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By ANN SCHWARTZ

Jim Hunter, 72, who was mayor of Crosby for about six months in 2017, was re-elected to the position this year.

He rose to the top of a field of four candidates.

Growing up with his stepfather in the armed forces, he lived in Kimberly, MN, New York and Chicago.

He left school after eighth grade and then started his career operating various businesses. He operated a truck stop in Hill City for a couple years and then headed west. In Colorado, he worked for a towing company, lumber yard, sheriff's office and as a deputy coroner.

At age 48, his boss told him: "Jim, we have no record of your high school diploma and it's mandatory now." So Hunter went to school and got his GED.

Returning to Minnesota, he ran a towing business and partnered with Hub Nelson to build five condos on Serpent Lake. They also had storage units. "All my life I've been in business and worked with people."

Now, he works full time running the Smoke Shop in Crosby and owning seven homes that he rents out.

"I've lived in Crosby for about seven years," said Hunter in an interview. "I'm single now but was married and have five children. I really have no hobbies because I love to work."

He's back — Jim Hunter is Crosby's mayor once again

Sat., November 21, 2020

As mayor, he'll have an open door policy and plans to work hard for the \$600 a month the city will pay him.

On his first go round as mayor, he got into legal battles with the city and faced felony charges so he resigned and fought the legal battles, Eventually, his charges were dismissed.

"I've never been a quitter so I decided to run again. We have a golden opportunity now with Crosby growing so much due to bicycling. We have a great community with good management and efforts of the mayor, city council and city staff, along with businesses and residents, we can make Crosby more than just a former mining

A big challenge Crosby faces is the construction of Hwy. 210 right through town this coming summer. Another big project is a new Super One story to be built at Hwy.l 210 in east Crosby where the Hallett House was. The existing structures are being torn down now and the company has approached the city about the installation of sewer and water on the site.

He wants the citizens to unite and feel part of things and to that end, he'll be on KKIN radio once a month. He urges folks to call him at 218.820,9170.

"I want folks to talk to me about their complaints, suggestions and ideas. I'm only one person, I can't do it by myself, it takes a whole council. But I am there to listen."

Another dream of his is to have all the towns and townships of the Cuyuna Range unite and work together to improve the whole area.

Aitkin's new mayor is mom, midwife



By ANN SCHWARTZ With six sons and a job as a midwife, Megan Work-

man, 42, probably had enough to do. But now, added to her work and family duties, is her new job as the mayor of Aitkin.

Workman grew up in Woodstock, Illinois, and has lived in Aitkin for about eight years. A certified nurse/midwife, she and her husband have sons aged 23, 19, 15, 14, 4 and almost 2.

"We love going hiking and camping together," Workman said about her hobbies. "We enjoy going to our sons' sporting events.

"I recently took up knitting and have been making all sorts of stuff-- from scarves to kitchen dish cloths."

She added: "I love the community of Aitkin and am interested in preserving our small town and preparing it for the future."

What are her three priorities for Aitkin?

"I want to get our city on good financial footing. I would like to see the town improve the park and access to recreation.

"I would also like to see more businesses and a thriving downtown.

"I am very excited to serve the people of Aitkin."



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READER-RIBBETS

Aitkin Public Schools shifting to distance learning amid COVID concerns

Aitkin Public Schools is shifting to distance learning for students in grades 4-12. We are making this change due to not being able to safely staff our schools and concerns about COVID transmission among students and staff when at school. Our school teams have done everything possible to cover with subs, shuffle staff, collapse sections, and teach remotely; however, we've simply reached the point at which the safety of students and staff is being compromised. We want nothing more than to be with our students every day in-person. However, at this time it is not sustainable to stay in person Pre-K through 12.

Due to these challenges, we are going to make a switch in our model of instruction. Friday, November 20, 2020 will be a non-school day for all students. We will be going into a Remote Learning model for grades 4-12 from Monday, November 23rd

through Friday, January 15th. This will extend the current remote learning time frame for grades 7-12. Grades Pre-K through 3 will continue with in-person school following their existing schedule. We feel that as challenging as Remote Learning can be for our students, families and staff, it is even more challenging for our youngest learners. That is why we are going to continue with in-person learning for grades Pre-K through 3 at this time. We will continue to monitor data and make adjustments as needed. We are planning on continuing in this model until January 15, 2021. We will then evaluate our current data and situation as it pertains to staffing and the COVID-19 pandemic.

