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Aitkin gymnast tumbles to success with Heartland program



Karena Burgstaler performing during the 2018 Trick Competition at the June DX National Competition in Brainerd.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Karena Burgstaler, 16, of rural Aitkin, has always been very flexible.

"I've always been able to do my right splits and being pretty flexible in general made me want to sign up for

the gymnastics program in fourth grade," said Burgstaler in an interview.

Witnessing her high-energy routines in a video, it is breathtaking the way she

flips and turns and twists and rolls and jumps through her routines.

She is an Acro Dancer Soloist at Heartland Dance & Gymnastics in Ironton, MN.

Her coach is Jillian Rinde.

"I compete two-four times a year and also perform in the Christmas and Spring Studio Shows. The competition sea

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2020 Competition Routine "Trampoline" being performed at the February Starz Competition in Monticello. "My dad and I built the prop for this routine last fall," said Burgstaler.

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\$7 million in COVID-19 relief funding available to businesses



Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation made \$7 million in loan and grant funding available to area businesses and communities that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency's board voted unanimously at its June 10 meeting to approve the two new programs as part of the FY21 budget.

Taconite Area Business Relief Loan Program

Businesses located within the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation service area are eligible to apply for 2% interest loans of up to \$40,000 to be used as working capital or any legal purposes. No repayment on the loans will be due for the first six months, followed by 60 payments of principal and interest. Eligible businesses must have been in operation for at least one year and operating on March 1, 2020. Applicants must intend to re-open if currently closed due to the pandemic. It is anticipated that this program could assist approximately 200 local businesses.

"Our agency is committed to helping our region's businesses navigate through

the financial impacts of the public health crisis," said Mark Phillips, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation commissioner. "The Taconite Relief Loans are intended to supplement other state and federal relief programs as we move through the short- and long-term economic recovery phases."

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation funded the loan program at \$5 million. The Entrepreneur Fund will administer the program.

If you are interested in the Taconite Area Business Relief Loans program and are a local business adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic contact Michael Lattery, 218-623-5734, Michael.lattery@entrepreneurfund.org or Scott Sundvall, 218-735-3015, Scott.Sundvall@state.mn.us.

The Entrepreneur Fund is responsible for the origination and administration of all loans. A blanket UCC finance statement must be filed. Eligible Projects: Funds are intended to provide working capital to businesses, however, any legal business purpose is eligible. The maximum loan amount to a business is

equal to three months operating expenses, up to \$40,000. The interest rate will be 2%. Maximum loans will be 60 months, after a six-month deferment period (accrued interest will be due at the end of the deferment period) Additional Information

- The agency, at its sole discretion, can make exceptions to the one year in operation criteria.

- Funding through this program is intended to supplement, not replace other state and/or federal relief programs. Loan applicants must certify that they have applied for or are not eligible for these programs.

- A 5% origination fee will be paid to the Entrepreneur Fund per loan.

- The Entrepreneur Fund will invoice the agency quarterly for origination fees.

- All interest will be retained by the Entrepreneur Fund as an administration fee.

- The Entrepreneur Fund will provide quarterly reports for all loans as well as quarterly principal payments to the agency. •Eligible disbursements may be funded through December 31,

2021. •The due date for the non-recourse loan is June 30, 2027. •The agency reserves the right to amend the guidelines at any time.

Taconite Area Community Relief Grant Program:

Cities, townships or tribal units of government located within the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation service area are eligible to apply for a grant that serves as a lending program to businesses within that community. EDAs, HRAs, joint powers boards and community nonprofits are eligible to apply as a community's fiscal agent. Grant applications will be competitively evaluated, and awards to communities could range from \$50,000 to \$400,000. Applications will be accepted June 11 through July 6, 2020.

Contact: Whitney Ridlon, 218-735-3004, Whitney.Ridlon@state.mn.us

"COVID-19 has created extraordinary challenges to businesses and communities in northeastern Minnesota. Their operations have been

disrupted on a financial level, on a supply and demand level and on a workforce level due to the need for social distancing," said Phillips. "The new community relief program enables businesses to work directly with their community to structure loans for small or larger amounts. Community lending programs help strengthen the business and neighborhood health within a designated municipality or tribal area."

