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Spring blooms, golf courses open, lake ice gone in the area



Gary Weikle of Garrison loads his own cart and is ready to play. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Lakes have lost their coating of ice, the loons and mourning doves are back and golf courses are open in NewsHopperland.

"The opening weekend weather cooperated as Gov. Tim Walz gave the order that golf courses could open in Minnesota," said Natalie Saatoff, marketing manager for Cuyuna Hills Rolling Golf Course near Deerwood.

Terry and Tom Thompson own the course and Pete Vukelich is the clubhouse manager.

The clubhouse is closed for now during these times of

the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, golfers can still enjoy their day. They can play in groups of four, per usual, but only players from the same household can share a golf cart or carpool to the course. Golf carts are disinfected

after each use and players must keep the 6-ft social distancing rules at all times.

To allow players to use the restroom and talk to staff, they have them entering the clubhouse by one door and leaving by another and have spaces marked off on the floor. They are directed not to congregate in the parking lot.

Although it was cold last Sunday morning, a few hardy souls were out on the links.

Saatoff said they had 63 golfers on Saturday, opening day, and a lot of seasonal residents are returning.

Golfers are encouraged to book their tee-times and play

online. Although all tournament play is on hold for now, Terry Thompson has been getting the greens in shape since early March.

"Golfers have integrity and we know they will abide by the rules so they can keep playing," noted Saatoff. And the golf course will be following all state guidelines.

Members Tom Melling, Wayne Baierl and Gary Weikle all rolled up in their pickup trucks, ready to play.

The three friends play two or three times a week: "weather or viruses permitting," laughed Tom.

They were headed to the back nine and good-naturedly allowed photographs at the first hole.

In addition to golf courses,

live bait shops have opened, along with shooting ranges, trails and marina services.

Resorts may open too!

Minnesota State Representative Josh Heintzeman, R-Nisswa, said in a press release on Tuesday, that Minnesota's resorts are open for business, despite uncertainty and misinformation regarding how the Governor's recent COVID-19-related executive orders impact them.

"There's been a lot of confusion about the current status of resorts and whether or not they've been closed as part of Governor Walz's executive orders," said Rep. Heintzeman. "Legislators have recently received clarification from the Governor's office that resorts are not

closed. This is great news for the Brainerd Lakes Area as tourism is such a vital part of our local economy. There are new safety protocols in place to keep people healthy and safe, which must be a top priority, but thankfully the clarification assures resorts that yes, they can be open."

Heintzeman indicated the following is the most up to date and accurate guidance he has received:

The hotel portions of resorts (including rented cabins) can open as planned and can accept guests.

Guests do not have to be members of a critical sector to stay at a resort.

Communal amenities may not be open for use.

While resorts can accept visitors, the Stay at Home Order continues to discourage unnecessary travel, and the Order asks people to remain close to their homes.

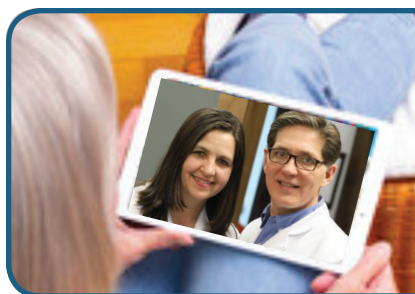
Resorts do not have to open if they are not comfortable doing so.

Maintenance and cleaning staff can begin work now to prepare for the season.

Heintzeman said clarification is being sought regarding the status of campgrounds and RV resorts.



Wayne Baierl is ready to roll to the second hole on the back nine course at Cuyuna Rolling Hills.



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New statewide testing strategy to test all COVID-19 symptomatic people

Gov. Tim Walz, representatives of the state's health care delivery systems, the Mayo Clinic, and the University of Minnesota (U of M) announced Wednesday a breakthrough for rapid, widespread testing of COVID-19 in Minnesota. A plan of statewide testing for all symptomatic people to isolate confirmed cases and expand public health surveillance tools. By building capacity to test as many as 20,000 Minnesotans per day, this increased testing and tracing will help improve control of this pandemic and support the safe re-opening of society.

