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Farm2Families Festival in Aitkin focuses on local food bounty

Every year, the local Greater Mille Lacs chapter of the Sustainable Farming Association invites the community to come join them for the Farm2Families Festival. Community members can enjoy a dinner produced by Aitkin area farmers, live music, a farmers' market, family activities and much more from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, at Aitkin County Fairgrounds.



Five Principles of Soil Health

This free community event was founded by local farmers to showcase the bounty of the Mille Lacs region.

General festival admission is free. If you would like to enjoy a fantastic meal pre-

pared by chef Peter Lowe of Block North Brew Pub, created using food from local farms, optional dinner tickets are available at the door for \$15 for one trip through the line. Meal service starts at 5 p.m. Kids under 6 eat free with purchase of adult meal ticket. Everyone from farmers to people who just want to grow food for their own family will enjoy expert presentations including SFA's Jerry Ford,

Growing Garlic in Minnesota, Soil Health and Improvement with NRCS Grazing Specialist Tom Gervais and a special presentation from local student Alaina Chute, *The Demise of the Family Farm*.

The live music stage features *The French Hillbillies* and *Mike and Jan Cherry*. There will be a youth art contest, vendor tables including many local farms selling their products, door prizes, farm animals and much more.

Vendor Space

Producers, makers, nonprofits, and service groups are welcome to contact Debby

Flowers at 218-927-4610 or email olelakefarm@gmail.com.

For more information, including a downloadable vendor application, visit our Farm2Families homepage and contact Allison Rian at greatermillelacs@sfa-mn.org.

Farm2Families is sponsored by American Peat Technology (APT), Mille Lacs Electric Cooperative, Aitkin Pet and Farm Supply, Aitkin Ag Service, Janzen Auction, Aitkin County Friends of the Arts, and Aitkin County Health and Human Services-Statewide Health Improvement Partnership.

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Highway 47 closes north of Malmo on Aug. 19

Motorists to encounter delays on Highway 47 in Aitkin County as the road closes to replace a bridge near Malmo beginning Monday, Aug. 19. The work is part of two bridges to be replaced—first the Highway 47 bridge north of Malmo, then the Highway 18 bridge west of Malmo.

Only one bridge will be closed at a time. The detour will use the same roads for each closure.

Here's what to expect:
· Aug. 19 to mid-September: Highway 47 will close north of Malmo to replace the Morman Creek bridge with two box culverts be-

ginning Monday, Aug. 19. The detour uses Highway 18 between Malmo and Garrison along northern Mille Lacs Lake, Highway 169 to Aitkin County Road 28, and County Road 12 to Highway 47 in Glen.

· Mid-September to mid-October: Highway 18 will close west of Malmo along northern Mille Lacs Lake at Malmo Bay to replace the Morman Creek bridge with a new box culvert. The detour uses Highway 47 between Malmo and Glen, Aitkin County Road 12 to County Road 28, and Highway 169 to Highway 18 along northern Mille Lacs Lake to Malmo.

· Full duration of this project: Through traffic must use the detour, or find their

own route. All travelers will encounter a hard closure at the bridge work site. For your safety and ours, stay out of barricaded areas. Local access will be open outside the closed work site. Visitors traveling to destinations within the area may want to call ahead to know the best route to take.

MnDOT will send another notification when Highway 47 opens and Highway 18 closes in September. When complete, the new bridges will improve drainage in the Malmo area.

To learn more about this project or download detour maps, visit www.mndot.gov/d3/projects/malmo/.

For real-time travel information anywhere in Minnesota, check www.511mn.org.



Bartender Jade Davis, Crosslake, and owner Larson Haynes, Ross Lake Township, at the new Pickled Loon in Emily. Ann Schwartz photo

Emily hot this summer

By ANN SCHWARTZ
The Pickled Loon just north of Emily is open for eating and drinking this summer. The building was formerly Granny's Bar and the Broken Arrow.

Owner Larson Haynes opened the Emily location in May 2019. His son, Dillon, also operates a Pickled Loon in Grand Rapids on Lake Pokegama.

