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## Man charged with trying to kill another man's unborn baby Rory Northrup faces felonies for beating up his pregnant wife

Rory Northrup, 24, rural called for her. Aitkin, was charged with attempted murder of an unborn child in the first degree, premeditated; and assault in the first degree, substantial bodily harm. Both charges are felonies and stem from an incident in a Hazelton Township home on Jan. 12.

According to court records, Northrup is now being represented by Wesley R. Martins, Duluth, of the Indian Legal Assistance Program. Martins was substituted for another public defender of Brainerd.

On Jan. 13, about 3:19 a.m., deputies were called to the Hazelton Township residence when Rory's wife claimed he beat her up, her eye was swelling shut and she was not sure if she needed medical attention.

On route, deputies were advised that he had passed out.

At the home, two females standing in the living room pointed toward the back door. A light was on in the basement with a man sleeping on a mattress and the black door handle was broken off the screen door.

The wife was speaking quietly and an ambulance was

Deputies say her face and chin were bruised, her left eye was swelling and her left cheek was swelling. She lifted her shirt to show she was 24 weeks pregnant. She said that her husband punched and headbutted her face and punched and kicked her several times in the abdominal area, that he threatened to kill her and forced her to drink alcohol with the intention of harming her unborn child, of which he is not the father.

She said that Rory made threats, claiming he would end the life of the child or himself. He had a knife in his hand at the time, she said.

Two more deputies came and were unable to locate the knife. They arrested Northrup with their taser drawn, handcuffed him and noticed blood spots on his long johns and hands. By 4 a.m. he was placed in a squad car.

As deputies searched the home they noticed there was very little food there. Later, they talked to a 10-year-old child who said there were six children there sleeping who didn't see anything.

The wife was taken to St.

Joseph's hospital in Brainerd while Northrup was booked into the Aitkin County jail with a blood alcohol content of .10 and abrasions on his knuckles and blood on his palm.

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A Brainerd police officer was asked to take a statement from the wife in the emergency room. He noted that her face was severely swollen with her eyes almost swollen shut and her abdomen had bruises and red marks. In a taped statement, she said

that Rory started drinking at 8 p.m. He was upset that she was pregnant with another man's child, as she was in another relationship when they were split up for 18 months.

She said that she and Rory were only together for about eight or nine months before they split up. He demanded that she abort the pregnancy or give the baby up for adoption.

She decided to give it up.

Allegedly, after midnight, when the children were asleep, he started assaulting her, an ordeal that lasted about two hours. He pulled her hair, slapped and punched her and kicked her in the abdomen and face in the living room. He straddled her and struck her with a closed fist. At some point he drug her to the basement where he grabbed her stomach and squeezed it together and also kneaded her stomach.

her, slammed her against the basement wall and slammed her head on the cement floor. She felt as though she would pass out. He threatened to kill her unborn baby as she had refused to abort the pregnancy. He threatened to kill himself saying he or the baby were going to die and threatened to stick a clothes hanger or

Allegedly, he head-butted



Rory Northrup

something up her to kill the child. She said she felt that he was going to kill her.

Earl Maus is the judge on the case. Court records show that Northrup has faced many charges from alcohol and drugs to assault, criminal sexual conduct and disorderly conduct. He was convicted of domestic assault by strangulation for a Carlton County incident in July 2006.

The next step will be an omnibus hearing in Aitkin County District Court.

## Dale Lueck's wolf case continued

Dale Lueck is a rural Aitkin farmer who is working to get the wolf delisted as an endangered species. He was to have a hearing in federal district court on Jan. 20, but

the case has been stayed until June. Lueck said it is hoped that the wolf will be de-listed in the meantime through the efforts of Sen. Amy Klobuchar and others to help his case.

"This whole thing is a soap opera, as The World Turns,' said Lueck. This is the fourth time that the court case has been postponed.



