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Construction workers busy at Brainerd and Nisswa schools



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Newly constructed Baxter Elementary school, on Jasperwood Drive in Baxter, get final touches before the coming school vear begins.

in-person school will be on

in September, many spaces

BV ANN SCHWARTZ Although it is not known if

from the Brainerd School will be ready when school District's multi-million dollar construction project will be ready to go this fall.

Board members got updates through a powerpoint presentation and recent tour of the buildings.

A visible change is the 1,200-seat performing arts center at the north side of the Brainerd High School North Campus. This is part of an \$87 million project.

The performing arts center balcony seats will be installed soon. Special education and math classrooms overlook the playing fields. The classrooms

starts and the performing arts center is slated to be finished in the fall a year from now. There is demolition on the south side of BHS to make room for a new, eight-lane competition swimming pool.

The south campus building will be remodeled for special and transitional programs and those activities now housed in the Lincoln Educational Center.

Elementary Schools

Nisswa Elementary has a two-story classroom addition with the gym doubled to full size. The \$12 million project should be completed in time for school to start.

A new Baxter Elementary is up on Jasperwood Drive. It will hold five sections of grades k-4 and incorporates modern touches, such as a media center/school work area, locker pods, two gyms and a cafeteria with a stage connected to one gym. The \$26 million project should be ready when school starts.

The \$19 million Harrison Elementary project should be ready when school starts. An addition includes two stories of classrooms and

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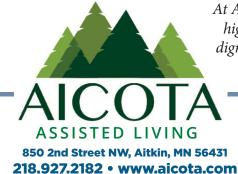
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Governor Walz signs Executive Order mandating statewide masking

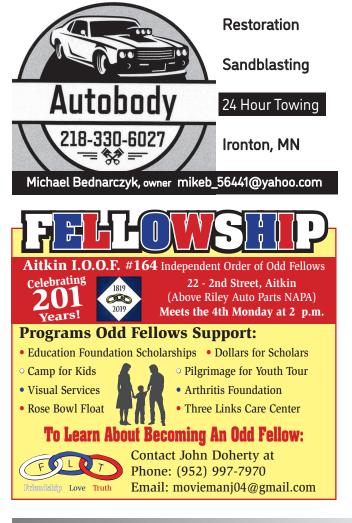
Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-81 on Wednesday, July 22, which requires Minnesotans to wear a face covering in indoor businesses and indoor public settings. Researchers have advocated for masking, calling it a simple and effective step to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. To date, 30 states across the country, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico have issued similar mandates.

"COVID-19 has impacted every corner of our state and every aspect of our lives," said Governor Walz. "But as Minnesotans always do during tough times, we come together and we take care of one another. And right now there's no better way to demonstrate our Minnesotan values than by wearing a mask. By combatting the spread of COVID-19, masking will help protect our neighbors, keep

us on track to return to the activities we love."

"Wearing a mask is one of the best ways we can slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent Minnesotans from getting sick in the first place," said Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan. "As someone who has lost a loved one to this virus, I know that every death we can prevent is another family who does not have to feel this kind of grief. Masking up helps us keep businesses open, socialize safely, and embrace a new normal. But most importantly, it will save lives."

"Until there is a widely available vaccine, wearing a mask is one of the best tools we have for limiting the spread of COVID-19 and its harmful impacts," said Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "Masking up when heading out, along with prac-



our businesses open, and get ticing social distancing and other preventive measures, are extremely important and will help us slow the spread of the disease so we can do more of the things we all want to do. As we've learned more about the virus, the science is increasingly clear that wearing masks significantly cuts the risk of spreading the disease from one person to another. Even if you are confident you don't have serious illness, remember that without showing any symptoms you could pass the infection along to someone who is at high risk of severe illness or death. No one wants to take that chance with a friend or loved one."

"Wearing a making is the quickest path to reopening our economy," said Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Commissioner Steve Grove. "By wearing a mask, Minnesotans are helping keep businesses and communities open. Masks are more than just a courtesy - they are essential to protecting employees and customers."

