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Pedaling with power to build homes Habitat 500 stops off in Aitkin and McGregor

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It's history now. Except for their tour would take them sore muscles and sunburns, the 160 riders from 18 states are relaxing this week after pedaling their bicycles 500 miles in the Habitat 500. The group of cyclists from 18 states raised at least \$260,000 for Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Minnesota.

Proceeds are used to build housing for low-income Minnesotans in partnership with the families. Families help to build the homes and repay a no-interest mortgage to enable the building of more homes. Aitkin County has a Habitat for Humanity affiliate that is building its next home in McGregor

Cyclists rode through Aitkin on the morning of July 12, where they had a rest stop in the City Park. Then it was off to McGregor, where they arrived throughout the afternoon. They camped near the school playground and in the gym and ate supper and breakfast at the school. The McGregor Lions served the breakfast.

Tuesday morning, they rose with the birds, loaded up the support truck and pedaled off to Grand Rapids. On the way, past Lakes Minnewawa and Big Sandy up to Grand Rapids. Their morning rest stop was the Big Sandy Corps of Engineers Recreation Area.

The following is a profile of three riders and why they do what they do. By the way, riders are not all young. The average age for this Habitat 500 was 48, with riders as young as 15 and as old as 69. They were 60 percent male and 40 percent female, with 96 percent of what they raised going to Habitat affiliates. Arne Stefferud

Stefferud, 57, Maplewood, works as a parks administrator for the Metropolitan Council. An adventure lover, he's

been on 17 of the 18 Habitat 500 rides. The one year he missed he was trekking in Greenland.

He's supported the riders, driven the gear truck and worked at the rest stops. He's on the ride committee that meets 11 months a year and has a persona, Little Ole, who wears a funny hat and blows a bike horn and gives a humorous, but informative road report each evening after supper.

"The people are the best. It's like a family reunion each year with 160 of my brothers and sisters," he says of the ride.

Sat., July 24, 2010

Tim Dillett

Dillett, 41, Alamosa, Colorado, took a round-about way to enter the Habitat 500, which started in Sandstone this year. Just for kicks, he flew to Winnipeg and biked from there to Minnesota. It was in memory of the 1993 Habitat 500 from the Twin Cities to Winnipeg. He's also started out the ride from either coast and from Colorado.

In Colorado, Dillett works with at-risk children. He does much public speaking and fundraising in support of the Habitat 500. He is also a volunteer for a community public radio station and is involved with community theater.

"I believe in the mission of Habitat for Humanity," he said.

"It's great to bike in Colorado, but Minnesota is also a wonderful state to bike in," he observed.

Lilah Aas

Aas, 64, Albert Lea, a retired English teacher, has



Arne Stefferud, Lilah Aas and Tim Dillett are three riders on the Habitat 500

ridden in the Habitat 500 for 14 years.

She is also a hospice volunteer. 2001 was a life-changing year for her. She retired from teaching in 2000 and lost her husband to cancer the next year.

She also is heavily involved in the music ministry at her church, is a Habitat for Humanity volunteer, is involved in theater, directs the high school's One Act Play, sings in an adult choir and plays the keyboard for a chamber orchestra. Her life is indeed one of service.

"I like Habitat for Humanity because people have to work for it, they put in sweat equity, they pay for the home - it's a hand up not a hand out. I like the idea that it's a non-denoninational Christian organization – although we'll partner with anyone - it's God's love in action. I believe that your Christianity shouldn't be something you do just one day a week. You should live it. And Habitat for Humanity gives me the opportunity to do that."

Aas said that the Habitat 500 riders are of all ages and riding abilities. Some are hard-core, hard-training cyclists and others have to call, exhausted, for the backup vehicle before they finish the day's ride.

As the sun came up over McGregor the next morning, one by one or in groups the riders left the McGregor School Parking lot, ready to finish their great adventure in northern Minnesota - the Habitat 500.



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By WARREN NELSON Creeping along branches and trunks in a switching motion, moving its tail from side to side, the Black-andwhite Warbler neither hurries nor hides, their search for food seeming to always be their highest priority. It is one of the most cooperative members of the warblers, seemingly unafraid of man. It is full of energy and always very busy. By family, it is a warbler, but by instinct it is a creeper, oblivious to its surroundings. It is sure footed, like a creeper, as it scales a tree trunk. It can either have its head up or have it down as it inspects the bark and its crevasses. It makes its rounds on the branches while upside down, its movements often frustrating birdwatchers.

The Black-and-white Warbler is between four and one-half and five and one-

The Striped Black-and-white Warbler

half inches long. The male is striped lengthwise with black and white. He is streaked on his sides with a white belly. He has a white stripe over and under each eye. He has a slender, slightly down curved bill, unlike other warblers. He has a black throat and black cheeks and two white wing bars. The female is similar to the male except she has duller white under parts, lacks the black on the throat and has pale whitish cheeks. As a musician, it is certainly not a success. Their song is a very thin squeaky "wee-see, wee-see, wee-see". The scientific name is "mniotilta varia" which means "a variegated bird that pulls out moss."

In Minnesota, they nest in the northeast and north-central one-quarter of the state. They return from their wintering grounds along the gulf coast and Mexico to northern Minnesota in late April or early May. Their fall migration is in early October. They are a common warbler of the deciduous forests, normally in the smaller trees. They arrive a couple weeks earlier than other warblers to search through bark for insects and eggs. This is before insects begin swarming, when most warblers show up. The male arrives a few days before the female. When the female gets to the nesting grounds, there is a lot of agitation and often a long and intermittent pursuit, with a lot of song and fluttering of feathers and having to put up with a lot of rival males. The nest is normally found on the ground against

a shrub or small tree, mostly built by the female. Occasionally, they will build their nest in the cavities at the top of a stump. It is made up of dry leaves, coarse grass, bark strips, pine needles and small roots. The cup is then lined with fine grass and animal hair. The female lays between four and six cream colored eggs, speckled brown. Incubation is by the female and the eggs hatch out in 10 to 12 days. If she is threatened while on the nest, the female will try to lure the intruder from the nest by pretending to be crippled, much like a killdeer. Both parents help in feeding the hatchlings. The young leave the nest in eight to 12 days. During late summer, the family group forages quietly together, getting ready for the long trip south. Black-and-white Warblers often live to be at least six years old. The oldest warbler ever recorded in the wild was a banded Black-and-white Warbler which was 11 years and three months old.

Their feeding is a steady search for insects - moths, ants, flies, beetles, spiders, larvae, caterpillars, mosquitoes. Our little magician appears to be dressed in sporty racing stripes and his actions have given him several local names over the years - the black-and-white creeper, the pied creeper, the whitepoll warbler, and the black-andwhite nuthatch. Although his colors are only in black and white, they are strikingly arranged, making him an endearing little pixie.