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation funded the community grant program at \$2 million.

Evaluation Criteria (100 points) – Must be addressed in project narrative. 1. Business and job creation. (50 points) •

Communities that apply will be ranked based on factors including total population, number of workers in a community and number of businesses. 2. Leverage. (25 points)

- Total project investment.
- Bonus points will be awarded for additional fi-

financial participation from project partners that result in a larger total relief program. 3. Community Use of Funds (20 points)

- Describe and identify scope of community problem.

- Describe and identify the proposed use of funds.

- Describe and identify the community is capable to manage program, administer program and leverage other state and federal financing and technical assistance to enhance resource available to local businesses. 4. Project serves an underserved community/population. (5 points)

- Population experiencing inequities and/or disparities

- Diverse populations that include: oRacial and ethnic communities, including American Indians, LGBTQI communities, Disability status, Veterans, and Geographic.

Contact Whitney Ridlon, 218-735-3004, Whitney.Ridlon@state.mn.us for more information.

Crossing Arts Creativity Kits



On Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, Crossing Arts in Brainerd will be distributing creativity kits to anyone who wants a little bit of creative fun. Crossing Arts will have kits on tables in the front of the building. People may also drive through the alley to pick up at the side door, if they prefer (watch for signs for directions on entering). These kits have two art projects, a coloring sheet, and more. Kits are limited to 200. Brought to you by Crossing Arts supporters, and sponsored by Crow Wing Energized, Members Cooperative Credit Union, and Lakes Printing. For more information, contact Crossing Arts at 21-833-0416, info@crossingarts.org. Creativity Kit Featured Artists are Karen Cheney, DJ Osborn, Patricia Lintner, Mark Christy, Carolyn Abbott, and Chase Vreeland.

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The species is well-known for what is called a contact dermatitis. This is an itchy, irritating, and sometimes painful rash, in most people who touch it. Urushiol, a clear liquid compound in the plant's sap, is what causes the rash.[2] Poison ivy can vary in its appearance and habit and is not a true ivy. Interestingly, it is a member of the cashew and pistachio family.

Multiple members of my family have already been a victim to varying degrees. Each have required their own response. There is an abundance of over-the-counter salves and sprays, and sometimes, seeing a

doctor is required. Try this salve that has been helpful to our family if used early on.

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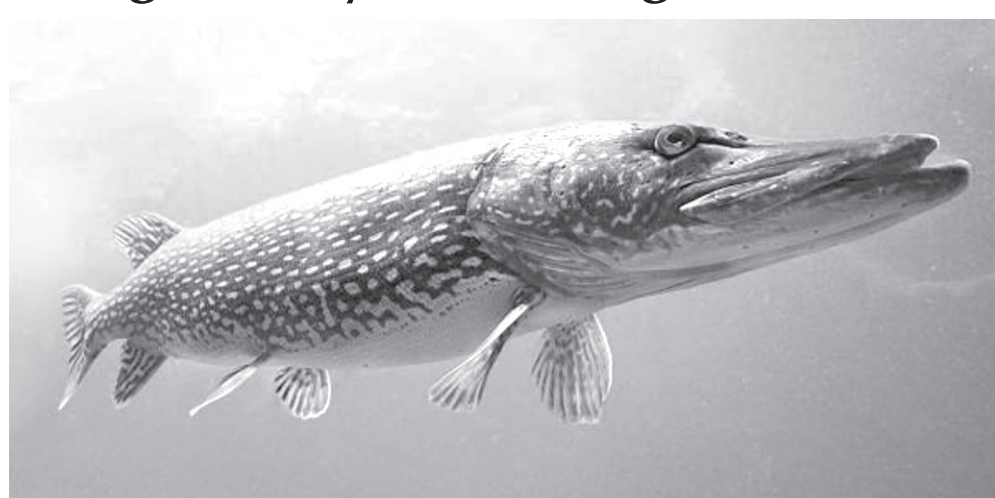
½ c. each olive oil and coconut oil

10 drops tea tree oil

½ c. beeswax

Pike-A-Palooza Northern Pike Fishing Tournament and Fish Fry canceled

Sign up for free Hammer Handle Roundup at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on Saturday, June 13



Pike-a-Palooza northern pike tournament and fish fry scheduled for Saturday, June 13, has been cancelled for health and safety reasons related to compliance with State orders and CDC COVID-19 guidelines. All anglers who registered for the tournament will be fully refunded.