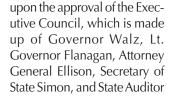
The mandate goes into effect on Saturday, July 25. DEED and MDH will be working together to distribute masks to underserved communities and businesses across the state. Over the past several weeks, business owners and medical professionals have been showing their support for a mask mandate, saying it takes the burden off them to enforce people's behaviors.

Individuals with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that makes it unreasonable for the individual to maintain a face covering are exempt from the order. This includes, but is not limited to, individuals who have a medical condition that compromises their ability to breathe, and individuals who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance. These individuals should consider using alternatives to face coverings, including clear face shields, and staying at home as much as possible.

Children who are fiveyears-old and under are also exempt. Those who are under two-years-old should never wear a face covering due to the risk of suffocation.

While the goal of this Executive Order is voluntary compliance, not enforcement, any individual who willfully violates this Executive Order is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and upon conviction can be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100. Businesses willfully violating this Executive Order are guilty of a misdemeanor and can be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or up to 90 days in jail. The Attorney General, as well as city and county attorneys, may also seek civil penalties from businesses who are in violation of this Executive Order.

The mandate will have the full force and effect of law



Types of Face Coverings

• Types of face coverings can include a paper or disposable mask, a cloth mask, a neck gaiter, a scarf, a bandanna, or a religious face covering.

• A face covering must cover the nose and mouth completely. The covering should not be overly tight or restrictive and should feel comfortable to wear. • Any mask that incorporates a valve that is designed to facilitate easy exhal-

ing, mesh masks, or masks with openings, holes, visible gaps in the design or material, or vents are not sufficient face coverings because they allow droplets to be released from the mask

• A face covering is not a substitute for social distancing, but is especially important in situations when maintaining at least a 6-foot distance from other individuals not who are not members of the same household is not possible.

• It is not known whether face shields (a clear plastic barrier that covers the face) provide the same source control for droplets as face masks, but they may be an option in situations where wearing a face mask is problematic. For optimal protection, the shield should extend below the chin and to the ears, and there should be no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece.

• Although medical-grade masks (e.g., surgical face masks, N95 respirators) are sufficient face coverings, members of the public who do not work in health care or an occupation that requires medical-grade protective equipment (e.g., certain construction professions) are discouraged from wearing them as they should be reserved for those workers.

Persons exempted from the face covering requirement

• Children under age 2 years must not wear face coverings. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old are not required to wear face coverings, but are encouraged to wear a face covering when in public if they can do so reliably in compliance with CDC guidance on How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings (i.e., without frequently touching or removing the face covering).

• Persons who have medical or other health conditions, disabilities or mental health, developmental, or behavioral needs that make it difficult to tolerate wearing a face covering.

• Any person who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, sleeping, incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.

• Persons at their workplace when wearing a face covering would create a safety hazard to the person or others as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

• Alternatives to masks such as clear face shields may be considered for those with health conditions or situations where wearing a mask is problematic. Face shields may also be used as an alternative to face coverings when specifically permitted in the applicable Industry Guidance available at Stay Safe Minnesota.

When it is required to wear a face covering

• In all public indoor spaces and businesses, including when waiting outside to enter the public indoor space or business.

• When riding on public transportation such as buses or trains, or in a taxi, ride-sharing vehicle, or vehicle that is being used for a business purpose. •For workers only: When working outdoors in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained.

• When present in a business, whether indoor or outdoor, that has elected to require face coverings. Businesses are allowed to require face coverings even in situations where face coverings are not otherwise required by Executive Order 20-81.







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For information and resources on the mask mandate, including frequently asked questions, visit mn.gov/ COVID19.

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Researchers are beginning a new era of trumpeter swan conservation this month by capturing and fitting swans with neck-mounted transmitters at various locations throughout Minnesota.

The transmitters will al-

low researchers to monitor trumpeter swan movements at 15-minute intervals throughout the year.

The transmitters record high-resolution, high frequency location and related data and transmit those data through cellular phone networks, and will allow researchers to:

 Evaluate year-round swan movements, including determining the locations where swans spend the winter, and the timing and duration of their movements.

• Determine whether and where trumpeter swans make molt migrations.