School buses will continue to run routes to transport students in grades Pre-K through 3 and students receiving special education services or specific interventions. Student activities & athletics will continue per the MN State High School League, Minnesota Department of Education and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines and will be monitored closely.

In our remote learning model, students are expected to log in to their classes each day at the scheduled time using Canvas and Infinite Campus. Students need to check in with their teachers to get the latest instruction and guidance for that day's class period. Daily attendance is required. Lessons will be live streamed or made available each class period on Canvas. At the High School level, each class period, students need to participate in daily lessons. High School teachers will be available to work with students while learning from home. At the Elementary level every day, students need to be engaged and participate in their learning.

Rippleside teachers will be available to work with students while learning from home. New lessons and material will be presented for students every scheduled school day.

We know that internet connectivity is still a challenge for some families. Please let your school and teachers know if you do not have have meals dropped off at internet and need alternate supplies and materials. We want everyone to be successful while learning from home. If you have access to the internet, you need to utilize that as we deliver instruction using our Remote Learning Delivery system.

We have a plan to provide child care for students where both parents are essential workers. We will also provide a fee based program for families who may need child care as well. More information regarding this will be provided later this week.

Meals will be available for pick up at the school on the days that students are remote learning. Meals for our high school students will be available at the NW Secure Entry from 11:00 - 12:30 each day school is scheduled to be in session. Meal pick up for Rippleside students will change starting Monday November 23rd, our elementary meal pick up will also be at the High School from 11:00 -12:30 each day. If you are currently picking up meals at Rippleside, starting Monday you will need to pick your meals up at the High School.

day and a breakfast for the next morning. There is no charge for the meals. We will be sharing a google form for families to complete to request meals. We will not be delivering meals door to door this year. We will have a survey to complete. We will have a list of remote locations where families can pick up a lunch and breakfast for the next day every day we have a scheduled day of school. Families can choose to pick up their meals at the high school everyday and get a HOT lunch with a cold breakfast for the next day. After you schedule and you are not able to pick-up your meal for some reason, please call Jeanne Ince at 218-927-2115 ext. 3431 by 9:00 am the day that you will need to make a change. If you are currently signed up for meal drop offs, you will not need to do anything to have that extended. If your plan changes and the meals are not needed, please let us know so we can plan accordingly. If you request meals we ask that you make sure to pick them up.

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Stop 2: The Junction 10:43-

Stop 3: Garrison City Park 11:10-11:25

ISD #1 students and fam-

ilies, this is not a decision anyone wants to make. I want our students to be here in

our schools where they learn best, but COVID-19 knows no boundaries and we need to respond to protect our students, staff, and the greater community. Thank you for continuing to support our students and staff.

Take care, stay healthy, and go Gobblers!

Daniel J. Stifter **Aitkin Public Schools Superintendent**

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Governor Walz should resign

Last Thursday while Gov Walz was strutting around the capitol during ANOTHER of his special sessions knowing he will continue to have yet another 30 days of PEACE-TIME Martial Law because he told the Speaker of the MN House she can't bring it to the floor for a legal and bipartisan vote of elected officials to continue and she apparently is terrified of the Governor.

During this day the national cable TV stations were having a great day making fun of MN Democrats.

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They picked up on the Governor stating that Minnesotans are not to talk loud at Thanksgiving dinner, among other rules. Poor deaf grandpa.

They were then talking bout the MPLS mayor and city council who had voted to defund and then dissolve the MPLS Police Dept but now Mayor wants money to hire law enforcement from other departments. WHAT?

into Omar and her marriage to her brother and her staff buying votes for Democrats on TV. Finally someone asked

Then the media launched

where is the MN AG? They were told who the AG was and they all laughed. I did not email to tell them

his son is on the MPLS City Council. Yes Kelly, Walz should

resign. Carol Shields, Aitkin

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CLC suspends winter sports seasons, continues plans for spring

suspending its men's and women's basketball seasons due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic. The college does, however, remain optimistic about hosting spring sports.

In a statement, Central Lakes College president Hara Charlier said, "The decision to suspend Raider basketball was made after a great deal of conversation and careful consideration of data. COVID-19 infection rates continue to increase through-

Central Lakes College is out our state, our region, and our college community. Unfortunately, the indoor nature of basketball and the challenges associated with competition carry significant inherent risk. While our players and coaches are committed to following all mitigation protocols, the risk is

simply too great. " "We understand and share the deep sense of disappointment felt by our student-athletes. We will continue to work to provide meaningful opportunities for our athletes to develop, engage, and be successful at the college. Rest assured that our commitment to Raider athletics is as strong as ever, and we look forward to cheering for our Raiders next year," said Charlier.

