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It requires about forty volunteers to distribute food for Ruby's Pantry at the Journey North church in Aitkin.

By ANN SCHWARTZ On a bright, mild morning in early January, car after car pulled into the parking lot of The Journey North Church in Aitkin. Spilling out were kids, grandmas, grandpas, moms and dads, toting cartons,

boxes and laundry baskets. A feeling of excitement and anticipation was in the air as people lined up outside the church. The event? The second distribution of food with Ruby's Pantry in Aitkin. Ruby's Pantry is a non-prof-

it food ministry serving rural communities. There are no income qualifications - everyone may participate. For \$20 you get a share of food that equals an abundance of groceries. Goodwill and caring are also spread by the volunteers.

Pastor Lynfield Hines explained that the Saturday morning chores began with unloading the truck at 6 a.m. It took an army of 40 volunteers to make it all run smoothly.

them and give them physical food and spiritual food. We're here to pray with people or offer counseling. "

It was indeed a social gathering as friends greeted on another in the fover of the church, step one. After hand-



A volunteer gives children pieces of candy while they wait.

"It's more than just food - we want to build relationships with people," said Heather Fountaine, a volunteer. "We want to get to know

ing in your registration form you were assigned a number and a loyalty card. Volunteer Sandy explained that after so **Continued on Page 3**

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OBITUARIES

Mary Brandt, 62, of Deerwood died on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Bethany Good Samaritan Village in Brainerd. A Funeral Mass will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 19, 2019 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Bay Lake

Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Saturday.

She was born on May 3, 1956 in Moses Lake, Washington to Dominic and Bertha (Benke) Gosciewski. Mary married Michael Brandt on

ARLEEN JOHNSON

MARY BRANDT

Arleen Marie Johnson, 85, of Garrison died Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

There will be no local services. Memorials are preferred to the local Humane Society.

She was born January 5, 1934 in Popple Grove, Mahnomen County, Minnesota to Alfred Henry and Lillie Marie (Sogaard) Reitan. She was a member of the Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Garrison. Arleen enjoyed gardening and loved her pets.

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February 18, 1989 in Payallup, WA. She was a former employee of Ascensus in Brainerd. Mary was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby.

Mary is survived by her husband, Michael; son, David Brandt of Staples; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Walter and Sue Gosciewski of Lacey, WA; and Victor and Eileen Goscienski of Seattle; and sister, Patricia "Trish" Gosciewski of Lacey, WA.

Preceding Mary in death are her parents.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

Arleen is survived by her daughter and son-inlaw, Mary and Lee Newton; son and daughterin-law, Kevin (Diane) Johnson; granddaughter, Leeann (Aaron) Newton; brother, Leo Reitan; and many special friends

She was preceded in death by her parents and

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22, 1922 to Holland immigrants Janka and Frank Houwman in Wessington Springs, SD. The Houwman family moved to the Hassman area of Aitkin in 1933. Helen married Donald Enberg in 1942. After Donald returned from serving in WW II, they lived south of Aitkin for their remaining years. Before she lost her sight, Helen enjoyed belonging to the neighborhood quilting club, baking, watching movies with her dear friend LuAnn, entertaining and most of

> Betty Lou Mingus, 90, of Crosby died on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A private memorial service

Helen was born February

A Funeral Mass was Monday, January 14, 2019 at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin. Burial was at the St.

Thomas Cemetery in Aitkin.

She was born in Duluth on February 29, 1928 to James and Mary (Meyers) Bryant. Betty married Douglas Mingus on December 31, 1949 in Duluth. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin. Betty had a love for animals, entertaining and decorating the table for dinner.

HELEN ENBERG Helen (Houwman) Enberg,

all, mowing her large yard with her John Deere riding mower until she was 94.

She is survived by her sons: Gary (Jackie) of Aitkin, Rodney of Motley; five grandchildren: Joseph Enberg, Christopher Enberg, Paul Enberg, Shae Gaulke, Jaron Enberg; 13 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and sister Florence Beebe along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen was preceded in death by her mother, Janka; stepmother, Tina; father, Frank; husband, Donald; brothers: Andrew Houwman, Pete Houwman, William Houwman, Francis Houwman, sisters: Elizabeth Cartie and Jenny Cartie.

