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Toby expands thrifty bargains to downtown Aitkin



Karly Sherek, Jen and Toby Gabrio in their newest enterprise in Aitkin, Toby's Christmas Shop. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Toby's Thrift Shop, the blue building by the roundabout in Aitkin, is thriving. Visitors love going into the store to sift through thrifty bargains. Toby and family have expanded into downtown Aitkin.

Toby's Christmas Shop is now open seven days a week at the southeast corner of Aitkin's stoplight intersection. The store carries anything and everything imaginable

for Christmas. Karly Sherek, a full-time college student and Toby's stepdaughter, will run that store.

A visit on a recent Saturday showed the store full of shoppers. Other gift shops in downtown Aitkin were seeing heavy traffic as well.

Just a block north of the stoplight, Toby's is opening a furniture outlet in the Butler Building. It will be open on Saturdays and staffed by Toby's friends. The Butler Build-

ing is undergoing changes as Christine Bright, an Aitkin attorney, recently bought the building from Sylvia Allen. Christine promises to share more details with the News-hopper in the future.

Toby continues to run here and there as a human dynamo. He cleans out homes of the elderly, works part-time for the Office Shop and runs a concession stand and his thrift stores.

"If you peak in the windows

at Butler's and see something you like, or have questions about any of our thrift stores, call Toby at 218.820.2254.

Also, watch Facebook for information and updates on the stores," emphasized Jen Gabrio, Toby's wife.

Thousands of boxes



Aitkin's New Life Church has been the drop-off site for shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child for the last five years. With this program, families and church groups pack shoe-box packages full of toys and games for children in poverty living all around the world. Although the count is down this year due to the pandemic, the drop-off center has collected 5,557 boxes over the last five years. Sarah Schmidt, LaPorte, regional coordination for OCC, stopped in recently to reward the community for assembling so many boxes. Shown are Ardel and Rick Kottke, drop-off center coordinators. Boxes will leave soon on their trips around the world. Ann Schwartz photo

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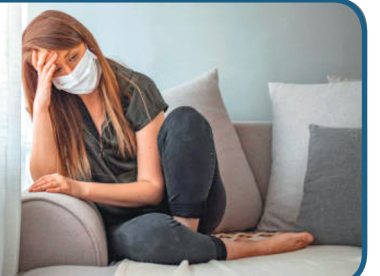
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Take caution around open water, newly formed ice can be deadly



With the continued surge in the number of people recreating outdoors this year, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds everyone that lakes and ponds across the state have started to freeze, and where there isn't ice, the water is dangerously cold.

Ice thickness is highly variable at this time of year and subject to Mother Nature's whims. Even where there isn't ice, the water is so cold that an unexpected fall in can be deadly. It is vital to talk with children, who are naturally curious about the water, about staying safe.

"The first ice-fishing trip of the season is exciting, but there's no fish that is worth falling through the ice," said Rodmen Smith, director of the DNR Enforcement Division. "Vigilance around the water at this time of year isn't just a good idea – it's an absolute necessity."

Anglers and others who recreate on the ice should stay on shore until there's at least 4 inches of new, clear ice. Anytime people are on the ice, they should check its thickness every 150 feet. Smith urges people to check ice thickness for themselves rather than deciding to walk on the ice based on what they've heard or read.

Each year, unexpected falls into cold water lead to serious injury and death. Wearing a

life jacket is the best way to avert tragedy, since the initial shock of falling into cold water can incapacitate even strong swimmers. Carrying a good set of ice picks can help a person get out if they fall through the ice, and a cell phone, whistle or other communications device makes it more likely they will be able to call for help.

General ice safety guidelines
No ice can ever be considered "safe ice," but following these guidelines can help minimize the risk:

Always wear a life jacket or float coat on the ice (except when in a vehicle).

Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel and tape measure.

Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.

Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.

Don't go out alone; let someone know about trip plans and expected return time.

Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards with local experts.

Minimum ice thickness guidelines for new, clear ice are:

4 inches for ice fishing or other activities on foot.

5-7 inches for a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle.

8-12 inches for a car or small pickup.

12-15 inches for a medium truck.

