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Walleye egg take a success despite squeeze of late ice-out

This spring's late ice-out meant a shorter window of time for the Minnesota

Department of Natural Resources to take walleye eggs for annual fish stocking but

despite a two-week late start the agency collected enough eggs to meet stocking goals.

"Our crews put in some extra-long days to handle the high numbers of fish this year," said Chris Kavanaugh, northeast region fisheries manager. "Their work will benefit anglers who fish many of the more than 1,000 lakes stocked with walleyes by DNR."

This year's 10 egg-take operations met their goal of collecting 4,100 quarts of eggs. With each quart containing an estimated 120,000 eggs, that's about 492 million walleye eggs and is comparable to the average taken in past years.

The DNR operates the largest walleye hatchery operation in the United States, and stocks 1,050 managed lakes on a rotating schedule that is prescribed by individual lake management plans.



After taking eggs and fertilizing them with walleye milt, the eggs are taken to hatcheries where they take about three weeks to hatch in specialized jars. Two-thirds of the fry are stocked directly into lakes within a few days of hatching. Roughly one-third of the fry hatched each year by the DNR are kept in rearing ponds throughout the summer and are stocked as

fingerlings in the fall. It takes 3 to 4 years for a walleye to reach keeper size in Minnesota – about 14 to 15 inches.

A vast majority of the walleye caught by Minnesota anglers come from waters where the fish reproduce naturally – about 260 larger walleye lakes and in large rivers. But because of stocking, walleye can be found in an

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By ANN SCHWARTZ

After a long winter it was great to launch boats for the season with no ice nor snowmobile suits in the local lakes area. While Governor Mark Dayton caught three bass in Spicer, locals were hosting or attending Mothers' Day events, launching their boats and opening their cabins for the summer -- and fishing. Bob Mylner, DNR conservation officer, said the most common violation is not having a fishing license in possession. Another one that most people don't think about is you need to have a throw cushion on

A man with a red cap and sunglasses is driving a Tragner boat on the water. The boat has "TRAGNER" written on the front. The man is wearing a white t-shirt with "JUST SAY YES!" and "Tragner" printed on it.

A woman in a blue and white life vest stands in the bow of a white Lund boat, gesturing with her right hand. A man in a green jacket is kneeling in the stern, working on a black Mercury outboard motor. The boat is on a calm lake with a wooded shoreline in the background. The boat has "LUND" and "Mercury" branding on its side.

Baked goods hooked

A man in a grey t-shirt and dark shorts leans over the side of a white boat, which has a black outboard motor with '90' on it. He is standing next to a gas station pump with the 'TESORO' logo. Another man in a black jacket and grey shorts stands by the pump. The background shows a body of water and trees.

A man in a camouflage jacket and cap is handing a blue bag to a woman in a light jacket. They are standing at a table covered with a blue cloth. In the background, there are shelves with blue and white bags.

Apply to hunt elk in Minnesota to help manage elk populations

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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 IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2 pm
Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1 st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting
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.
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 emer-

gency 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.
Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd. This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.
Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
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.
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.operationminnesotanic.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 dedicat-

ed 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.
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 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.
May
19th - ANGELS of McGregor 5th Annual Style Show/ Luncheon at 11 a.m. at the McGregor Community Center, just north of McGregor on State Highway 65. Local Community Volunteers will be modeling gently used, reasonably priced clothes on loan from McGregor Area Clothing Closet (MACC), and they will be for sale at the show. Lunch will be catered by Northwoods Catering (Sheila Merritt). Advance ticket sales are \$10 and are available through an ANGEL Volunteer or at the ANGEL Office. They will be \$12 at the door.
20th - Toolin Tool Motorcycle Ride for Habitat.

Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity is hosting this rural ride, leaving at noon from Aitkin and traveling scenic backroads and Mississippi countryside to Palisade, McGregor and back to Aitkin for food and prizes. Classic cars and trucks are welcome to ride along. Save the date and log onto www.habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org or call 218-927-5656 for more information.
20th - GAME OF TOWNS fundraiser for the Rutgger's Enhanced Reading Fund https://rutggers.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 Rutgger's Enhanced Reading Fund (https://rutggers.com/rutggers-reading-fund) - a charitable outreach that raises funds for the elementary reading programs at Rippleside 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
21st - Great Decisions: Media and Foreign Policy, 11 a.m., Heartwood Senior Living Community, Crosby.
24th - The Crow Wing County Genealogical Society meeting at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd. Those attending are asked to bring an artifact or pictures of an artifact and be prepared to share with the group how this item(s) helped them understand their ancestor's life and times. Items can be paper artifacts or actual items. Social hour 6-7pm, program and meeting to follow. Any questions call: 828-9178 or 851-4819.
25th - Garden Club of Cuyuna Lakes Plant Sale 8:30 am - 2 pm at the junction of Hwy. 6 north & Hwy. 210, Crosby.
26th - Annual Plant sale of Perennials, Annuals, Shrubs, Native Plants, Garden Treasures and Red Wiggler worms 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Northland Arboretum, 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd. Sponsored by U of M Extension Crow Wing Master Gardeners, Brainerd Garden Club and Arboretum Garden Volunteers.
26th - Lake Effect in concert as part of Rutgger's Memorial Day Weekend celebration.

Teen injured in three-wheeler accident

A 16-year-old boy was injured Friday, May 11, in an all-terrain vehicle crash on the 38000 block of Highway 6 in Emily.
The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office was notified at 9:57 p.m. of an ATV crash with injuries. Deputies, Cuyuna Regional Medical Center ambulance, North Memorial Air Care and Emily First Responders were dispatched to the scene.
Responders learned the 16-year-old boy was riding a three-wheeler on family property when the crash

occurred, the sheriff's office reported. A family member became concerned after not hearing the ATV for an hour. The family member and a neighbor checked the ATV trail on the property and discovered the teen and ATV in the woods.
Evidence at the scene indicate the ATV was traveling on the trail, went out of control and struck a tree, the sheriff's office reported. The driver of the ATV was located sitting on the ATV trail near the crashed ATV. The boy appeared to have suffered a head injury

as a result of the crash and was transported to Children's Minnesota hospital by North Memorial Air Care.

The teen on the ATV was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, the sheriff's office reported.

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OBITUARIES

ANNA RACH



Anna Mae Rach, 62, of Aitkin died Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin. A gathering of family and friends was on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the 40 Club Convention Center in Aitkin. She was born May 27, 1955 in Bertha, MN to Donald and Betty (Scott) Kozitka. She graduated from Staples High School. Anna married Dennis George Rach on August 24, 1974 in Staples. She was retired having worked most recently in retail and sales. She loved and

adored her grandchildren. Anna is survived by her husband, Denny; two children and their spouses: Heidi (Jori) Packer and Chad (Erin) Rach; two grandchildren: Hunter and Alexander Packer; mother, Betty Scott; two brothers: Butch and Duane; three sisters: Patty, Belinda, and Dawn (Dan); And many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Kozitka and two sisters: Carol and Sue. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

JUDITH COLLINS



Judith Ann Collins, 78, of Aitkin died Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2018 at Bethesda Lutheran Church at Rossburg with Rev. Sandy Berg Holte officiating. Visitation was Thursday at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and also one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in the Saron Cemetery at Dam Lake. Judith was born January 27, 1940 at Crosbyto Arthur and Anna Sanbeck. She grew up in Aitkin and attended Aitkin schools. She married James Collins on August 17, 1957. They made their home on a farm east of Aitkin, farming most of

her life and serving as Glen route mail carrier. She enjoyed farming and caring for her grandchildren and great granddaughter. She was a lifetime member of Bethesda Lutheran Church at Rossburg. She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law: Doug and Jeanie Collins; and Rick and Janice Collins of Aitkin; five grandchildren: Joe (Ashley) Collins, Brian (Cora) Collins, Mitch Collins, Matt Collins, and Isaac Collins; great-granddaughter, Anna Rose and brother, Cliff Sanbeck. She was preceded in death by her husband James in 2017, parents and brothers: Kenneth and Ray Sanbeck. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

PATRICIA VOLKMAN



Patricia Ann Volkman, 75, of Aitkin died Thursday, May 10, 2018 at her home in Aitkin. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Reverend Darrell Pedersen officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Camp Ripley, Little Falls at a later date. She was born August 2, 1942 in Nisswa to Claude Dolan and Frances Taylor. Patricia married Gary H. Volkman on January 12, 1988 in Maui, Hawaii. She worked as an over the road semi-truck driver, where she enjoyed traveling with her husband. She most recently worked in General Services for the Mayo Clinic in Roches-

ter. She enjoyed watching her health, exercising, being active, and keeping in shape. She loved fishing and the outdoors. She was a member of First Lutheran Church and their quilting group Patricia is survived by her husband, Gary; 2 daughters: Michele (Dan) Piispanen, Aitkin; Kari Beeler of Seattle, WA; step-daughters: Heidi (John) Taylor, Red Wing; and Lisa (John) Tuerk, Owatonna; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother, Larry McKinney (Jo), Zimmerman; sisters: Dianne (Ellwood) Carlson, Anoka; Jennifer Hoffman (Mike), Mora; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Jane Christensen; step-daughter Katie Volkman. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