• Evaluate year-round habitat use and selection patterns of trumpeter swans.

• Estimate annual survival rates of trumpeter swans, if sample sizes are adequate and fates (i.e., mortality events) can be determined.

"Results of this study will provide information about migration, year-round movements, mortality risks and swan use of various ing in Wisconsin, Michigan, habitat types," said David Andersen, a researcher with the Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Minnesota.

Trumpeter swans were extirpated (disappeared) from most of the continental United States and Canada by the late 1800s, due to loss of habitat and over-exploitation. Populations have been re-established in Minnesota and northern Iowa as a result of a partnership among Minnesota DNR's Nongame Wildlife Program, Three Rivers Park District and the Trumpeter Swan Society.

Similar efforts occurred throughout the western Great Lakes region, includIowa, Ohio, Manitoba and Ontario. The Minnesota population was estimated at over 17,000 birds in the most recent survey in 2015. The re-established western Great Lakes region population is now estimated at more than 30,000 swans.

The current research project is a collaborative effort of the University of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Three Rivers Park District and Trumpeter Swan Society. Funding is provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, as recommended by the Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources; USFWS and other sources.

"Minnesotans who donate to the Nongame Wildlife Income Tax Checkoff have also played a key role in providing funding for re-establishing trumpeter swans throughout the state," said Lori Naumann, DNR Nongame Wildlife Program information officer. "These donations are critical to protecting thousands of Minnesota wildlife species and making our program one of the most successful in the nation."

Anyone interested in supporting the Nongame Wildlife Program can donate in several ways to help fund nongame projects and be a part of the many success stories that continue the legacy of this program.

DNR removes 18 invasive carp from Little Sioux River watershed

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources removed 18 invasive carp from the Little Sioux River watershed near the lowa border in southwestern Minnesota July 8 during a capture operation. The operation followed a report by an area fisheries biologist of fish schooling below a DNR-installed electric barrier.

DNR fisheries staff captured 12 bighead carp, five silver carp and one grass carp below the Illinois Lake electric barrier on a tributary of the Little Sioux River. The fish ranged in size from 17 inches to 35 inches.

Preemptive actions to install and monitor an electric barrier prevented these invasive carp from expanding into other waters. These steps

protected nearby lake resources and helped maintain the boundary beyond which invasive carp have not been observed.

Invasive carp have been progressing upstream in the Missouri River watershed since escaping into the Mississippi River in Arkansas in the 1970s. These large fish compete with native species and pose a threat to rivers and lakes. No breeding populations have

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another new space houses the office and a new gym. The old gym will be transformed into a media center and the entrance to the school will be moved to Norwood Street on

the north side. Updates to the Warrior Education Center, in the old Baxter School, comes next, as does work at Garfield, Lowell and Riverside schools.



been detected in Minnesota waters. This is the second capnesota.



ture of invasive carp in southwestern Minnesota. In December, two silver carp were captured below the Lake Bella Dam. These recent

southwestern Minnesota captures are very likely related to the prolonged high water conditions during the summer of 2019 and spring of 2020. During high water, normally shallow streams contain enough water for fish to move upstream.

The DNR continues to be actively engaged with invasive carp prevention efforts in southwestern Min-

The DNR first surveyed the Missouri River watershed in Minnesota to identify potential locations to site barriers that could help prevent expansion of invasive carp populations in southwestern Minnesota. The DNR completed eight such projects to limit expansion and protect valuable aquatic resources. The Illinois Lake electric barrier is one of these projects.

The DNR provided financial support to the Iowa DNR to build an electric barrier at the outlet to the Iowa "Great Lakes" Okoboji area. The outlet channel also flows into the Little Sioux and Missouri rivers. This barrier protects not only the Iowa lakes but also aquatic resources in southern Minnesota.

The DNR also conducts

a comprehensive sampling program to monitor fish population changes and impacts of management actions. This includes routine monitoring in southwestern Minnesota.

State funding sources, including the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund and Outdoor Heritage Fund, have provided key funding for deterrent actions and the DNR invasive carp detection and response program.