The college is, however, planning to host softball and baseball next semester. According to administrators, the outdoor, low-contact nature of spring athletics reduces risk. They are hopeful that with strong mitigation measures and COVID transmission rates expected to improve in the spring, Raider athletes will be on the field. The nature and timing of practices remains to be determined but will follow CLC COVID protocols. Spring training out-of-state trips have been canceled.

Jim Russell, CLC Athletic Director, said he is disappointed about winter sports, but also understands the situation at

"We appreciate our administration for their efforts and the communication process in making these decisions. We are excited about softball and baseball and for our student athletes who will be participating this spring."

CLC requires safety plans from athletics following guidelines in place by the NJCAA, conference and from the college's pandemic response

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CLC Home for the Holidays greetings

Brainerd Community Theatre's streamed holiday production "Home for the Holidays" will feature a segment of holiday greetings for those not able to be together during this season.

"We'll read the greetings as part of the show, as a way to connect people over the holidays," said BCT director Patrick Spradlin. "The show will be free, on demand, over the internet. People can share the link to the show with friends and family who are in other parts of the world, then surprise them with a personalized greeting."

"Home for the Holidays" is a variety show of music, dance, and fun featuring an all-community group of people. Some segments have been recorded on the Chalberg Theatre stage at Central Lakes College. Other segments were submitted by members of the community

via home video recordings. "It's our way of connecting as many people as we can during this time of separation, and it will be available to anyone with an internet connection beginning December 18," added Spradlin.

Submit your personalized holiday greeting via email to clcperformingarts@clcmn.edu

The theatre is asking for a suggested donation of \$5, but no accepted greeting will be turned away without a donation. "We of course will make sure the greetings are appropriate in language and content, but beyond that we want people to use this opportunity to reach out to others," said Spradlin. "Those who submit greetings will receive a confirmation phone call or email to verify their submission." To be included in the program, greetings must be received before November 23.

askdrsmith.com featuring Dr. Murray Smith **Herbal Immune Boosters**

This week we are going to continue to add to our immune boosting kit. Some of the best ways are found in the herbal remedies of old. Today we will revisit these time-tested favorites. Most of these have become so common they are available at your local stores.

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Finally, Elderberry is another plant that is mentioned as far back as Hippocrates. It is known for its wide array of health benefits such as to fight colds, the flu, allergies and inflammation. Often times used in a tea, it can be a nice addition as we roll into winter.

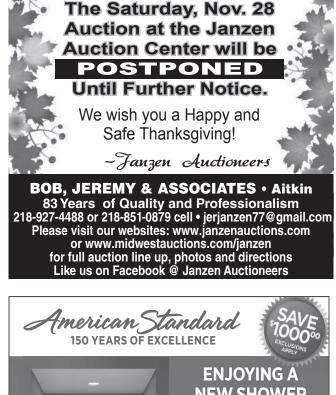
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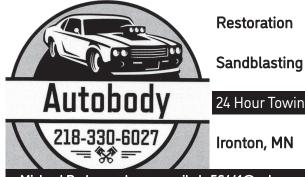






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OBITUARIES

LINDA GOLIGOSKI



Linda M. Goligoski, 74, of Aitkin, died peacefully on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at Aicota Health Care Center, after a long and brave battle with Progressive SupraNuclear Palsy (PSP).

A Celebration of Life was held Friday, November 20

at 11 a.m. in Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin with Pastor Dawn Houser officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. A Private Family interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Aitkin. Memorials (Tributes) may be made on behalf of Linda Goligoski to CurePSP at www.psp.org in an effort to help support CurePSP's mission of awareness, education, care and cure for prime of life neurodegenerative disease.

