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Innovation based on tradition

Flowers' Ole Lake Farm produces products and family meals



Debbly and Kevin Flowers own Ole Lake Farm in Aitkin. Submitted photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ
"Milking goats is my favorite part of the day," said Debbly Flowers.

She milks two does by hand twice a day at Ole Lake Farm in rural Aitkin. She runs the 240-acre spread with husband Kevin, where they have 40 tillable acres plus hayland.

The farm is named for a small lake in a swamp, after the bachelor brothers Ole and Pader who once owned the farm.

Rollie and Ardis, Kevin's parents, are next door and they sold the farm to their kids and built a one-level home for themselves.

On the farm, the couple raises goats, chickens, turkeys and hogs. They also raise crops: commeal, hullless oats, wheat and rye — and they market the grain.

Debbly makes and sells soap and lotion from her goats' milk available in Brainerd at the Crow Wing Food Co-op grocery and at the Green Owl Gallery in Aitkin.

"The soap really sells itself," she said.

They also are vendors at the Farmers' Market in Aitkin

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Kevin has five hogs from the same litter. Their pen is moved around after they tear up an area. The hogs are fed a home-made mash with no GMOs and, about 50 pounds each now, they are butchered at 200-250 pounds. They are raised slowly and butchered after deer season. Raised and dispatched on the home farm keeps hogs free of stress, making for much better meat.



A beautiful day on Ole Lake Farm as Debbly's chickens come running for grain and the clothes dry out on the line.



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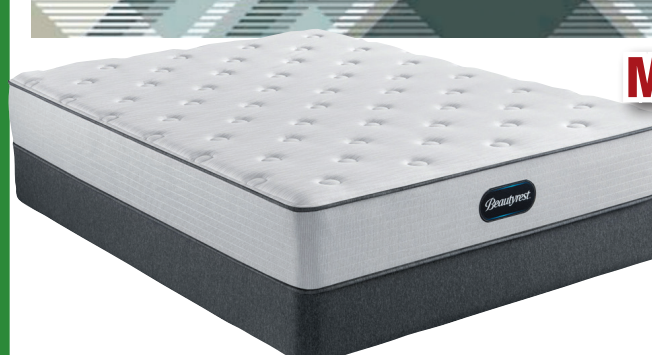
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Governor Walz approves \$62 million for COVID-19 impacted businesses

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"One of our top priorities during this special legislative session is to build a stronger and more equitable economy, and this direct assistance is an important piece of that plan," said Governor Walz.

recovery lifts up our Black, Brown, Indigenous, veteran, female, and Greater Minnesota business owners, who

have been hit hard by this pandemic."

Eligible businesses with 50 or fewer employees that experienced financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and could not operate at 51 percent of normal capacity or more, as of May 18, can apply for grants of up to \$10,000. The grants will be determined by a lottery, to be conducted by a third party.

Half of the funding will go to Greater Minnesota businesses, \$18 million will go to for microbusinesses with six or fewer full-time employees, \$10 million to go to minority-owned businesses, \$2.5 million will go to veteran-owned businesses, \$2.5 million will go to women-owned businesses, and \$2.5 million will support cultural markets, in part to cover rent-forgiveness for existing tenants.

"This funding will support businesses across Minnesota and will be a critical lifeline for underrepresented entrepreneurs, including women, veterans, people of color, and Indigenous folks, to help communities rebuild. I'm grateful to the Legislature for listening to the needs of communities that are historically under-supported," said Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan. "Minnesotans value our small businesses and our main streets, especially

during this difficult time. Our Administration stands with them as they weather this pandemic."

"DEED is grateful for the bipartisan action to swiftly pass this legislation and to Governor Walz for signing the bill into law," said Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Commissioner Steve Grove. "There's urgency for this relief, and we're committed to getting these dollars to businesses as quickly as possible. DEED will provide additional information later this week to ensure businesses are able to prepare for the application period."

"It is very important that we deliver this aid ... as soon as we possibly can," said Rep. Zack Stephenson (DFL-Coon Rapids), the bill sponsor. "When you own a small business, it's not just your livelihood, it's your identity"

"This will not be enough," said Rep. Kristin Robbins (R-Maple Grove). "But I'm thrilled that we can get some amount ... out there."

Robbins commended small businesses across the state for making financial investments and coming up with creative solutions so they can serve their customers safely, including changing their floor plans to allow for social distancing and properly training their staff to take increased safety and hygiene measures.