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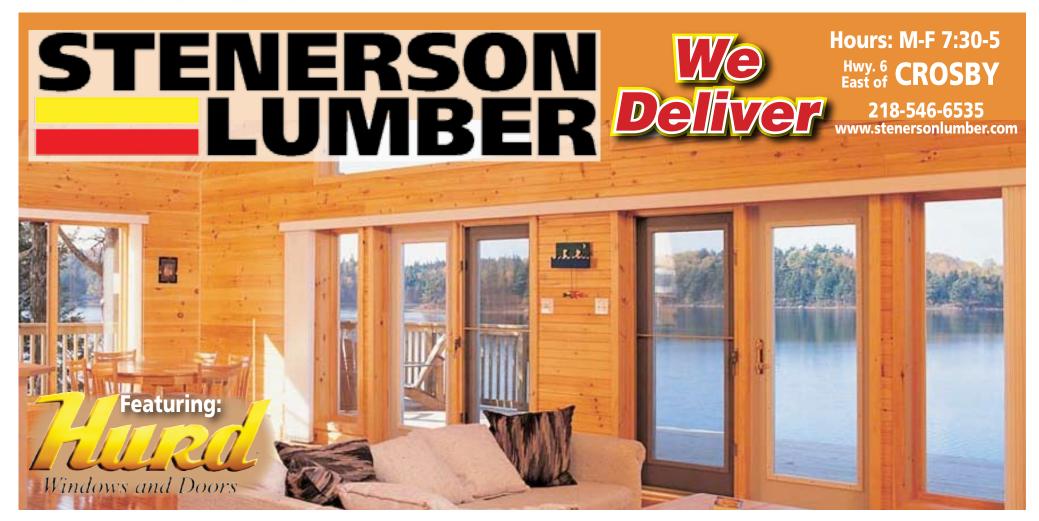
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By Jason Delong Treasure Hunters Roadshow STAFF WRITER

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes because the Roadshow is coming to **Brainerd**. Roadshow experts will be in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1964, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

"U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date."

Expert buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry they don't wear anymore with our "fair and honest" purchase offers. Got Gold? Next week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff

will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis. toy roadshow expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Donald Mouse.

Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy I toys from the 1920's to 1960's are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch a large sum. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational prices. Most of the toys that come

to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to unswer, "Old coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or

"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for competitive prices.

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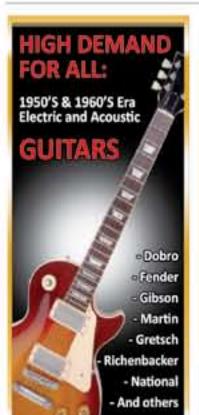
could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow," said Fuller.

**Top Five Items** 

Gold



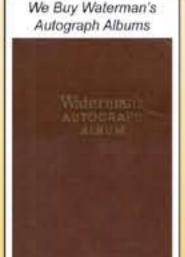
Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike Delong with anticipation as the Roadshow Expert examines his collectibles.



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Sarah Smith and her children of McGregor will be the new homeowners of a Habitat for Humanity home to be built in McGregor. From left: Sydney, Cooper, Sarah, the mom and

Sarah Smith, 33, McGregor, and her three children have been chosen as the partner family for the new Habitat for Humanity home that will be built on Iverson Street in McGregor this year.

The family lives in a rented house now and they say they

are very excited to be on their own when the house is complete.

Sarah works for Access Health, as a home health aide, and also as an on-call custodian at the McGregor School.

"I've never owned a home so

## Sarah Smith family chosen for McGregor home

I'm looking forward to something we can call our own," said Smith in an interview. "It will be nice to have our own yard and rooms we can decorate. The girls have big plans for painting rooms pink and purple."

Sarah, a single mom with children to raise and lots of work to do, has almost no free time. "Going on Facebook is my social life," she said.

If time and money were no object she would enjoy ice fishing, snowmobiling and visiting friends and shopping in the Twin Cities.

Daughter Sydney, 13, the oldest, is a seventh grader at McGregor School. She plays volleyball, basketball and softball. She likes to hang out with friends, go shopping and text with her cell phone.

goals for her future. "My grades are pretty good. I've made the And B honor rolls. I try to help my mom a lot. I'd like to be a professional athlete or a hairdresser. I'm definitely going to go to college." Sydney said

Sydney and her younger sister Elyssa rely on each other, watch and help with their younger brother and support each other. They love to play a dancing and singing game on the TV. They share a room now and hope to have their own rooms in the new house, but that is yet to be determined.

Elyssa, 11, is a sixth grader at McGregor. She plays volleyball and basketball and is thinking about joining softball.

"I like to chill out at home and hang out with my friends," she said. "I love to read, but I

It's apparent that she has set don't like to take tests on what I read."