Invasive carp captures must be reported to the DNR immediately. Take a photo and transport the carp to the nearest DNR fisheries office or make arrangements for it to be picked up by a DNR official by calling 651-587-2781 or emailing invasivecarp.dnr@ state.mn.us.

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Any interested residents may file with City Clerk, Mona Geske beginning July 28, 2020 until August 11, 2020 until 5:00 p.m. Filing fee is \$2.00.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES KNUTSON, JR.



Charles "Chuck" Emil Knutson, Jr., 83, of McGregor, died Monday, July 13, 2020 in Essentia St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth.

Family Services will be held in Our Saviors Lutheran Church, McGregor with Pastor Joshua Reinke officiating. Chuck was born in McGregor on April 17, 1937 to Charles and

Theresa (Richards) Knutson. He spent his younger years growing

and exploring at his home on Savanna Lake. His family moved to Bloomington for his high school years. Chuck served in the Navy-Air from 1956 to 1962. He worked in the sheet metal industry until health issues forced him to retire. He married Geraldine Drew in 1956 and had two children. In 1979, Chuck married Marlys and moved back to McGregor. Chuck was an outdoor person with a

Service at 4:00 p.m. Due to COVID we are asking

that guests bring masks along and wear them

when inside or in close proximity to others.

July 25, 2020

very inventive mind. Many people also knew him as a prankster. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening, along with many other activities. He was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church of McGregor, Dale Wayrynen American Legion Post #23 of McGregor and Sheet Metal #10 Union.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Marlys Knutson: son. James (Patricia) Knutson: daughter, Kathryn (Brian) Wegner; step-children: Kim (Bruce) Shaver, Lori (David) Ando, Gwyn (Dick) Doenz, Tammy (Leroy) Phillips, Dawn (Kevin) Adams and Chad (Paula) Fisher; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; many other family and friends.

Chuck is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ada Rice; brothers, Bud Brown and John Knutson

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.



July 24, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation was held one hour before Mass and the Rosary was said at 9:45 a.m. Interment will follow Mass at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily, MN. Memorials preferred to St. Emily's Vision for the Future Narthex Fund.

She was born April 9, 1937. She was the matriarch of the extended Kruse family. She was the co-owner of Modified Tool, Inc. with her husband John for over 40 years.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63

Jeanette Theresa Mc-Gaughey, 68, of Crosby died on July 19, 2020 at her home. A Memorial Gathering will be held at the Koop Funeral Home on Sunday, July 26, 2020 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Cemetery in Little Falls.

She was born on March 22, 1952 in Minneapolis to LeRoy and Agnes (Ramsey) Haines. Jeanette was a retired employee of Grand Casino, Mille Lacs with 22 years of service.

THERESE KRUSE

years, John H. Kruse; three children: John Michael (Theresa R.) Kruse; Karen Therese (Joseph) Ouellette; and Kristine Marie (Daniel) Schreder; seven grandchildren: Katie (Luke) Tungseth, Paul (Brittany) Ouellette, Karie (Aaron) Schwenzfeier, Thomas (Katelyn) Schreder, Matthew Schreder, James Kruse, and Michael A. Kruse; and six great grandchildren: Aubrey, Joey, Brayden, Gage, Harrison, and Tristan; sister, Patricia (Don) Carlson; several brothers and sisters-in-law and a very special friend to the Kruse family that took care of Therese to the end, Bonita Jarvela.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Adelaide and Elroy Hammang; brother, Jack Hammang; nephews, Mark Hammang, and Cory Carlson and family; and numerous unborn grandchildren.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Baxter.

JEANETTE MCGAUGHEY

Jeanette is survived by her son, Shawn (Christina) Laughton of Pine River; daughter-in-law, Shanon Laughton; four brothers: Wayne (Barb) Haines, AI (Bonnie) Haines, Darrell (Pat) Haines and Don (Maureen) Haines: two sisters: Rose Haines and Elaine (Murray) Barhorst and two grandchildren.

Preceding Jeanette in death are her parents: husband, Max McGaughey and one son, Robert Laughton.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.