JUDITH FORSLIN



Judith Marie Forslin, 77, of Emily died at the St. Cloud Hospital on Thursday, May 3, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Narrows Community Church in Outing. Burial was at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily. She was born on September 23, 1939 in Miltona, Township to Alfred and Anna (Carlson) Dreger.

Judy is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law: Ken Heyn, Emily; and Mark and Carolyn Heyn, Brainerd; daughter, Tina Charpentier, Pine River; brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Mavis Dreger, Warroad; sister, Jane (Mike) Heyn, Fort Worth, TX; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Preceding Judy in death are her parents; two daughters: Julie Livingood and Christel Heyn; one granddaughter, Rachele Gervais and a sister, Joyce Steen. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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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; hillcityagchurch@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 thelogchurch@crosslake.net
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm
Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Kari Foss; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
Aitkin — First* (ELCA) Pastor Darrell Pedersen, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 8:15 & 10am, Wed. 5:30pm w/supper; communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed

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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 Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
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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. www.aitkin-area-ELCA.com
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; 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.
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 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; 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.
Rosburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

PENTECOSTAL
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall , Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake — Rev. Mark Ford from 1st Presbyterian Church of Brainerd will be preaching at the 9:00 service; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Road; 218-692-4769
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

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

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

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

UNITED METHODIST
Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicap 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

WESLEYAN
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OBITUARIES

CHARLOTTE CHOUINARD



Charlotte Josephine Chouinard, 5, of McGregor, died unexpectedly with her mother, Rebekah Dawn Seibert on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 as the result of a car accident. Services for Charlotte and her mother, Rebekah are pending.

She was born March 16, 2013 in Aitkin to Joseph “J.C.” Chouinard and Rebekah Dawn Seibert. Charlotte loved playing Legos with her dad, singing, coloring, picking rocks, playing with her brothers, sister and cousins, swinging with grandpa, going to the lake, swimming, gardening, playing PAW Patrol, playing with her friends at day care and going to preschool. Charlotte was an amazing child who wanted to be a weather girl and a mermaid when she grew up.

Charlotte is survived by her father, Joseph “J.C.” Chouinard, Grand Rapids; siblings: Jack

Seibert, McGregor; Averie Fredrickson-Seibert, McGregor; Joseph “J.D.” Chouinard, Tamarack and Maxwell Chouinard, Tamarack; maternal grandmother, Sandra (Thomas Martin) Fredrickson, Crosby; maternal grandfather, Gerald Fredrickson, McGregor; paternal grandmother, Lori Pudlick, McGregor; uncles: Christopher (Jessica) Fredrickson, Hutchinson and Shane Chouinard, Hinckley; aunts: Jeana (Rodger) Cahoon, Tamarack and Melinda Pudlick, Aitkin; and several cousins.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Joseph Chouinard.

A CaringBridge site has been established for Charlotte’s brother, Jack Seibert, who was seriously injured in the accident and his sister, Averie Fredrickson-Seibert. The Rebekah Seibert Memorial Fund has been set up at Members Cooperative Credit Union of Aitkin for the future care of Jack and Averie.

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

REBEKAH SEIBERT



Rebekah Dawn Seibert, 36, of McGregor, died unexpectedly with her 5-year-old daughter, Charlotte Josephine Chouinard on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 as the result of a car accident. Services for Rebekah and her daughter, Charlotte are pending.

She was born May 7, 1982 in Aitkin to Gerald Fredrickson and Sandra (Tierney) Fredrickson. Rebekah enjoyed gardening, drawing, singing, going for walks, being outdoors, agate picking, naps in the sunshine, baking and especially spending time with her kids and life partner, Joseph “J.C.” Chouinard.