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

BETTY MINGUS

She was known for being a baker and delivering hot crossed buns to people in the community.

Betty is survived by her husband, Douglas; two sons: David Mingus, Nashville, TN and Mark and Laurie Mingus, Thompson's Station, TN: daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia (Donald) Lent of Deerwood; sister-in-law, Shirley Bryant, Cloquet; five grandchildren: Megan Lent, Andrew Lent, Rachel (Joshua) Mingus Nienow, Ericka (Jonathan) Mingus Sugiyama, and Nathan (Mallory) Mingus; two great-grandchildren: Brandon Lent and Deklan Mingus.

Preceding Betty in death are her parents and two brothers, Donald and Robert Bryant.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.



Jason Brezinsky

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

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* - New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Adult Sunday School 9 am; "Elevate" youth group for 7th-12th graders, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30. McGregor/Big Sandy - Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10

Onamia - Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Hayden Loven ; Sunday Morning Service 10:45

Crosby — Interim Pastor Greg Kalyvas; Worship 10:30 Crosslake - Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS

at 9:30, Worship at 10:45 Hill City - Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362

Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Aitkin - Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10

COMMUNITY Aitkin - Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE.,

Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959 Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-

Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005

Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9

for Sun. service. Sun. service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9am on Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9:30am- 5pm.

Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter - Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.

Baxter - Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.popbaxter.org

Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellow

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

- Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship McGrath 9; SS 9.
- McGregor/Big Sandy Lake Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
- McGregor Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm Outing - Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.
- Palisade* Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed . School classes 4:15 p.m.
- Pequot Lakes* Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed-10:15 am. Wed. Worship 5:45 pm. Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5: pm.
- Bossburg Bethesda (ELCA): Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month. Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210 Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December. Wright -Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

brother, Ralph Reitan.

com to sign the online guest register.

- Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
- Palisade Pastor Ed Sornberger: SS 9: Worship 10: Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST

- Aitkin The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617. Worship 9 and 10:30. theiournevnorth.com
- Baxter The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com
- Brainerd* Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191: SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com
- Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
- Brainerd Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673, Worship 11, SS 9:45.
- Breezy Point Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.
- Crosby Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm
- Deerwood* Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
- Glory* Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12.
- Hill City Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
- Isle Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
- Opstead 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC

- Aitkin St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10 AM. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm.
- Brainerd St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
- Brainerd St. Francis , Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
- Cromwell/Wright Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
- Crosby St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun 10:30.
- Crosslake Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
- Emily St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
- Garrison Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Elias Gieske, Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession Sun 7:15-7:45 am.
- Grand Rapids St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
- Hillman Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
- McGregor Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.
- Vineland St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

- May-Oct.
 - Grand Rapids Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
 - Jacobson Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30: 218-927-6256.
 - McGregor Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
 - McGregor Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
 - Merrifield Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
 - Merrifield Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
 - Nisswa Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
 - Outing* Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon 4th Saturday, 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
 - Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.
 - Tamarack Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

CONGREGATIONAL

Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 *Brainerd - St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

EVANGELICAL FREE

- Baxter Lakewood EFC, Pastor Brian Erickson: Worship at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:45 pm
- Crosslake Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake. net
- Isle Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm
- Malmo Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15
- Wright Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

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- Aitkin Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
- Aitkin First* (ELCA) Pastor Darrell Pedersen, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 10am (coffee fellowship at 9am); communion every Sat, and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed nursery

- Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www. goodshepherdfreelutheran.church
- Brainerd Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.llchurch.org)
- Brainerd Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd – Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. - Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@ trinitybrainerd.org
- Brainerd Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9
- Breezy Point* Eagles Nest, Pastor Jonathan Lemaster, 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m.
- Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran Third Sun 11, May Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
- Crosby Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
- Crosby Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910
- Crosslake --- (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.
- Crosslake ---Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org
- Deerwood Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15.
- Garrison Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101
- Garrison Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.
- Giese Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
- Hill City Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
- Hillman Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)
- Iron Hub Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.
- Isle Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.
- Isle Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

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- Isle Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.
- Jacobson Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
- Lake Shore Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st

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PENTECOSTAL

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake - Worship 10; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Road; 218-692-4769 McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake - Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED

- Crosby Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
- Aitkin Pastor Peter Emig; Worship Sat. 9:30 a.m., Bible Study 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www. aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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UNITED METHODIST

- Aitkin Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
- Crosby/Deerwood Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett ; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.
- Cutler Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.
- Cromwell Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9
- Emily Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
- Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible

Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship

Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time

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Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10 McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship

follows; handicapped accessible.