Linda was born on July 5, 1944, in Superior, WI. She was the oldest daughter of Robert and Lorraine Goligoski. In March of 1969, Linda married Peter J. Luikart in Watertown, SD, and they settled in Aitkin in 1974, to raise their four children. They ran and owned Hill's Drive Inn for many years. In 1977, Linda took a position as a part-time mail clerk for the US Postal Service. She went on to become a full-time carrier on a walking route in town. She retired from the Post Office after over 30 years of service. She was able to enjoy traveling with friends for a few years after retirement. Linda had a passion for all things outdoors and athletic, whether it was participating, watching her children and grandchildren or watching professional sports. In her younger years, she could often be found

on the softball field at third base, playing volleyball on a local league or bowling a 600 series at Aitkin Lanes. As her children got older, she became their coach and greatest cheerleader to their many activities. She loved her Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Gopher Hockey and the Minnesota Twins and would always be wearing a hat or t-shirt in support....if she wasn't wearing one of her many grandma t-shirts. She loved game shows and would have been a star player on Jeopardy or Wheel of Fortune. She was unbeatable at trivia and puzzle-solving. She is probably giving Alex Trebek an earful right now! Her children, grandchildren and pets were her pride and joy and she enjoyed nothing more than simply sharing stories about them to all who would take a moment to listen.

Linda is survived by her mother, Lorraine Goligoski; four children: Lisa Slifka (Spencer), Stacy Cluff (Dave), Michael Luikart, and Kelly Josephson (Drew); seven grandchildren: Kailey Saker, Logan Cluff, Jayden Luikart, Kyle Cluff, Tyler Slifka, Taylor Luikart and Quinn Josephson; great grandson, Gavin Hastin; nieces and great niece: Marguerite Crumley, Gabrielle Crumley and Leah Crumley; two sisters, Sara Hall (Bob) and Rachel Goligoski (Greg), two brothers, Dan Goligoski (Paula) and Bob Goligoski (Agnes); and many nieces and nephews.

Linda was preceded in death by her father, Robert Goligoski and her youngest brother, Peter Goligoski.

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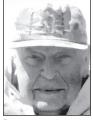
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VERNON THORSTEN



Vernon Thorsten, 94, of Aitkin, died Sunday, November 8. 2020 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

As was Vernon's wish: No formal service will be held and his ashes will be scattered in the Mountains of Montana this spring.



He was born on Feb 21, 1926 in Santiago to Tony and Tina (Peterson) Thorsten. After graduating from Becker High School,

he joined the US Navy and was deployed on the USS Logan to Iwo Jima, Japan during WWII. After being Honorably Discharged, he worked on the transport ships hauling iron ore across the Great Lakes. Vernon married Inez Allie in January of 1956 and they made their home in Aitkin. They owned several businesses in town. The Tip Top Cafe and Dutch's Pool Hall (later renamed "Vern's Bar and Grill). Vernon attended school and became an electrician, working on power plants throughout the state of Minnesota. He was a very proud member of the IBEW. Always an avid hunter and fisherman, Every October he traveled to Montana. If Vernon wasn't at home, it was a safe bet you could find him at The Landing playing cards. Maybe at a table with Vernon Nelson ("The Judge"), Quint Hanson, Russell Sutherland, Bob Beal, Russell Riggs, and Carl Kurtz! He didn't go too far without jars of his homemade strawberry jam, and bags of wild rice ready to share with others. He enjoyed life and made lasting friendships wherever he went. He really never met a stranger! He enjoyed spending time with his grandkids and great grandkids and they certainly adored him.

He is survived by his daughter, Janet Leone; daughter-in-law, Janet Gardner; five grandchildren: Sarah, Greg, David, Stephen and Jennifer; four great-grandchildren: Haley, MacKenzie, Trevor, Kylii; two great-great-grandchildren, Odin and Annabelle; numerous nieces, nephews other relatives and special friends from the Landing of whom he was very fond.

Vernon was preceded in death by his wife, Inez; parents; stepsons, Dennis and Douglas Gardner; brothers: John, Herb, Buddy; sisters, Olga, Hilda, Elna, Alice, Patty.

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JUANITA GRONDA



Juanita Mae Gronda, 85, of McGregor died Thursday, November 12, 2020 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020 at McGregor Funeral Home & Cremation Services in McGregor with

Pastor Ron Staudinger officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Round Lake Cemetery.

She was born October 12, 1935 in Minneapolis to Robert and Lorena (Christopherson) Martinson. She married Walt Gronda. They owned a family farm near McGregor and owned and operated the Tamarack Café in the late 1970's and 80's. They moved to Alaska where Walt worked roofing homes and Juanita waitressed, they then moved to Texas where she drove school bus before moving back to their farm near McGregor. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary in McGregor.

