

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2023
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- Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution is the 4th Wednesday of every month from 3-6 pm at the Clinton Town Hall on Highway 37 in Iron. No income guidelines, just a \$25 dollar cash donation per share. Please bring your own boxes or totes and open your doors or trunks and a volunteer will fill you box or tote. Details at rubys pantry dot org.
- The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus invites you to their Fundraiser Cash Bingo event **Sunday, January 21st**, at 2pm. Head downstairs to the social hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, on Louisiana Avenue Gilbert. There will be 20 games played, with the 20th game being a black-out. 56 numbers or less called for the black-out game is worth \$250. Also enjoy Bucket drawings, a free door prize, Split-The-Pot, and all the free coffee, tea, and goodies, await. \$5/card. Special pricing per card for the Black-out game.
- Precious Paws Humane Society of Chisholm is now offering a **free** food shelf for pets! Bretta's Pantry is open **Wednesdays and Sundays** from 11 am to 1pm at Precious Paws located at 101 South West 1st Avenue in Chisholm. Bretta's Pantry provides families **with free** pet food to get by for a few days- until they can go shopping so you don't have to decide between buying food for yourself **or** your pets. There are no qualifications to come to the pantry. Everyone that needs a little bit of help is welcome! Please leave your pets at home when you visit the pet food shelf.
- Benders shoes in Hibbing, Grand Rapids and Duluth will now collect any gently worn shoes you have in your closet and will donate them to Soles for Souls for you! They will run periodic shoes drives, but will accept donations of gently worn shoes at **any time** of the year so you don't have to wait for the next shoe drive to empty your closet. Help us give your old shoes new life by dropping them off at your local Benders today!
- Tom and Jerry's of Chisholm and the Hydeaway Bar in Buhl invite you to participate in the 2024 Vintage Snowmobile Ride for ALS on **Saturday, February 10th**. Cost is a \$10 dollar entry fee. There will also be raffles and split the pot. You can pre-register and either location or register at the Hydeaway between 9am to 11am on Saturday, February 10th. The ride leaves at noon from the Hydeaway riding to Tom and Jerry's in Chisholm and back. Lunch will be provided at both locations. All proceeds benefit Never Surrender Inc – fighting to find a cure for ALS.
- The American Legion Post 247 invites the public to join them in a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Harvey family on **Saturday, December 16th**. The spaghetti dinner benefit is from noon until 5pm at the Senior Citizen's Center in Chisholm and is just \$10 dollars a plate; eat in or take out available. Proceeds will help the Harvey family while the mother and son recover from the burns they sustained in a fire caused by a propane tank explosion at their cabin.