"When Minnesota faces a challenge, we rise up—together," Gov. Walz said. "I'm proud to partner with Minnesota's innovative health care systems and leading research institutions to pioneer how states can begin to move forward amid COVID-19."

The partnership will help to assure that every person in the State with symptoms of COVID-19 gets tested. Funded in part by \$36 million from the COVID-19 Minnesota Fund, the partnership will establish capacity to deliver 20,000 molecular and 15,000 serology tests per day.

"This expanded testing capacity will be transformative to our COVID-19 response, especially for vulnerable populations: individuals living in congregate care settings or experiencing homelessness; communities of color and American Indians; and critical workers," said Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan. "By testing more people, we will build a better picture of how COVID-19 is impacting our state and how to combat it. I am grateful to the extraordinary health care professionals at the University of Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, and all of our health systems for making this partnership possible."

The partnership will improve control of COVID-19 in Minnesota through increased public health surveillance and research. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and its public health partners will simultaneously expand contact tracing efforts for better control of the infection. The partnership will help to identify and respond to emerging "hotspots" of infection. They will collect data on prevalence, geographic distribution, and barriers to care for the virus, and they will conduct groundbreaking research on COVID-19 to assure that tests are applied according to the best emerging science.

"We are pleased to roll out this new testing effort in partnership with the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic," Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm said. "Having this greatly increased testing capacity will improve our understanding of how COVID-19 is spreading in Minnesota, and will provide key data to inform our decisions about how to protect Minnesotans."

In partnership with MDH, the Mayo Clinic and the U of M will create a central lab to accommodate the expanded testing and a virtual command center in coordination with the health systems to monitor daily testing needs and coordinate rapid responses to outbreaks.

"Mayo Clinic has been leading the nation in COVID-19 testing since the pandemic's emergence. As always, Mayo Clinic continues to put Minnesota first," said William Morice, M.D., PhD, President of Mayo Clinic Laboratories. "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayo Clinic has prioritized Minnesota's needs, offering the state unlimited access to Mayo's unmatched testing capabilities and providing assistance and expertise whenever asked. Mayo's commitment continues today as we pledge further support for Minnesota's statewide testing strategy."

"We are committed to our vital public health obligation of aggressively expanding access to COVID-19 testing throughout the state. It will be core to any effort to safely reopen our state" said Jakub Tolar, MD, PhD, Dean of the University of Minnesota Medical School. "This is a complex health challenge. It is only fitting that two of

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Smile and the whole world smiles with you

I made a trip to a big box store today. It had been a while, but I was startled at what I saw. It seemed to be a weird mix of the bad economic vibes from five years ago blended with a phobia that affected everyone there. It seemed like a scene from a B-movie named "Masked Phobic Zombies from Cleveland." Masks covered many of the patrons that were doing their duty by staying the acceptable six feet apart. This wasn't the startling part. The startling part was that this was accompanied by a near-complete aversion to eye contact, to saying hello, or to extend any act of kindness. The normally helpful staff appeared to be affected, as well. Sadness was the prevailing wind.

I left thinking about this and asking, "what could possibly be the antidote to this 'Illness.'" The answer, in part, presented itself in a pedestrian I passed on the way home: smile more and wave more. He was, and it brought a bit of a smile out of me.

Did you know that just the act of smiling has an amazing affect on your brain and body? This is true, even it is a fake smile! One thing that happens is that chemicals are released. Serotonin, dopamine, and endorphins go into your bloodstream and help reduce stress, blood pressure and heart rate. They can also lift your mood, relax your body, and can actually reduce pain. If you need more, it can help you live longer!

Seeing smiling faces can change the way your brain works. Scientists have found that seeing a smiling face can activate a part of your brain that makes your feel like you are being rewarded. Wow! And when you smile, it also activates an unconscious and automatic response in the person seeing it that causes them to mimic it and makes frowning harder. Hmm... seems like the antidote may be a smile away!

My daughter with me noticed a lady wearing a mask with a notable difference: you could tell she was smiling! So, if you are out and about, even with a

mask, smile and add a wave, so that they can receive their award of the day. Make the SHIFT today!