TRICIA FOGAL Tricia Fogal of Crosby, died

She is survived by her husband, Ken and their five children: Ben Fogal (Melissa) of Lino Lakes; Sarah Bran de Leon (Oscar) of Belle Plaine; Michelle Bjorklund (Chris) of Baxter; Jackie Fogal of Litchfield and Teresa Fogal of Hopkins; seven grandchildren and many other loving and supportive friends and family who have been praying and so supportive over the past nine months since Tricia's diagnosis of cancer.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.



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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

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.

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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 Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.

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

Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30. Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC,

Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellowship 11, Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 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

- Hill City Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
- Palisade Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST

- Aitkin The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9: 30 and 11, thejourneynorth.com
- Baxter The Journey North, Pastor Mark Biorlo. 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com
- Brainerd* Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com
- Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
- 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.

CATHOLIC

- Aitkin* St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 7:30 and 10:30. 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, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass: Mon. 8, Tues. Noon, Thurs. 6 pm, Fri. 8, Sun 8 & 10:30 (10:30 outdoors weather permitting)
- 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. Anthony Craig, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm
- 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. 9 am. Confession by appointment.
- Vineland St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

May-Oct.

- Grand Rapids Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
- Jacobson Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm Kimberly - Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.
- McGregor Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
- McGregor Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
- Merrifield Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
- Merrifield Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
- Nisswa Christ Community Church, Pastor 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 bridae
- 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. Lilja Behr; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

EPISCOPAL

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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.

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- 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) Pastor Kristin Oltmann, Pastor Kurt Hagestuen, 218-692-3682, In-Car Outdoor Worship, Sundays at 10 am at 14019 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake View Worship online at crosslakelutheran.com
- 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.
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- Isle Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped 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.
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PRESBYTERIAN

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- 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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- 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;

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

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LOUIS MAZAR



Louis Joseph Mazar, 92, of Crosby, formerly Cuyuna died on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at St. Joseph's Catho-



lic Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby will full military honors by the Myrin-James American Legion

Post #443 of Ironton. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday.

He was born on September 4, 1927 in Cuyuna to Nicholas and Katherine (Mikulich) Mazar. Louie was a WWII Army AirCorp veteran. Louie married



Timothy Scott Martin, 60, died Friday, July 17, 2020 at North Memorial Medical

Center in Robbinsdale. A public visitation was held from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2020 at First Lutheran Church in Pine River. Private family services followed the

visitation at the church. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, rural Backus.

He was born July 29, 1959 in Breckenridge to James Roy and Marlys Mae (Johnson) Martin. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping,



Laura Mae Lemire Cassady, 92, of Aitkin, died Sunday, July 19, 2020 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral Mass will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating.

Burial will be in St. Thomas Cemetery. Visitation will be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the Rosary service starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church.

She was born December 17, 1927 in Aitkin to Jeremiah Elias and Anna Marie (Pauquette) Lemire. She attended Aitkin Schools and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1946. Laura married Wendell "Bill" W. Cassady on November 6, 1948 in Aitkin. They moved to Spring Lake Park and made their home there for many years until



Theresa Delores Downer, 85, of McGregor, died on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at the Villa Vista Care Center in Cromwell.

Services will be held at the McGregor Funeral Home on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 10am with Father Dave Forsman officiating. Visitation is 1 hour

before the service. Arrangements are with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Services, McGreaor. MN. Theresa was born October 15, 1934 to Charles and Laura Silverio in Beverly, MA. She married Allen Alfred Downer on September 12, 1954. She lived on Army bases while her husband was in the Army. He retired from the Army and they moved to McGregor, in 1973. She worked many years at the Radisson Hotel in Duluth. She also worked at the Aitkin County Human Services along with many other places. Theresa loved wildlife. She was known by many as the "skunk lady" because

Delena Harrison on September 26, 1948 in Crosby. He was local iron ore miner with Pittsburg Pacific and Zontelli Brothers with 26 years of service. He retired from the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Maintenance Department with 10 years of service. Louie was an avid fisherman and was a local fishing guide. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church; the Knight of Columbus and a retired chief with the Cuyuna Fire Department.