Double these minimums for white or snow-covered ice.



COVID-19 Test at Home program available to all Minnesota residents

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has expanded the no cost COVID-19 Test at Home saliva testing program to all Minnesota residents. You can now order a COVID-19 saliva test online that will be shipped to your home, along with a prepaid package to <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html>

"The mail in test option has been show to give quick

and accurate results. It offers a convenient method to test for COVID that will further reduce the risk of exposure." said Public Health Supervisor Michelle Moritz. "I encourage anyone that has symptoms or a known contact with positive case to test and help slow the spread by isolating at home. Hopefully having people know their COVID status can help prevent additional exposures and bring down the rising positive case rate."

When you are ready to take the test, you will log onto a website and do a video visit with a health care provider so they can give you instructions and make sure you do the test the right way. You then send the test to the lab in Oakdale, Minnesota, using the prepaid package. Once it arrives at the lab, you will get your test results by email as soon as 24-48 hours.

The saliva test is just as accurate as the nasal swab test

and is also used at in-person COVID-19 community saliva testing locations across the state.

- The saliva tests checks whether you have COVID-19 right now and can spread it to others. It is not an antibody test that looks for whether you have had COVID-19 in the past.

- Both adults and children can use these tests. An adult 18 or older must request a test for a child. Separate email

addresses and identification is needed for each test kit requested.

- You can request up to five tests per household through the website.

- Saliva testing may not be right for those with low saliva production, such as children under age 4 or someone who has suffered a stroke.

- Testing is at no cost for every Minnesotan, whether or not you have insurance. If you do have insurance, you

will need to provide your information so your insurance company can pay for your test. If your insurance does not pay for COVID-19 tests or does not pay enough, the state will cover the cost. If you do not have insurance, the state will pay for your test. You will not receive a bill.

- For more information and to order a test visit <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html>

Governor Walz outlines COVID-19 economic relief package

At a local Saint Paul restaurant on Tuesday, November 24, Governor Tim Walz announced a COVID-19 economic relief package to keep businesses afloat, support workers struggling to get by, and help Minnesota families keep food on the table. According to a press release, Governor Walz will work with legislators on both sides of the aisle to move forward this much-needed proposal, integrate additional proposals, and call a special session when an agreement is final.

"Our small businesses and the Minnesotans whose livelihoods depend on them are bearing a huge weight for the good of their entire community. As cases skyrocket and hospital capacity is pushed to the brink, our small businesses should not have to bear the financial consequences alone. We're in this together," said Governor Walz. "I am

committed to turning over every stone to find funding that will help make sure our businesses stay afloat, our workers are supported, and our families can put food on the table."

"In the restaurant industry, we are all too familiar with 90-hour work weeks," said Mike Runyon, co-owner of The Nook in Saint Paul. "We know what it's like to wake up and head into work feeling like you just went to bed two minutes ago. And we're not out here saving lives! We understand the urgent need to support our health care workers and protect hospital capacity right now. But as we know, the hospitality industry is drowning. There's no stimulus money or extra unemployment for our staff. We are in desperate need for our governments to step in and help during these restrictions."

Since the beginning of the

pandemic, Governor Walz has invested \$100 million dollars to support more than 8,000 Minnesota businesses. The state has also given nearly \$840 million in support to local governments, much of which has been distributed to small businesses across the state. Also last week, the Governor wrote a letter urging House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer to act quickly to provide assistance for workers, families, businesses, and states.

"We know the vast majority of our small businesses are doing the right thing," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "And these restrictions are hard. But they are necessary to save lives. That's why we need to come together to provide aid that

will support Minnesotans and our small businesses as we weather this surge in cases and hospitalizations."

The COVID-19 relief package includes:

- Keep Small Businesses Afloat

- Provide direct aid to businesses through Business Assistance Program

- Waive State and regulatory fees for bars, restaurants, event centers, craft breweries, and more

- Establish eviction moratorium so small businesses can stay in their locations

- Support Workers Struggling to get by

- Extend unemployment benefits for an additional 13 weeks, helping as many as 100,000 workers whose benefits currently end next month

- Provide a \$500 one-time emergency payment to struggling families

- Help Minnesota Families Put Food on the Table

- Establish one-time grant to restaurants to provide food for healthcare workers, homeless shelters, and long-term care facilities

- Provide a tax credit for businesses that donate food that would otherwise spoil or be thrown away

The Governor will contin-

ue to work with agencies, stakeholders, and legislators on additional measures to help Minnesotans and our economy.