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Rats leaving a sinking ship

It is said that rats know when a ship is sinking, and leave before the passengers and crew. The citizens of Crosby, good people have been saddled with corrupt and incompetent leaders who wasted millions of dollars, used the police force to intimidate citizens who disagreed with them, spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in a losing battle against a former police officer who disagreed with the leadership, and even had their former mayor arrested on bogus charges.

After the former mayor was cleared of all charges, and the former police officer won his legal battle against the city, the rats started to leave. First, the Lieutenant, who lead the charge against the former mayor and the police officer, resigned. Then, the Police

Chief resigned. Now we hear that the City Administrator is leaving. They have left the city with a badly damaged reputation, a divided police department, and a looming financial crisis.

Hopefully the rest of the city leadership will join their friends and find the exits. No city needs new leadership as badly as Crosby.

Ed Shaw, Brainerd

Concerned about Crosby’s future

It saddened me to read the announcement, “Crosby city administrator resigns,” on the front page of the *Courier*. It is my personal opinion that Lisa Sova is the best individual the city’s hired. For years after moving to Crosby, I cringed at the thought of having any dealings with the Crosby city offices. I found the staff to be unprofessional and just plain rude. Today’s staff is polite, helpful and informed. They are always professional. What a refreshing change.

I was convinced to attend city council meetings a few years back. Others had told me that Crosby was so lucky to have hired Lisa Sova as the city clerk, as she was over qualified for the position.

Their assessment was absolutely right. I found Lisa to be highly intelligent, well-spoken, and she was exactly what this city needed. I was pleased to see that our city council members recognized her value and hired her as the City Administrator when the position was created. Lisa was already performing the duties without the title or the pay. My fiancé who passed just over a year ago was on the city council when Lisa was initially hired. He told me he was in favor of hiring another candidate. He said, “That was the only time I was ever wrong.”

I am very concerned about the city of Crosby’s future. My hope is the city can find

someone with the appropriate credentials and experience to continue moving the city forward. This is going to be a difficult task with the ongoing bashing of our city officials.

I am thankful in many ways that I am moving out of the area, and I don’t have to witness the aftermath. I do congratulate Lisa on her new position with the League of Minnesota Cities. It is a great opportunity for her to use her educational background, personal skills and experience to help cities throughout the state, as she has done for Crosby, with financial related issues and education. Way to go, Lisa!

Pam Erickson, Crosby

An awfully long journey

The outgoing Crosby city administrator spoke with the council and mayor, displaying an arrogant, selfish, unbelievable lack of character, integrity, and proved their tenure was a complete failure. To say there is no employee on Crosby’s staff qualified to take the position is disgusting and insulting to every Crosby resident. What was the city administrator doing for eight years? People in important roles prepare someone to fill their shoes. They look to the future knowing they may leave, die, or retire, and prepare for the least expensive transition. Recommending the residents spend \$11,500 to search for someone is the

most egotistical, shameful, request any outgoing person can do. Certainty, there is a qualified person in Crosby’s staff capable of doing the job, they have been doing the job for eight years.

The former police chief escalated their personal agendas into the court system and failed. A video surfaces online showing two of the former police chiefs favorite protégés escalate a traffic stop by shouting expletives at the people.

With two failed wrongful termination lawsuits, eight failed attempts to criminally prosecute two former mayors, proof the former police chief and city administrator col-

luded to break data privacy laws, and the second of many potential lawsuits from the former police chief’s and city administrator’s tenure, the mayor is a day late worrying and asking about the conduct of employees.

Crosby hired a qualified, capable police chief. Overcoming years of failed police leadership, training, expensive personal vendetta pursuits, negligent council members and mayors, the new chief has an awfully long journey to recover from the massive violation of the public trust and remnants that arise will have to be dealt with properly.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

“Good governance” mission

Good governance. I am not a crook. Read my lips, no new taxes — political words that in the end meant nothing. Just words representing empty promises. But its really the actions of the characters who spoke those words that will be remembered. And that’s exactly what will happen in the upcoming years here in Crosby. Almost no one is going to be able to look back at this administrations actions fondly, unless you’re a bicyclist, received free updated water services, I.R.R.B. grants, or had ordinances changed to benefit your business, etc.