Haynes, of Ross Lake Township, has made a career in the food business and works long hours. His restaurant is known for all-you-can-eat bluegills on Mondays and all-you-can-eat crab legs on Fridays.

"We go through 400 to 500 pounds of crab legs a week," said Haynes.

They cook from scratch in their kitchen and have 20 craft beers on tap, along with pull-tabs, a meat raffle and bingo.

The Pickled Loon will stay open all year. "We are located at the heart of the ATV and snowmobile trails," he pointed out.

Iron Range Coffee House

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Thor Freeburg prepares a drink at the Iron Range Coffee House in an expansive log building that used to house Silver Creek Traders in Emily. He and his wife Candy, of Pequot Lakes, own and operate the establishment that opened its doors on May 4.

They are open seven days a week and plan to stay open year around. They feature coffee, pastries, breakfast items and lunch, with "the best scones in the region," he said.

Candy does the baking and has food service experience. Thor was most recently a carpenter.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ongoing Events:

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30, Mon. Step Study 7:00pm Open, Tue. Big Book Discussion Meeting 6:30pm Open, Open Meeting 8:00pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9am.

AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

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

Aitkin Lions meet on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm at the Aitkin Forty Club restaurant. Call 218-839-3954 for more info.

Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting

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 'Ask An Attorney' Workforce Center - 20-3rd St. NE, Aitkin, 4th Tuesday of month at noon Pre-registration required call 218-723-4005

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

Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.

Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyan 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 Roxey 218-927-4558.

Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.

Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. 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@mfos.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

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 218-831-1957 www.foodaddicts.org

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Food Shelf (Emily) First Wednesday of the month for produce and bakery only, 9:30 - 11:00 am. Third Wednesday distribution 9:30 - 11:00 am, followed by Thursday distribution 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Enter from south door.

Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm

Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.

Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd. This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.

Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.

Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal sponsored by ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.

National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. 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 9:30am at Aitkin Library, 7:00pm at 112 1st Ave SW - house next to New Life Church. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12 step program fashioned after AA. Not a diet club, no dues or fees or weigh-ins. For more info: OA.org, or call meeting contact Cheryl at 770-576-5984.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

Pickleball 9 a.m. - noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Rutger's Bay Lake Lodge. For more information, contact Ron Mogen, u-equity@usa.net.

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 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Weight Watchers (now called WW) meets at Hallett Center in Crosby every Wednesday at 5:45 pm. 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 McGregor Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

August

15th -18th -Heritage Days in Crosby-Ironton.

17th - Emily, Outing, Fifty Lakes Lions Corn Feed at the Pickled Loon north of Emily, 11 a.m. Features food, games, vendors: prize drawing at 4:30.

17th - Soo Line Depot Museum Artisan Fair and Silent Auction.

17th - Lakes Area Music Festival Outdoor Yoga at the Brainerd High School football field at 10:30 a.m. All ability levels are welcome at this event, with a live professional string quartet to accompany the class led by Jennifer Smith of Nisswa Yoga.

17th - 18th - Cuyuna Crusher Mountain Bike Race Event in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area.

18th - Light of the Cross Church located in Garrison is hosting a Free Music Jam and Ice Cream Social 2-4 pm. Everyone is invited to listen to some talented local musicians play their favorite music while enjoying a free dish or cone of ice cream.

22nd - Music in the Park 5 - 8 p.m. Admission is free at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake sponsored by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

22nd - The Crow Wing County Genealogy Society meeting at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd, 6 - 8 pm. Several members will be present to assist you in your research. Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome to attend. Any questions call 828-9178 or 851-4819.

September

7th - Fall Festival at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Crosby.

7th - Lakes Rodeo at Crow Wing County Fairgrounds from 4 -11 p.m. Professional bull riding and barrel racing.

12th - Fundraising golf tournament at the Oak Marsh Golf Course, 526 Inwood Ave. N. in Oakdale. The event begins at 11:00 am and the cost is \$120 for each golfer in a foursome during the scramble format and 18-hole tournament. Dinner only is \$35 per person and mulligans may be purchased for \$20. Cost includes golf, cart, GPS, and dinner along with giveaways, drawings, and more.