The bill includes \$60 mil-

lion from the federal CARES Act, and \$2.5 million from DEED's Emergency Loan Program. More information,

including grant applications, will be available in the coming weeks at <https://mn.gov/deed/>.

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The Winnow Wizard is used for their grain. They grind fresh wheat and rye flower and cornmeal for their customers. "Our cornmeal tastes like corn," Debby emphasized.

and the Sprout indoor garden in the winter in the Little Falls area.

With the comforts of home, Debby Nix grew up about a mile away and they decided to move back home almost 20 years ago for a better life for their children. Both work full-time off the farm: Kevin as a technician for CenturyLink and Debby as a case manager for Aitkin County Health and Human Services.

But the farm is their passion and consumes all their spare time. Based on tradition — living in their parents' home, keeping running a tractor from 1948 and a corn planter that used to be horsedrawn, they are also innovative with modern techniques.

Although not 100 percent organic, their happy animals have freedom of movement and their grains and everything they feed their pigs is organic.

Much machinery is not geared toward an operation of their size but they did get a custom-made Winnow Wizard for grain that was built for them in Oregon.

Meat, eggs, cheese, milk and vegetables are food-stuffs that the family gets off the farm. Debby has a very healthy diet and eats lots of

salad. She also is growing garlic and other area produce farmers are planting garlic and asparagus.

"Thank goodness for Rolie," she said of her father-in-law. The retired carpenter is always stopping over to help with the roof or the animals or whatever project they want to tackle next.

On a windy afternoon, the chickens (and one rooster) strutted and pecked, the turkey tom showed off his brilliant feathers, the goats were content in their stall and the hogs settled in for an afternoon nap. Looking out over the farm, all was green and grand.



Baby chicks kiss in the coop. Debby posted on her blog on Monday night that her birds were unfortunately killed by her neighbor's unrestrained dog.

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Vitamin D Day

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The liver and fatty tissues in your body store Vitamin D, a fat-soluble vitamin. Unlike other vitamins, the body makes most of it on its own using sunlight.

Its benefits include boosting immunity, managing blood sugar, supporting bone health, improving mood and helping with concentration, learning and memory, protecting against cancer and heart disease, and regulating hormones. That is a load for nutrient. What happens if you can’t get enough sun or enough Vitamin D in your diet?

Being deficient can cause a plethora of problems. The most common symptoms include depression, anxiety, weakness, chronic fatigue, trouble sleeping, weak bones and a weakened immune system. Others include cardiovascular disease, diabetes, autoimmune disease and cancer.

Experts believe most adult are at least mildly deficient. Those at the greatest risk are people who live in northern regions of the world where less year-round sun exposure is experienced, those who are overweight, and people with dark skin. Wow!

The good news is that, given enough time, you can bring up your Vitamin

D levels naturally. Sunlight exposure for 10 minutes per day, without sunscreen, will help your body make about 10,000 units of natural vitamin D and some consider the most effective way to increase your levels.

Food sources include fish, mushrooms exposed to UV rays, and eggs and dairy products.

Vitamin D3 (the more active form) can easily be found but be sure to get a high-quality source. Most adults should take between 600 and 5,000 IU daily. I often have patients with deficiencies taking 10,000 IU daily and often test for what their personal level is.

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Ruttger’s, Emily, Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District receive excellence award

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is recognizing 56 wastewater treatment facilities in central Minnesota for outstanding permit compliance. To receive this recognition, facilities were required to demonstrate consistent compliance with monitoring, operations, and maintenance requirements, submit all reports to the MPCA correctly and on time and employ staff certified by the MPCA in wastewater operations.

The following Central Minnesota facilities have received the award (facilities are listed alphabetically by city):

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- Browerville, Browerville
- Cass Lake WWTP, Cass Lake
- Norway Beach Sewage Treatment Facility, Cass Lake
- Clear Lake/Clearwater WWTP, Clear Lake
- Pilgrims, Cold Spring
- Serpent Lake WWTP, Crosby
- Crosslake WWTP, Crosslake
- Ruttger’s Bay Lake Lodge, Deerwood
- Eden Valley WWTP, Eden Valley