She said she loves to attend volleyball and basketball games at the school.

What's Elyssa most looking forward to in her new home? "I hope we have carpet or a wood floor, not tile," she said.

Cooper, 3 on Feb. 1, is a bundle of energy. He goes to daycare and has a Head Start home visitor who supports the whole family. His latest obsession is dinosaurs -- books, a PBS show and movies. He also loves dogs.

"His sisters are very patient with him," said Mom Sarah. "They are like his two extra little mommies."

The family is a cozy circle, complete with dog, Cosmo and cat, Ninja.

"I'm working on Cooper's

behavior and on getting the girls to help more with chores," said Sarah. "Now that I've changed jobs I don't have to work every Sunday and I want to take the kids to church more."

She admitted to being both excited and overwhelmed about owning a home. She needs to get in 300 hours of sweat equity and is working with the Habitat for Humanity board members on training to be a new homeowner.

If you are interested in volunteering for or donating to Aitkin County habitat for Humanity, call 218-927-5656, write to Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 281, Aitkin, MN 56431. Or you can donate on line at giveMN.org or email achfh@aitkincountyhabitat.org.

## Governor missed a fish but caught the Extravaganza spirit

Preliminary estimates indicate that over 10,000 people were in attendance at the world's largest charitable ice fishing tournament on Jan. 22 for the 21st annual Brainerd Jaycees \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza. Participants came from as far as Sweden, plus many from across the country - Texas, Florida and New York to name a few.

In amongst the sea of anglers was Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton, the first sitting governor to attend this unique winter tourism event. He was invited to the Extravaganza by Minnesota State Representative John Ward, a Brainerd native, and spent the morning discussing the economic im-

pact of tourism in the Brainerdlakes area. Although he didn't catch a fish, Dayton stated that he enjoyed the Extravaganza experience and said, "This is what Minnesota tourism is all

At 12:03 p.m. the first angler was welcomed to the weighin tent by on-lookers ringing cow bells. There were 724 fish registered this year. Andrew Schultz landed the winning fish, a 7.18 pound Northern in 11 feet of water using a minnow and a tip-up. A first-time Extravaganza attendee from Donsman, WI, Schultz had this to say, "I was really excited because this was the biggest fish I've ever caught." Schultz had his choice between a Ford or GMC pick-up truck – he chose the Ford. In 100th place, winning an Ice Castle Fish House was Brandon Popp from Sauk Rapids, MN. He caught a .55 pound Walleye. In last place (150th) was Bill Werner from Cloquet, MN, and he landed on the leader board with a .43 pound Perch which won him an Arctic Cat ATV 550 Power

There are two notable characteristics about this event it is completely volunteer run and 100 percent of the proceeds are donated to area charities. The Brainerd Jaycees invests more than 20,000 hours in the planning of the contest. Amongst the 400 volunteers was Roberta Jay, the chairman of the contest this year. She said, "I grew up around this event and am amazed every year at its success and the commitment of our volunteers." The largest beneficiary is Confidence Learning Center, an outdoor recreational facility for people with developmental disabilities, but it's estimated that 50 charities will benefit from the successful event. The Brainerd Jaycees have donated \$2.6-million to charities since the first Extravaganza was held

All of the official event information can be found online at www.icefishing.org including a complete winner's list. Next year's event will be held on Sat., Jan. 21, 2012.



John Ward, Governor Mark Dayton and Roberta Jay.

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To learn how to enter and to view the competition rules,

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## OBITUARIES

## **HELEN PRIEM**

Helen Ann Priem, 88, of Aitkin and formerly of McGregor, died on Mon., Jan. 17, 2011, at Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin.

Services were held Fri., Jan. 21, 2011, at Holy Family Catholic Church in McGregor with Fr. John Fleischhacker officiating. Burial was in Union Woodland Cemetery.

She was born April 11, 1922, in Holdingford, to Michael and Anna (Berschik) Varhalla. She graduated from Holdingford High School. She married Alexander Skaj on Jan. 30, 1940, in Holdingford. After Alexander passed away she married Earl Priem on May 6, 1970, in Duluth. She was a member of the McGregor VFW Auxiliary, Holy Family Catholic Church and its Council of Catholic Women.