Juanita is survived by her sons: Roger Johnson and Roy (Gayle) Johnson; four grandchildren: Marie Sanchez, Teresa Christensen, Karen Rettke, and Robert Johnson; 13 great-grandchildren: Arely Sanchez, Jesus Sanchez, Derek Anderson, Dylan Anderson, Deanna Anderson, Ryann Johnson, Casey Rettke, Morgan Rettke, Elijah Johnson, James Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Hayden Johnson, and Josephine Johnson; great-great-grandchild: Braelynn Anderson; step-children: Kenneth Gronda, James Gronda, Bonnie Williams, Wendy McDonough, Nancy Gronda, John Gronda, and Clifford Gronda: 10 step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Walt, son Richard Johnson, brother Robert Martinson, step-son Daniel Gronda, and her parents.

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

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* - New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship in the church building 10:15 am & 6:30 pm, check the website for the time of service NewLifeAitkin.com; youth group for 7th-12th graders Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

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

Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30. 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 Espe at 9:30, Worship at 10:45

Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662

Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617. Worship 9: 30 and 11, theiournevnorth.com

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com

Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; 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. 10. 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 8:30 & 10:30 (10:30 outdoors weather permitting) Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.

ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Con-

fession 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. 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 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

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.

Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. 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.

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

Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

EVANGELICAL FREE

Baxter - Lakewood EFC, Pastor Steve Anderson; Worship at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:30 pm

Crosslake — Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake.net Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm

Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15 Wright - Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30;

Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell,

for information 320-684-2804

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

LUTHERAN

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 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 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www. goodshepherdfreelutheran.church

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church: 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10 am. (www.llchurch.org) Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd - Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.m. Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct.

Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun. Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

Crosby —Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake —(ELCA), www.crosslakelutheran.com, Pastor

Kristin Oltmann, Pastor Kurt Hagestuen, 218-692-3682, Visit our website to view worship opportunities 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; Wor-

ship: 9: Sunday School 9:15. Garrison - Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sut-

ton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101. Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org. Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible) Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship

9 am Alternating with Zion of Crosby; 218-534-3069 Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; 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

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.

McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua

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

Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.

Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9. Wright - St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua

Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

PENTECOSTAL

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.

Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN

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

McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED

Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave. NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

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

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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30

1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

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

Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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OBITUARIES

IRENE ERICKSON



Irene E. Erickson, 93, of time with her family. Aitkin died Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in Aicota Health Care Center.

Private Family Graveside Services will be held in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Nordland Township, Aitkin County.

She was born July 11, 1927 in Clinton, Iowa to Albert and Bernadine (Paysen) Machamer. Irene was united in marriage to John Erickson in 1976. She worked at the Aitkin Hospital for 20+ years in the cafeteria. Irene loved spending

Irene is survived by her grandchildren, Angela, Michael and Daniel Westman; great granddaughter, Jazmine Westman; son-in-law, Luther "Luke" Westman; other relatives and friends.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, John; parents; two daughters: Jeanette Westman and Karen Olson; brother, Raymond Machamer; sister, Geraldine Skog; son-in-law, Jim Olson.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

NICK KOVACH



Nicholas "Nick" Kovach, 77, of South St. Paul and Garrison died Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Riverwood Hospital in Aitkin after a long illness. He will be cremated followed by a private interment. Memorials are preferred to Cancer Society of Minnesota.

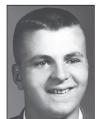
He was born August 25, 1943 to Frank Kovach and Norma (Telander) Kovach. He graduated from South St. Paul High School in 1961. He

worked for 3M his entire career as an oiler and later as a union president with OCAW.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Dots; children: Denise (Dale) Sundstrom, Laurie (Doug) Bauer, Steve (Linda) Kovach; stepson, Jim (Heather) Verdick; brother, Jeff (Bonnie); nine grandchildren: Joe, Andrew, Tony, Madeline, Alex, Leah, Sam, Grace, and Joe, and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepson, Jeff.

ALLAN FRANZ



Allan J. Franz, 74, of Crosby died on Monday, November 16, 2020 at Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

Mass of Christian burial will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 21, 2020 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the

St. Thomas Cemetery in Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

He was born in Aitkin on February 25, 1946 to John and Loretta (Zigan) Franz. Allan was a

retired employee of the Grand Casino Mille Lacs Lake with 20 years of service. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby.

Allan is survived by one brother, Ted (Julie) Franz of Pillager; five sisters, Rosemary Barnes of Brainerd, Nancy (Terry) Morgan of Aitkin, Audrey (Dennis) Schumacher of Arden Hills, Elizabeth Lyons of Grand Rapids and Theresa Franz of Brainerd; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding Allan in death are his parents and

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral

Home in Crosby.

two brothers, John and Conrad Franz.