- Hibbing Public Library's Annual Yuletide Celebration is Thursday **December 7th** from 3-7pm. There will be Wagon rides from 3 to 6pm, visit with Santa from 4 until 6pm, enjoy music by the Crescendo Youth Orchestra and the Hibbing City Band, refreshments and more! Everyone is welcome to this free family-friendly event.
- The Mesabi Community Band presents A HOLIDAY CONCERT on **Thursday, December 14th, 7pm** at the Eveleth City Auditorium. The band will play your favorite holiday classics and medleys! There is NO admission charge, but a free will offering of cash or non-perishable food items for the Quad Cities Food Shelf will gladly be accepted.
- Range of Voices presents "Sing Alleluia" on **Friday December 8th** at 7:00 p.m. at Chisholm Baptist Church and **Sunday December 10th** at 2:00 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Virginia. Admission is \$5.00 at the door which includes coffee and treats.
- Hibbing Lodge 1022 will be hosting their Annual Hoop Shoot on **Saturday, December 9th** at the Grace Lutheran Church, 4010 9th Avenue West, in Hibbing. Registration begins at 11:30 AM with competition beginning at 12:30 PM. Boys and girls compete in their individual divisions for ages 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. Any questions, please contact Ray Jensen at (218) 208-8504.
- You're invited to enjoy an Old-Fashioned Christmas event Saturday, **December 9th** at the Hibbing Alliance Church. Enjoy cookies, hot cocoa and cider as well as crafting ornaments, horse-drawn sleigh rides, music and the nativity scene. Warm up by the fire and enjoy the Old-Fashioned Christmas December 9th from 4-6pm.
- IT'S A "QUAD CITIES CHRISTMAS" **SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH AND 10TH!** SATURDAY, IT'S MERRY TUBA-CHRISTMAS AT 1PM, AND ON SUNDAY, IT'S THE MESABI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT 2:30PM. BOTH HOLIDAY CONCERTS ARE AT THE NEW ROCK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER IN VIRGINIA. START YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A "QUAD CITIES CHRISTMAS" WITH MERRY TUBA-CHRISTMAS AND THE MESABI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA!!
- THE MESABI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS "MUSIC IS... NOSTALGIC"--FEATURING ALL OF YOUR HOLIDAY FAVORITES! **SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH AT 2:30PM** AT THE NEW ROCK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER IN VIRGINIA. THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE MOST FESTIVE/NOSTALGIC COSTUME, GAMES FOR THE KIDS, PLUS COCOA AND SWEET TREATS WITH SANTA! GET TICKETS AT *MESABI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DOT ORG*
- Local veterans, military, law enforcement, medical staff, first responders, firefighters, corrections, dispatch, and those providing support and care for them are invited to a free Unmasking Mental Health summit presented by United Way of NE MN. Two identical trainings will be held **January 16 and 17**, at Iron Trail Motors Event Center in Virginia. Attend one day of your choice and earn POST credits. Check out the full schedule or sign up today at: [united way ne mn dot org/unmasking mental health](http://unitedwayne.mn.org/unmaskingmentalhealth).
- The Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church in Virginia invites you to the annual Lutefisk and meatball dinner **on Tuesday, December 5th** from 3 until 7 pm. The church is located at 901 South 4th Street in Virginia. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$8 for children 6 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted free.
- The Hibbing City Band invites you to enjoy the sounds of the season during the Yuletide Festival on **Thursday Dec 7th** at 6:00 pm at the Hibbing public library and also **Sunday Dec 10th** at the Nashwauk Alliance Church at 6:00 pm.

- You are cordially invited to a holiday tradition unlike any other-Merry Tuba Christmas! **Saturday December 9th**, 1pm, at the new Rock Ridge High School Performing Arts Center in Virginia. You'll hear tubas and baritones playing all of your favorite Christmas carols in glorious 4-part harmony! Admission is free, but in the spirit of holiday giving, you are asked to bring non-perishable food items, or cash, for donation to the Quad Cities Food Shelf. Come and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this one-of-a-kind holiday concert!! Merry Tuba Christmas, Saturday December 9th, 1pm at Rock Ridge High School!
- You're invited to a Gun Bingo fundraising event for Disable Veterans on **Saturday, December 16th** at the Cohasset Community Center. Doors open at 11 am and Bingo games start at 1pm. No pre-registration or sales, first come, first served, cash only. There will also be raffles, silent auction, merchandise and more. Must be 21 years or older to participate. 100% of the proceeds goes to Forgotten Heroes Ranges and Retreat.
- United Way of Northeastern Minnesota is hosting a Kids Holiday Card Party for Veterans from 1-4 pm **on December 10th**. Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate while making holiday cards for local veterans' holiday meal kits! Join the fun while supporting our local heroes from 1-4pm on December 10th! Details can be found on United Way of Northeastern Minnesota's Facebook page.
- If you are an adult living with a mental illness and would like to have a support circle, you are invited to the peer led NAMI support group of the Iron Range. They meet **Thursdays** from 5:30-7 at the red door church in Virginia 231 3rd St South. The National Alliance on Mental Illness is a nonprofit organization founded by family members of people diagnosed with mental illness. Find NAMI Iron Range on Facebook for more information.
- The Hibbing Parkinson's Support Group meets **the first Wednesday** of the month at 10:30am at the Open Door Church, located at 12025 Corey Tracts Rd in Hibbing. This group is for people with Parkinson's, caregivers, and family members. For more information, contact Heather at (218)966-7405.
- Memorial Blood Centers encourages all eligible donors to consider donating blood. The process takes less than an hour, costs nothing and could save a life. Every donor gets free snacks, a pop, water or juice to enjoy after donating. Go to MBC dot Org or call 1-888-GIVE \
- **You Matter Bags MN** provides backpacks with Pj's hygiene essentials and comfort items to children in foster type situations. Licensed foster care providers, or family members raising a non-biological child birth to 18 can request a bag as well as teens couch hopping or without a stable home environment. To request a bag or to nominate a family to receive one, email you matter bags mn at gmail dot com or message you matter bags mn on facebook.