed the Ironton Legion, and was an employee of the Crosby Clinic for 30 years before retiring to care for her elderly father. She was then an aide at the Cuyuna Range Elementary School. For ten years she was "Grandma Katie" for the elemen-

tary school. Katy's greatest love was children. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby, the church's Ruth Circle, the Myrin-James American Legion Auxiliary and the Ironton Library Board.

Katy is survived by one son, Dr. Greg (Susan) Johnson of Lowell, MI; three daughters: Linda (Denny) Peterson of Deerwood, Irene Johnson of Ironton and Ilene Rae (Les) Ollila of Grand Rapids; two brothers, Frank (Freda) Provost of Independence, MO and Chuck (Nancy) Provost of Deerwood; three sisters, Verona (Al) Schroeder of New Richmond, WI, Carol Dionne of New Hope, Terry Williams of Remer; sisters-in-law, Donna Provost of MN and Ramona Provost of Shelton, WA; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild; one great-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Warren in 1965; one stepson, Craig Skorich; a grandson, Steve Ollila; a great grandchild, Sean Drennan; and two brothers, Jim and Don Provost; a sister, Lois Fort and two brothers-in-law, Raymond Dionne and George Williams

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

DANYELE JOHNSON



Danyele Marie Johnson, aka Jack, 38, of Ironton died on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 21, 2017 at Heartwood Senior Living Community in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services on Sunday.

Danyele was born on September 26, 1979 in Oxnard, CA to Michael and Dawn (Reist) Otey. Danyele attended Meadow Creek Christian School, graduating in 1997. She later Attended Bethel University. Danyele was employed by Cuyuna County Auto Center where she was an ASE Certified Service Consultant/Mechanic for

over eight years. She was more recently employed by Heartwood Senior Living Community in their Culinary Department. A favorite quote of Danyele's was "To thine own self be true."

Preceding Danyele in death are Henry Reist, Marguerite Reist, Kenneth Otey, Joel Luther Formo and Kyle Lawrence Formo.

She is survived by life partner, NaTasha Formo, Ironton; Daymin Johnson and Riley Johnson, Ironton from a previous marriage to Slade Johnson, Pequot Lakes; Joelle Formo, Ironton; parents, Michael and Dawn Otey, Floyds Knobs, IN; David and Lisa (Anderson) Otey, Cambridge; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousin and friends.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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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 — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurc@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
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 — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, 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 10; Service 11; 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
*Brainerd - St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

EVANGELICAL FREE
Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurc@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.lchurch.org)
Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. – Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Breezy Point* – Eagles Nest, Pastor Jonathan Lemaster, 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m.
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910
Crosslake —(ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.
Crosslake —Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15.
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli 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) 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 Irontdale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake — Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship Memorial Day-Labor Day at 9:30; Worship September to May at 10:15 ; Bible Study Wednesdays at 10;14444 Daggett Pine Rd. 218-692-4769
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 218-927-4107

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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 bks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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Ruttger’s unveils expanded 2018 entertainment and event schedule



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Live music, great feasts, festivals dedicated to beer, blues and yoga, and a celebration of the resort’s 120th year in business highlight Ruttger’s biggest and most diverse summer entertainment and event lineup ever.

New events for 2018 include Blues & BBQ Bash – a BBQ feast followed by an outdoor blues concert by Ken Valdez, the Ruttger’s Yoga Expo, Game of Towns – a major charitable fundraising event pitting Crosby vs. Aitkin schools, the 120th Anniversary Celebration, Moonlight Movie Nights – outdoor movie experiences, and Zombie Apocalypse Halloween Spooktacular - a 5k “terror” run and Halloween party. All events are open to the public.

“It’s going to be a fun summer at the lake and everybody is invited to join the party,” Ruttger’s President Chris Ruttger said. “And when we say everybody, we mean everybody, especially all of our local friends.”

In addition to these new events, 2018 will feature the return of several popular events, including the 2018 Summer Concert Series – eight outdoor concerts from the shores of Bay Lake, Beer and Bacon Bonanza, and, of course, Ruttger’s 33rd Annual Oktoberfest.