DNR announces sandhill crane season, waterfowl hunting season dates

Minnesota's waterfowl hunting season will open at 9 a.m. Sat., Oct. 2. The early goose season will open Sept. 4, so will a first-ever sandhill crane season. Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day will be Sept. 18.

"Though waterfowl bag limit and season length decisions will not be made until following the Mississippi Flyway Council and federal regulation meetings later in July, we're getting the word out about the opening dates now so hunters can plan ahead," said Dennis Simon, DNR Wildlife Section chief. SANDHILL CRANE

For the first time in the modern era, Minnesotans will have the opportunity to harvest sandhill cranes in far northwestern Minnesota. The season will run from Sat., Sept. 4, through Sun., Oct. 10. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset until the opening day of duck season on Oct. 2, when shooting hours for sandhill cranes are the same as for waterfowl. The open area will consist of the "Northwest Goose Zone," which includes portions of Kittson, Roseau, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake and Polk counties. There will be a daily bag limit of two birds with a possession limit of four.

"We're happy to be able to offer this opportunity," said Simon. "Ten other Central Flyway states have been hunting cranes for years."

Sandhill cranes that occur in northwestern Minnesota are part of the midcontinent population, which is estimated at more than 450,000. This number is above the population goal of 349,000. Sandhill cranes have long been considered "recovered" and have been hunted in some states since 1961.

Hunters will be required to use nontoxic shot. A \$3.50 permit will be required to hunt cranes in Minnesota. Permits can be purchased at any of the 1,600 DNR license vendors across the state. Additional information can be found in the 2010 Minnesota Waterfowl Hunting Regulations supplement that will be available in August.

No sandhill crane hunting is permitted within 100 yards of surface water through Sept. 22. This restriction also applies to Canada goose hunters in this zone during the early September goose season.

EARLY SEPTEMBER GOOSE SEASON

Car Show and Pancake Breakfast

The early Canada goose season will open statewide on Sat., Sept. 4. The Septem-



A required \$4 permit is valid for both early and late season goose hunting. Permits are available wherever hunting and angling licenses are sold.

Like last year, the restriction prohibiting hunting within 100 yards of surface water has been lifted for the Southeast and Metro goose zones. The restriction applies only to the Northwest Goose Zone, the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area and an area surrounding Swan Lake in Nicollet County. Early season goose hunters should consult the 2010 Waterfowl Supplement for details.



The DNR and Ducks Unlimited will again offer sev-

Youth Waterfowl Hunting

Day will be Sat., Sept. 18.

Hunters age 15 and under

may take regular season bag

limits when accompanied

by a no-hunting adult (age

18 and older, no license

required). Ducks, Canada

geese, mergansers, coots and

moorhens may be taken from





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www.NewsHopper.net Dotzler family of Aikin honored by U of M as Farm Family of the Year

Seventy-three families from around the state, one from each participating county, have been named a "2010 Farm Family of the Year" by the University of Minnesota.

The families will be officially recognized in a ceremony Thu., Aug. 5 at the annual Farmfest near Redwood Falls.

"Almost all Minnesota farms are family farms," said Bev Durgan, dean of University of Minnesota Extension. "These farm families are a major driver of Minnesota's economy and the vitality of Minnesota's rural communities. The University of Minnesota is proud to recognize these farm families for their contribution to agriculture and their communities."

One farm family is the Ron and Sharon Dotzler family from Aitkin. Four generations are currently involved with the Dotzler family farm. The farm was established in 1941 by Ron's parents, Frank and Sara Dotzler. Ron's parents started the farm with dairy cattle, but later switched over to beef cattle. When Ron and Sharon bought the farm from Frank and Sara in 1996, they continued on with the beef operation with their children and grandchildren. Today, the Dotzler's have 100 head of beef. They also grow hay and small crops.

Outside of the farm, Sharon is a director of the Aitkin County Fair Board, an Extension Committee member, the Aitkin Township Treasurer, and a 4-H leader. The whole Dotzler family is involved with the Central MN Cattlemen's Association. They are also proud supporters of 4-H and the Aitkin County Fair.

The Farm Family Recognition Program has been done every year since 1980. It is sponsored by The University of Minnesota Extension, The College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, The College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station along with Farmfest. The program honors farm families throughout Minnesota for their contributions to the agricultural industry and their local communities. All of the honored families have made significant contributions to Minnesota agriculture and their communities.



American Legion and Auxiliary July Veterans visit



McGregor Lions Golf Tournament first place winners

A beautiful but challenging day for the ten teams who participated in the Annual McGregor Lions Golf Tournament at Minnesota National. The first place winners, pictured above, were Mike and Lisa Kruse, Dave Winegar and Mike Krause.









Veteran's at Aicota, Aicota Assisted Living, Aitkin Health Services and Golden Horizons were visited on July 13 by the American Legion and Auxiliary. Although the American Legion and Auxiliary visits these veterans each month, it is very special visit in July, as we celebrate Independence Day, which is a time to remember and honor those who fought for our freedom. Pictured with Navy veteran Bill Rock of Aitkin Health Services are L - R Dorothy Insley, Lyle Carr, President Agnes Weimer and Bill Bernard. Not pictured were Roberta Elvecrog and Barb Jones.



OBITUARIES

Crosby.

TEDDY GOBLE



Teddy W. Goble, 78, of Palisade, died on Mon., July 19, 2010 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Services were held Thu., July 22, 2010, at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Reverend Don Norman officiating.

He was born May 19, 1932, in Aitkin County, to Vern and Hazel (Olds) Goble. He married Fahma Guenther on Dec. 4, 1954, in Aitkin. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Korean War. He farmed, logged, drove milk truck, and was involved with Goble Sewer Service. He was employed as a custodian and bus driver for Aitkin Schools for 21 years retiring in 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Fahma, Palisade; sons and daughters-in-law: Gaylen (Leslie) Goble, Aitkin; Larry (Debbie) Goble, Palisade; daughters and sons-in-law: Krys (Dan) Bobseen, Aitkin; Janell (Dale) Morris, Aitkin; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; many cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Richard and Gordon Goble; sisters: Shirley Pierpont, Bernice Carson, Linda LaValley, Carol Zimmerman; and his parents.

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



WALKER LAURION

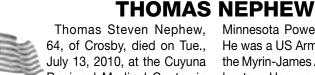
Walker Damon Laurion, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz., was born July 10, 2010, in Duluth, to Jacob and Ashley (Heins) Laurion. Grandparents are: Jerry and Toni Cassady, John and Darla Heins, all of Aitkin; Dennis and Bonnie Laurion, Duluth; John and Susan Pierce, Dickenson, TX. Great-grandparents are Dick and Jerry Simers, Chuck and Beverly Heins, all of Aitkin; Kenneth and Lois Laurion, Duluth. Great-great-grandmother, Muriel Sack, Inkster, ND.





ALI TETRICK

Sun., Aug. 1, 2-5 p.m., at her home, 41488 - 320th Lane, 4 miles south of Aitkin on State Hwy. 169.