"COVID-19 has brought unprecedented challenges to Minnesotans and businesses and we need to help them now," said Department of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner Steve Grove. "Today's package, crafted in response to requests from industry leaders and others, provides solid support to help businesses through this time and support Minnesota workers affected by the pandemic."

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Affidavits of candidacy may be filed by appointment at the home of Clerk, Carol Pundt. Call 1-218-678-3256 for an appointment. Filing dates: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 through 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 12, 2021 for the offices of:

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Radiothon to End Child Abuse celebrates 27th year

The Radiothon to End Child Abuse will be celebrating its 27th year in the Brainerd Lakes area. It runs for the 24 hours of noon, Thursday Dec 3 to noon, Friday Dec 4. This is an annual education and action event which is broadcast on radio stations

reaching Aitkin County. The radio stations involved are WJJY (106.7 FM), B93.3, COOL (103.5) and the Power Loon (107.5 FM). Listeners will hear speakers about child abuse and neglect, and prevention and local services. They can call in pledges to

support the state and local programs. They also can purchase silent auction items online at the Radiothon website. Aitkin County Child Abuse Prevention Council benefits in two ways: the donations pledged to Aitkin County, and silent auction items and gift certificates donated by area businesses. These funds will be passed on through mini-grants to local schools and organizations to provide services and educa-

tion to children and families in the county.

The December 3 and 4, Radiothon will be broadcast from the Westgate Mall in Brainerd.

The silent auction and pledges will be found those same days at www.brainerd.com/radiothon_. During the Radiothon each year, the website allows you to track the progress and get details on auction items and to find out more about child abuse

prevention.

The Radiothon to End Child Abuse is a joint effort by WJJY, B93.3, The Power Loon, and Cool 103.5, along with the Child Abuse Prevention Councils of Aitkin County, Cass County, and Morrison County, the Crow Wing County Child Protection Team, and Prevent Child Abuse of Minnesota. Since 1994, people in the Lakes Area have supported the Radiothon to End Child Abuse with donations totaling between 1.5 and 2 million dollars. The Radiothon has also increased awareness of the problem of child abuse and neglect. Listen again this year to find out what is being done in our communities to help end child abuse. Please make your pledge, bid on valuable auction items and support your 27th Annual Radiothon.

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OBITUARIES

FELICIA FORDER



Felicia Finsterwalder Forder, 76, died on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center with her husband and son by her side. Due to current Covid-19 restrictions, a celebration of life is planned this spring tentatively surrounding the Lakes and Woods Garden Club Annual Plant Sale. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Aitkin Garden Club.

Felicia was born January 11, 1944 to Donald and Irene Finsterwalder in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Her love of nature started at an early age in Girl Scouts continuing as a young lady attending Audubon summer camp. After her father's death, Felicia and her mother owned and operated I and F Cleaning Village, the first coin-operated dry cleaner in the area. Upon high school graduation she went onto college at St. Catherine University located in St. Paul, MN graduating with her teaching degree in both history and library studies. Soon after, she moved to Baltimore, Maryland to finish her studies. Upon completion of her internship, Felicia came back to Minnesota to teach for Minneapolis Public Schools. After 12 years with the Public School System, Felicia aspired to enter the book business starting with a position as the manager of B. Dalton Booksellers in Rosedale Center in Roseville, MN. When B. Dalton was sold to Barnes and Noble, Felicia rose to become a national magazine buyer and later caught the attention of educational publisher McGraw-Hill, finishing her corporate career as Midwest Director while supplying educational books to all the major Colleges and Universities throughout the Midwest. Upon "retirement" she went back to her first love of horticulture and gardening, becoming a Master Horticulturalist using these credentials for flower show judging, "how to" educational seminars throughout Minnesota