"It was a difficult decision," Ruttgers' President Chris Ruttger said. "Though we could have technically proceeded with the tournament, the changes required to comply with COVID-19 guidelines would have altered the event to such an extent that we didn't believe it would have been a full enough experience for the anglers."

Pike-a-Palooza was started in 2019 as a competitive northern pike tournament that supported the Bay Lake Improvement Association's effort to raise awareness about and reduce the num-

ber of small "hammer handle" northern pike in Bay Lake. The resort plans to host the Pike-a-Palooza in spring 2021.

Free Informal Hammer Handle Roundup

Though the tournament and fish fry have been cancelled, anglers are still invited to come to Bay Lake for an informal Hammer Handle Roundup on Saturday, June 13.

Anglers who catch and harvest a limit of northern pike measuring less than 22 inches will receive one free beer and one free fish meal per boat from the restaurant at the Lodge at Ruttger's. It's free to participate. Anglers must register in advance by emailing Hammer Hammer Roundup Organizer Dave McMillan at dave.mcmillan@ruttgers.com and comply with all Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fishing regulations.

"Come on out, have a fun day on the water, and help Bay Lake combat its hammer handle problem," Ruttger said. "The beer and fish supper are a tasty thank you from Ruttger's for your help."

Update on resort

The resort is open for the season.

Take-out is available for breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Lodge. Limited outdoor seating is now available.

Auntie M's Coffee Shop is open for the season. Limited outdoor seating is now available.

Zig's Restaurant and Bar will remain closed at this time.

Jack's 18 and Alec's 9 golf courses will be open for play.

The Garage, Ann's Bay Lake Boutique, and the Lobby Shop are open for the season. A limited number of guests

will be allowed within the store at one time.

The Fine Line Salon & Spa is open for the season. Call 218-678-2157 for more information.

Beaches, tennis and pickleball courts will be open.

A revised schedule of activities has been developed for guests that includes Bingo, Trivia Tuesdays, nature hikes, pontoon cruises, bonfires with s'mores, shuffleboard, and other outdoor-focused fun.

The Marina will be open with motorized and non-motorized watercraft available.

Kids' Kamp will not be offered this season.

A complete overview of resort operations is available online at <https://ruttgers.com/covid-19-operations/>

Update on resort and future events
The Legends of the Road Classic Car Show and Grayhawk Ruttger's Summer Concert Series concert scheduled for Saturday, June 6, have been canceled.

The 4th Annual Beer and Bacon Bonanza scheduled for the weekend of June 19-21 is still tentatively scheduled to take place. The resort will continue to monitor governmental guidelines. The event will take place if health and safety standards can be met.

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Bette Lou Johnson, 73, of Emily died on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at her home.
No services are being held.
She was born on May 6, 1947 in Hibbing to Leo and Dorothy (Richards) Johnson.
Bette is survived by two sons, Randall (Kris Snow) Funk of St. Louis Park and Steve Funk of

Minneapolis; two sisters, Sandra Stoltzman of Brainerd and Bonnie (Brian) Walker of Pengilly; and one grandchild.
Preceding Bette in death are her parents and one brother, Ken Johnson.
Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

JOEL MARSH



Joel L. Marsh, 85, of Deerwood formerly of Coon Rapids died on April 21, 2020 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.
A Memorial Mass will be held on 11:00 a.m. Saturday,

June 13, 2020 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with a Service of Remembrance at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Pine River.
Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby

JAMES HAW



James Donald Haw, 68, of Ironton died on May 26, 2020 at his home.

Private family services are being held. A Celebration of Jim's Life will held on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the Myrin-James American Legion Post in Ironton from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Burial will be at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Holmes City.