64, of Crosby, died on Tue., July 13, 2010, at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in

Services were held Fri., July 16, 2010, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors provided by the Myrin-James American Legion.

He was born Nov. 4, 1945, in Duluth, to Bernard Andrew and Mary (Magdich) Nephew. He graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School Class of 1964. He married Jeanine Bayliss on Feb. 15, 1969, in Crosby. He was a retired customer service representative for

Minnesota Power with 33 years of service. He was a US Army Veteran and a member of the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443, Ironton. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Crosby and a former member of the Cuyuna Range Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannine; daughters and son-in-law: Sheila Hunter, Ironton; Jill (John Leonard) Gundry, Crosby; brother, Bernard Nephew, Crosby; sister, Mary Ellen Wasson, Brainerd; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; son and

daughter-in-law, Andy (Denise) Thoms, Fort

Collins, CO; daughter, Lori Thoms, Crosby;

sisters: Darlene Gagnon, Emily; Marilyn Engel-

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral

hardt, Crosby; and six grandchildren.

and Evelyn (Havenor) Thoms.

Home of Crosby.

DOUGLAS THOMS

Douglas Neil Thoms, 76, of Crosby, died on Tue., July 13, 2010, at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Services were held Sat., July 17, 2010, at the Heartwood Conference Center in Crosby. Burial will be in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

He was born March 4, 1934, in Emily, to Neil

MARLYN ESTEB

Marlyn Warren Esteb, 73, of Deerwood, died on Wed., July 14, 2010, at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Services were held Sat., July 17, 2010, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Garrison. Burial was in the Woodside Cemetery near Bertha.

He was born March 26, 1937, in Bertha, to Harold and Eleanora (Miller) Esteb.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters and sons-in-law: Maureen (Mark Phillips)

Esteb, St. Paul; Mary (Tim) Prescott, St. Paul; Diane Hendrix, Magnolia, TX; Lynne (Dave) Krispin, W. St. Paul; sons and daughters-inlaw: John (Sheila) Rousu, Deerwood; Dennis (Kathy) Rausu, St. Paul; Curt (Sue) Rousu; St. Paul, sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn (Wayne) Voge, Bertha; 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.



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

ALLIANCE

Garrison* - Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Adult & Children's SS 9:30; Worship & Children's Church 10:30; Wed. 7 p.m. Church/Home Bible Study. McGregor/Big Sandy - Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Aitkin - Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Ron DeCent 218-546-6512; Priesthood/Relief Society, 10; SS 11; Sac. Mtg. 11:50

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 p.m.

LUTHERAN

Bethel* (CLB), Rev. G. Salmonson; Wor \itkin

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

McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor James Sodergren; Worship 9; SS 9.

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

Church 10

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

- Aitkin Rev. Dan Turner; SS 9; Worship 10; Wed. 7 p.m.
- Crosby Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30 Crosslake - Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45
- Hill City Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 p.m.
- Palisade Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Bible Study, Wed. 7 p.m. at church, Wed. 7 p.m. kids games and bible activity, grades K-12.

BAPTIST

- Aitkin Westside, Pastor D. Smith; Worship 9 & 10:45; SS 11.
- 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 p.m.
- Deerwood Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m.; Wed. Service, 7 p.m.
- Glory Pastor R. F. Stauter, 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed. 6:45 Kids Club, Youth Group and Divorce Care.
- Hill City Pastor L. Lee; 697-2645; SS 9:45; Worship 11 am, 7 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.; Bible Study, Fri., 7 p.m.
- Isle Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
- Opstead Pastor P. Johnson; 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC

- Aitkin St. James, Fr. Justin Fish, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.
- Cromwell/Wright Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
- Crosby St. Joseph's, Fr. T. Deutsch, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun 10:30 a.m.
- Crosslake Immaculate Heart, Mass: Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8:30
- Deerwood St. Joseph's, Fr. T. Deutsch, Mass: Sun. 8:30
- Emily St. Emily, Mass: Sat. 6 p.m.; Sun. 11; extra Sun. mass 9:30 on holiday weekends, 218-763-2101
- Garrison Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Justin Fish, 218-927-6581; Masses: Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m.
- Grand Rapids St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
- Hillman Holy Family, Fr. Justin Fish, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 9 a.m.
- McGrath Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sun. 11.
- McGregor Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.
- Vineland St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

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COMMUNITY

- Aitkin Community Nondenominational; 927-2749; Worship 10; at 219-1st Ave. NE. Glen, mile east of Glen - Rev. R. Stauter; Worship 9, May - October.
- Grand Rapids Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 p.m.
- Jacobson Community Church (the little white church in Jacobson). Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 p.m. Kimberly - Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.
- McGregor Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 9:30 at McGregor VFW; Elders: Larry Koehler 218-768-4407, Pat Perrine 218-768-2234, Joel Seibel 218-768-3771
- Merrifield Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Larry Harshman; SS 9:45; Service 11 & 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
- Merrifield Ossipee Community, Pastor Ralph Hegman; SS 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:30 p.m.
- Nisswa Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 9; Fellowship 10; Contemporary-Worship 10:15.
- 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, Pastor Paul Dietz, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45. Wed. worship. 7 p.m.
- McGregor Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL

Aitkin (UCC) — Rev. Richard Celley; Worship 10; Comm. 1st Sun.; Trustees Mtg., 2nd Sun.; Diaconate Mtg., 3rd Sun.; Adult Bible Study Sun. 9 am.

EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — St. John's, Rev. Karl E. Bell, Holy Communion Service 9

EVANGELICAL FREE

- Crosslake Pastor Fred Cressman; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@ crosslake.net
- Isle Pastor Charles Visser; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 p.m.; Adult Prayer 6:30 p.m.
- Malmo Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10:30; Worship 10:50; Young Families Fellowship 2nd and last Fri. of month, 5 p.m. June - Aug. gospel concerts every Sat. 7 p.m.
- Wright Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thurs., Bible Study, 7 p.m.