FELICIA FORDER

Felicia Forder, 76 of Aitkin, died Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby. Funeral Arrangements are pending with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral www.srtfuneral.com

Home & Cremation Services in Aitkin. Please call for date & time of services. 218-927-2614 A full obituary will be in next weeks edition.

Boxes of free food at Immanuel

There will be a truck delivering free food starting at noon on Tuesdays through December in the parking lot of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cros-

by, located east of C-I High

Distribution dates are Tuesdays, Nov. 24 and Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 29. The food is free and everyone is eligible, but 218-546-6523.

there is a limit of one box.

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The Care Center and Heartwood Senior Living Community are following Minnesota trol guidelines for visitation which are based on COVID testing results.

continues to be the main

p.m. Monday through Friday and through the Emergency Department when emergency care is needed. Entrance B is open for oncology patients only from 4:30 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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BRUCE NELSON



Bruce A. "Bud" Nelson, 79. of Deerwood died on November 11, 2020 at his home in Deerwood.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 20, 2020 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was at the

Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors by the Myrin-James American Legion Post. Social distancing and

masks are required. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred. He was born on August 20, 1941 in Brainerd

to John and Veronica (Filla) Nelson. Bud was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a retired Mechanical Engineer with Soo Line Railroad, Burlington Northern Railroad, Rescar and Livingston Rebuilt Center Railroads with 32 years of service. Bud was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby, the Cuyuna Range Knights of Columbus, and the Myrin-James American Legion

Post #443. Ironton. Bud had fierce love for his family and faith.

Bud is survived by his wife Linda; two sons, Kelly (Jill) Nelson of Gilman, MN and Louis (Carrie) Nelson of Fruita, CO; two daughters, Kristy (Mike) Driver of Fruita, CO and Andrea (Keith) Hedges of Great Falls, MT; one step-son, Reed (Melissa) Leonard of Rochester; two step-daughters, Valerie (Patrick Jones) Leonard of St. Louis Park and Michelle (Brock) Shuda of Arlington; three brothers, Dr. Gerald Nelson and James Nelson both of Crosby and Wayne (Mary Ann) Nelson of Buffalo: two sisters. Veronica Schemmel of Grand Rapids, MI and Scena Proodin of Crosby and seven grandchildren, Morgan (Rachel), Mallory, Tori, Maci, Alex, Ava, and Ella; and his extended family of in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding Bud in death are his parents; and three brothers, Robert, Merlin "Kip" and Douglas "Dick" Nelson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

READER-RIBBETS-CONT-Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

Busy week; it was hard to squeeze in much deer hunting.

Tuesday, Sen. Ruud and I meet with the Aitkin County Commissioners to discuss their legislative priorities for 2021. Wednesday found me at Crosslake meeting with a group that is involved in taking care of the Veteran's Memorial Walking Trail.

It was recently discovered the trail is located on Permanent State School Trust Land, not DNR land. That will require some work by the DNR and the community to clear up some administrative issues that presents. What is important is that we ensure the walking trail is preserved.

As Wednesday was Veterans Day, it was fitting that we were working on preserving a veterans' memorial trail that was created and dedicated to all WW II veterans and specifically to veterans Dorwin Badger and William Dresden.

Thursday, I participated remotely via ZOOM in a sixth

special legislative session of the current interim. The governor called us back for a several-hour special session, an act which gave him another 30 day renewal of his emergency powers authority.

This week the MPCA and the DNR made news by issuing numerous crucial permits and licenses that moved the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline replacement project closer to starting construction.

In our area, the project includes five miles of the new pipeline in Crow Wing County, 34 miles of new pipeline in Aitkin County, and construction of a pump station in Macville Township just southeast of Hill City.

The MPCA issued a 401 water quality certification, approved the capped air emissions and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System wastewater permit necessary for the project. The DNR issued permits for work in public waters, wetlands, water appropriations for dust suppression, trench dewatering, hydrostatic testing, directional drilling, and threatened and endangered species. Utility public land and water crossing licenses were also issued.

That is welcome news. It brings this long-awaited project ever closer to becoming reality. The replacement of this old pipeline is long overdue. The project will inject billions of dollars of private investment into northern Minnesota's economy and when completed will generate millions of dollars annually in new property tax revenue for counties, townships and school districts across our part of Minnesota.

The final step before construction can start is gaining a construction stormwater permit, which involves the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issuing a Section 404 permit. The MPCA has that application under review. .

Representative Dale Lueck Minnesota House District 10B





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