The majority of us will remember that this mayor and cohort council continuously cost us money, didn’t represent the masses and was constantly dealing with controversy revolving around an individual or organization.

We will also remember our mayor’s administration effect-

ing so many others by the sideshows that they created.

If good governance means pissing off the entire sewer district, only to cower and settle anyway... mission accomplished.

If good governance means rewarding big contracts to an employee who was really only looking to advance elsewhere... mission accomplished.

If good governance means paying off union grievances due to poor hiring practices... mission accomplished.

I could go on and on, but why bother? The damage is done and we now have to believe this good governance spewing mayor and city council puppets are going to have the wisdom and good judgment to hire the proper professionals to move our town ahead when they themselves couldn’t.

When you figure the consultation fees and other costs

us taxpayers shall absorb regarding a new hire or two will greatly exceed any supposed savings that we were promised by combining the city clerk/ treasurer’s position with that of the administrator’s, you can understand just how vital hiring the right applicant the first time becomes. We simply cannot afford to place more future financial burdens on the taxpayers of Crosby.

This administration has in itself one last opportunity to silence us critics and soften the insulting words of good governance by going out on a positive note by investing in our future and spending the necessary funds to secure confident, experienced professionals to fill these positions. Anything less will cement the words ‘good governance’ as curse words here forever.

Chris Ryan, Crosby

COVID-19 lessons: overcoming fear

I explained to my boys the other day that fear is something you must overcome. If you don’t, it will overcome you.

With COVID-19 another plague fell upon us: Fear. It swept over us in three waves: first, when we closed the schools and sent the kids home; second, when the media began reporting the spread of the virus; and third, when we responded with social distancing and lockdowns.

Fear spread across our country more quickly than the virus. Panic buying led to hoarding. Reporting on the spread of the virus and the death count led many to fear they would catch the virus and they would die. We came to believe we could only save ourselves through distancing and lockdowns, and people began turning on others for violating them. By Easter, anyone who questioned what we were doing to slow the spread, especially the lockdowns, was considered a threat.

More people were overcome by fear than by the virus. Stress weakens and destroys our immune systems given time. We watched reports from around the globe and we feared the coming of COVID-19. We quarantined “nonessential workers,” sending them home to live under heightened fear, anxiety and stress. Sending those workers home put them at greater risk for later waves of the virus.

“To fight” is the first action in what we commonly refer to as the fight or flight response. Choosing to fight requires thinking, a pause to consider whether and how to fight the threat. Flight doesn’t require thinking.

Social distancing and lockdowns were flight, not fight. If we had waited a little while longer before taking flight, we might have understood the virus was something we could not “outrun” as a federal official said on February 27. Then we could have focused our efforts on the fight, on quarantining and treating high-risk groups.

If many people already had the virus before we knew it

was here, a high percentage who transmitted it were asymptomatic, and it spread faster than we could track it with limited testing, then flight was futile.

In the end, fighting COVID-19 with herd immunity, allowing our body’s immune system to fight the virus, appears to have saved more lives. To date, anyone who was immunized against COVID-19 was immunized through herd immunity—there is no vaccine. Herd immunity did more to stop the spread and to flatten the curve than all the social distancing and the lockdowns by unlawful executive orders; and herd immunity may have prepared us for a next wave.

In the end, we were forced to overcome our fear and end the lockdowns. This might have saved the nation from the greater threat of another Depression.

Looking ahead, we can see that more pandemics with higher mortality rates are coming. We may not survive the next one if we don’t overcome our fear before we meet up with it.

Terry A. Larson, Alexandria

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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1. Date of Mortgage: **August 15, 2018**
2. Mortgagors: **Shayne D. Pankratz and Trista J. Pankratz, spouses married to each other**
3. Mortgagees: **First International Bank & Trust**
4. Recording Information: Recorded on **September 11, 2018**, as Document Number **908419**, in the Office of the County Recorder of **Crow Wing County, Minnesota**.
5. Assignments of Mort-

gage, if any: N/A

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: **251030030010009, 251030030020009 and 251030030030009**
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: **LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), AND THREE (3), BLOCK THREE (3) MATTSON'S ADDITION TO IRONTON ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA**
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OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage: is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
- The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is **First International Bank & Trust**.
10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is **First In-**

ternational Bank & Trust.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was **\$23,000.00**.
13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: **\$23,414.69**.
14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Crow Wing County, Minnesota, at public auction on **June 11, 2020, 10:00 a.m., at Sheriff's Office, 304 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401.**
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MARIAN ERICKSON