Louie is survived by his son, Brent (Kirsten) Mazar of Merrifield and daughter, Susan (Scott) Henderson of St. Petersburg, FL.

Preceding Louie in death are his parents; wife Deanie'; three brothers: Peter, Paul, and John Mazar; and two sisters: Mary Hulin and Madelyn Danich.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

TIMOTHY MARTIN

playing Whist, and just being with his family.

Tim is survived by his mom, Marlys Martin; children: Tim (Heidi), Thomas, Matthew, and Alyssa; many grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Dan (Barb) Martin, Gloria (Joel) Colvin, Steve (Kim) Martin, Jim (Cay) Martin, Jess (Reina) Martin, Deb Martin, Cindy Starkka, Neil (Joi) Martin, Missi (Scott) Whitted, Debbie Martin, and many special nieces, nephews, and other family.

He was preceded in death by his dad, James; brother, Rog; grandparents, and three nephews.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin.

LAURA CASSADY

moving back to Aitkin in 2008. She always had part time jobs to help pay for vacations, vehicles, and family expenses. Besides being a homemaker she worked for Minnesota Rubber and as a home health aide. She was a member of St. Timothy's Catholic Church and their woman's circle in Blaine and St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin. Laura was very involved with and loved her family very much. She enjoyed fishing and the outdoors of Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill Cassady, in 2009; grandson, Michael; brothers and sisters.

Laura is survived by her children: Jerry and Toni Cassady, Big Stone, SD; Rick and Joyce Cassady of Ham Lake, Pat Cassady, Burnsville; Tim and Jill Cassady, Elk River; John and Lori Cassady, Buffalo; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren, and many other special relatives and friends.

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

THERESA DOWNER

of her love for skunks. She fed them and also woodchucks, deer and many other birds and animals. She would drive her truck up and down her road during hunting season to scare away the deer so they wouldn't get shot. She hand dug a pond for the birds to have water and mud to build their nests. She wrote an article about how the Martins are leaving, because their habitat is being destroyed. Theresa was very strong in her faith and it showed when visiting with her. She would encourage others to seek God.

one is survived by her son and special friend: Charles Downer and Danita Slosson of Duluth; two grandchildren: Lisa Downer of Lawler and Ryan Olson of Craig, CO; nine great-grandchildren: Lilly Downer, Layla Downer, Logan Downer, Lawson Downer, Hattie Olson, Aden Olson, Kiah Vasquez, Hannah Vasquez, and Mikah Vasquez; and special friends, Mike and Laurie Decker. She was preceded in death by her husband. parents and siblings. To sign the guest book please go to www.srtfuneral.com

READER-RIBBET Standards of mayoral character

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After reading the touching "obituary" of the Mayor of Crosby's three year reign of terror in last week's local paper, I was a bit surprised by his challenge for our commu-

Citizens of Crosby have

seen some turnover in per-

sonnel at their City Hall

lately. But I am not too con-

cerned and see this as an

nity to find a candidate with "character."

I hope that these standards of "character" do not include quiting, self promotion, favoritism, anger issues, arrogance, denial and greed, as our residents simply cannot afford to deal with another mayor that sports so much "personality."

Chris Ryan, Crosby

Ferrari announces candidacy

opportunity.

I am announcing that I will be running for the Mayor's office and would like the opportunity to work

with our council members to help build a better future for all our citizens and business owners.

Rick Ferrari, Crosby

Opinion – Crack down on China — but do it wisely

By STACY WASHINGTON The Chinese Communist Party poses a dire threat to America and the rest of the free world. Party leadership actively covered up the initial coronavirus outbreak - and even persecuted doctors who tried to warn the public. China's leaders hoarded masks and other medical supplies, which resulted in shortages of personal protective equipment in the United States.

This communist malfeasance has cost hundreds of thousands of lives. To prevent it from happening again, the Trump administration is trying to economically decouple from China. White House officials are considering "Buy American" measures that seek to re-shore medical supply chains.

President Trump and his aides unquestionably have the right instincts. But countermeasures must be based on facts, not fearmongering. Otherwise, we risk overreacting. To paraphrase our commander in chief, we can't let the cure be worse than the disease.