She is survived by her son and daughters-

in-law, Jim (Charlene) Skaj, Hugo; Mary Skaj, Aitkin: daughter and son-in-law. Pat (Al) Melser, Embarrass; eight grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; sister, Lorraine Embry, Illinois; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Alexander Skaj; second husband, Earl Priem; son, Andy Skaj; brothers: Ray, John, Ben, Andy, Elmer, and Mike Varhalla; sisters: Irene Francisco, Betty Wing, Marie Wagner, Margaret Varhalla, Rose Varhalla, Ann Lucia and her parents.

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

### LEEANN COSGROVE

LeeAnn J. Cosgrove, 66, of McGregor formerly of Crystal, died on Tue., Jan. 18, 2011, at the University of Minnesota Fairview Hospital.

Services were held Mon., Jan. 24, 2011, at Holy Family Catholic Church in McGregor with Fr. Paul Fruth officiating. Burial was in the Round Lake Cemetery.

She was born March 4, 1944, in Minneapolis, to Peter and Judith (Torsdahl) Boersma. She grew up and attended schools in Minneapolis graduating from North High School in 1962. She married Patrick Cosgrove on May 9, 1964, in Minneapolis. They made their home in Crystal. The purchased a cabin on Horseshoe Lake near McGregor in 1987 and moved there permanently in 2000. She was very involved with the Minnewawa Sportsman's Club.

Mary Magdalen Popek, 92, of Crosby, died on Wed., Jan. 19, 2011, at the Cuyuna Re-

Services were held Mon., Jan. 24, 2011, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial

She was born July 18, 1918, in Crosby, to Mike and Ivka (Butorac) Perpich. She married Joseph Popek on May 2, 1953, in Crosby. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby, National Catholic Society of Foresters, St. Mary's Court #854 and the

She is survived by her son and daughterin-law, Pat (Pam) Cosgrove, Coon Rapids; daughters and son-in-law: Kristin Trizulny, Plymouth; Amy (Todd) Schoeben, Bloomington; significant other, Frank Sweeney, McGregor; seven grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law: Betty (Mel) Hill, Santa Paula, CA.; Carol Caffee, Carlisle, IA; Marlys (John) Dick, Minneapolis; brothers and sisters-in-law: Don (Joyce) Boersma, New Hope; Bob (Fran) Boersma, Maple Grove.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Patrick, in 2000; and sister, LaVonne.

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

## **MARY POPEK**

gional Care Center in Crosby.

was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

Myrin-James American Legion Post #443,

Pickar, Crosby; brother, Frank Perpich, Crosby; sister-in-law; Gloria Perpich, Ironton; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joseph, in 1998; brothers, Tony, Myron and Joseph Perpich; sisters, Elsie, Dorothy and Ann Perpich and Stella Middleton.

Home of Crosby.

She is survived by her daughter, Rose Ann

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Martin A. Berg. 69. of Mc-Gregor, died on Wed., Jan. 19, 2011, at the Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Services were held Tue., Jan. 25, 2011, at the McGregor Community Center in McGregor. Burial was in the Round Lake Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the McGregor Larson-Deneen VFW Post.

He was born Oct. 19, 1941, at Wealthwood, to Martin and Anna (Scherle) Berg. He moved with his family to Tamarack. He grew up and attended schools in Tamarack and McGregor graduating from the McGregor High School in 1961. He then served in the U.S. Army. Upon his discharge, he returned to Tamarack and farmed for a time. He married Linda Eigsberg on June 24, 1967, at Tamarack. Martin also worked as a truck driver, auctioneer and real estate broker and drove bus for the McGregor Schools for 16 years. He had lived in the Tamarack/McGregor area his whole life. He was a member of the McGregor Lions, the Tamarack Presbyterian Church and had been involved with the 4-H program for many years. as well as many community events.

He is survived by his wife: Linda Berg, McGregor; son and daughter-in-law, David (Brenda Besch ) Berg, Aitkin; daughter and son-in-law, Deanna (Donald) Lemke, Shakopee, mother: Anna Berg, McGregor; six grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Darrell (Daisy) Berg, Tamarack; Helen (Eugene) Berg, McGregor; Helmer (Ginny) Berg, Stanchfield;, Leonard (Kathy) Berg, Maple Plain; sister-inlaw, Carol Berg, Tamarack.