- Elk River WWTP, Elk River
- Meadowwoods Village WWTP, Elk River
- Windsor Meadows WWTS LLC, Elk River
- Emily WWTP, Emily
- Flensburg WWTP, Flensburg
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- Onamia WWTP, Onamia
- Pease WWTP, Pease
- Pequot Lakes WWTP, Pequot Lakes
- Rich Prairie Sewer Treatment Facility, Pierz
- Pine River Area Sanitary District, Pine River
- Princeton WWTP, Princeton
- Rice WWTP, Rice
- Richmond WWTP, Richmond
- Royalton WWTP, Royalton
- NuStar – Sauk Centre Terminal, Sauk Centre
- New Pirates Cove WWTP, Sauk Rapids
- Sobieski WWTP, Swam River
- Swanvillw WWTP, Swanville

- Upsala WWTP, Upsala
 - Verndale WWTP, Verndale
 - Wadena WWTP, Wadena
 - Wahkon WWTP, Wahkon
 - Walker WWTP, Walker
 - Country Meadows WWTP, Zimmerman
 - Zimmerman WWTP, Zimmerman
- “The MPCA appreciates the considerable efforts by permittees and operators to protect and preserve water quality,” said Joe Braun, an Environmental Specialist with the Industrial Wastewater/Stormwater Compliance and Enforcement Unit at MPCA. “It is this kind of difficult

work that has enabled Minnesota to significantly reduce pollution coming from point sources like sewage treatment facilities.”

A total of 311 wastewater treatment facilities across Minnesota are being recognized for the award. Minnesota has approximately 1,600 municipal and industrial wastewater treatment facilities. Community, institution, or treatment plant size were not factors in awarding the certificates.

A complete list of winners is available on the MPCA’s Wastewater Treatment Facility Operations Award webpage.

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ORPHA RANDALL



Orpha Marcell Randall, 95, of Aitkin died Monday, January 20, 2020 in Riverwood Health-care Center, Aitkin.

Graveside Service will be at 10:00A.M. on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born August 22, 1924 in Crosby to Albert and Minnie (Kreiger) Randall. Orpha graduated from Crosby High School.

She worked at Fritz's Candy Company in Newport for many years until moving to Aitkin. She enjoyed watching birds, flowers and embroidery.

Orpha is survived by several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Orpha is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and five 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.

ELLSA SORENSON



Ellsa Lain Sorenson, 87, of McGregor, formerly of St. Paul died Monday, June 15, 2020 at her home.

Services for Ellsa will be held at a later date.

She was born October 7, 1932 in St. Paul to Ivar and Emma (Lundin) Lindstrom.

Ellsa married Norton Sorenson on February 6, 1951 in North St. Paul. Ellsa was a very active member of Grace Lutheran Church, McGregor. She was also a member of Red Hats, Angels and former President

of Lions. Ellsa enjoyed traveling, reading, quilting and especially spending time with her family.

Ellsa is survived by her loving husband, Norton Sorenson; five children: Glenn (Mary Jane), Ivar (Su), Andrew John (Jenny), Eric (Jackie) and Christopher (Mary); 15 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; sister, Carol Marie Lundgren; nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Ellsa is preceded in death by her parents; three sisters: Jean Johnson, Linda Gulick and Margaret Ruth Gibbons.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor.

BETTE LOU JOHNSON

Bette Lou Johnson, 73, of Emily died on 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.

JOSEPH PROVOST



Joseph Merrill Provost, 64, of Van Alstyne, TX died on June 12, 2020 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2020 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby.

Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

He was born in Crosby on February 14, 1956 to Merrill and Monica (Kenyon) Provost. Joe was

a retired retail clerk with the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1167 in Palm Desert, Indio and Palm Springs, CA with 30 years of service. After Joe retired he moved back to Crosby.

Joe is survived by his companion, Pam Thomas; mother, Monica Provost; brother, David (Juanita Noble) Provost and sister, Colleen (Mark) Tazell; grandchild, Allie Duncan; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Joe in death are his father; and son, Joey Provost.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

Deerwood Lakes Lions new officers



The Deerwood Lakes Lions would like to introduce their partial new Board of Directors. From left to right is Lions Dlann Bates, Charlene Akers, Carol Malek, Cathy McDougal, hiding Shirley Sanborn, New President Kay Bendorf, Nancy Campion and Linda Dooyema.