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OBITUARIES

GILBERT WASSERZIEHER



Gilbert Wasserzieher, 84, of Aitkin, died July 31, 2019 in Woodburn, OR.

He was born June 18, 1935 in Brainerd to Edward and Hazel (Knieff) Wasserzieher.

He received a Bachelors Degree from the University of Minnesota in 1958. He served



30 years in the U.S. Air Force as an Occupational Therapist. He had many duty stations, including Texas, England, Alabama,

New York, and Alaska. While stationed in England he met a beautiful nurse named Dorothy Geraldine Vegso. They were married on June 8, 1963 in Swindon, England. Gilbert was passionate about cars. He collected antique automobiles as well as model cars and car literature. His prized automobile was a 1938 Rolls Royce, acquired in

England while serving in the Air Force. Gil completed a bicycle tour of Europe while in college, and shared many travel adventures with his wife, Dorothy. They especially loved visiting Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and had many fond memories of time spent there with family and friends. He fulfilled a lifelong dream of building a house on the lakeshore in Minnesota near his childhood home, moving there with Dorothy from Alaska in 2012. Gilbert also enjoyed woodworking and researching family history. He was always warm and welcoming and easily made everyone he met feel at home.

He is survived by his children Bruce Wasserzieher, Fairview Heights, IL; Beth Wasserzieher, Bakersfield, CA; Karen Anderson, Woodburn, OR and Paul Wasserzieher of Boston, MA.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy on March 21, 2019 and his brother, Harlo Wasserzieher.

MELVIN CHAPMAN



Melvin R. Chapman, 70, of Emily died on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at his home. He was born in Mount Vernon, IL to Harold and Jessie (Minor) Chapman.

A Memorial service was held on Monday, August 12, 2019 at the Narrows Community Church in Outing. Burial will be at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily at a later date.

Melvin married Cheryl Stiner on April 4, 1967

in Emily.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Cheryl; son and daughter-in-law, Melvin B. and Shannon Chapman, Virginia; daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Frank Martin, Emily; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Diana Chapman, Moweaqua, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents; great granddaughter, Mackenzie Gayhart and sister, Brenda Huddleston.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

JAMES BLUMKE



James Blumke, 83, formerly of Aitkin, died Thursday, July 25, 2019 at his home in Lakeville.

A celebration of his remarkable life will be held on Sunday, Aug. 25 at the Eagan Community Center, 1501 Central Pkwy, Eagan from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please dress casually/comfortably.

James was born Sep. 6, 1935.

He was preceded in death by his beautiful bride, Sandra; mother, Malinda; father, Leonard; brother, Michael; and infant sister, Marcia.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Cheryl; daughters and son-in-law: Paula Davis; Cathy Rasmussen; Lisa and Stephen Kitts; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

CORINNE KRAFTY



Corinne Diane Krafty, 68 of Aitkin and formerly of Minneapolis died Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Minneapolis.

She was born October 27, 1950 to Arthur and Margaret (Damman) Bentzen, Jr. She graduated from Edison High School in Minneapolis.

Corinne married Douglas Albert Krafty. She enjoyed fishing, shopping, and visiting with her friends and family. She most recently worked at Neighborhood Bank in Aitkin before retirement.

Corinne is survived by her husband, Douglas; stepson, Steve Krafty (Shari Langner) and grandson, Jayce, all of Columbia Heights; cousin: Al (Michelle) Seefeld, Andover; many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents. 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.

PAUL DOLNEY



Paul James Dolney, 74, of Tamarack died Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at the Villa Vista Care Center in Cromwell.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Holy Family Catholic Church in McGregor with Fr. David Forsman officiating. Memorials are preferred to the donor's choice.