He was preceded in death by his father, Martin; brother, Ole; sister, Marlene Latvala; brother-in-laws: Burton Demenge and Norman Latvala.

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

#### EVELYN LOUND

Evelyn Bertha Lound, 89, of Brainerd, died on Sat., Jan. 22, 2011, at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Fri., Jan. 28, 2011, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Brainerd. Burial will be at the Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township. Friends may call on Thursday at the Koop Funeral Home from 4 to 7 and one hour prior to the services at the church.

She was born June 26, 1921, in Vineland, to Henry and Lillie (Hoskins) Britton. She married Clifford Lound on Aug. 28, 1940, in Brainerd.

She is survived by her son and daughter-

in-law, Stanley (Dorothy) Lound, Brady, TX; daughters and sons-in-law: Gloria (Gary) Jensen, Ironton; Dianna (John) Evans, Bemidji; brother and sister-in-law, Harlan (Alvina) Britton, Brainerd; sisters and brothers-in-law: Rachel (Harvey) Wing, Brainerd; Agnes (Walter) Hines, Brainerd; 11 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren and three great-greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clifford; brothers, Arthur, Clifford, Lawrence, Bennie and Floyd Britton; and sister, Jennie Zuelich.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

### THOMAS MARTZ

Thomas Martz, 53, of Aitkin, died on Mon., Jan. 24, 2011, at his residence after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Services were held Thu., Jan. 27, 2011, at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Reverend Susan Cline officiating. Burial was in Malmo Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 12, 1957, in Aitkin, to Ross and Kathryn (Hartman) Martz. He attended Aitkin public schools and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1975. He then attended Brainerd Vocational Technical College studying welding and auto-body repair. From 1978 to 1988 he was employed as a welder at FMC Corp., a Fridley based defense contractor which produced the Trident I submarine launched missile. After a short stint at Potlach Corp. in Brainerd, he started his own welding business.

He is survived by his daughter, Ashley Trunk and her friend Isaac Benson, Malmo; a grandson; brother, J. Robert Martz, Aitkin; a niece and nephew; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and step-father, George Harrison.

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

\* 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

## **ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Aitkin - Rev. Dan Turner; SS 9; Worship 10; Wed.

Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30 Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45

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.

Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.;

Aitkin — Westside, Pastor D. Smith; Worship 10; Bible Life group 11:11; aitkinwestside.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 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.,

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; Sat. 7:30 pm.

Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Sun. 10:30; 8 Wed. & Fri;

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:

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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

#### **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

## **COMMUNITY**

Aitkin Community — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE. 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 aPerrine 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 Benjamin Peterson; 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, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45. 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

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## **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.

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 Aitkin — Bethel\* (CLB), Rev. G. Salmonson; Worship, 9:30; Wed. 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), Rev. Dorothy L. Sand; Worship: Sun. 8 & 10:30; SS 9:15; Fellowship & Adult Bible Study between services; Contemporary 2nd & 5th Sun., Communion every Sat. 5 p.m. & 1st & 3rd Sun.: second 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. 9, SS 10 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 (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sat. 5 p.m. worship; 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), Pastor Mark Anderson; Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor wor-

ship 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.;

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor D. Anderson; Worship: 9:30; after Labor Day 8:15 & 10:30 Giese Immanuel - Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st

Sun. of month 8:45.

Worship 9.; Fellowship 10; Mid-week service Wed. 6:15 pm with SPARK 6:30 pm; 320-692-4773. Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (Missouri Synod), Vacancy Pastor, Bible Study & SS Sun. 8:45; Wor-

Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Chris Hill;

ship 10; Fellowship 11. Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor Volkert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

Hillman - Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Bob Munneke; 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 Jacobson — Carmel, Pastors Loren & Judy Anderson-Bauer; SS 9:30, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. lowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun. McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 p.m., Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

- 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 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; Wed . School classes 4:30 p.m. - Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-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; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. 1 Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st

Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9. Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Henry Koopman; Worship 10:30; Bible Study Thu. 10.

and 3rd Sun. April through December.

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

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**

Aitkin — Rev. Judith A. Clark; high school & adult SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 Nursery & School age SS, 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; handicapped acces-

Hill City — Rev. Russ Christensen; Worship 10:45 McGregor — Pastor Russ Christensen . Worship 8:45; SS 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-

## BITUARIES CONT'D-

### **JULIE SEDERBERG**

Julie Lynn Anderson Sederberg, 42, of Mc-Gregor, died on Mon., Jan. 24, 2011.