INDEPENDENT PENTECOSTAL

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

- ship, 9:30; Wed. Wed. Kids Club (starting 9/19) 3:30; Thurs. Bible Study & prayer 7; SS following morning worship.
- Aitkin Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Cindy Gray; Worship 9:30; SS 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun. each month.
- Aitkin First* (ELCA), Dorothy L. Sand, interim pastor; Sat. Worship 5 p.m.; Worship: Sun. 9; coffee fellowship 10; Contemporary 2nd & 5th Sun., Communion 1st & 3rd Sun.; service broadcast live on KKIN (930 AM) & on TV cable channel 8 at 9 am Wed.
- Aitkin St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 8 & 10:15 a.m.
- Beaver Township Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
- Cedarbrook St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
- Crosby Immanuel (ELCA) Pastor Paul J. Mattson; Sat. 5 p.m. worship; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 9:30; coffee & fellowship 10.
- Crosby -Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910
- Crosslake ----(ELCA), Pastor Mark Anderson; Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.
- Crosslake Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; SS/Bible Study 10:45; Worship 9:30; Fellowship follows; Holy Comm. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays; Confirm./Youth Group Wed. 6 p.m.; 218-692-4228
- Deerwood Salem (ELCA), Pastor D. Anderson; Worship: 8:30 & 10 am at Heartwood Senior Living Center, Crosby
- Giese Immanuel Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun.of month 8:45.
- Garrison Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Chris Hill; Worship 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 10:0 a.m.; Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; 320-692-4773.
- Garrison Shepherd of the Lake (Missouri Synod), Pastor Matthew Ruesch, Bible Study & SS Sun.
- 8:45; Worship 5pm Sat. 10am Sun; Fellowship 11. Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor Volkert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
- Hillman Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Cathie Rhodes; Sun. Worship 9:30. 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), Pastor John Lundberg; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.
- Isle Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.
- Jacobson Carmel, Pastors Loren & Judy Anderson-Bauer; SS 9:30, Service 11, fellowship follows.
- Malmo Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 p.m.; Sun. Worship 8 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

- Fellowship hour follows, SS during worship time.
- McGregor Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Henry Koopman; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 p.m.
- Opstead Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
- Outing Our Saviors; Worship 9.
- Palisade Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10.
- Rossburg Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd Sat of Mo. 9 - 1 p.m.; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
- Tamarack (AFLC) Pastor P. Franz; 1st & 4th Sun. 11: 3rd Sun. 1
- 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 Henry Koopman; Worship 10:30; Bible Study Thu. 10.

PENTECOSTAL INDIAN

Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, 218-768-3585, Pastors Ken and Robin Fairbanks, Praise and Worship, Sat., 11. Everyone Welcome!

PRESBYTERIAN

- Crosby/Ironton Pastor Norma Spurgin, 1st St. SE, Hallett Ave.; Worship 10 ; SS during worship.
- Crosslake Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship 9:30 coffee/fellowship 10:30; Adult Forum 3rd Sun. 8:15; Bible Study Wed. 9:45; Thu. Prayer 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Rd., 218-692-4769
- McGrath Calvary, Interim Pastor Rev. Bill Chadwick; Worship 9:30; SS 10:30.
- McGregor/Round Lake Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 9:30.
- Tamarack First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11. Round Lake — Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 9:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin - Pastor R. Brauer; Worship, Sat. 9:20; Sabbath School 10:20; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST

WESLEYAN

HOPE.

- Aitkin Rev. Judith A. Clark; Adult SS 9:15; Worship, Nursery & School age SS 10:30, fellowship follows.
- Crosby/Deerwood Cascade, Rev. Mark Nordell; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.
- Emily Pastor Lois Hansen; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.*
- Cromwell Northern Lights Parish (United Methodist),
- Pastor Russ Christensen; Worship 10:30; SS 9. Fleming — Worship 10:30; handicap accessible.
- Hill City Rev. Russ Christensen; Worship 10:45
- McGregor Pastor Russ Christensen .Worship 8:45; S.S. 10:15.*
- Palisade Pastor Russ Christensen; Worship 9. Cutler - Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Judith A. Clark; Worship 9; King's Kids 10 on 2nd Sundays.

Emily — Rev. Jeff Drake; Worship 9; Friendship Time

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

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Be one of the Reif's Top Ten! -



For 30 years come January, the Myles Reif Performing Arts Center in Grand Rapids has committed itself to its mission of "stimulating arts in Northern Minnesota." In large part, that mission is fulfilled by providing access to exciting, world-class performers and productions. However, it is also the goal of the Reif Center to nurture local artists.

In celebration of dedicatee, Myles Reif's Birthday on Aug. 22, at 7:30 p.m., the Reif will be presenting its First Annual "Top Ten Talent Search." This program is evidence of the Reif's renewed commitment to recognize and support the wealth of talent that lives in this region.

They are currently seeking regional talent to perform for the event. If you, or someone you know, is an exceptional singer, songwriter, dancer, musician, juggler, yo-yo artist, etc., please contact the Reif Center for how to audition. All applicants must submit a recording of their act or attend a live audition at the Reif Center. Only the top ten performers (hence the title, "Top Ten Talent Search") will be selected to compete in the final event, which will also be broadcast LIVE on ICTV. Winners will receive a \$500 cash prize, plus a chance to perform on the Reif stage during our 2010-2011 performance season (maybe even open for one of our

performers). Applications are being accepted until 4 p.m., Aug. 2. Performers must be 16 or older to participate, they must also live within a 100 mile radius of Grand Rapids. The live audition date will be August 5th from 4-6:30 p.m. Each final act will be given 10 minutes on stage. Please visit reifcenter.org for your audition form.

Tickets for this event, and more, will be available for sale on Aug. 2 – Adults \$15, Senior (66+) \$14, Students \$8.

Help the Reif Center support local talent and join us for this special event! For tickets and information visit the Reif Center website www.reifcenter.org or call 218-327-5780.



Blooming with art and the Old West

The Jaques Art Center Quick Draw was held at the Riverwood Healthcare Center's Healing Garden on July 15. There, artifacts and a buggy supplied by Tom Evans and Dennis Fairchild of Aitkin gave an Old West flair for the artists to paint. As part of the Jaques Plein Air event, artists were timed for the two-hour Quick Draw. Dianne A. Lewis won the Quick Draw with a portrait she painted of Fairchild, which he later bought. The Riverwood Foundation sponsored that award. Other winners were Michele Combs for the John C. Koenig award; Lewis with the Susan Lynn Meyer award; Robert Luedtke, the Mans Family award. Michele Combs, Luedtke and Claire Fix got honorable mentions. Here, Fairchild poses for Lewis.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ongoing Events:

- Access North Craft & Coffee, Mondays, 1 p.m., 210 2nd St. NW, Aitkin.
- Aitkin Children's Center Fall Family Nights, Thursdays, 6-7:15 p.m., at the Center. Call to register 927-4838, ext. 202.
- Aitkin Class of 1958 luncheon, 3rd Thu. each month (except Aug.), 40 Club, noon.
- Aitkin Youth Center, every Sun. thru April, Westside Building, ages 10 and up. Under 10 need parent. Families welcome. Info 218-927-6171, Steve.
- Aitkin Women of Today, 2nd Mon. of month at Mille Lacs Energy Coop, 7 p.m.
- Blind Lake (Aitkin Area) ATV Club, meets the 2nd Fri. of each month at Aitkin City Hall, 7:30 p.m. New members welcome.
- Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thur. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.
- Cancer Support Group, meets on the 3rd Tue. of each month at 6:30 p.m. rotating between Riverwood Healthcare, Aitkin and Cuyuna Regional, Crosby, Call 218-927-8287 or 218-546-4302.
- Circle of Parents, community based support group for parents and children, Tue. at St. James Church, Aitkin, 6-7:30 p.m., Info 218-927-2327.
- Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 p.m. 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 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meet in member's homes. Info call Vern 320-684-2244 or Roxy 218-927-4558.
- Cooks Night Out 3rd Wed of month, Mc-Gregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.
- Cuyuna Range Youth Center, 1st & 3rd Mon. 6-8 p.m. for grades 3-6; Thu. 4-8, Fri. 5-9, Sat. 5-10 for grades 7-12. Questions call 218-851-5165.
- DivorceCare meets every Wed., 6:45-8:30 p.m. at Glory Community Center, 12 mi. southeast of Aitkin. Call 218-927-3678.
- Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are: Tue. & Thu. from 12 to 3 p.m. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.
- Emily-Outing AA group will meet every Sunday at 4 p.m. at Emily Wesleyan Church, 40141 Hwy. 6 N., Emily. Call 218-792-5881 for more info.
- Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 p.m., Gampers Supper Club, Moose Lake, open to public.
- Gamblers Anonymous in Aitkin County meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, Palisade. Info call Mary 218-838-2762 after 9 p.m.
- Garrison City Council meets the first Thu. of each month at the City building.
- Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 p.m., Garrison Fire Hall.
- Garrison Volunteers meet 1st Mon. at Alliance Church, Garrison.
- Garrison Area Community Food Shelf open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 p.m., Alliance Community Church. Everyone welcome. For emergency Food Shelf call Community Alliance Church 320-692-4420, Light of the Cross Lutheran Church 320-692-4773 or Shephard of the Lake Lutheran Church 320-962-4581.
- Genealogy Group meets 2nd Sat. of month at Aitkin Depot Museum, 10 a.m., from

call Kathy at 218-546-5486.

- Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 p.m., 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.
- Stroke Support Group, meets 4th Mon. of each month at Aitkin Health Services, lower level, in Aitkin, 2-3 p.m. Family caregivers as well as stroke patients are welcome.
- Women's AA "Women 1st" open topic meetings Wed. at 7 p.m. at Aitkin Alano Society, 322 1st Ave. NE, Aitkin. Info call Julie 218-927-3533 or Kim 218-927-6546.

July:

- 22-26th The Moving Wall, Crosby Memorial Park, Crosby. 22nd - opening ceremony 5 pm; 24th - special ceremony 1 pm; 26th closing ceremony 5 pm.
- 23rd-24th Crazee Daze, downtown Brainerd, sidewalk sales, discounts and fun!
- 24th Outdoor Gospel Concert, 7 p.m., Malmo Ev. Free Church with Mark Wayne performing.
- 24th Annual BarBQue/Silent Auction of the Roosevelt & Lawrence Area Lakes Assn., Narrows Restaurant, Outing, noon - 7 p.m. or until gone for BBQ, 3-6 p.m. silent auction.
- 25th Dad's Belgian Waffles, 8-noon, Aitkin American Legion. Tickets \$7 (5 & under free) takeouts available. Proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House and other charities.
- 26th-30th Vacation Bible School, Glory Baptist Church, 9-noon, ages 4 through grade 6 welcome. Pre-registration forms available at church or call 218-9247-3678.
- 28th A Day of Kids Fishing, 9 am-2 pm, free but requires signed permission slip. Lunch provided, bring your own rod, reel and life jacket if you have them. Call 877-406-9101 to sign up.
- 30-31st Aitkin County Relay for Life, Aitkin County Fairgrounds, contact: dclark0805@mlecwb.net or 218-927-3243.
- 31st Outdoor Gospel Concert, 7 p.m., Malmo Ev. Free Church with Churchyard performing.
- Antique and Vintage Quilt display, Aitkin County Historical Society, Depot Museum, now through October.

August:

- 1st Celebrating 125 years, Aitkin United Methodist Church, worship 10:30; social hour 3; Anniversary program 4; 5:30 catered dinner, \$9 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. RSVP to 218-927-3242.
- 2nd "T for 2 @ 2" open house, Aitkin United Methodist Church, 2-4 pm.
- 2nd Dance at McGregor VFW, 1-4 pm, Jerry Bierschback performing.
- 2nd-6th Vacation Bible School, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, McGregor, 9:30-11:30, ages 4-12 welcome.
- 3rd Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge, potluck 6 pm, presentation 7 pm, 6 mi. S. of McGregor off Hwy. 65.
- 3rd TRIAD "Aging with Dignity" discussion at Fireside Restaurant, McGregor, 11 a.m., lunch provided, call Cheryl at 218-927-3811 for reservations.
- 6th & 7th Aitkin County Historical Society Annual Garage Sale, Aitkin County Fair Grounds, Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-3.
- 6th & 7th Asian Brush painting workshop, Brainerd Public Library, Fri. 8:30 am-8 pm, Sat. 8:30 am -3 pm.
- 7th Brat Sale for Eagle Scout project of band shell for arboretum. At VonHanson Meat on Hwy. 371 North.

Find a playmate at Star of the North

Evie is a small, female black lab mix. She is happy-go-lucky and enjoys going for walks and cuddling! As you can tell from her photograph, she also loves to play! Evie's adoption fee includes spaying, up to date vaccinations, bordetella and deworming. If you would like to adopt Evie, please submit an application via e-mail from www.starnorth.org (under forms). If you would like to visit Evie or any other animals at the shelter please e-mail adoptions@ starnorth.org or call 218-245-3732 to make an appointment. Adop-



tion hours are Mon. & Thu. from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Wed., Sat. and Sun. from noon to 3 p.m.



Adoptions increase 26 percent worldwide

The nation's largest adoption agency reports that adoptions – international and domestic – have increased by 26 percent over last year.

Bethany Christian Services has also seen a 19 percent increase in families stepping forward to begin the adoption process this year.

Marc Andreas, vice president of marketing for Bethany, said, "People have been really touched by the tragedy in Haiti and witnessing the reality of the orphan crisis." Bethany has partnered with many organizations to promote adoption, including Focus on the Family and the MTV reality show "16 and Pregnant."

In fact, one episode featured a Bethany birth mother who decided to place her baby with a family in North Carolina. "It was one of the most watched shows in all of MTV, on their network in 2009," Andreas said.

Bill Blacquiere, president and CEO of Bethany, said while the numbers are encouraging, there's more work to be done. "The figures Bethany released show strong improvement as we confront the global orphan crisis," he said, "but the need still remains as there are still an incredible number of orphaned children who wait for their 'forever family'.

"It is our vision that every child has a loving family, so we are working to find new families and identify supportive local communities. We all must contribute to take measurable and immediate action in order to find more families who can provide loving homes."