Paul was born March 19, 1945 at Potosi, WI to Arthur and Myrtle (Crapp) Dolney. He grew up and attended schools in Potosi and graduated from the Potosi High School. He then served in the U.S. Army and upon his discharge traveled the United States for a couple of years before ending up in California. He married Maxine T. Brown on September 18, 1970 in Burbank, CA. They lived in California and he worked as a manager for Northrup Aerospace division. In 1980 they moved to Tamarack, where they have made their home since. He worked for the

Tamarack and McGregor Post Offices for 19 years driving a mail route. He enjoyed coin and stamp collecting and also doing his mail route.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Dolney, Tamarack; brother, and sister-in-law, David and Marlene Dolney, River Falls, WI; and three nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

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ALLIANCE

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

Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org

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 — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; 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 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 9:30 and 11, thejourneynorth.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.; fcbrairnerd.com

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchontheviseroad.org

Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30, 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.ihmstamilys.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.

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 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

Malmö — 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.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC

Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

Aitkin — First* (ELCA) Pastor Doug Larson (Interim), Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 9 am (coffee fellowship at 10 am); communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed nursery for Sun. service. Sun. service broadcast at 10 am on KGIN (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.pobpaxter.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 fellowship 11, Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www.goodshepherdfree.lutheran.church

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.lhchurch.org)

Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.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

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. Langherst & Rev. R. Lovas; 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; handicap accessible.

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

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)

Malmö — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

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

McGrath — 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 Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9.

Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Rosburg — 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

READER RIBBETS

Crosby needs brave candidate

Brave will best describe the next candidate that runs for the position of Mayor of Crosby. They need to know that, if they win, they will be blamed for the upcoming increased taxes and water bills that this current administration caused due to poor fiscal management.

Representing our business district knowing that they are going to be expected to throw around I.R.R.R.B grants to new non resident business owners like this current administration gives out liquor permits is brave.

They are going to have to be a witness to and devise a plan to deal with the endless difficulties and erosion to our towns infrastructure, especially our roads and alleys, as they take on the increased traffic from the 2021 MNDot road project.

They will continuously have to listen to both slum lords and elite capitalists whine and cry

as efforts are made trying to put together even more good ol' boy power plays that continue to block any ordinances that pertain to the regulation of rental properties or air bed and breakfasts.

They will need to be brave enough to stand up to each department head and hold them accountable, when they fail to do their jobs.

They are going to need to realize that city matters are to be discussed and decided in the council chambers, not between the mayor and city administrator, who so thoughtfully influence council members who just happen to be friends.

Our new mayor needs to be brave enough to initiate an administration that thrives on total transparency, as council members need to be informed of potential projects that involve things such as grants,

future business developments, etc. If our city administrator can't comprehend or comply with that, then we may need to replace her.

Our new mayor will need to bravely lead our town forward through piles of pigeon poop, absurd lawsuits, aggressively changing police and fire department, an antiquated —almost useless — ordinance enforcement program, unrealistic demands from pushy silent sports groups who feel entitled to their desires over our local residents, etc., etc.

To come into this election knowing you are going to be expected to right all this administrations wrongs, establish fair, yet equal practices and restore accountability to our city government is more than just brave, its heroic.

**Chris Ryan,
Crosby**

Abuse needs to be brought to justice

[This letter is in response to the Crosby-Ironton Courier printing weekly the past charges against former Crosby Mayor James Hunter that were either dismissed or a jury found him not guilty.]

Mr. Hunter and I were pleased to see that the misdemeanor charge of Falsely Reporting a Crime was finally dismissed. But we were amazed that a charge so absurd was even filed.

In June, 2017, Mr. Hunter went to the Dairy Queen in Crosby. Several months earlier, he had obtained a restraining order against Thomas McCartan due to repeated harassment of him by Mr. McCartan. Mr. McCartan, who at the time lived a couple houses from the Dairy Queen, gave Mr. Hunter "the finger," as Mr. Hunter was pulling up to the Dairy Queen. Mr. Hunter went inside the Dairy Queen. While he was waiting at the counter, before he could order his food, Mr. McCartan walked in right behind him.

Clearly, Mr. McCartan saw Mr. Hunter going to the Dairy Queen, and decided to follow him. Mr. McCartan came right up behind Mr. Hunter, and re-

mained behind him while Mr. Hunter ordered his food. Mr. Hunter then went to the seating area of the restaurant, and Mr. McCartan looked in that direction before leaving. Mr. Hunter had reason to fear Mr. McCartan, who had repeatedly harassed him, and had previously violated the restraining order Mr. Hunter had against him. Mr. Hunter reported the incident to law enforcement, saying that he thought Mr. McCartan may have violated the restraining order. Mr. Hunter also obtained a copy of the surveillance video from the Dairy Queen to document the incident.