including the Minnesota State Fair. She also started a freeze-dried flower business called Felicitations supplying flower arrangements to large retailers. In addition, she served as Aitkin County Master Gardener for 10 years earning the University of Minnesota gold star award for her service. Felicia belonged to the Lakes and Woods Garden club as one of the original charter members and served as its president among other club duties through the years. She earned the title of "plant lady" while volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and working on beautification projects for the Riverwood Healing Garden and Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. She took a special interest in the McGregor Area Red Hats, the Aitkin Rotary Club, The Jacques Art Center, Farm 2 Table and Sylvia's Children- traveling to Uganda, Africa to share her gifts and talents. In most recent years, she delighted fellow re-enactors in the SCA (Society for Creative Anachronism), with artistic and horticultural instruction through her persona as Lady Sister Felicia von Finsterwalder, in character as a Sister from a 1170 German convent. Lady Sister was accompanied to "shire and kingdom" events by her ever faithful handmaiden Shari Melinda and often her king charles cavalier. Felicia was a woman of prayer and faith. She lectured at Holy Family, St. James Catholic Church, and often at silent retreats at Christ the King.

Felicia is survived by her beloved husband William of 19 years, son Aaron (Sherry), stepdaughter Nancee (Bill), stepson Bob (Stacy), granddaughters Brooke (Mark), Tateum, Amber, Ashley, Taylor, Ava and great grandsons Aspen and Memphis and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and former husband, James McCann.

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

JOYCE MATTSSEN



Joyce Marie Mattsen, 70, of Crosby, died on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at Abbott Northwestern after her life was cut short from COVID-19.

A Memorial Gathering is being planned for the summer of 2021.

She was born August 10, 1950 to Alfred and Gladys (Olson) Van Vickie. After graduating Crosby High School in 1968, she obtained her LPN license. Truly dedicated to nursing, she enrolled into the former Brainerd Junior College and participated in the first ever AD Nursing Program earning her RN. With hardwork and determination, Joyce graduated with honors and later obtained specialized certifications in Geriatric Nursing. She achieved all this while raising her family. Joyce diligently served 50 years working in long term care and was still employed full-time when she fell ill. Joyce was a devoted daughter, providing care to her 89 year old mother and best friend Gladys. If you ever had the pleasure of meeting Joyce, you would know that she was an avid gambler, often hitting the slots with Gladys in tow until all hours of the night. She lived life in the fast lane, with need for speed, she often encountered many police and deer along the way. Being a very bold lady, she was never short on giving her honest opinion and speaking her mind using the most colorful language. Underneath that rough and tough exterior she was giving, caring,

fun loving, "nanny num nums", who always had a treat in one hand and a juice box in the other for all of her grandchildren. Always spoiling her family of more than 30 with special gifts and trips, you could often find her swimming in the pool, hitting up the arcade, lighting off fireworks, going out for pizza or ice cream, and planning annual outings to Paul Bunyan and Como Zoo. Joyce was proud of her five generation family.

Joyce is survived by three daughters: Sheila (Wayne) Elling of Deerwood; Rhonda (Doug) Meller of Lakeville; Jacinta (Mike) Hartwig of Pequot Lakes; mother, Gladys Van Vickie of Crosby; son, Matt Mattsen of Crosby; three brothers: Richard Van Vickie of Swatara, Robert Van Vickie of Crosby and Alfie (Mariann Guentzel) Van Vickie of Pequot Lakes; two sisters: Barb (Lyn) Katke of Ogilvie and Joanne (LeRoy Sandvig) Van Vickie of Crosby; 15 grandchildren: Tonya (Josh Fisher) Elling, Chelsy (Aaron Stary) Elling, Stacy (Abe) Haw, Tessa Hammond, Cody Aleman, Casey Aleman, Alessandra Hartwig, Cuyler Hartwig, Amelia Hartwig, Mitchell Gott, Parker Mattsen, Daniel Mattsen, Gabriel Mattsen, Ella Mattsen, Emberlyn Tate; 15 great grandchildren: Davin and Taelynn Fisher, Landon Elling, Arianna Elling-Starry, Logan, Aubree, Carter, and Easton Haw, Anthony and Jamin Bloodsaw, Cody Jr. and Carlee Aleman, Shelita Franklin, Ty'anna Jones, and Nathan Aleman.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

ELAINE MARSYLA



Elaine Marie Marsyla (Maki), 75 of Tamarack, died peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, November 14, 2020.