Some China hawks claim the communist dictatorship has a "chokehold" on essential drugs, with 80 percent of the active pharmaceutical ingredients that make up Americans' medicines supposedly coming from China.

Those claims have been widely debunked. Only 13 percent of facilities making our active pharmaceutical ingredients come from China. Of the 370 drugs deemed "essential" by public health experts, only three rely on ingredients sourced entirely from China.

Simply put, America relies on China for some medicines — but our supply chain isn't wholly dependent on the Middle Kingdom. There's no need to overreact with hasty, ill-planned measures.

In fact, America produces most of its own medical supplies at home. U.S. suppliers satisfy 70 percent of domestic demand for medical equipment.

That's especially true now that companies are churning out PPE, which has been in unprecedented demand worldwide. We've seen the success of the private-public partnerships set up by the Trump administration. Stalwarts of American industry, like GE and Ford, helped achieve the president's goal of 100,000 ventilators in 100 days -- the highest production in history. Decoupling from China is

still a worthy goal. But we can do so via well-planned industrial policies, rather than rushed mandates.

Congress and the administration could start by incentivizing companies to build manufacturing facilities in America. Getting a FDA-approved factory up and running is no small feat — it often requires up to \$2 billion and 10 years to complete. Tax credits or a lower corporate tax rate could sway firms to make investments here, rather than abroad. When it comes to tax support for R&D expenditures, America ranks near the back of the pack.

More investments in workforce training would also help. China produces over twice as many STEM graduates per capita as the United States. If we're serious about dominating hitech manufacturing, we'll need to pour resources into education and job training.

There's no question that China poses a threat to our public health and national security. And it's smart to decouple our economies.

But we can do that without disrupting medical supply chains. Poorly targeted "Buy American" orders, which force companies and government agencies to purchase domestically, would alienate friendly nations like Germany, Switzerland, and Canada. If those countries retaliated, it could lead to shortages and higher prices for American consumers.

The best way to beat China is a steady, well-planned push to "invest American" -- and build up an innovative manufacturing sector that puts the communists to shame.

Stacy Washington is a decorated Air Force Veteran, an Emmy nominated TV personality, and the host of the nationally syndicated radio program "Stacy on the Right."

RAYMOND SHANKLE



Raymond L. Shankle, 75. of Deerwood died on April 20, 2020 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby. A Celebration of life will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2020

at the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post in Deerwood.

He was born on February 16, 1945 in Knife Falls to Oscar and Emma (White) Shankle. Ray grew

up in Deerwood and graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1963. After graduation he left Deerwood, returning in 1989. He was a

U.S. Army veteran. Ray married Rita Kuchel on November 23, 1980 in Plymouth, Indiana. He was an independent over the road truck driver, running contracts in the United States and Canada with 42 years of service.

Ray is survived by his wife, Rita; two sons: Todd (Kendra Peterson) Kline of Argos, Indiana and Ray Jr. (Linda Busa) Shankle Wooddale, IL; two daughters, April (Tim) Richardson of St. Cloud and Leslie Shankle of Melrose Park, IL: four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceding Ray in death are his parents; two brothers, Carl and Murvin Shankle; sister, Doris Wood; and a great-great grandson, Ethan Cottrell. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

ONE OF

Virtual seminar offered for women

to virtually attend Fire It Up!, an informal educational event on low sexual desire on Tuesday, Aug. 11. Go to https://www. facebook.com/crosbycares/ at 4 p.m. to view the presentation.

Obstetrician/Gynecologist Rachel Cady, M.D., of

Area women are invited Cuyuna Regional Medical Center will speak about women's sexual concerns, explain biology, relevant data, current evidence-based treatments and provide a forum to ask questions. Participants will be able to submit their individual questions via chat and they will be answered by Dr. Cady and

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Melissa Goble.

The presentation is part of a series of workshops offered by CRMC's Menopause & Healthy Aging Center. For more information about women's health, visit https:// www.cuyunamed.org/patient-care/womens-health





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