To our surprise, the Crosby Police charged Mr. Hunter with a crime. At a hearing held in the case outside of the presence of a jury, the two officers involved testified that Mr. Hunter demonstrated what happened to the officers, and one of the officers believed Mr. Hunter made contact with him during the demonstration. Neither officer asked Mr. Hunter, if he meant to make contact with one of the officers, or if by making contact, he meant to tell them that Mr. McCartan had made contact

with Mr. Hunter.

I have a written record of the hearing if anyone would like to review the testimony of the officers. The charge against Mr. Hunter claimed that Mr. Hunter said that Mr. McCartan touched him, when Mr. Hunter never said that. The officers said they assumed Mr. Hunter meant that, but they never actually asked him!

This is yet another example of the leadership of the Crosby Police Department filing false charges against Mr. Hunter, and the Crow Wing County Attorney's Office going along with them. Even though the case was dismissed prior to trial —likely to avoid further embarrassment after losing three separate jury trials against Mr. Hunter — it should never have even been filed, and dozens of hours of court and prosecutor time were wasted, not to mention Mr. Hunter's time and expense defending against it.

It remains our hope that those responsible for this abuse of the system are brought to justice.

**Ed Shaw
Edward Shaw Law, Brainerd
Attorney for James Hunter**

Weaponizing hostile environment

It is not difficult to imagine the daily stress of law enforcement officers.

In Crosby, the stress is magnified by a chief who lies, distorts the truth, alters documents, makes three ring binders disappear, conducts biased, prejudiced, flawed investigations as arbitrators found in BMS Case No 17-PA-0260, BMS Case No 13-PA-0659, 13-PA-0660. Imagine you need to call law enforcement, an officer responds, writes a report. The chief alters the report, potentially changing the entire report and outcome. Your justice is lost, and officers are faced with a huge dilemma, tell the truth and go against the chief, or commit a fatal career mistake and lie. The officers are in a lose-lose hostile situation daily and risk termination in either situation.

The chief of police cannot be trusted, the fine officers of the Crosby PD have their ca-

reers and livelihood at risk by the chiefs continued employment, the council and mayor don't care. The residents cannot trust the chief, the fact the chief will alter documents, lie, make items disappear, places every citizen at risk of not getting a fair trial.

A former mayor had criminal charges dismissed, for not painting their house, seven failed attempts to prosecute a second mayor with the reserve police clerk attempting to retry them in the *Courier*.

The hostile workplace environment created by the chief is now a weapon used by the city administrator. Implementing demeaning, unnecessary, reporting tactics for department heads are signs of insecure, frightened, in over their head, people who are on their last effort and have no clue what to do.

Crosby's discourse is played out in the *Courier* with the

mayor attacking the editor of the paper and the editor striking back. The city administrator pushing through a tunnel that will force a rise in sewer rates because they believe they've hired experts to help them. The city administrator failed to realize they were sold a bill of goods and the taxpayer's foot the bill.

Managing a city is making tough decisions, making sure information is accurate, not biased, prejudiced, flawed, financially feasible, it must be trusted and most importantly, it must be in the best interest of the city and not a personal agenda. The council, mayor, city administrator, and chief of police have lost credibility, trust, and the possibility of doing anything that won't be scrutinized by the public, right down to the pigeon poop.

**Kelly Avelsgard
Concerned Observer
Deerwood**

Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

Last week included a variety of activities. Thursday I attended the Shamrock Township meeting, where we discussed the township's recreational park that sits right next to the town hall. The park includes tennis courts, a ball field and other age appropriate recreational amenities.

There is interest in upgrading and expanding the park to better meet the needs of the community. Shamrock Township owns a portion of the property involved and has a lease on the adjoining 6.2 acres of State School Trust land that a portion of the park is situated on.

Past efforts to gain matching grant funds through Minnesota's Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program to upgrade the facilities have been complicated by the mixed ownership of the property. The school trust lands lease allows for the existing recreational facilities, as well as parking and septic facilities.