RUTTGER’S BAY LAKE LODGE 2018 ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENT LINEUP



Lake Area Yoga Festival
April 28 | 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<https://ruttgers.com/yoga-expo>
The first annual Lakes Area Yoga Festival is a celebration of the innovative, life-affirming yoga and wellness avail-

able in the Brainerd Lakes Area. The event includes three class sessions, a vendor area for the latest gear and yoga merchandise, plus lunch, beverages and snacks throughout the day. There are three class choices during each session. Classes for all levels will be available.

Ruttger’s Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon

Saturday, May 12 | noon - 1 p.m.

Check out the latest spring fashions available at Ruttger’s shops and enjoy a nice lunch.



GAME OF TOWNS – A fundraiser for the Ruttger’s Enhanced Reading Fund
Sunday, May 20
<https://ruttgers.com/game-of-towns>

The event is a series of good-natured games of skill, knowledge and chance pitting people living in the Crosby-Ironton school district against people living in the Aitkin School District. The events will include a nine-hole golf scramble, a tug-of-war battle, trivia contest, golf ball finding competition and more. After the games are completed, there will be a dinner and raffle. Proceeds benefit The Ruttger’s Enhanced Reading Fund (<https://ruttgers.com/ruttgers-reading-fund>) - a charitable outreach that raises funds for the elementary reading programs at Ripple-side Elementary in Aitkin and Cuyuna Range Elementary School in Crosby-Ironton. The funds are used by the schools to buy books and support reading programs.



Lake Effect in concert
May 26 | 7 p.m.
<https://ruttgers.com/lake-effect>
Hailing from McGregor, this classic rock n’ roll band mixes a bit of funk and even

disco. Click here to learn more about the band. This concert is part of Ruttger’s Memorial Day Weekend celebration. \$5 for the public. Seating is provided, or you can bring your own lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available.



120th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 2
<https://ruttgers.com/120-anniversary>

Ruttger’s is turning back the clock to different eras at the resort by bringing back events, activities, features and specials from the past. The weekend will include: 120th celebration open house and all employee reunion, a Ruttger’s museum (and antique road show type of event), a car show, hickory shaft long-drive contest, a giant slip n’ slide, 50’s Malt/Soda Shop Burger Lunch, wacky hat contest, and talent show featuring the triumphant return to the stage of magician Chris Ruttger.



Beer and Bacon Bonanza

Saturday, June 16
<https://ruttgers.com/beer-bacon-bonanza>

An entire weekend dedicated to beer, bacon and dad! Festivities Include: a major beer tasting event featuring more than a dozen local craft breweries, live outdoor concert event by Steele River Band, live pig races, dinner buffet starring bacon, bacon and more bacon, coffee and bacon sampling, beer and bacon activities, Beer and Bacon “try-athlon”, pork belly flop contest, Mr. Bacon “Beauty” Pageant, “Piggy” Races and live-action “Angry Birds.”



October Son in concert
Saturday, June 30 | 7 p.m.
<https://ruttgers.com/october-son>
Classic rock songs by bands such as the Eagles, Johnny Cash, the Little River Band and more. \$5 for the

public. Seating is provided, or you can bring your own lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available.

Fireworks spectacular

Friday, July 6 | dusk
One of the best shows in the area. Open and free to the public.



Moonlight Movie Night

Feature presentation: *Forrest Gump*

Saturday, July 7 | 9 p.m.
<https://ruttgers.com/moonlight-movie-nights>

A family friendly movie will be projected onto a big screen. Watch the movie on blankets, or chairs. Popcorn and candy will be sold. Drinks will also be available. \$5 admission. Pay at the gate only. Movies subject to change.

Moonlight Movie Night

Feature presentation: *UP*

Saturday, July 21 | 9 p.m.
<https://ruttgers.com/moonlight-movie-nights>

A family friendly movie will be projected onto a big screen. Watch the movie on blankets, or chairs. Popcorn and candy will be sold. Drinks will also be available. \$5 admission. Pay at the gate only. Movies subject to change.