He was born on July 1, 1951 in Minneapolis to Robert and Doris (Larson) Haw. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Jim married Jodi Borene on May 4, 2001 in Sisseton, SD. He was the former owner and operator

of the Bridge Tavern north of Crosby.
Jim is survived by his wife, Jodi; son, Abe (Stacy) Haw of San Diego, CA; daughter, Melissa (Jamie) Drahos of Hutchinson; three brothers: William (Rhonda Hanson) Haw, Steven (Sandy) Haw and John Haw; one sister, Diane (George) Hippie; Brothers and sisters-in-law, Jay, Janelle, Dana and Nicole Matykiewicz; six grandchildren, Adelyne and Harlow Drahos, Logan, Aubree, Carter and Easton Haw and his faithful companion, Diddo.
Preceding Jim in death are his parents; one brother, Robert Haw; and sister-in-law, Mary Haw.
Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

LAWRENCE REIBEL



Lawrence "Larry" John Reibel, 56, of Palisade died Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.
Funeral service will be at noon on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the Assembly of God in Palisade with Reverend Ed Sornberger officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Fleming Lake Cemetery. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers to the cancer society.
He was born September 22, 1963 in Saint Paul to David Joseph and Josephine Marie (Cyrson) Reibel. He graduated from Aitkin High School in 1982. He worked for Denny's Restaurant for 13 years and then for Allina Health for 18 years. He

was a member of the Local Union #113 Hospital Workers. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping and fishing and playing BINGO.
Larry is survived by his mother, Josephine Reibel; brothers and sisters: Tom (Alice) Reibel, Judy (Roger) Beach, JoAnn (Tim) Greeley, David (Kathy) Reibel, Robert (Maryann) Reibel, Kenny (Kathy) Reibel, Joyce (Paul) Montgomery, June (Greg) Gannon, Jacqueline (Charlie) Bell, and Dennis Reibel, many other special relatives and friends.
He was preceded in death by his father, David Reibel; sister, Jeannie Sullivan and brother, Jerry Reibel.
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.

NANCY NELSON



Nancy Yvonne Nelson, 79, of Crosby died on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at Golden Horizon's Assisted Living in Aitkin.
No services are being held.
She was born on November 13, 1940 in Luck, WI to Frank and Pearl (Amborn) Nelson. Nancy was a former Crosby-Ironton School Bus Driver, Crosby-Ironton School Food Service employee and former property manager of the Ironton Terrace.
Nancy is survived by her husband Bruce; four

sons, Jeff (Caron) Grussendorf of Maple Grove, Dave Grussendorf of Chaska, Jody (Jodi) Grussendorf of Ramsey and Bud (Lisa) Viperman of Ironton; one daughter, Julie (Jerry Schesso) Collins of Shakopee; one brother, Jimmy (Carolyn) Nelson of Milltown, WI; one sister, Diana Waldoch of St. Croix Falls, WI; special banter, Mike "Boo-yah" Kullhem; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
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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.; fbcbrairnerd.com
Brainerd - The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
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Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm
Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12.
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

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

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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 KKIN (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
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 Ingelwood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
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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.lchurh.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 (LCCM, 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 (LCCM, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
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Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaa; 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
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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.
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Worship 9.
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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.

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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 Irontone 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

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Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

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Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9
Emily* — Pastors Luke and Bethany Nelson; Worship 8:30; fellowship follows.
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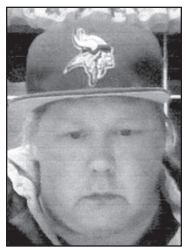
OBITUARIES

MELISSA COURIER

Melissa Flora Courier, 67, of Aitkin died Thursday, June 4, 2020 at her home. Services will be held at a later date. She was born July 6, 1952 in Palisade to Lawrence and Melissa Blythe (Hammond) Courier. Melissa was 1 of 16 brothers and sisters. She enjoyed cross stitch and making quilts for her family and grandchildren. Melissa is survived by her three children: Kenneth Jordan of Columbia, Missouri; Jenny

Sundquist of Aitkin; and Melissa "Liza" (Paul) Gropner of Baxter; seven grandchildren; many brothers, sisters, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers and sisters. 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.