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OBITUARI



Ruby Marie Watters, 92, of Duluth died Thursday, January 10, 2019 in her daughter's home.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 19 at 11 a.m. at the Glen Avon Presbyterian Church, 2105 Woodland Ave. in Duluth.

Visitation will be held one hour before at the church. Interment will be in Sunrise Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Watters Family Athletic Scholarship fund at UMD.

Ruby grew up in Aitkin and married the love of her life, Laverne Watters, in 1942 in the town of Crosby. Together they moved to Duluth to start their lives together. She worked for St. Louis County for over 20 years in home care. She was also a very active girls' softball coach for many years. Ruby enjoyed volunteering for many

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things, including the St. Louis County Election board. Ruby loved her family and enjoyed cooking for the family gatherings. She was a pillar in holding Holiday events for the family. She was an avid sports fan and supported the UMD bas-

> ketball, football, and track athletes. She is survived by her sons and daughters-inlaw: Vern and Kate Watters, Patrick and Sandy Watters, Mike and Patti Watters, and Dan and Alice Watters, daughters and son-in-law: Linda Carlson, and Susan and Ron Jones; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Shirley Wischmann, Deerwood; and sister, Elaine Wischmann, Aitkin.

> She was preceded in death by her husband, Laverne; brothers, Harold and Wallace Wischmann; daughter-in-law, Terry Watters; and son-in-law, Marvin Carlson.

Arrangements were with the Bell Brothers Jarvi Dowd Funeral Home in Duluth.

Aitkin, 1st Saturday, 9-10:30 a.m. Journey North Church

Brainerd, 2nd Tuesday 11 to 12:30 Brainerd Armory,

READER RIBBEI

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Pat on the head

In a July 2018 meeting, the city administrator of Crosby patted the heads of the council and mayor commending them for maintaining their silence in reference to inaccurate stories circulating, making the situation very difficult. She stated the community should be extremely proud that the council and city officials have maintained silence and not responded.

BMS Case No 17-PA-0260 is not inaccurate in any means (read on www.newshopper. net).

The arbitrator did not con-

duct a biased, prejudiced investigation — the police leadership did. The arbitrator did not lie, distort the truth, alter documents, interview their own officers like criminals — the police leadership did. The arbitrator did not conduct flawed investigations or authorize an investigation simply to find their conclusions — the police leadership did. The city did not bring false charges on a prominent citizen - the police leadership did. The county did not fail when dismissing a third charge on the prominent cit-

izen — the police leadership did. Citizens, business owners, did not bully, demean, detain, or intimidate - the police leadership did. Their silence is the greatest lie of all and the community should not be proud, they should be angry for what the police leadership did. Instead of monetary compensation for the council and Mayor to do nothing and remain silent, pat them on the head — they respond better.

Kelly Avelsgard **Concerned Observer** Deerwood

Volunteer Sandy explained the loyalty card system.

many punches you would be rewarded with an extra share.

On to the sanctuary -- a warm and dry and comfortable place to wait. Christian music played in the background and information about the church scrolled over the big screens. A volunteer went around giving candy to children and every so often, Pastor Hines took the microphone and told a joke and gave away prizes. Yours truly won mini muffins and a coffee mug.

As I waited for my number 153 to be called, I visited with several people I knew and some that I just met. I observed all ages: babies, toddlers, school -aged children, teens, young families, middle-aged and older adults. Many canes and walking sticks were apparent amongst the participants.