Services will be held at noon on Sat., Jan. 29, 2011, at the McGregor Community Center followed by lunch.

She was born March 16, 1968, in St. Paul, to Robert and Jeanne (Steger) Anderson. The family moved to Big Sandy Lake in McGregor in 1975. She graduated from McGregor High School in 1986. She married Dave Sederberg, together they had three boys. She was currently in her third year of college in Grand Rapids.

She is survived by her sons: Joseph Sederberg, Minneapolis; Alexander Sederberg, Minneapolis; Dylan Sederberg, McGregor; parents, Bob and Jeanne Anderson, Mc-Gregor; brothers and sisters-in-law: Robert Anderson, Ely; Joel (Stefanie) Anderson, Columbia Heights; John (Joyce) Leitner, Nisswa; nieces, nephews; and friend and companion of ten years, Neal Sampson, McGregor.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Theresa Leitner.

### **VERNON STEBERG**



Vernon D. "Mike" Steberg, 86, of Garrison, died on Tue., Jan. 25, 2011, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Services will be held at noon on Sat., Jan. 29, 2011, at the Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. Burial will be at the Garrison Community Cemetery with full military honors given by the Garrison VFW. Friends may call on Saturday one hour prior to the services at the church.

He was born July 5, 1924, in Wanamingo, MN to Alfred and Regina (Greseth) Steberg. He married Mernyce Nelson on March 1, 1943, in Rochester. He was a WWII Marine Corp Veteran serving in the South Pacific Theater. He was retired member of the International Operator Engineer Local 49 with 25 years of

He is survived by his wife, Mernyce; son and daughter-in-law, Michael (Kathy) Steberg, Northfield; brother and sister-in-law, Manton (Marion) Steberg, Zumbrota; sister, Irene Blomberg, Rochester; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## **Eighth annual Crosslake WinterFest**

The Crosslake WinterFest kicks off Thu., Feb. 3 with a Medallion Hunt and continues through the weekend.

Clues for the WinterFest Treasure Hunt for the Medallion will be posted on www. crosslake.com or at all Crosslake Chamber merchants. The reward for a lucky hunter is a basket filled with prizes donated by Crosslake area businesses.

For just \$5, buy a Winter-Fest wristband for specials and discounts at a variety of Crosslake businesses.

Several Crosslake businesses will be hosting a myriad of events ranging from bocce ball tournaments to Italian Olympics.

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 4 at the Crosslake Community Center there will be horse drawn wagon rides, a bonfire and s'mores, Snow Mountain, pond skating, DJ music, a fire truck for kids to check out and more.

On Sat., Feb. 5, fuel up at the Firefighter's Pancake

Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Crosslake Lutheran Church. The day includes ice sculpture demonstrations, antique and vintage snowmobile rally, kids games, ice car races, music and more!

To warm up from the inside out, buy a \$3 WinterFest Souvenir Cup and visit 17 different businesses starting at noon on Saturday until the soup is gone.

For more information call Cindy Myogeto at 218-692-

## **Ice Fishing Contest and vintage Scorpion snowmobiles in Crosby**

The Annual Serpent Lake Ice Fishing Contest and Scorpion Snowmobile Homecoming will be on Sat., Feb. 5 from

noon to 3 p.m. in Crosby. On ice raffles, concessions and prizes available.

Over 1200 holes will be 546-8131.

drilled and waiting for you to drop your line at noon.

For more details, call 218-

## T'ai Chi and TV with Dan Hegstad

Join with Unlimited Learning on Tue., Feb. 8, when local writer and motivational speaker Dan Hegstad will some of its benefits. As Sta- ing with kids and participatcombine the topics of T'ai Chi, the Chinese martial arts and public television in central Minnesota. The class will be held at Heartwood Senior Living Community in Crosby from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

AT'ai Chi practitioner himself for nearly 20 years and tion Manager at Lakeland Public Television KAWB, he will also cover the history of public television in this area and give a preview of its future.

Hegstad has four books to his credit and has written articles for Lake Country

owner of Full Circle T'ai Chi Journal magazine and others. Studio in Brainerd, Hegstad Among his many interests are will explain T'ai Chi and technology, bicycling, working in service organizations such as Rotary and Kinship Partners.