RICHARD NOVAK



Richard (Rick) Allen Novak, 53, of Aitkin died at home on Saturday, May 23, 2020. He was born January 27, 1967 to Kenneth (Butch) Novak and Pauline (Krantz) Novak in Minneapolis.

He enjoyed the Vikings, fishing, Casino and gardening. He and his humorous wit will be greatly missed. He is survived by his mother Pauline, sister Amber Novak and her husband Dan Potvin, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his father.

READER RIBBETS

Abuse of power

Without question, police officers have a difficult role and must make important decisions in seconds. They have a legal position known as "absolute immunity". It's defined as: a form of legal immunity for government officials that confers complete immunity from criminal prosecution and suits for damages, so long as officials are acting with the scope of their duties.

There lies the quagmire, what is the scope of their duties. Does it include lying, altering documents, making documents disappear? Does it include attempting to destroy a person's business and reputation or pursuing charges against a person's

family to induce greater harm? Does it include the officers bias and prejudice allowing them to bend what they think or believe into the scope of law, without a single shred of evidence, so they can bring charges against innocent people? Is it as simple as they can't be touched because they have absolute immunity?

Clearly defining the scope of duties might be a solution to what law enforcement across our nation is dealing with, it sure would help local law enforcement issues. Absolute immunity can be easily abused and justified by any officer who chooses to bully, intimidate, and abuse their power. Our elected officials who wish to

disband or re-structure law enforcement should consider reform of this absolute immunity role, have it clearly defined or adapt something similar to the Uniform Code of Military Justice where soldiers must follow additional military laws and rules and face additional punishment for not doing so.

There are no easy answers for these tough situations, but for attorneys to simply invoke absolute immunity as a get out of jail free card will certainly strain the public situations that are occurring across our nation and as importantly, here on the Range.

**Kelly Avelsgard,
Deerwood**

Questions for the Governor (Part 2)

On May 26, the *Star Tribune* headlined Governor Walz's 65 percent approval rating for his handling of the "coronavirus crisis." I have questions for the governor to provide detail on how he handled the crisis so that we have a better-informed opinion from which to answer future poll questions. I am asking Minnesota newspapers to print his responses.

Issue Three: When governors began locking down states, we were told this was required to prevent overburdening medical facilities. As you said in Executive Order 20-04 on March 16, "Slowing the spread of COVID-19 is critical to ensuring that our healthcare facilities remain able to accommodate those who require intensive medical intervention."

At some point you began explaining that you were locking down "to preserve public health and safety." When did you explain to the legislature that you had decided that you were also responsible to protect us from this virus?

By what date did we sufficiently slow the spread of the virus to avoid overburdening medical facilities in Minnesota?

Why didn't you end the lockdown on that date?

If we did not meet that goal, then when you consider the horrific costs of the unintended consequences of your lockdown, can you admit in hindsight that we should not have gone into lockdown at all?

Issue Four: You can have a 'B' grade for preventing overburdening, but you get an 'F' for your efforts to "protect" us, because everything government did to protect us made things worse.

The first thing you did was to quarantine healthy people, including kids in school (the group at almost no risk), and "nonessential" workers.

We understood early in March that the virus was ravaging the elderly population in Italy. As you said in Order 20-03 on March 15, "Science tells us that COVID-19 is particularly dangerous for our elderly population and those with chronic health conditions." You finally released your "battle plan" for nursing homes and longer-term care centers on May 7. How do you explain that delay?

It is the second week in June. Have you issued an order re-

quiring that anyone who enters an eldercare facility and any medical facility must be tested first, and required to wear a mask if tested positive?

Have you quarantined high-risk people? Or have you continued to focus on testing and quarantining everyone else, including healthy people with no symptoms who won't even know they have the virus unless a test confirms it?

As I wrote this column on June 4, I read, "Today Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) called for the resignation of Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Commissioner Jan Malcolm and an immediate end to the state's policy of placing infected COVID-19 patients in long-term care centers..."

How do you explain that?!

Why don't you resign as well?