Little Falls, 4th Monday, 4:30-6 p.m. 609 13th Ave NE Door #6 Onamia, 1st Monday 10:30-12, 806 West Kathio Street I was ushered into a main room, where, luckily, a girl I know named Jasmine was

Ruby's Pantry locations

810 2nd St. NW

1115 Wright Street

my helper. She put my two cartons in a grocery cart and moved me along quickly, grabbing food items at a dizzying pace. I recognized many people I knew among the volunteers – even a friend I used to walk to elementary school with in Brainerd back in the 60s.

I hardly had time to say hi but called out "thanks for volunteering" to as many people as I could.

Then, it was told to go get my car and given a paint stick with a number on it, along with some information about

the program and the church.

Those of you who used to drive up to grocery stores and get your bags loaded off conveyor belts remember this system. Pulling around to the back of the church, cheerful "bag boys" took my number and loaded up my car. When I got home, it took three trips to bring all the bounty into the house.

Ruby's Pantry will be in Aitkin, at the Journey North church, at 810 2nd St. NW in Aitkin, on the first Saturday of each month from 9 to 10:30. Be sure to bring something to carry your groceries in and be prepared to stand for a while.

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, January 19, 26, February 2, 9 and 16, 2019) **REQUEST FOR BID -CONTRACTOR CROW WING COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT** -**MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE**

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The Crow Wing County Solid Waste Department (County), located near Brainerd, Minnesota, is requesting sealed bids for construction associated with future development of their municipal solid waste landfill. The 2019 Landfill Construction Contract provides for the 2019 construction projects at the Crow Wing County Landfill, Brainerd, Minnesota 2019 construction consists of: construction of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfill Cell 5, construction of Leachate Pretreatment Pond 5, excavation of future Demolition Landfill Phase III, partial closure of MSW Landfill Cells 1/2 and partial closure of Demolition Landfill Phase Construction of Cell 5 generally consists of excavation and fina grading, subgrade preparation and lysimeter installation, low permeability liner placement, geomembrane liner placement, granular drainage layer placement, leachate collection system installation, leak detection and leachate pump and controls. electrical work, fencing, and finish site work. Construction of Pond 5 generally consists of excavation and

final grading, subgrade preparation and lysimeter installation, low permeability liner placement, secondary geomembrane liner placement, geocomposite placement, primary geomembrane liner placement, leak detection pump, aerators and controls, electrical work, fencing, and finish site work. Construction of Phase III generally consists of general excavation. Closure of Cells 1/2 generally consists of final intermediate grading (including waste regrading) and existing closure removal, buffer material placement, geomembrane liner placement, geocomposite drainage layer placement, rooting zone placement, topsoil placement and seeding, and finish site work. Partial Closure of Demolition Phase Il generally consists of final intermediate grading, cover soil placement, and topsoil placement and seeding. In addition, miscellaneous site improvements are included as identified in the Contract Documents

Pregualification of Bidders will be Unless exempted by required. Owner, prospective Bidders shall submit to Engineer (prior to or at the pre-bid meeting at the latest) the information requested in the Bidder's Qualification Statement. Bidder's Qualification Statement is obtainable from Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company. Bids received from Bidders who are not prequalified will not be opened.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 10:00

a.m. at the Crow Wing County Solid Waste Office (15728 State Highway 210, Brainerd, Minnesota 56401). Attendance is strongly recommended. Bids are due at the Crow Wing County Land Services office (Attn: 2019 Landfill RFP, 322 Laurel St., Suite 15, Brainerd, Minnesota 56401) no later than 2:00 pm CST on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Submittals received after that time will not be accepted. The County will review the bids and select a Contractor for contract negotiation. The Work shall be Substantially Completed on or before November 1, 2019, and completed and ready for final payment on or before December 1, 2019

Copies of the Bid Documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from www.guestcdn.com for a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25). These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Bid Documents" tab and by entering Quest Project Number #6077980 on the "Search Projects" page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn. com

Questions may be directed to Tonya Koller, Burns & McDonnell at (952) 656-3615 or tkoller@burnsmcd.com or Doug Morris, County Solid Waste Coordinator, at (218) 824-1290. All costs incurred by contractors choosing to participate in this bid process shall be borne by the proposing firms.