Ipsos Facto in concert

Saturday, July 14 | 7 p.m.
<https://ruttgers.com/ipso-facto>

This Minneapolis-based reggae/funk/jazz band that has played for audiences around the world. A regular at Ruttger’s for more than 10 years, Wain, Juju, and Greg McFarlane will have you grooving, singing along and maybe even have you join them on stage. \$5 for the public. Seating is provided, or you can bring your own lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available.

King’s Ransom in concert

Saturday, July 28 | 7 p.m.
<https://ruttgers.com/kings-ransom>
Brainerd’s own classic rock band, featuring your classic

rock and blues favorites. \$5 for the public. Seating is provided, or you can bring your own lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available.



Moonlight Movie Night

Feature presentation: *Meatballs*

Saturday, August 4 | 9 p.m.
<https://ruttgers.com/moonlight-movie-nights>

A family friendly movie will be projected onto a big screen. Watch the movie on blankets, or chairs. Popcorn and candy will be sold. Drinks will also be available. \$5 admission. Pay at the gate only. Movies subject to change.



Blues & BBQ Bash

Saturday, August 11 | 4 – 9 p.m.

<https://ruttgers.com/blues-bbq-bash>

Sample beers from local craft breweries, “pig out” on a spectacular BBQ feast from Pit Master Terry Dox, and groove into the evening with a concert by Ken Valdez, a truly great blues man.



Shotgun Drama Junkies in concert

Saturday, August 25 | 7 p.m.
<https://ruttgers.com/shotgun-drama-junkies>

A mix of southern rock, country rock, and classic country, sprinkled with a little blues, funk, R&B and rockabilly. \$5 for the public. Seating is provided, or you can bring your own lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available.

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Ruttger’s Fall Fashion Show & Luncheon

Saturday, August 25 | noon - 1 p.m.

Check out the latest fall fashions available at Ruttger’s shops and enjoy a nice lunch.



Hangfire in concert

Saturday, September 1 | 7 p.m.

<https://ruttgers.com/hangfire>

Classic rock, 80s rock, 90s rock, modern rock and country rock. Be ready to rock! Part of Ruttger’s Labor Day celebrations. \$5 for the public. Seating is provided, or you can bring your own lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available.



Ruttger’s 33rd Annual Oktoberfest celebration

Saturday, October 20 | 7 p.m.

<https://ruttgers.com/oktoberfest>

One of the region’s most popular Oktoberfest celebrations. Thousands flock to Ruttger’s to enjoy traditional live German music, beer and entertainment tents, 150+ booth crafts show, food and lots and lots of beer, plus games and activities for all ages!

Zombie Apocalypse Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 27 | 2-7 p.m.

<https://ruttgers.com/zombie-apocalypse>

This event will not for the faint of heart. Wear your costume, but beware of zombies. Festivities include the 5k Insane Brain Terror Run - the spookiest 5K you’ll run all year! You race through the picturesque, wooded course, but beware! There are zombies prowling the course and they’re hungry. If you make it through to the finish line with your brain intact, it’s party time! Stay for the Post-Race Apocalypse Party featuring a GIANT bonfire with live music, plus ghoulishly good food and hauntingly tasty warm and cold drinks.

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Gov. Dayton proclaims snowmobile safety awareness week for January

Gov. Mark Dayton has proclaimed Jan. 20-28 as Snowmobile Safety Awareness Week in Minnesota.

This an opportunity for the Department of Natural Resources, volunteer safety instructors, the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MNUSA) and its 250 member snowmobile clubs to join together to recognize the importance of safe, responsible snowmobiling.

“It’s a fun and exciting activity, but snowmobilers should always remember to make safety a top priority,” said Conservation Officer Bruce Lawrence, DNR recreational vehicle coordinator. “They should also always use common sense and keep a clear head when riding.”

Here are some other key safety points:

- Snowmobiling and alcohol don’t mix - don’t drink and ride.
- Smart riders are safe riders – take a snowmobile safety training course.
- Always wear a helmet and adequate clothing.
- When night riding slow down – expect the unexpected.
- Know before the ride – always check local trail and ice conditions.
- Cross with care** Know risks and be prepared – make every trip a round trip.
- One is the loneliest number – never ride alone.
- Ride safe, stay on the trail – respect private property.
- To legally ride a snowmobile in Minnesota, residents born after Dec. 31, 1976 need a valid snowmobile safety certificate. Options for both classroom and on-line classes can be found at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/snowmobile/index.html>
- People can find Minnesota snowmobiling events and activities on the MNUSA webpage: <https://mnsnowmobiler.org/get-involved/mnusa/events>.