- Sept.-May.
- Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 p.m., Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
- Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, every Thu., 1 p.m., 210 2nd St. NW, suite A, Aitkin, 927-3748.
- Ironton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Tue., 6:30 weigh-in, 7 meeting at Immanual Lutheran Church, 600 4th St. SW, Crosby. Men & women invited. Info call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523.
- Jacobson Busy Bees meets every Thu., 10-2 p.m. at Jacobson Comm. Bldg. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-6652.
- Kids Game and Bible Activity night at Palisade Assembly of God. 7-8 p.m., K-12.
- Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Monday of month, 6:30 p.m., Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
- McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 p.m. at fire station hall.
- McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 3:30 p.m. at Lake Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.
- Memory Loss Support Group, meets first Wed., 1-2 p.m., Aicota Rehab Center, Aitkin & 3rd Tue., 3-4 p.m., Adult Day Service, McGregor. 218-927-7206
- MS Support Group, meets the 3rd Mon. of the month at 1 p.m. and the 1st Wed. of the month at 7 p.m., Hope Drop in Center, 210 2nd Ave. NW, Aitkin
- Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tue. of the month at 7:30 p.m. 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. Worknite, every Wed. at 6 p.m. on show grounds, throughout summer. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.
- Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com
- Rainbows Grief Support Group meets every 2nd & 4th Wed., 9:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran (Log) Church. Info call Mary Ann at 218-426-3491 or Diane Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to noon at 218-426-3343.
- Ripple River Quilters, 2nd Tue of month, 1 p.m., 40 Club convention center, call 218-534-4898 for more info. New members welcome.
- RSVP Bone Builders Tue. & Thu from 10-11, in Aitkin Commerce bldg above EyeCare. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-7206.
- Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 p.m. social, card playing 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments. For info

- 7th Old fashioned ice cream social, 3 pm, Aitkin United Methodist Church, live music.
- 7th Outdoor Gospel Concert, 7 p.m., Malmo Ev. Free Church with The Mystery Mountain Boys performing.
- 7th Kaleidoscope at Jaques Art Center, bring whole fish (frozen and then thawed for Japanese fish prints. Cost \$10. Contact Jaques for more information.
- 8th Aitkin United Methodist Church outdoor service, county fairgrounds, 10:30 am, potluck with hotdogs, buns, beverages and utensils provided, bring chair.
- 8th-12th Vacation Bible School, Deerwood Baptist Church, 6-8:30 p.m., ages 4-14 welcome. Register at 218-534-3171.
- 12th Crosslake in Bloom Luncheon and Garden Tour, noon, Crosslake Lutheran Church. Tickets call 218-692-4027.
- 12-14th Crosslake Art Club Annual Show, 10-5 p.m., Crosslake Community Center, free admission, demonstrations, refreshments, gift shop.
- 14th Outdoor Gospel Concert, 7 p.m., Malmo Ev. Free Church with The Travelers performing.
- 15th Our Lady of Fatima, McGrath, 100th Anniversary, 11 am Mass, luncheon to follow, historical displays.
- 16th Dance at McGregor VFW, 1-4 pm, Mr. Morgan performing.
- 21st Cuyuna Range Youth Center hot dog, brat and pop sale near Super Value in Crosby, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 21st Outdoor Gospel Concert, 7 p.m., Malmo Ev. Free Church with the Haining Family performing.
- 28th Outdoor Gospel Concert, 7 p.m., Malmo Ev. Free Church with Jim Lee performing.
- 31st Northwoods Regional ATV Trail System meeting, 6 p.m., Quadna Mountain Resort, Hill City.

September:

- 6th Dance at McGregor VFW, 1-4 pm, Jerry Bierschback performing.
- 25th Annual Arts/Crafts Fair & Women's Expo, Hallett Center, Crosby, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 20th Dance at McGregor VFW, 1-4 pm, Chmielewski Band performing.

October:

- 4th Dance at McGregor VFW, 1-4 pm, Mr. Morgan performing.
- 18th Dance at McGregor VFW, 1-4 pm, Chmielewski Band performing.

November:

- 1st Dance at McGregor VFW, 1-4 pm, Jerry Bierschback performing.
- 15th Dance at McGregor VFW, 1-4 pm, Mr. Morgan performing.
- December: 6th - Dance at McGregor VFW, 1-4 pm, Chmielewski Band performing.
 - 20th Dance at McGregor VFW, 1-4 pm Jerry Bierschback performing.
 - 31st Dance at McGregor VFW, 1-4 pm, Jerry Bierschback performing.

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Create your own relaxing outdoor oasis this summer

Make your backyard an ideal place to relax or entertain guests by creating your own personal outdoor oasis this summer.

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Define your space: Use potted plants to identify space and create intimate areas in your patio or yard. Certain plants are perfect for screening an unappealing view, dividing large spaces into smaller ones and directing foot traffic.

Make it private: Hang inexpensive, colorful or patterned rugs between simple wood posts for a fast and cheerful screen.

Repel unwanted guests: Keep mosquitoes from spoiling your time outdoors. Repel mosquitoes while adding a decorative touch to your deck or patio with the new ThermaCELL Patio Lantern. It creates a 15 x 15 foot "Bug-Free-Zone", allowing you to enjoy the outdoors in peace. The Therma Cell Patio Lantern repels up to 98 percent of mosquitoes and it also repels black flies and no-see-ums.

It features a light that can be used together with the repellent or separately. It is silent, portable, and odor free.

ThermaCELL technology has been tested and approved by the U.S. Army.



Currently used in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

ThermaCELL Patio Lantern is perfect for backyards, decks, picnics, barbeques,

camping, and outdoor parties. There is also a portable model that is great for fishing, hunting and other outdoor activities. **Be creative:** Create a festive focal point with your pool at night by adding floating candles and glass orbs. If you are not swimming, these festive additions will make your pool look magical at night.

Keep it cozy: Create an impromptu side table with a large flower pot capped with a round paver or flagstone. You can add built-in seating by capping your raised vegetable garden beds with stone, wood or tile at a finished height of 14 to 16 inches and add cushions for entertaining guests.

Light up the night: Solarpowered path lights gather energy during the day and can be used as soft, ambient lighting at night. Gather and stick them into potted plants in your patio near sitting areas. Solar lights are safer than candles and require no electricity.

Add flair in unexpected places: Repurpose wine corks, sea shells and marbles as "mulch" or as a finishing touch to container gardens.

Whether you're creating a backyard oasis to amaze guests or looking to build a beautiful retreat for your own enjoyment, keeping pesky mosquitoes from taking a bite out of your summer time is priceless.

Stay ahead of the heat for animal comfort, safety

With rising outside temperatures and predictions of high humidity in the coming weeks, livestock and poultry producers in Minnesota and the upper Midwest need to assure the barn ventilation systems are doing all that they can to keep animals as comfortable as possible this summer.

Here are a few items to check on:

If the barn is fully mechanically ventilated (permanently closed curtain or solid walls), make sure the barn does not have large undesigned openings, such as open walk in doors or windows. The barn needs to have a sufficient static pressure so that when the exhaust fans are operating, there is sufficient air inlet velocity to reach animals in pens and stalls. A static pressure target level for a barn is 1/8 inch of water gauge when all exhaust fans are operating. This will produce inlet air speeds of 10-plus miles per hour, which will provide excellent barn air mixing and assist in cooling housed animals.