Looking ahead, grownups in Minnesota clearly must change our state laws regarding emergency declarations, executive orders, and sovereign immunity for the sake of our children and those others we will leave behind one day.

**Terry A. Larson
Alexandria**

State Rep. Dale Lueck update

We anticipate the governor will call a special legislative session for Friday, May 12. The details of that are under development. Adding to the current COVID-19 complications is the recent week-long breakdown of basic law and order within the City of Minneapolis.

We are still assessing the damage suffered by the communities targeted by the unprecedented rioting and looting. In order to make constructive change it will be necessary identify the underlying causes that led up to George Floyd's tragic death.

I don't want to set expectations too high for this one-day special session. Over the few days remaining before the special session it is not possible to fully assess the extent of damages caused by the rioting. It will take a disciplined examination to determine what practices within the City of Minneapolis

allowed this tragedy to occur, and what reforms are needed to correct those failures.

This week I have received an avalanche of emails asking that a variety of actions be taken, ranging from acting on the assumption that racism is organic to all law enforcement officers and agencies across Minnesota, to very considered suggestions and specific questions as to what personnel management policies and officer training procedures failed to prevent this tragedy?

Make no mistake this is a huge problem. However, I do not accept the suggestion that racism is part of the DNA of all law enforcement officers or all law enforcement agencies within Minnesota. Rather I find that the peace officers I am acquainted with are dedicated to protecting all members of the public regardless of race or cultural background. Like you and

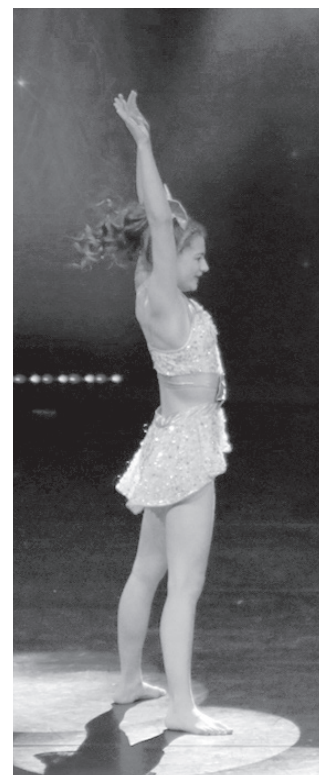
I, they are equally offended by the circumstances surrounding Mr. Floyd's death.

The task ahead is fixing the personnel management and training failures that allowed front line supervisors and middle managers within the City of Minneapolis to hesitate in taking effective action to correct unacceptable behaviors. That will not be resolved in a brief special session. To suggest otherwise would be less than an honest assessment of how we prevent future tragedies of this nature.

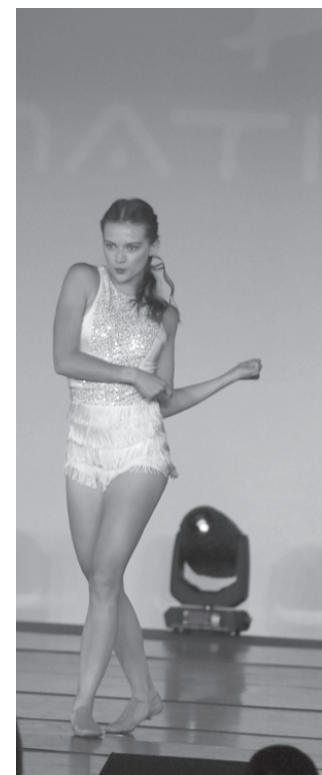
The most immediate problem we face here in our part of Minnesota is not a failure of our law enforcement officials, rather it continues to be delaying the reopening our economy. That effort must move forward and not be sidetracked by the tragedy that occurred in Minneapolis.