Under the lease additional

recreational or facilities related construction would be possible with the concurrence of the DNR Division of Lands and Minerals acting as the agent for State School Trust Lands. The DNR Parks and Trails Grant Program requires that for matching funds, the grantee must have full ownership of all the property involved.

School Trust Lands are held in trust by the state for the benefit of and production of revenue to fund our K12 public education system. That requirement predates Minnesota's statehood when the federal government first dedicated school trust lands to the Territory of Minnesota. Today the revenue produced from trust lands comes from mining, forestry operations and leasing arrangements, such as the lease Shamrock Township holds.

The task at hand is to figure out how we can upgrade and expand the current park to meet the community's needs. That will require resolving what

appears to be conflicting rules with respect to supporting both K12 public education and our local parks.

Friday found me at the Natural Resources Research Institute's (NRRI) Coleraine facility with a bipartisan group of House and Senate legislators for an update on their research efforts. What an impressive facility, we met with world-class scientists, engineers and technicians that are working on cutting edge mineral and forestry related projects. NRRI works directly with natural resource based companies providing independent testing and research analysis on how best to turn Minnesota's abundant natural resources into useful products.

This week will include a trip to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center to attend our youngest grandson's graduation from Navy Recruit. Go, Navy!

**Representative Dale Lueck
Minnesota House
District 10B**

Cuyuna Crusher Mountain bike race

More than 500 mountain bikers their friends and families will come to Crosby the weekend of August 17-18 for the Fifth Annual Cuyuna Crusher Race sponsored by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber and the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series.

On Saturday, August 17, all our welcome to celebrate at the Cuyuna Crusher Happy Hour, located on Cross Avenue in front of the

Spalding House from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be live music by lolah, and food provided by Mixed Company and Maucieri's Bistro on Wheels throughout the evening.

The Minnesota Series Race takes place in the Mahnomen Unit of the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area on Sunday, Aug. 18. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

The Cuyuna Crusher has

received the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series 2015, 2017, and 2018 Race of the Year Awards. Five hundred Cuyuna Crusher racers voted on the recognition, rating the course and volunteer support of the event as outstanding.

For more information on the race, including times, lengths, maps and pre-registration visit www.mnmtb-series.com

Music in the Park August 22 in Crosby

Enjoy live music by JPAC and Martin Farrell and Jenna Rae while overlooking the spectacular views of Serpent lake at this "Back to School Night" themed Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's Music in the Park event on Thursday, August 22. The free, family fun event will feature music, food, games, and more at Crosby's Memorial Park from 5 to 8 p.m.

Sponsored by Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union, the event will include games for the kids, back to school pencils and notebooks and cool refreshments (until supplies last).

At the event the Traveling Art Pub will have \$10 make and take canvases available

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JPAC plays a mix of classic rock to today's hits.

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Both Jenna & Martin are multi-instrumentalists and their live show incorporates a wide range of different instruments including guitar, pedal steel, banjo, foot pedals and saxophone. At their live shows you are likely to see favorite classic cover

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The Iron Range Eatery will be serving food and refreshments so come hungry and enjoy the music!

Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and sit back and enjoy live music while overlooking the spectacular views of Serpent Lake. For more information about each Music in the Park event, visit www.cuyunalakes.com.

Public Lands Day at Camp Ripley

University of Minnesota Extension Master Naturalist Program, in partnership with the Minnesota National Guard, invites area residents to participate in National Public Lands Day (NPLD) on September 28, 2019, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

National Public Lands Day is the largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. Since 2012, the Minnesota Master Naturalist Program has facilitated this effort at sites across the state. More than 1,000 volunteers have removed invasive species, planted pollinator gardens, protected newly-planted

trees, among other projects for over 5,000 service hours to date. This year, the MN Master Naturalist Program encourages residents to join this growing tradition of stewardship through service at one of 19 locations in Minnesota.

Volunteers are encouraged to register before September 7 to receive a Master Naturalist NPLD 2019 t-shirt. Registration officially closes on September 18. To find the National Public Lands Day site nearest you, go to: <https://z.umn.edu/NPLD19>. For a map of locations, visit: <https://arcg.is/1KeWaz0>.