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The classes, which will be facilitated by CRMC Board Certified Exercise Physiologist Amanda Weiss, will be held on Thursdays from 5:15

taking steps toward wellness. of life. Fitness trainers will to 6:15 p.m. at Heartwood have their weight and blood Senior Living Community beginning February 7 and continue until March 14. All supplies will be provided and healthy refreshments will be available.

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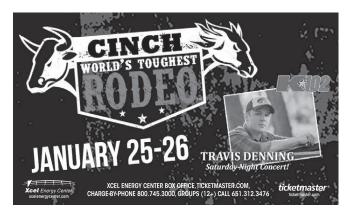
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- ALANON 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.
- ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.
- Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.
- Aitkin IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2 pm
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- Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!
- Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.
- American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m.
- Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin. 1-3 pm
- Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.
- Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Weslayson Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295
- Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-9271383.
- Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm 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. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 or Roxy 218-927-4558.
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- NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.
- Cooks Night Out 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome. Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd
- Sat. each month, 2:30 at the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.
- Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.
- Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday
- Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.
- Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Heartwood Senior Living Complex. Social begins at 5:30pm followed by Dinner/Meeting at 6:00pm. We are very involved in community events and would love to have you join us. If you would like to come to a meeting and see what we do or going to be doing, please call Lion Nancy at 218-678-4165 and let me know by the Thursday before our meeting.
- Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.
- Emily Community Care N Share is serving meals on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church, Highway 6, Emily
- Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.
- FASD Caregiver Support Group For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org
- Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402
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- North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592
- ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Woodland Chapter #122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin,MN
- Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com.
- Overeaters Anonymous Open Meeting, Sat. 9:35am, Aitkin Library. Everyone welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12-step fellowship of people recovering from compulsive eating. OA is not a diet club. We are dedicated to helping individuals recovering from compulsive eating, anorexia, bulimia, food addiction and obesity. If you are struggling, you are not alone any more. For more info: OA.org, or call Cheryl, meeting contact, 770-576-5984.
- Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.
- Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.
- RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.
- Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.
- Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.
- TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm
- TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanual Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.
- Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.
- White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

2019 January

- 19th 2nd Annual Brandon Harwig Memorial Fishing Contest on Blackhoof Lake. Sign-up at the Town Tavern in Ironton, \$20 entry fee. Limit 150 people.
- 24th Happy Hour for Wild and Free Rehabilitation Program, 5 pm -7 pm at Cuyuna Brewery Company in Crosby, \$15.00 gets you in the door. Light appetizers supplied by Iron Range Eatery Beer samples supplied by Cuyuna Brewing Company. Please RSVP by January 20 by calling 952-594-9273
- 26th Brainerd Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza, noon - 3 p.m. Hole in the Day

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a snowmobile safety training certification course for ages 11-15 at the Aitkin SnoDrifters Clubhouse, 1070 Airpark Drive, Aitkin on Saturday, January 19, 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Certification is required by law for residents born after December 31, 1976.

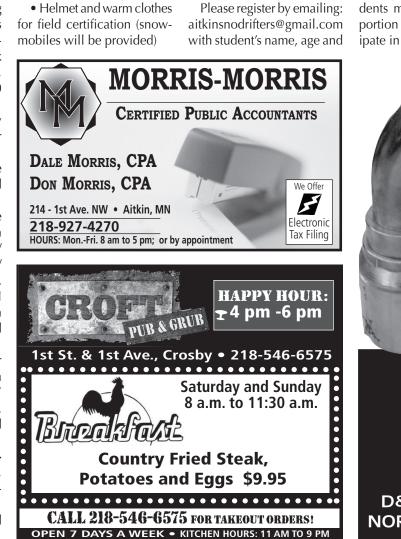
Attendees must complete prior to coming to the field day certification course:

• Online course. Course registration can be found on the MN DNR website: http:// www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ vehicle/snowmobile/index. html (fee for course to MN DNR is \$24.95 and then an additional \$5.00 after field day to MN DNR)

• Follow-up vocher. After completion, please print a "youth follow-up voucher" to bring with to the field day. There is no cost for the field day.