**Representative Dale Lueck
Minnesota House Dist. 10B**

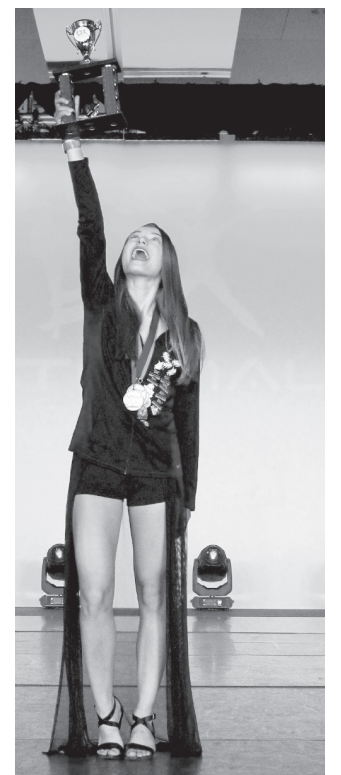
Aitkin gymnast Karena Burgstaler | Continued from Page 1



2017 Competition Routine "Love with your Life" at the February Starz Competition in Monticello.



2019 Competition "Chances" being performed at the June DX National Competition in Bloomington.



2019 Trick Winning Trophy after the June DX Nationals Awards Banquet in Bloomington.

son is February - June. I have also competed in FFA Talent Competitions and County Fair Talent Competitions, going to state with both, in different years," she explained.

The summer after grade 4 she started working in earnest and earned her way to being a soloist. She's been a soloist for seven years and has entered competitions in six of them.

"My routines are 2.5-3 minutes long," Burgstaler continued. "This may not sound very long but it takes a lot of energy to push

through the three minutes at full energy and memorize every move, step, and placement. I usually have one Competition routine per year — choreographed by my coach — along with a routine for the Spring Show and June Competition that I choreograph myself."

With the Covid-19 virus pandemic this year, she was in only one in-person competition and four virtual competitions where she sent in a video of her routine.

"I am signed up for the DX Nationals Competition that

usually happens in June, but has now been pushed back to July ... so we're crossing our fingers on that one that it's still going to happen," she observed.

The youngest of six children, this high school junior enjoys "being an officer of the Aitkin FFA Chapter, traveling, taking photos and videos of various subjects, drinking iced coffee, hanging out with my best friends, family, and especially my six nieces and nephews who range in age from 3 weeks - 8 years old."

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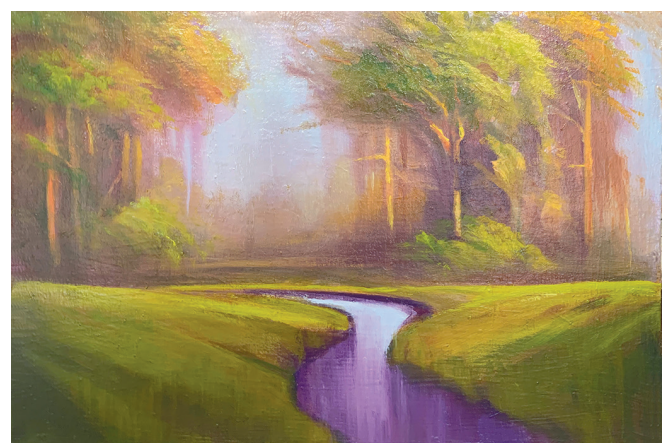
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Two sisters, two artists: Paintings and jewelry featured at Bay Lake gallery



Mary Opatz-Herges, "Little Brook," 12"x18", oil on canvas.

she can mix a full range of colors. "I often have at least a little of each of these colors in every color I mix, which creates harmony." While Opatz-Herges says her landscapes often start from her photographs, the finished painting rarely looks anything like the original image. "Once the painting is off and running," she said, "the photo is discarded."

Dittrich, who lives and works in St. Paul, enjoys the

process and problem solving that goes into each piece of jewelry. "I may know what I will do with a stone or it may sit on my bench for ages before I work with it. Rather than sketching out ideas I rely most often on 'playing' with the actual components until I'm satisfied. This frequently leads to unexpected pairings." All of Dittrich's pieces are hand-fabricated from a flat sheet of metal. Working primarily in sterling silver

with gold embellishments, she most often starts with a unique central stone—Honey Opal, Raw Lapis, Boulder Opal or Meteorite, for example. "I don't find diamonds very interesting except as sparkly little accents," she says.

Ripple River Gallery is open with health and safety measures in place; masks required.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through

Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. The gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail ripplervergallery@gmail.com.

