

## Community watch

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- You're invited to a spaghetti dinner benefit for Tina Rasmussen at the Gilbert VFW Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 until 6pm. Enjoy spaghetti, a bake sale and silent auction! Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 6 and under. Tina had to stop working as she begins her 12<sup>th</sup> round of chemo. Proceeds will help Tina offset medical expenses and other daily living expenses.
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- Mesabi Humane Society and Precious Paws of Chisholm are hosting the Furry 5K run / walk Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>! You can register in advance to secure a tshirt by logging on to furry 5k fundraiser dot event brite dot com. Cost is \$25 per adult and just \$10 for children 10 and under. Day of registration begins at 9 am, the walk run begins at 10am. In conjunction there is a wish list drive from 9am until noon. The event starts at the Miners Memorial Building in Virginia Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>!
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- The Yellow Ribbon committee is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm at the Chisholm Armory to help raise funds for the Yellow Ribbon and family oriented events. While you're there you can explore the 114<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company's military vehicle and let the kids burn off some energy with the blow up obstacle course. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids. Eat in and take out available.
- Your local Perkins Restaurant invites you in on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> for Give Kids the World Day! Enjoy free pancakes at any participating location and in return – any amount tip you leave will go to the Give Kids the World Village, an organization that helps create magical memories for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. So enjoy Perkins pancakes for free on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and donate to Give Kids the World.
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- The public is invited to the 25th Annual St. Mary's Fall Bazaar and quilt auction at the Meadowlands Community Center on Western Avenue in Meadowlands Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 12:30 PM. Check out the quilts and Treasures Auction at 10AM as well as the Bake sale, crafts, and lunch, balloons galore and a basket raffle, Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>!
- Now until September 13<sup>th</sup> the public can drop off both adult and baby diapers for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Meds1 Ambulance will deliver the donations directly to the Texas Diaper Bank! Drop off locations include: Meds1 Ambulance 1328 NW 5th St, Grand Rapids, Hibbing Fire Department – 2030 Brooklyn Dr. Hibbing, Virginia Fire Department - 115 N 4th Ave W, Virginia, Range Regional Airport Hibbing, the Duluth Fire Department and Superior Fire Department - 3326 Tower Ave, Superior, WI 54880. From everyone a part of Operation: Diapers for Hope; thank you for Helping Us Help Houston.
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- Sign up today for the Travathon; a 5K Run, 1K Kayak, 5K Bike and then an Archery shoot at Vic Power Park in Hibbing Saturday, September 23rd. It's just \$25 for your first event. \$5 for each event you add or be an Armadillo Elite and do all 4! Not interested in sweating that much? Sign up for the 1K with a Registration of \$25! There will also be the Little Man Travathon for 8-14 year olds, The Archery Attack, kids' activities, food vendors and more! Go to the Armadillo Project Facebook page or call Shelly at 969-3905
- United Way of NE Minnesota is looking for volunteers to help stuff back packs for children in need. The Buddy Backpack program provides a backpack filled with nutritious, nonperishable, child-friendly food items to Iron Range children who are at-risk of going hungry over the weekends so that they can come back to school on Monday mornings ready to learn, grow and thrive. The first sign up dates are **September 21<sup>s</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**. Call Elizabeth at 218-254-3329 or email [elizabeth@unitedwayne.mn.org](mailto:elizabeth@unitedwayne.mn.org).



- You can help children whose families cannot afford to buy their weekly lunches at school by making a donation of any amount to your school's lunch program. Just stop in during regular school hours and ask to make a donation of any amount to the lunch program to help a child in need this school year.
- Raffle Tickets for an autographed guitar from Jason Aldean are now available for purchase at the Radio Station 807 West 37th street Hibbing from 8am until 3pm weekdays and available at the Concert for the Cure. Tickets are \$10.00. Cash only. Raffle drawing will be held Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Concert for the Cure at Jim's in Chisholm; need not be present to win. Proceeds benefit the Angel Fund and Kids Kare Fund of Northern MN.
- The public is invited to a Spaghetti dinner benefit for Elizabeth "Betty" Skalsky on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at The Hibbing Memorial Building Dining Hall East Entrance from 1 until 5pm. In addition to the spaghetti dinner there will be raffles, silent auction and 50/50 split the pot. Proceeds will help offset medical expenses for Betty's treatment of cancer.
- Delta Air Lines in partnership with The American Red Cross will be sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Range Regional Airport in Hibbing on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11a-5p. Please come out and give the gift of life.
- Do you know someone who is struggling with addiction? Do you need help educating your kids about the dangers of drug use? Narconon has been educating parents and kids on the dangers of drug abuse and rehabilitating those struggling with drug addiction for over 50 years. If you or someone you know is struggling with drug addiction call us today for free information and referrals. Call 877 959 0098 again call 877 959 0098 for free assessment and referrals.