Rebekah is survived by her life partner, Joe “J.C.” Chouinard, Grand Rapids; son, Jack Seibert, McGregor; daughter, Averie Fredrickson-Seibert, McGregor; mother, Sandra (Thom-

as Martin) Fredrickson, Crosby; father, Gerald Fredrickson, McGregor; brother, Christopher (Jessica) Fredrickson, Hutchinson; sister, Jeana (Rodger) Cahoon, Tamarack; maternal grandmother, Arleen Stevenson, McGregor.

Rebekah was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Charles Stevenson; paternal grandparents, Adeline and Hjalmar Fredrickson; uncle, Mark Tierney; aunt, Jennifer Fredrickson.

A CaringBridge site has been established for Rebekah’s son, Jack Seibert, who was seriously injured in the accident and his sister, Averie Fredrickson-Seibert. The Rebekah Seibert Memorial Fund has been set up at Members Cooperative Credit Union of Aitkin for the future care of Jack and Averie.

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fishing on a lake that can’t support it,” Kavanaugh said.



In this season of egg-take operations Cut Foot Sioux near Deer River and Pike River near Tower experienced large numbers of fish in the traps after the first day and both operations were able to meet their goals in three days instead of the normal 6 to 8 days.

Spawning is a naturally stressful activity for fish. Egg take operations are staffed 24 hours a day so dissolved oxygen levels in the water and crowding can be monitored to minimize fish losses.

Fish spawning is triggered by day length and water temperature. The Pike River site has dark water that warms more quickly when the sun shines. Once the ice went out, water temperatures rose and the fish responded very quickly.

This year’s late ice-out could offer a silver lining for future fish numbers and

anglers. Later ice-outs followed by consistently rising daily temperatures can be beneficial to developing a strong year class of wall-eyes. Consistently warming temperatures help create a surge in the zooplankton that provide an important food source for newly hatched fish.

The DNR’s fish hatchery operations are primarily funded by the Game and Fish Fund through fishing license revenues. Anglers can further support walleye management activities by purchasing a walleye stamp when they purchase a fishing license.

JUDY FORT



Mary Joan “Judy” (Ross) Fort, 83, of Deerwood, died peacefully on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Abbott Northwest Hospital in Minneapolis, surrounded by her family.

A Memorial Mass was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

Born in Jamestown, ND to Willis and Beatrice (Witham) Ross, she was raised in Brainerd. After graduating from Washington High School as co-salutatorian, she graduated from Brainerd Junior College in 1954 and the University of Minnesota in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in distributive education.

On July 21, 1956, she married Albert Fort, the love of her life. She worked part-time as an English teacher in the Crosby-Ironton school district. She was a loving wife and a wise mother who loved spending time with her family, reminding them often that they “were her favorite people

to party with.” Judy was member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Crosby. She served as a lay minister and as treasurer on finance committee. She directed religious education and led Bible studies. She loved planting her flower gardens and also was an avid reader of classics and mysteries. After raising six children, Judy fulfilled an educational goal and received a Master’s Degree in Psychology of the Aging from the College of St. Scholastica in 1991.

Judy is survived by her husband of 61 years, Albert “Huts” Fort; her six children: Jennifer Fort-Strietzel (Mark); Stephanie Fort-Medlin (Patrick); Elizabeth Fort-Missaghi (Sohey); Cynthia Fort; Sarah Fort Kramer (Russ); and Matthew Fort (Katie); 12 grandchildren: Max and Mercedes Medlin; Daniel, Sophia, and Farah Missaghi; Sam Reis; Joseph, Ava, Julia, and Olivia Kramer; Jacob and Natalie Fort; many close friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willis and Beatrice Ross.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

THERESA DEHNING



Theresa Marie Dehning, 59, of Rabbit Lake Township died on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at Essentia St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Brainerd.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Cascade United Methodist Church in Deerwood. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Saturday.

She was born on May 19, 1958 in Minneapolis to Wilbur and Mildred (Murphy) Slawson. Theresa married Ralph Dehning on Aug 26, 1983 in Rabbit Lake Township. She was a former Box Room employee for Potlatch Corp. in Brainerd and a former server at the Grand Casino, Mille

Lacs. Theresa was a 4th degree black belt master in Tae Kwan Do. She ran instructional classes in Tae Kwan Do in Aitkin, Brainerd and Crosby from 1998-2016.