Does creativity run in families? If you're talking about sisters Mary Opatz-Herges and Margaret Dittrich, the answer is 'Yes!' Oil paintings by Opatz-Herges and jewelry by Dittrich will be featured at Ripple River Gallery near Bay Lake, June 10 through July 12.

"I paint landscapes for many reasons, but most importantly, I feel the landscape is the perfect vehicle for expressing human emotion," Mary Opatz-Herges says. "Light is my most important ally. I use it to create environments that are inexplicable, withdrawn, unknowable. When things cannot clearly

be seen they can often best be felt."

While Opatz-Herges finds inspiration in the landscape, her sister is inspired by the materials she uses. Margaret Dittrich recalls walking into Bernie's Rock Shop in Madison, WI, and being fascinated by the drawers full of mineral specimens and gemstones. "Making jewelry became imperative. I started off making beaded jewelry on the kitchen table, but gradually morphed into metalsmithing."

For the last 14 years Opatz-Herges' studio has been in a 130-year-old flat iron building in downtown St. Cloud. "Oil painting allows me to achieve depth by layering with glazes and building color surfaces." Working with six or seven basic colors



Margaret Dittrich, sterling silver pendant with Friday Polka Dot jasper and pink and blue sapphires.

Deer feeding and attractant bans expand

Six counties in and near Twin Cities metro prohibited from deer feeding and attractants starting July 1

Following the discovery of chronic wasting disease in a wild deer in Dakota County in March, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will expand current deer feeding and attractant bans to include Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Rice, Scott and Washington counties beginning July 1.

"To prevent the spread of chronic wasting disease, it's important to limit close contact among deer," said Michelle Carstensen, DNR's wildlife health program supervisor. "By keeping feed and attractants out of our backyards, Minnesotans can discourage the congregation of deer that spreads this deadly disease."

In counties where deer feeding is banned, people need to remove any grains,

fruits, nuts and other food placed in ways that could entice deer. People who feed birds or small mammals need to make sure that deer cannot access the food. The feed should be kept at least 6 feet above ground level. Normal agricultural, forest management or wildlife food-planting practices are allowed.

In areas where the attractant ban is also in place, people must remove any liquid food scents, salt, minerals and other natural or manufactured products that attract deer.

Additional CWD information

CWD is an always-fatal neurological disease that affects the cervid family, which includes deer, elk and moose. Since CWD was first detected in a captive elk in Minnesota in 2002, the DNR has tested more than 90,000 wild deer. To date, 88 wild deer have been confirmed positive for CWD in Minnesota. Test re-

sults, including locations of confirmed positive test results and statistics, are available on the DNR CWD webpage.

Keeping Minnesota's wild deer population healthy remains the goal of the DNR's response to CWD. The DNR's three-pronged approach to prevent the spread of the disease was detailed in an earlier news release. The agency's CWD response plan can be found on the DNR website.

Current deer feeding and attractant bans

Currently 31 counties in north-central and southeastern Minnesota have deer feeding and/or attractant bans in place. The bans in five of those counties will be removed on July 1. So, with six counties being added and five removed, a total of 32 counties will have feeding and/or attractant bans in place on July 1. The 31 counties with bans currently in effect are:

Deer feeding and attractant ban includes the following counties: Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Hubbard, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Olmsted, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Wadena and Winona

Deer feeding ban includes the following counties: Carlton, Chisago, Douglas, Isanti, Kandiyohi*, Kanabec, McLeod*, Meeker*, Pine, Pope, a portion of Renville County north of U.S. Highway 212*, Stearns and Wright*

*As previously announced, starting July 1 the DNR will remove the feeding ban from Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Renville and Wright counties, as CWD was not detected in any wild deer for the third-consecutive year of wild deer disease testing in central Minnesota.

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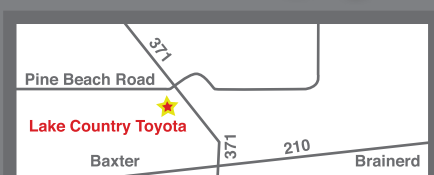
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