Stay ahead of the heat build-up in the barn. In mechanically ventilated systems, make sure the controller's set points are low enough so summer exhaust fans and sprinklers are activated early in the day. For mature birds or animals, all the fans should be operating by the time room temperatures reach 75 degrees or even lower. Cooling systems should also be activated at mid-70s (indoor temperatures) for large mature ani-

mals and by 80 degrees for younger animals.

For naturally ventilated or "curtain barns," sidewall curtains or vents must be opened early in the day. Controllers that open these sidewall curtains and/or ridge vents need to be set so they are in the maximum open position by the time it reaches 70 or 75 degrees in most mature livestock or poultry barns. Since outside winds are what drive the air exchange in naturally ventilated buildings, make sure there are no large obstructions such as trees, buildings or machinery that will block wind from reaching your barn's sidewall openings.

Circulation fans in naturally and mechanically ventilated barns do not produce any barn air exchange. They simply move air over the housed animals, which will enhance animal cooling, especially if used in conjunction with sprinklers.

Besides keeping housed animals cool and comfortable, safety for animals and people is another reason to use proper ventilation in animal facilities during critical times such as manure pit pumping. For more information on proper barn ventilation for safety, visit University of Minnesota Extension's website at www.extension. umn.edu/go/1037. An article specific to keeping dairy cows comfortable and free of heat stress can be found at www.extension.umn.edu/ go/1038.

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LEGAL-NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., July 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 2010)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALEPRIVATE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICA-TION OF THE DEBT AND **IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME** PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-FN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGE: DATE OF May 6, 2004 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL

AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$142,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Timothy

T. Tierney and Nichole L. Tierney, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo

Home Mortgage, Inc., a California corporation, n/k/a Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FIL-ING: Filed May 12, 2004, Aitkin County Recorder; Document No. 357706

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORT-GAGE: Assigned to: Impac Funding Corporation, thereafter assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for holders of IM-PAC Secured Assets Corp., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-3

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4 of SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Forty-eight (48), Range Twenty-four (24), except the part thereof comprising the rightof-way of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company, and except the part thereof comprising State of Minnesota trunk highway right-of-way

STREET ADDRESS OF 22410 State PROPERTY: Highway 210, McGregor, MN 55760

COUNTY WHICH IN PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Aitkin County, Minnesota THE AMOUNT CLAIMED

TO BE DUE ON THE MORT-GAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$134,365.81

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all preforeclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable

statutes PURSUANT, to the power

of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE:

September 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Aitkin County Sheriff's office, 217 Second Street NW, Aitkin, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on March 2, 2011.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR AS-SIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDI-CIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STAT-UTES, SECTION 582.032, DE-TERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORT-GAGED PREMISES ARE IM-PROVED WITH A RESIDEN-TIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRI-CULTURAL PRODUCTION,

AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: July 2, 2010 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HOLDERS OF IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, **SERIES 2004-3** Mortgagee REITER & SCHILLER, P.A. By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. Sarah J.B. Adam, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. James J. Pauly, Esq. Leah K. Weaver, Esq. Brian F. Kidwell, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102-2227 (651) 209-9760 (Z3187) THIS IS A COMMUNICATION

FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 21.2

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALEPRIVATE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICA-TION OF THE DEBT AND

IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 30, 2004

PRINCIPAL ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$196,080.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Richard J. Ruprecht, a married person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FIL-ING: Filed July 2, 2004, Aitkin County Recorder; Document No. 359091

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORT-GAGE: Assigned to: None

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots Twenty-Two (22) and Forty-Three (43) of the plat of North Shore Beach

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: State 40911 Highway 18, Aitkin, MN 56431 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Aitkin County, Minnesota THE AMOUNT CLAIMED

TO BE DUE ON THE MORT-GAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$187,108.34

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all preforeclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows

DATE AND TIME OF SALE:

August 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. PLACE OF SALE: Aitkin County Sheriff's office, 217 Second Street NW, Aitkin,

Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is Six (6) months from the date of sale.

Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by

judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2011.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR AS-SIGNS. MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDI-CIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STAT-UTES, SECTION 582.032, DE-TERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORT-GAGED PREMISES ARE IM-PROVED WITH A RESIDEN-TIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRI-

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Dated: June 30, 2010 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee REITER & SCHILLER, P.A. By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. Sarah J.B. Adam, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. James J. Pauly, Esq. Leah K. Weaver, Esq. Brian F. Kidwell, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102-2227 (651) 209-9760 (Z3215) THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 17.0

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., July 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2010) **NOTICE OF MORTGAGE**

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THE RIGHT TO VERIFICA-TION OF THE DEBT AND **IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME** PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-

EN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 23, 2005 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL

AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$44,517.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Lori A. Hilton, an unmarried woman

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Svstems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for Watermark Financial Partners, Inc., a Colorado corporation

DATE AND PLACE OF FIL-ING: Filed August 2, 2005, Aitkin County Recorder; Document No. 367919

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORT-GAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That portion of Government Lot Seven (7), Section Thirteen (13), Township Fifty-two (52), Range Twentysix (26), described as follows: Commencing at a point on the west line of said Lot 7, 539 feet North of the North line of Summit Avenue as shown upon the Plat of Buck's Addition to Hill City, which is the point of beginning of the tract to be described; thence Easterly, parallel with the North line of said Summit Avenue a distance of 200.8 feet; thence deflect to the left 77 degrees 25 minutes

a distance of 300 feet; thence deflect to the left on a parallel with the North line of Summit Avenue to the West line of said Lot 7; thence southerly along the West line of said Lot 7 to the point of beginning, excepting therefrom all public roads and highways and mineral reservations on file.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 522 Summit Avenue Northeast, Hill City, MN 55748

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Aitkin County, Minnesota

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORT-GAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$47,995.88

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-

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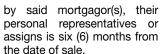
foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes:

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Aitkin County Sheriff's office, 217 Second Street NW, Aitkin, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption



Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on

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Dated: July 12, 2010 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee REITER & SCHILLER, P.A. By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. Sarah J.B. Adam, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. James J. Pauly, Esq. Leah K. Weaver, Esq. Brian F. Kidwell, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102-2227 (651) 209-9760 (Z4093) THIS IS A COMMUNICATION

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WEALTHWOOD **TOWNSHIP CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE**

The regular monthly meeting of the Wealthwood Township Board has been changed from 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at the Town Hall due to the Primary Election.

LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township 2.23

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, July 24 & 31, 2010)

MALMO TOWNSHIP CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE

The August 2010 Monthly Meeting of the Malmo Town Board will be Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. a the Malmo Town Hall. The monthly meetings will be on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. thereafter as usual. ARLENE WESTERLUND, Clerk, Malmo Township 2.22

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, July 24 & 31, 2010) **GLEN TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING** FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for township officers to be elected at the Waukenabo Township Election which will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

Filing will open Tuesday, August 3, 2010 and close Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of the clerk.