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LOOK WHOSE baby JUST ARRIVED

ERNEST NAVRATIL
Ernest Curtis Navratil, a boy, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz., was born on June 10, 2020 in Minneapolis to Nicole Schwartz Navratil and Curt Navratil. Grandparents are Shirley Fors and Dan and Lori Navratil, all of the Twin Cities, and Alex and Ann Schwartz, Aitkin.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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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.</p> <p>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. Theresa, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CONGREGATIONAL Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Lijia Behr; Sun. 10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.</p> <p>EPISCOPAL Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10</p> <p>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 thelogchurc@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.</p> <p>HEBREW/MESSIANIC Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>REFORMED Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com</p> <p>SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Aitkin — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 9:30 a.m., Bible Study 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933</p> <p>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</p> <p>UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476</p> <p>UNITED METHODIST Aitkin* — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew at Block North Brew Pub. Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows. Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9. Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9 Emily* — 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. 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Noise, a special Moonlight Movie Night Showing of "Strange Brew" and a collection of wacky fun and games, including a pork belly flop contest, a Mr. Bacon pageant, and a beer and bacon mile relay.

"There is going to be a lot of beer, bacon and fun," Ruttger's President Chris Ruttger said. "And we will do it all while social distancing and following all the rules. Who says you can't follow the rules and still have fun?"

The public can purchase a WHOLE HOG PASS that admits them into all Beer and Bacon Events for \$25 per person for adults and \$15 for children 17 and under.

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Sign up for the Pork Belly Flop Contest and make a splash from 2 - 2:30 p.m. at the outdoor pool.



Got the "chops" for it? Enter the Mr. Bacon Beauty Pageant at 3 - 4 p.m. at the outdoor pool.

READER RIBBETS

Tipping Point

Malcom Gladwell wrote a great book titled, "The Tipping Point." It looks at when things break or tip toward change and how surroundings and environment affect the tipping point. Here's a question, Where's your tipping point? How much are you willing to let people get away with before your morals and values are tipped? Do you believe your morals and values are worth fighting for or do they cave at the first sign of resistance and tip back in silence?

There are many forms of police brutality, some not as flagrant as others, the most common is, abuse of power. The use of the absolute immu-

nity defense where they won't be held accountable for their actions because they were doing their job is an issue.

Has the role of a police officer changed from protect and serve, to an us against them and destroy anyone who threatens their jobs?

We need police officers, they need to be funded, they also need to maintain high morals, high ethics, and always, always, tell the truth. Police officers are not infallible, they will make mistakes, it's patterns of behavior that need to be managed, especially in small towns like Crosby where residents have been served the

second of many potential law-

suits from a slew of failures. The council and mayor's failure to investigate the breach of data privacy laws, the failure to investigate the former police chief, city administrator, for unprofessional, unethical, possibly criminal conduct and the massive violation of the public trust to name a few.

There is no need to incite riots, burn buildings, or destroy anything over this form of police brutality, peacefully exposing it in a local paper seems to have taken care of most of it, voting out those whose terms are up will take care of the rest.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

State Rep. Dale Lueck update

[On June 12,] we began a special legislative session which the governor was required to call to allow his martial law powers to continue over Minnesota's health system and economy.

The Senate approved curtailing the governor's martial law powers on a bipartisan vote of 39 yes – 29 no. That is the second time since the pandemic began that the Senate has determined the governor has gone too far with micro-management of our state's economy.

In the House after a lengthy and heated debate the resolution restraining the governor went down on a strict party line vote of 61 yes – 73 no. See https://www.facebook.com/watch-party/267132744534958/?entry_source=PAGE_TIMELINE for the full floor footage. (I deliver a speech with around 3:07:30 remaining in the clip and Minority Leader Daudt brings it home with around 51 minutes left.)

I voted to bring governor's

martial law approach to managing a health care emergency back under control. It was disappointing that the House failed to join the Senate in forcing the governor to modify his heavy-handed approach in dealing with what we all clearly understand is a very serious health care problem.

Despite the setback we did make some small progress. This was the first time after 5 previous attempts that the majority party allowed House members to actually debate the issue on the House floor. Previous efforts were shut down on strict parliamentary procedure votes.

Despite some disagreement we did find common ground on several pieces of legislation that passed with strong bipartisan votes. HF-5 Emergency Small Business Grant Program was sent over to the Senate on 129 yes – 5 no vote. HF-65 a technical tweak to the Vehicle and Driver's License Registration System passed on a 127 yes – 7 no vote.