- Angel Fund, a nonprofit run by a volunteer board, is seeking new members. Angel Fund is committed to providing financial assistance to Northern Minnesota residents facing cancer for expenses not covered by medical insurance. They currently have several openings. Message Angel Fund on Facebook or email [info at angel fund range dot org](mailto:info@angel-fund-range-dot-org) for complete details on open positions. DEADLINE for applications is Friday, Sept. 15. Learn more on our website at [angel fund range dot org](http://angel-fund-range-dot-org), Facebook, or leave a message at [218-362-6668](tel:218-362-6668).
- Mesabi Community Band will begin rehearsals for the 2017-2018 season on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Merritt Elementary Auditorium in Mt. Iron. The band, under the direction of Paul Helfter is in its 40<sup>th</sup> season and invites all area musicians of all levels and ages to join in. Concerts are scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dust off that old instrument or drum sticks and join in the fun. For more information call Holly at 744-5250.
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- The public is invited to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Work Outreach Program's fundraiser dinner and silent auction at the Faith Lutheran Church on 1<sup>st</sup> avenue in Chisholm on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm delivery only and again from 4 until 7pm dine in or delivery. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under.
- You're invited to benefit for Sally Selah on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Jim's Sports Club in Chisholm from 4 until 8pm. Sally is battling cancer and needs our help to offset medical expenses not covered by insurance. Enjoy taco in a bag with authentic Mexican beans, games, music drawings and fun! That's Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 until 8 at Jim's Sports Club in Chisholm. If you'd like to donate an item for the drawing contact Carol at 218-208-1140



- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Concert and Ride for the cure will be held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at Jim's Sports Club in downtown Chisholm in conjunction with child hood cancer awareness month. Enjoy a pancake breakfast, Northern Traxx ATV Ride, BBQ, amazing raffle prizes including **an autographed guitar by Jason Aldean**, face painting, balloon animals for the kids and live music from 2pm until midnight. Proceeds benefit the Angel Fund and Kids Kare Fund of the Iron Range helping families off set medical and travel expenses for treatment of cancer.
- The Grand Rapids MS Group, hosts speaker Lisa Arnold with Mobility Mania on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Church in Grand Rapids from 1130-1230. Join us and learn more about what Mobility Mania is, why they do it and how they are making a difference for all people with disabilities in our area. MS group meetings always open to the public. Coffee, water and cookies provided.
- The Veterans Community Thrift Store on 1<sup>st</sup>, Avenue in Hibbing is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10am to 5pm; donations accepted 1030-430. The Veterans Community Thrift store keeps the money local supporting community Veterans services here on the Iron Range. Stop by the Thrift Store today and make a difference in a Veteran's life.
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- Do you have a desire to become a substitute teacher? Individuals who currently hold a Bachelor Degree in any subject area are qualified to become a Guest (Substitute) teacher, once they take the steps to obtain the license from MN Dept. of Education. Additional Guest Teachers are needed in every school district in our region. Attend the workshop to get started on Thursday August 3, 2017. There is no charge to attend. Register with Itasca Area Community Education online at [get learning dot org](http://getlearning.org) or call 218-327-5730.
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- The Chisholm community Foundation is looking for volunteers during the Slide the City event, Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 6pm in Chisholm. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. Please call Mary Jo in the Chisholm Community Foundation Office if interested. 254-1101
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- You're invited to the Antique and Vintage market and swap meet Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday and Check out the 2017 Northern Minnesota Swap Meet and Car Show Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Itasca County Fairgrounds. Enjoy tru north dj music, food vendors and more.
- Chisholm All-class attendees – if you're looking for old friends and something fun to do while you're in town come to the MN Museum of Mining, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>, during the Chisholm All Class Reunion. Check out the Doc Graham display. Have a picnic. It's a great place to bring the kids. Call 254-5543 for more information today!
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- You're invited to the annual Mosquito Run for the Hibbing-Chisholm Rangers Special Olympics team Saturday, August 19 starting at Palmers in Hibbing. Registration begins at 9am, ride departs at 11am rain or shine. Early registration is just \$30; day of ride registration is \$35. Proceeds support the local Hibbing/Chisholm Special Olympics.
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- The Iron Range Motorcycle Club presents their annual Presidents Charity Ride Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration is from 9am to 10am at the Hydeaway Bar in Buhl. Single rider is just \$20; \$30 for double rider; all riders welcome. Proceeds support the Mid-Range Honor Guard. For more info call Tom at 966-4419.
- The Iron Range Relay for Life event is Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bennett Park in Hibbing! The festivities get underway with a 5K. Throughout the event enjoy live music, kids activities, a Zumbathon, a kickball tournament, and ceremonies to recognize and honor cancer survivors and their caregivers, that's Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bennett Park in Hibbing
- You're invited to participate in ride, raffle n' roll for ALS on Saturday, August, 19<sup>th</sup>! Registration starts at 9am at the Timber Hall in Embarrass, kickstands up at 10:30. Pre-registration is 20 per bike, \$25 the day of; additional \$10 for passengers. Enjoy lunch, the riders raffle, 50/50 split the pot, silent auction and more! Proceeds benefit the ALS Association.
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- Bring the family to the bouncin' around downtown Chisholm Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> beginning after the parade near the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> avenue and Lake street. Kids can bounce around in the bounce house, try the giant inflatable obstacle course, enjoy live music or try and dunk the person in the dunk tank – all for free! That's Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> after the parade around from 2 to 4pm in downtown Chisholm.
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- You're invited to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Texas style BBQ for the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department and EMS on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm at the hall on Hwy 65 in Britt. Enjoy smoked brisket, smoked sausage and all the Texas fixin's plus raffle tickets and drawings! Proceeds from the Texas Style BBQ fundraiser benefits the Evergreen volunteer Fire Department.



- Kindred Family Focus foster care and adoption services has been helping Minnesota children and families grow for over 45 years by providing security, hope and permanence. Help build a brighter future for Minnesota children and families by becoming a foster parent today. All you need is a commitment to the youth's safety and wellbeing, and a willingness to invest in their future. For more information, contact Julie Soderberg; go to [changing one life dot org](http://changingone.life).
- The Northern Lights Music Festival is under way once again! Named of the "10 Best Off-The-Beaten-Path Festivals in the WORLD", the Northern Lights Music Festival offers world class entertainment for all ages, now thru July 23rd! For additional information, to view the full schedule, and to purchase tickets, visit *Northern Lights Music dot org*
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- The Hibbing/Chisholm Chapter of Minnesota Deer Hunters Association is holding their annual Youth Day Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> Open to 10-18 year olds. The event is held at the Mid-Range Marksmanship Center Hibbing. Registration begins at 8:15am. 8:45 AM Activities begin with 10 different Stations including small bore rifles, trap shooting, archery, and more. The day is free of charge and each youth will receive a free MDHA hat and complimentary lunch. Day concludes at 4:00 PM Call 231-2551 for more information



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- The 2nd Annual Quad Cities Courage 5k is on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 9am at the Essentia Health Virginia Clinic Parking Lot. There will be prizes for 1st-3rd places in various age categories. Sign up now at [www.qcc5k.com](http://www.qcc5k.com). Email [racedirector@qcc5k.com](mailto:racedirector@qcc5k.com) with questions. Proceeds benefit the Essentia Virginia Clinic Cancer center presented by Wells Fargo and the Essentia Health Foundation
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- The ride to end Alzheimer's is Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> starting at Tank's Bar in Babbitt! Registration begins at 9am, kickstands up at 11am. Early registration is \$20, day of ride is \$25. There will be stops along the way with a roving dart tournament, cash chance drawings, silent auction, games, music and more when you return to Tanks in Babbitt. Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Call Jeff Struna for more info 218-750-1527
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