Non-members pay \$6 for the session. For further information, contact Larry Foote, 218-678-3034, or http://unlimitedlearning.net.



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## **Hundreds of thousands March for** life in Washington D.C.

Hundreds of thousands of life advocates gathered in Washington, D.C., Jan. 24 for the 38th annual March for Life. They marched in remembrance of the estimated 48 million preborn babies who have lost their lives in the nearly four decades since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in Roe v. Wade.

The Rev. Mark Ivany, who led Mass before the march, compared the crowd to civil rights

advocates of the past.

"The greatest difference between other civil rights movements and this one is that most of the people affected by Roe v. Wade can't march on Washington," Ivany said. "They can't give great speeches."

Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., was one of dozens of lawmakers who addressed the crowd.

"This 'acceptable bigotry — prejudice against the child in the womb' has been promoted for de-

cades," he said, "despite breathtaking advances in fetal medicine. ...

"Let us recommit today to even more persevering prayer, fasting and hard work to ensure the human rights of all, regardless of age, race, religion, sex, disability, immaturity or condition of dependency."

The weekend events culminate with the 29th annual Rose Dinner tonight. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., is the keynote speaker.

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Ongoing Events:

Access North Craft & Coffee, Mondays, 1 p.m., 210 2nd St. NW, Aitkin.

Aitkin Area Toastmasters meet 2nd & 4th Thu. each month, 6 pm at MLEC.

Aitkin Weight Watchers meet Thu, 5 pm weighin, 5:30 meeting above Aitkin Eye Care Center. Call 218-927-2407 for more info.

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

Circle of Parents, community based support group for parents and children. Tue, at St. James Church, Aitkin, 6-7:30 p.m., Info

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.

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.

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

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 Sun. 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 Tue. at 7 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, Palisade. Info call Mary 218-461-5258 after 9 p.m.

Garrison AA & ALANON meet every Mon. 7:30, at city hall; also AA at Alliance Church, Garrison Wed. 7-8 pm.

Garrison City Council meets the first Thu. of each month at the City building.

Garrison Volunteers meet 1st Mon. at Alliance Church, Garrison.

Garrison Area Community Food Shelf open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 p.m., at 9541 Madison Street: Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a mes-

Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, every Thu., p.m., 210 2nd St. NW, suite A, Aitkin, 927-3748.

Ironton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Tue., 3:30 weigh-in, 4 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.

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

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. RSVP Bone Builders Tue. & Thu from 10-11, in Aitkin Commerce bldg. above EyeCare.

Free of charge. Info call 218-927-7206. Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 p.m.,

1st and 3rd Fri. each month. 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. January:

28nd - Benefit Concert for Lexi LeDoux, BHS senior. Concert and slient auction held at Brainerd High School Commons at 7 pm. Public invited. Cost \$5

29th - MN Wedding Experience, 11-3 pm, Forestview Middle School, Baxter.

February: 1st - Everything you want to know about Aitkin County Sheriff's office presented by Sheriff Scott Turner, 11 am, Glory Baptist Church, Glen. Free lunch, reservations required for lunch. Call Sandy at 218-768-3355.

3rd - Riverwood Healthcare Center Annual Meting, 7 pm, 40 Club Convention Center, Aitkin.

5th - Snow Shoe Class, Northland Arboretum, Brainerd, 10-noon, members \$5, nonmembers \$10. Bring snow shoes if you have them otherwise instructor will supply, call 218-829-8770 to sign up.

13th - Second Annual Buddy Walk, Gillette Rec. Center, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, registration 1:30, walk starts 2:30. Music, prizes, crafts, refreshments served after walk. Call 800-450-7338 for pledge sheets. Pledges not required to participate.