Volunteers at Camp Ripley will help cut and remove invasive species on the installation. A government issued photo id is required for entrance to Camp Ripley. Camp Ripley is located at 15000Hwy 115, Little Falls, MN 56345. To register for this site, go to: <https://z.umn.edu/CampRipley>.

For more news from U of M Extension, visit <http://www.extension.umn.edu/news> or contact Extension Communications at <https://twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events>. University of Minnesota Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

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British soprano Anna Dennis will play the title role of Helen in *The Beautiful Helen of Troy* at the Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd on Saturday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 18 at 2 p.m.

The Lakes Area Music Festival's star-studded cast from around the world will present this naughty musical farce at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd on Saturday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 18 at 2 p.m. There will be a pre-concert interview led by Steve Staruch of Minnesota Public Radio 30 minutes prior to each performance.

nis will play the title role of Helen alongside Paris-based Tenor, Zachary Wilder as the Prince Paris. The production is directed by JJ Hudson, with the Festival Orchestra led by Italian conductor, Jonathan Brandani of Minnesota Opera.

Anna Dennis' concert performances have included *Britten's War Requiem* at the Berlin Philharmonie, roles in all three Monteverdi operas in John Eliot Gardiner's world tour of the *Trilogy*, Thomas Ades' *Life Story* accompanied by the composer at the Lincoln Centre's White Light Festival in New York, and Bach cantatas with Les Violons du Roy in Montreal.

American tenor, Zachary Wilder's recent projects include the Spirit of Light in *The Tale of Genji* starring Ebizo Ichikawa at Kabuki-za

in Tokyo, a recording and concert as Osman in Händel's *Almira* with the Boston Early Music Festival, Everardo in a staged production of Zingarelli's *Giulietta e Romeo* at the Winter in Schwetzingen Festival, and Bach's *Saint John Passion* with Bach Collegium Japan in Tokyo.

Mezzo-soprano, Adriana Zaballa (who has been praised by *The Wall Street Journal* for showing "tremendous stamina and boy-like flair" and by *The New York Times* as "a vivid, fearless presence") will play the pants-role of Orestes.

"This comedy is as light as a French soufflé and as flashy as a 90s Versace pool party," said Zaballa. "Every scene is a surprise of beauty,

spectacle and charm – not to be missed!"

Beethoven's Pastorale

Next on the Festival season is Beethoven's *Pastorale*, featuring the Festival Chamber Orchestra led by Courtney Lewis of the Jacksonville Symphony. The concert will take place on Wednesday, August 21 at 7:30 p.m., with a pre-concert lecture by Maestro Lewis at 7 p.m.

Beethoven's sixth symphony, nicknamed "Pastorale" is unique in the composer's output, taking the audience on a journey through scenes in the countryside, including a village folk dance and a thunderous tempest. Ravel's kaleidoscopic *Le tombeau de Couperin* and Schreker's rarely-heard masterwork,

the Chamber Symphony, will round out the program.

Yoga

On Saturday, August 17 at 10:30 a.m., the Lakes Area Music Festival offers an outdoor yoga class at the Brainerd High School football field. All ability levels are welcome at this event, with a live professional string quartet to accompany the class led by Jennifer Smith of Nisswa Yoga.

The Lakes Area Music Festival, an annual summer series attracting leading instrumental and vocal performers from around the world, takes place August 2 through August 25, with performances at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd. Concerts are free of charge, with no tickets required.

Offenbach's comedic masterpiece, *The Beautiful Helen of Troy*, brings a zany take and dazzling tunes to the world of Ancient Greece.

the Great Temple of Jupiter, the bedchamber of the queen and even an Elvis-era beach-party!

British soprano, Anna Dennis



Paris-based Tenor, Zachary Wilder will play Prince Paris.



Mezzo-soprano, Adriana Zaballa will play the pants-role of Orestes.



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General Rental sleek new digs

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Brainerd General Rental opened in a new building along Hwy. 371 north this past May.