Offices to be filled are: Supervisor A - 4 year term Supervisor B - 4 year term Supervisor C - 2 year term Treasurer - 4 year term Filing fee is \$2.00. Dated this 16th day of July, 2010 ROXY APPEL WIGTON, Clerk Glen Township 4.1

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MACVILLE **TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for Macville Township officers to be elected at the General Election which will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

Filing will open Tuesday, August 3, 2010 and close at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Offices to be filled are one Supervisor for a four (4) year term; and one Treasurer for a four (4) year term.

Filing fee is \$2. Call for appointment. Dated: July 15, 2010 DOROTHY BISKEY, Clerk Macville Township 3.91



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Minnesota DNR teams with Dairy Queen to reward safe young boaters

Minnesota kids wearing life jackets while boating this summer will not only be practicing boat safety, but also could be rewarded with an ice cream treat.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has partnered with Dairy Queen to provide a PFD Panda Award certificate to youngsters who are observed by conservation officers to be wearing a life jacket while boating. The certificate includes a tear-off coupon that entitles the child to a free cone or cheeseburger from participating Dairy Queen restaurants.

"We at International Dairy Queen are pleased with the idea," said Ryan Hassebroek, regional marketing manager for the Minnesota-based company. "It is a great way to encourage children to wear their life jackets and our hope is that this safe boating behavior continues right through adulthood."

Currently more than 96 percent of children now wear a life jacket while boating in Minnesota, according to recent studies conducted by the DNR. That's an increase from about 47 percent in 1984.

The PFD Panda Award certificate was created by the DNR after a conservation officer suggested there be a reward for children wearing their life jacket. PFD Panda is the DNR's mascot that encourages kids to boat safely. PFD refers to personal flotation device, the official name given to life jackets.

"We've had the PFD Panda Award for nearly 20 years," Smalley said, "but we thought it would be a nice addition to give kids a cool treat to go along with the cool award for wearing their life jackets."

DNR conservation officers report that children have called them over to their

family's boat so they can earn safety promotional the life jacket award. One child said to his friend who had come along, "See, I told ya you get ice cream for wearing your life jacket."

Several other government agencies, including the U.S. Coast Guard, now use the PFD Panda character for boating

campaigns. However, Minnesota is the only state to use the PFD Panda Award. "It's been a won-

derful tool to educate youngsters about boating and water safety," Smalley said.



"We know it's working, and thank Dairy Queen for step-

ping up to help with this important campaign."

Minnesota county sheriff's water patrol deputies also distribute the DNR's PFD

Panda certificates to children.

Walleye regulations on Lake Mille Lacs slightly relax

Since July 15, anglers who fish for walleye on Lake Mille Lacs will be able to keep larger walleye because of a new mid-season regulation that took effect, according to the Minnesota Department of the Natural Resources (DNR).

The new regulation will require anglers to immediately release all walleye 20 to 28 inches in length. Currently, anglers must immediately release all walleye 18 to 28 inches in length.

Mille Lacs' four-walleye limit remains in place. Only one of the four walleve an angler may keep can be longer than 28 inches.

The DNR broadened the harvest opportunity because angler harvest and hooking mortality is below the threshold necessary to maintain the current and more protective slot limit.

As of June 30, angler harvest of walleyes was less than half of the state's annual allocation of 411,500 pounds.

This year, the DNR instituted a policy on a trial basis that calls for relaxing the walleye regulation when harvest and hooking mortality is low, restricting the regulation when the harvest and hooking mortality is high, and keeping the regulation the same when the harvest is not significantly high or low.

"This new change addresses the request of the Mille Lacs Lake Fisheries Input Group,"

said Dirk Peterson, DNR fisheries section chief. "It provides a good balance of resource protection and angler opportunity, while at the same time pursuing the need for consistency in regulations from year to year."

The walleye size limit will revert back to the 18 to 28 inch protected slot limit on Wed., Dec. 1, for the winter angling season. The possession limit will remain at four fish.

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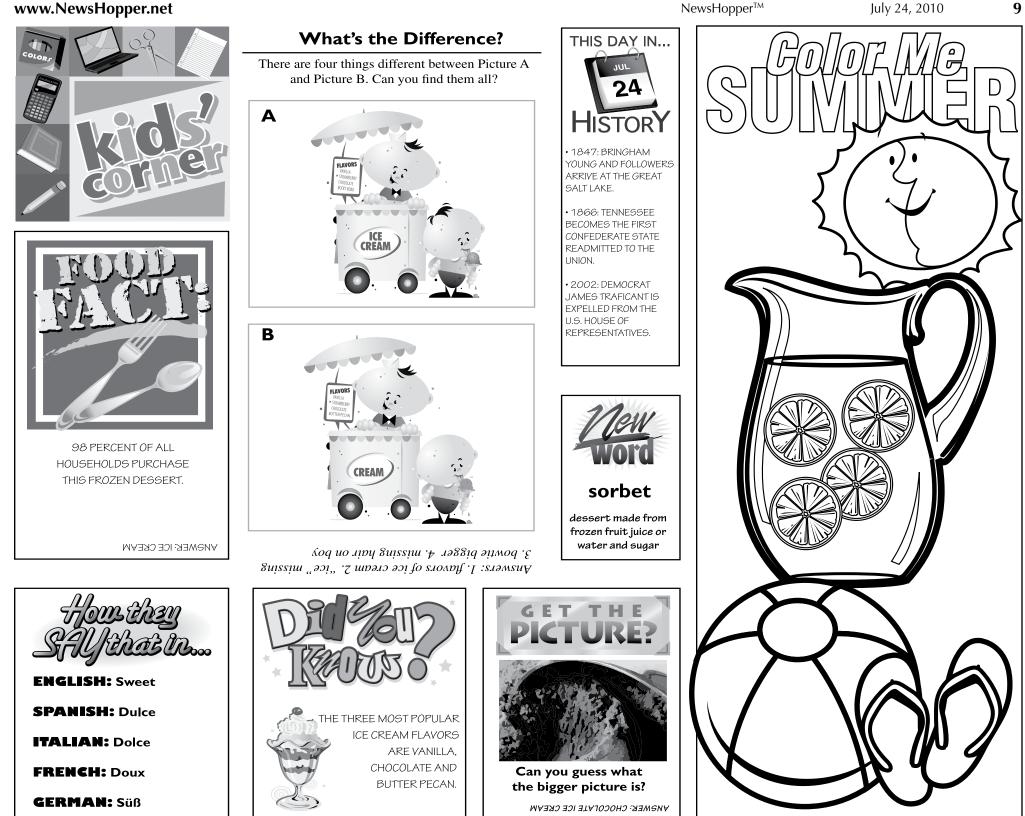
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