DNR offers opportunities to learn how to hunt turkeys this spring

Youth and adults can learn to hunt turkeys this April with experienced volunteers who will cover safe hunting techniques, how to call-in turkeys, hunting tactics and field dressing a bird.

“We teach the skills and techniques that allow new turkey hunters to become lifelong hunters,” said Mike Kurre, learn-to-hunt program coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. “This has been a successful program and as a bonus, we love hearing how former participants go full circle to teach others how to hunt.”

Participants can apply through Monday, Feb. 12. The hunts are Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 22, and provide opportunities to access locations that may otherwise be closed to hunting.

“We get volunteers from the National Wild Turkey Federation and this is the 16th year we’ve cooperated for these hunts,” Kurre said. “Over the years we’ve introduced more than 5,000 people to these hunting experiences. We also work with the Minnesota National Guard to get military adults and their families into turkey hunting.”

Details about how to apply and costs to participate are available at mndnr.gov/turkeyhunt.

Spring turkey lottery permits

Spring turkey hunters hoping to bag a tom during the first two weeks of the season have until Friday, Jan. 26, to apply for a lottery permit.

The season runs from April 18 to May 31 and is divided into six hunt periods, A through F (see table below). Hunt A and B licenses for firearms hunters age 18 and older are limited in availability and assigned via lottery drawing.

Turkey lottery applications cost \$5 and can be purchased online at mndnr.gov/licenses, by phone at 888-665-4236, or in person from a license agent. Successful applicants will receive a postcard in the mail by mid-February and can purchase their hunting license starting March 1.

Firearms licenses for hunts C, D, E and F are not lottery-limited and will be available for purchase over-the-counter beginning March 1. All licensed turkey hunters can participate in Hunt F if they have an unused tag from one of the earlier hunt periods.

Archery and youth hunters (under 18) are exempt from the lottery and may purchase a spring turkey license valid during all hunt periods, including hunts A and B.

Surplus lottery licenses from hunts A and B, if available, will be sold over-the-counter starting in mid-March.

Visit mndnr.gov/hunting/turkey for more information about turkey hunting in Minnesota.

2018 Spring Turkey Hunt Periods

Hunt A:	April 18 – 24
Hunt B:	April 25 - May 1
Hunt C:	May 2 – 8
Hunt D:	May 9 – 15
Hunt E:	May 16-22
Hunt F:	May 23-31

Vikings legend Carl Eller at the Blitz 52 Tailgate Super Bowl party

The Blitz Tailgate (www.blitztailgate.com) is proud to announce Minnesota Vikings Legend and Pro Football Hall of Fame Inductee, Carl Eller will be a special guest alongside event host, 3-time Super Bowl Champion Daryl “Moose” Johnston, signing autographs and giving game day commentary on the main stage during The Blitz Tailgate 52 on Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Rock Bottom Brewery in downtown Minneapolis.

“It’s an exciting time for Minnesota with the Super Bowl in town. The Super Bowl is a great event that brings all fans of the game together. I’m looking forward to meeting these great fans at The Blitz 52 Tailgate before the game.” Eller said.

Eller, who was drafted in the first round by the Minnesota Vikings in 1964, played 14 years with the team and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2004. During his career with the Vikings, he was a 6-time Pro Bowl player, NFL Defensive Player of the Year, and was part of the Vikings defensive unit known as the “Purple People Eaters”.

The Blitz Tailgate will be hosted by former Dallas Cowboys 3-time Super Bowl Champion, Daryl “Moose” Johnston. This will be Johnston’s second time hosting the event, the first being in Houston in 2017 when the event was called “Texas Tailgate”.

“I had so much fun last year in Houston, and I’m excited to be coming back, this time to be alongside Vikings Great

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