The building, which housed Taco Towne from 1967 and for 11 years, was built in the 1940s. The old building was cobbled together, incorporating an old railroad car, and was a

drinking place, a party rental place and had many other incarnations.

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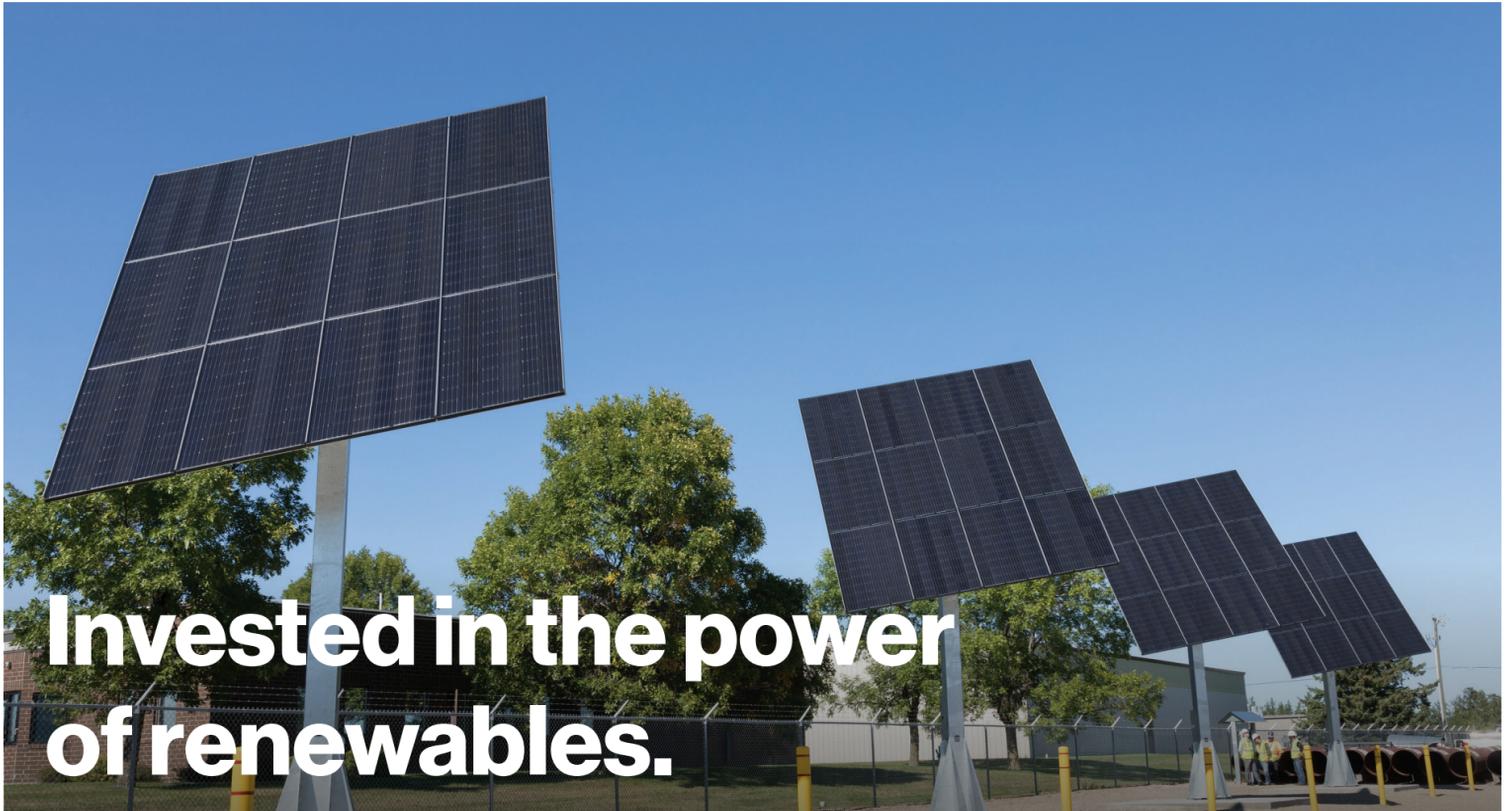
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