Theresa is survived by her husband, Ralph; one son, Christopher (Mary) Dehning of Aitkin; one daughter, Michelle (Jerome) Price of Aitkin; step-daughters: Melody Johnson, North Branch; Sue (Jeff) Beninga; Donna Parkins and Julie Everly; two brothers: Richard Slawson and David (Edie) Slawson; two sisters, Diane (Tom) Nogosek and Barbara (Ray) Schimek; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Linda Slawson; nephew, Paul Nogosek and niece, Johanna Hanson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

JOHN HAWKINSON



John P. Hawkinson, 90, of Deerwood died on May 7, 2018 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

No services are being held. He was born on July 25, 1927 in Starbuck to Dr. John and Mabel (Johnson) Hawkinson. John married Elaine Peterson on June 23, 1951 in Deerwood. He was

a retired Potlatch employee.

John is survived by his wife, Elaine; son and daughter-in-law, John and Tammy Hawkinson, Jr., Deerwood; daughters and son-in-law: Mary and Ray Nelson, Ironton; and Karen Hubbard, Dublin, TX; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Crews rupture gas line in Aitkin

According to the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, a gas leak in the City of Aitkin along Minnesota Highway 210 near the courthouse caused a brief evacuation of the Aitkin County Courthouse and the Aitkin High School on Wednesday May 16.

At 8:44 a.m. utility crews working in the boulevard struck a two inch natural gas line causing the leak. The Aitkin Fire Department, Aitkin Police Department, Aitkin

County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota State Patrol and North Memorial Ambulance responded to the incident.

Traffic was diverted around the scene and evacuations were done of the Aitkin County Courthouse and Aitkin High School. Gas company personnel from Minnesota Energy Resources were on scene quickly and were able to stop the flow of gas from the leak. They also checked both the courthouse and high school for gas before

people were allowed to return. No one was injured during the incident.

Traffic flow was resumed to normal at 9:15 a.m. and people were allowed back in the buildings shortly thereafter.

According to a Facebook posting Aitkin School Superintendent Brad Kelvington, students were back in class around 9:25 a.m.

The incident remains under investigation by Minnesota's Office of Pipeline Safety.

Toolin' Tour for Habitat is May 20

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Time to dust off your motorcycle and join the Toolin' Tour Motorcycle Ride for Habitat on Sunday, May 20.

Proceeds will build a new home in Aitkin in 2018 for Christy Rian and her four daughters.

Meet at the Butler Building in downtown Aitkin (301 Minnesota Avenue North)

to register between 11 a.m. and noon and take off from Aitkin at noon.

They will travel backroads and Mississippi River scenic vistas to Palisade, Jacobson, McGregor and back to Aitkin. Stops will be made at the Rustic in Palisade and Mark's Bar in McGregor.

They will return to the American Legion in Aitkin

for food, a silent auction and door prizes.

Classic cars and trucks are also welcome to register and come along for the ride.

Log onto www.habitat-forhumanityaitkincounty.org to download a registration form or call 218-927-5656 or email annschwartz@habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org.

Salad sales to horse barn dollars



The Aitkin Lions Club said it served over 50 more people at its salad luncheon this year than last. Held at the 40 Club Convention Center, the luncheon features salad made by particular cooks, along with bread, meatballs, beans and dessert. There were raffles for prizes and money raised goes toward the new horse barn at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds. Construction has begun on the horse barn.

Ann Schwartz photo

Concerts on shore of Bay Lake

Lake Effect kicks off the Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge Summer Concert Series at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 26.

Known for their high-energy performances, *Lake Effect* is a classic rock band that mixes in a bit of funk and

even disco. Guitarist Shawn Hagen hails from McGregor and the band regularly plays throughout the region.

"We are very excited to kick off summer with another season of great, outdoor music," Ruttger's President

Chris Ruttger said. "Watching good music with Bay Lake as the backdrop is pretty special. The concert venue is charming, it's a great value and fun for the whole family. It is quintessential Minnesota summer fun."

The concert is the first of an eight-event series featuring local and regional bands. All concerts are open to the public. Admission is \$5 per person for non-resort guests. Pay at the gate or buy your tickets online at ruttgers.com/lake-effect.

Food and drink will be available, including Coca-Cola products. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Concert goers are invited to bring their own lawn chairs.

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Saturday, July 28 *King's Ransom*
Saturday, Aug. 11 *Ken Valdez* – part of Blues and BBQ Bash
Saturday, Aug. 25 *Shotgun Drama Junkies*
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For more information about the acts that are part of the concert series, go to ruttgers.com/summer-concert-series. The concert series is presented by Coca-Cola and the NewsHopper.

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