Marian Irene Erickson, 96, of Bay Lake passed away peacefully on Monday, April 20, 2020, at Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin, MN. Due to the current restrictions on gatherings, the family will have a private visitation at Koop Funeral Home in Crosby and burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Minneapolis. Memorials are preferred to Salem Lutheran Church, Deerwood, MN 56444 and the Bay Lake Improvement Association Environmental Fund, P.O. Box 461, Deerwood, MN 56444.

Born May 25, 1923, on a farm near Kimball, MN, to James and Mina (Nordby) Lennox, Marian was the fifth of six children. She attended a two-room schoolhouse near their farm, then High School in Kimball and Litchfield. She was the only one of the children to go beyond the 8th grade. Later she was able to attend Minneapolis Business College because her brother Ralph shared his CCC (Civilian Conservation Corp) earnings with her. While working at the University of Minnesota radio station she met Bob Erickson, an engineering student working out at the transmitter who came in to meet the "new girl". He shook her hand (a memory she retained for life because it so impressed her). When he returned from WW2, he became the love of her life. During the war, Marian worked in the Advertising Department of Cargill Inc. Bob and Marian were married on August 9, 1947, in Minneapolis and soon had two sons. Bob worked for companies involved in the development of early computers (ERA, Univac

& Control Data) and many of his colleagues became their lifelong friends. Bob and Marian made their home in the Highland Park area of St. Paul. Marian had wonderful memories of raising her two boys in a neighborhood she loved near her best friends, Carol Thompson and Ann Shekels. In 1963, they purchased a cabin on Bay Lake that became their real "home" for the following 57 years. In the early years, Bob and Marian took pleasure in spending time with friends on the lake (some of which they'd recruited from St. Paul and Phoenix). They could be seen taking lengthy cocktail cruises, often tying multiple pontoon boats together. With her rural roots it's easy to understand why Bay Lake was her favorite place. In 1970, the couple combined forces with other Bay Lakers to bring about the creation of the Bay Lake Improvement Association. Prior to Bob's passing in 1999, they enjoyed winters in Fountain Hills and Rio Verde, AZ. Well known for her welcoming smile and outgoing nature, Marian genuinely cared about everyone she met and never forgot a name.

Marian is survived by her two sons: Paul (Susan) Erickson of Bay Lake and Ward Erickson of Shorewood; two granddaughters: Katherine (Ben) Bowman of St. Paul and Kristine (Brock) Noland of Minneapolis; four great-grandchildren: Grant, Evelyn and Hugh Bowman and Max Noland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bob; and siblings: John, Pearl, Ruby, Ralph and Floyd (Doc).

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

KEVIN JOHNSON



Kevin Andrew Johnson, 63, of McGregor, died Monday, April 13, 2020 in Essentia St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth.

Services will be held at a later date.

He was born January 25, 1957 in Aitkin to Walter and Lola (Bailey) Johnson. Kevin graduated from McGregor High School. Kevin was united in marriage to Darla Paukert on October 15, 1983 in McGregor. Kevin was Grounds Keeper for Minnesota National Golf Course and Savannah 9 Course for 33 years. He enjoyed tennis, biking, football, being outdoors and especially spending

time with his family. Kevin will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Kevin is survived by his loving wife, Darla Johnson of McGregor; mother, Lola Johnson of McGregor; children: Ryan Johnson of McGregor and Katie (Jeremy) Jacobson of Sawyer; brother, Randy (Elaine) Johnson of McGregor; sisters: Kathie (Bill) Bolt of Scottsdale, Arizona and Tami (Mark) Hawkinson of Maple Grove.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Walter Johnson.

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.

Statewide COVID-19 testing | Continued from Page 2

Minnesota's pre-eminent research institutions answer the call together in our commitment to tackling this pandemic. We are deeply grateful to Gov. Walz and Minnesota leaders for supporting this testing strategy."