16th - Aid and Attendance Pension program seminar for veterans and spouses of veterans. Presented by VA. 2:30. Edgewood Vista, Brainerd. For info call 828-3691

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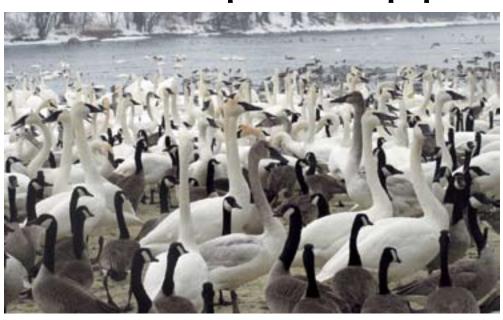
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## Minnesota trumpeter swan population tops 5,500



A statewide aerial survey conducted Jan. 5 – 8 revealed that the population of trumpeter swans in Minnesota has more than doubled in the last five years, according Larry Gillette, wildlife manager for Three Rivers Park District, which organized the survey.

The survey was coordinated by Three Rivers Park District in conjunction with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Nongame Wildlife Program and The Trumpeter Swan Society. It is conducted every

five years as part of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) effort to determine the number of trumpeter swans in North America. The funding for the aerial portion of the survey was

higher than almost everyone expected," said Gillette. "Conditions were ideal for the survey this winter, because deep snow kept swans out of agricultural fields where they would be some trumpeters that nest in Minnesota migrate to Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Oklahoma and Kansas for the winter. The estimate is that around 600 trumpeters migrate from Minnesota. Adding these migrant swans to the number counted in Minnesota adds up to almost 6,000 birds. However, some Minne-

areas with open water."

The final count in Min-

nesota was 5,362 trumpeter

swans found at 20 locations in 14 counties. In addition,

sota swans have spilled over the border and are now nesting in the Kenora District of western Ontario. These birds migrate back to

Minnesota for the winter and are counted in the survev. Therefore, the actual number of trumpeter swans present in Minnesota in September, 2010 is estimated at 5,500. The population estimate in 2005 was slightly more than 2,000 trumpeters, so the population has been growing at more than 20 percent per year.

Trumpeter swans are the largest North American waterfowl. They once nested across Minnesota but were hunted to extinction in Minnesota for their meat and feathers by the 1880s. In 1979, Three Rivers Park District (then Hennepin County Park Reserve District) began releasing trumpeter swans in park reserves just west of Minneapolis in the first effort to restore this species to Minnesota.

The DNR Nongame Wildlife Program joined the restoration effort in the mid-1980s. DNR biologists collected eggs in Alaska, raised the chicks in captivity and released the swans at two years of age in western Minnesota. This joint effort resulted in a spectacular wildlife restoration success story. Trumpeter swans now nest across almost all of Minnesota and have expanded their range northward into western Ontario, Canada.



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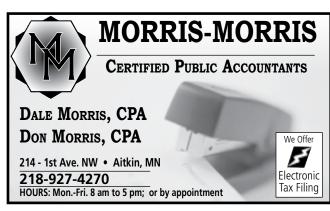
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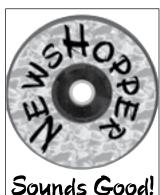
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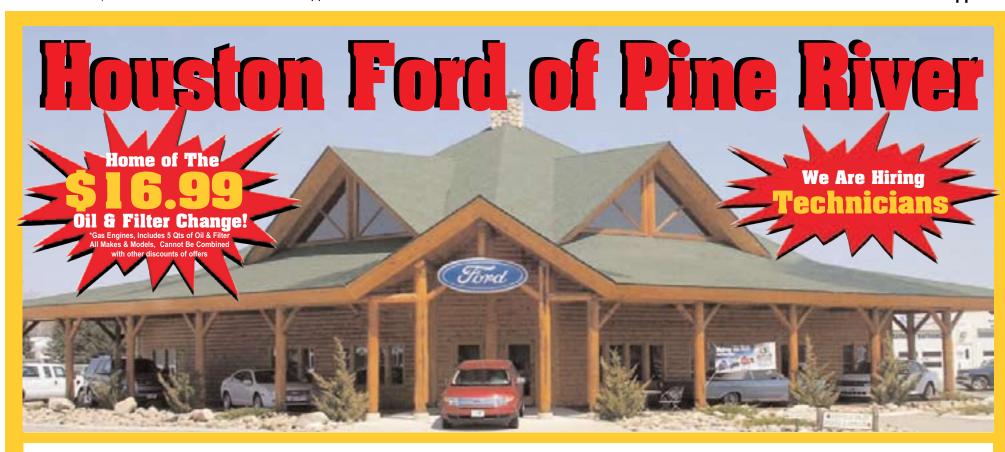
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