HF-11 a Human Services Policy Bill moved forward on a 124 yes – 6 no vote.

A critical bill has yet to come forward for a vote. That bill directs the governor to immediately release the \$841 billion of federal dollars to our counties, cities and townships no later than June 30, 2020.

These are preliminary numbers and subject to change. Aitkin County is expected to receive about \$1.9 million, with an additional \$79,000 distributed to the cities and larger townships within Aitkin County. Crow Wing County would receive about \$7.8 million, with an additional \$180,000 distributed to the cities and larger townships.

We take up bills again on Monday. I and my colleagues will continue to press the governor to release the \$841 billion in federal funding that he is withholding from local units of government.

Representative Dale Lueck Minnesota House Dist. 10B

Paul M Thiede Fire Tower Park is open

On Friday, June 12, Crow Wing County officially opened the gate allowing access to the historic fire tower in Pequot Lakes. The tower is named after former County Commissioner Paul M. Thiede for his vision and leadership in protecting the tower. The park will be open sunrise to sunset, seven days a week.

The tower and surrounding 40 acres was under State ownership until November of 2018 when, thanks to Commissioner Thiede's efforts, it was given to the County for \$1. Since then, minor repairs have been made, walking

trails with a crushed granite surface have been created, and numerous interpretive signs have been installed.

"This park provides a great opportunity to get outdoors, hike the trails, climb the tower, and learn about the diverse history of wildfires and forest management in Minnesota", stated Ryan Simonson, Environmental Services Supervisor.

An ADA accessible vaulted toilet has been installed near the parking lot, and a large picnic shelter is located just a short distance down the main trail. Future plans involve in-

stalling another picnic shelter next to the tower, along with additional interpretive signs along the trails.

The historic fire tower was built in 1935 and remains in excellent condition today. The site has been transformed into a natural and man-made habitat – a place of recreation, reflection and community to be enjoyed by families, residents and future generations. The Paul M. Thiede Fire Tower Park is located at 5230 County Road 11, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472, approximately one mile east of downtown Pequot Lakes.

Zebra mussels confirmed in Farm Island Lake in Aitkin County

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed a report of zebra mussels in Farm Island Lake in Aitkin County.

A lake property owner fishing on the lake contacted the DNR after finding an adult zebra mussel on vegetation attached to a boat anchor. The DNR sampled the vegetation and collected a plankton sample, which revealed a zebra mussel larva, or veliger. Veligers may indicate a reproducing population of zebra mussels is established in the lake.

After reports of individual zebra mussels in Farm Island Lake in 2018 and 2019, the DNR was unable to find additional zebra mussels or veligers, despite a number of follow-up searches. The DNR appreciates the vigilance of lake users who contact the agency when they find what

may be invasive species not previously confirmed in a lake.

Whether or not invasive species have been confirmed in a lake, Minnesota law requires boaters and anglers to: Clean watercraft and trailers of aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.

Drain all water by removing drain plugs and keeping them out during transport.

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody: Spray with high-pressure water.

Rinse with very hot water (120 degrees for at least two minutes or 140 degrees for at least 10 seconds).

Dry for at least five days.

Zebra mussels can compete with native species for food and habitat, cut the feet of swimmers, reduce the performance of boat motors, and cause expensive damage to water intake pipes.

People should contact an area DNR aquatic invasive species specialist if they think they have found zebra mussels or any other invasive species that has not already been confirmed in a lake.

More information is available on the DNR's aquatic invasive species webpage. at https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/index.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., June 20, 2020)

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 580.07, the mortgage foreclosure sale (re: Mortgage dated August 15, 2018 in the original principal amount of \$23,000.00 and recorded in the Crow Wing County Recorder's Office on September 11, 2018 as Document No. 908419) originally scheduled for June 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. on the following property:

LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), AND THREE (3), BLOCK THREE (3) MATTSO'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

Street address: 308 6th Ave., Ironton, MN 56455

Parcel Numbers: 251030030010009, 251030030020009 and 251030030030009

is postponed after the request of the mortgagee First International Bank & Trust until **June 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office Lobby, 304 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2020. VOGEL LAW FIRM By: /s/Caren L. Stanley Caren L. Stanley MN #0340480 218 NW Avenue P.O. Box 1389 Fargo, ND 58107-1389 (701) 237-6983

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