• Participate in the snowmobile field day, Saturday, January 19 at the Aitkin Sno-Drifters clubhouse

• Certificate becomes valid at age 12



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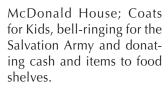
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Grange awarded for community service

a national award for their community service in Aitkin. Among their projects: Potholder project to benefit

The Clear Lake Grange got children; senior citizens' bingo and card making at Aitkin Health Services; volunteering at the Aitkin County Fair; coordinating

the Outstanding Senior Citizen Award; Triad, Friends of the Library, Depot Museum, Age to Age, veterans' visits, guilts for the Ronald



Grange members and guests, from left: with the Grange cape, Bonnie Mikkelson, president of the Clear Lake Grange; John Crippen, Minneapolis, president of the state grange; Donna Appel, lecturer; Donna Champion, Loretto, MN, state grange secretary; Elaine Kinenitz, Clear Lake secretary; Pauline Moore, Clear Lake vice president and Roxy Appel Wigton, Clear Lake treasurer.

Ann Schwartz photo

Reasons holistic dentistry is gaining popularity

An emerging branch of dentistry - which dental professionals say is largely patient-driven - is called "holistic" or "holistic biological." Holistic dentists believe that poor oral health leads to poor physical health. They perform traditional procedures, but consider the whole body - diet, lifestyle, emotional health—when treating teeth. They also focus on using what they consider to be safer materials.

"It's the opposite of common dental culture, which is simply 'drill and fill,' " says Dr. Nammy Patel, DDS (www.sfgreendentist.com), author of Age With Style: Your Guide To A Youthful Smile & Healthy Living. "Holistic dentistry is looking at and addressing the underlying causes for gum disease and cavities; for example, is it your diet, hormonal changes,

or acid reflux?

"For many years in the dental profession, it was assumed that your oral health had only a tangential effect on your overall health. We now know better."

Dr. Patel provides five reasons holistic dentistry is trending up as a treatment approach by patients: Focus on the whole body and

root cause Holistic dentistry looks beyond symptoms to find

root causes for dental issues while expanding methods of preventive care. "It's a deeper look at a patient that offers them numerous benefits when considering diet and lifestyle and how it all connects with oral health," Dr. Patel says.

Minimally-invasive treatments

"The focus is on helping patients avoid unnecessary,



painful and drawn-out procedures that can hurt overall well-being," Dr. Patel says. "That doesn't mean sacrificing high-tech treatments for disease. Laser treatments for gum disease and cleaning are one example of minimally-invasive. The latter does a great job of destroying bacteria that are the biggest danger to your oral health. Air abrasion and ozone therapy are effective other effective minimally-invasive procedures.

Biocompatible and non-toxic materials

Holistic dentists will remove amalgam (mercury) fillings and favor dental appliances made from more natural substances. "A traditional approach to dentistry often uses mercury amalgam fillings or crowns and other harmful materials when treating dental issues," Dr. Patel says. "Research has shown all kinds of health problems related to mercury, from thyroid issues to Alzheimer's. Holistic dentistry will use non-toxic resins and materials fully compatible with the body."

Alternatives to root canals.

Dr. Patel says holistic dentists are more likely to look at alternatives, such as herbs, laser therapy, or extractions. A key reason: "Research shows unless root canals are

completely sterilized and cleaned of all bacteria, the bacteria can get in the bloodstream can cause chronic health complications," Dr. Patel says.

Balances cosmetics and function

"Missing, damaged, or crooked teeth can make you feel self-conscious and affect your quality of life," Dr. Patel notes. "Holistic care takes a balanced approach to both form and function when developing a dental care plan. For example, if you're worried about stained teeth, they'll guide you first to healthy foods that alleviate the problem."

"Holistic dentistry is committed to making sure you're comfortable, making your teeth last a lifetime, and using the most natural materials available," Dr. Patel says.

Dr. Nammy Patel, DDS (www.sfgreendentist.com) operates a practice called Green Dentistry in San Francisco and is the author of Age With Style: Your Guide To A Youthful Smile & Healthy Living. A graduate of the University of California's School of Dentistry, she focuses on helping patients recognize the vital connection between dental health and whole body health.

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