The expanded testing will include intensive testing of: vulnerable populations, including Minnesotans living in congregate settings and those experiencing homelessness; staff that serve vulnerable populations and health care

workers; communities of color and American Indian populations; and workforce for critical infrastructure.

"As an organization that cares for and serves 1.2 million patients and 1.8 million health plan members, HealthPartners applauds Gov. Walz for his leadership in advancing a statewide COVID-19 testing vision," said Andrea Walsh, president and CEO, HealthPartners. "This partnership will help us identify people who have the infection, prevent spread of disease, and protect our doctors,

nurses and care teams. Expanding testing and contact tracing is a necessary building block to help us all work toward re-opening Minnesota."

"I strongly support a comprehensive statewide SARS-CoV-2 testing program bringing together both core clinical laboratory and public health surveillance expertise," said Dr. Michael Osterholm, Regents Professor and director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota.

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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.
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; hilcityagchurc@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
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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.; fbcbainerd.com
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 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.

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 Richie Bean; 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; 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. Lijla Behr; 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 Steve Anderson; Worship at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:30 pm
Crosslake — 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.

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 Reggie Denton, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10 am, Wed. 5:30 pm w/supper; contemporary services 2nd & 4th Sun.; nursery staffed during 10 am Sun. service; Sunday service is live streamed on YouTube (First Lutheran Church Aitkin); broadcast on KKKIN (94.3FM); community meal every Mon. & Thu. 5 pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thu. 9:30 am-5 pm.

Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10
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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 fellowship 11, 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.lchurch.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), www.crosslakelutheran.com, Pastor Kristin Oltmann, Pastor Kurt Hagestuen, 218-692-3682, Sunday Worship 9:30 am, Wednesday Worship 6:15 pm
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 9; 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. 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 9 am Alternating with Zion of Crosby; 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)
Malmo — 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.
Rossburg — 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, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984

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 — Pastor Tony Oltmann, 218-692-4769; Worship 10; Fellowship 11:15; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Road just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org
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

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Brainerd — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20 a.m., Bible Study 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
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UNITED METHODIST
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Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Hornstad; Worship 10; SS 9
Emily* — Pastors Luke and Bethany Nelson; Worship 8:30; fellowship follows.
Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10
McGregor* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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Fish egg take operations canceled due to COVID-19 distancing protocols

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will cancel its 2020 egg take operations for walleye, northern pike, muskellunge and steelhead because the work cannot be done safely under COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

Collecting eggs and sperm from spawning fish in the wild is a labor intensive effort that requires teams of 6-8 people working in close proximity. After a careful examination of whether the egg take process could be re-engineered, the DNR determined that is was not possible to safely handle fish during the egg take and practice appropriate social distancing to protect staff from COVID-19.

The DNR collects eggs each spring to hatch, raise and then release either as fry or fingerlings to stock Minnesota waters that have low or no natural reproduction of these fish species. While this stocking is important to maintain fish populations and angling opportunities over time, missing one year will not cause long-term harm to the fish population of any waterbody.

"Fish populations naturally are made up of fish hatched in different years, so a missing or weak year class is not uncommon," said Brad Parsons, fisheries section manager for the DNR. "In fact, in lakes with natural reproduction, a strong year class often follows a weak year class, so not stocking for one year might actually benefit the following year's stocked fry."

Canceling egg take activities means walleye eggs and fry will not be available for the DNR's cooperative fish management programs with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and White Earth Nation. In addition, the DNR will not be able to fulfill requests from private sector hatcheries to purchase eggs and fry in 2020.

Since hatchery rearing ponds will not be in use, the DNR will lower the water levels in many of these ponds to improve long-term productivity and future fish-rearing capacity. Other hatchery repairs, such as dike and pond improvements, also can be done when water levels drop.

Because this winter was relatively mild in southern Minnesota, there should be good numbers of walleye in natural rearing ponds that were not harvested last fall. Those fish will help replace some fingerlings for the 2020 season.

Minnesota joins some other Midwest states including South Dakota, Michigan and Indiana in suspending egg take operations. In addition, the USFWS canceled all planned lake sturgeon production for 2020.

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