A service will be planned at a later date when more people can gather together to celebrate her beautiful life.

She was born May 8, 1945 in Aitkin to Eli and Elsie (Huhta) Maki. Elaine grew up on a farm in Rice River near McGregor with her parents and three brothers. Elaine also spent a lot of time with her Aunt Aina Staudinger, who was like a second mother to her, along with her cousins Evelyn and Eleanor. Elaine spent most of her working years as a para/aid extraordinaire at the McGregor School. She loved children, to have a good giggle, and her co-workers dearly. In her spare time, she liked to cook, crochet, sew, shop for a good deal, and bake with Evelyn. She was a volunteer for McGregor Ambulance for 20 years and was a valuable community member. Elaine was known for her good humor, work ethic, and willingness to help others.

Elaine is survived by the love of her life, Warren Marsyla and the family they created together. They married when she was 18, on August 31, 1963. Elaine and Warren have spent many of their 57 married years serving others and doing a lot of visiting with friends and family.

She is survived by her three children: Kristine Lewis (Marsyla), Keith (Sandy) Marsyla, and Kory (Andrea) Marsyla; two daughters in law: Sandy Marsyla (Hanson) and Andrea Marsyla (Ukura); six grandchildren: Kali (Isaac) Moll, Ashley (Matt) Carlstrom, Jared Marsyla, Zerek (Hope) Marsyla, Jena Marsyla, and Dylan Lewis; four great-grandchildren: Klayton Carlstrom, Kerrigan Carlstrom, Kendrix Marsyla, and Ezekiel Marsyla and countless more loved ones.

Elaine is preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Roger, Jack, and Alfred; sister-in-law, Carolyn; nephews: Bradley and Kerry; niece, Brenda, and sister-in-law, Ramona.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

DONALD WERNLI

Donald O. Wernli, 77 of Aitkin died Thursday, November 18, 2020 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin. Arrangements are pending with

Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Aitkin. www.srtfuneral.com

CURTIS JOHNSON

Curtis E. Johnson, 91, of Aitkin died Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. Arrangements are pending with So-

rensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Aitkin. www.srtfuneral.com

CAROL BAILEY

Carol E. Bailey, 81, of Opstead died Friday, November 20, 2020 at Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin. Funeral arrangements are pending with

Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Aitkin. To leave a message of condolence please go to www.srtfuneral.com

MABEL LINDGREN



Mabel E. Lindgren, 98, of Aitkin died Friday, November 20, 2020 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A celebration of life is planned for May 25, 2021,

the anniversary of Mabel and Carl's wedding. A more complete obituary will be posted prior to the date of service.

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

RAYMOND FERRARI



Raymond I. Ferrari, 83, of Aitkin formerly of Cuyuna died at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A memorial service is being planned for after the first of the year.

He was born in Crosby on February 15, 1937 to John and Amelia (Kosnitch) Ferrari. He served as a Specialist in the U.S. Army. Ray married Catherine "Cathey" Bjerkness on

February 15, 1994 in Brainerd. Ray was retired Police Officer from the Crosby Police Department

with 34 years of service, and a retired Crosby Fireman.

Ray is survived by sons: Mike (Allison) Ferrari of Emily, Mark (Shanon) Ferrari of Cuyuna, Tony (Diane) Ferrari of Lincoln, CA and Ted (Jennifer) Ferrari of Baxter; daughter, Amanda (Tim) Jensen of Pillager; brother, Bob Ferrari of Crosby and two sisters: Delores "Dodo" (Bob Geske) Waffensmith of Deerwood and Glee (Keith) Lundgren of Crosby; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Preceding Ray in death are his parents; wife and one brother, John "Jinx" Ferrari.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.



MARY KELLERMAN

Mary Diane Kellerman, 76, of Aitkin died Thursday, November 19, 2020 at her home.

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WILLIAM HARRISON, JR.



William Daniel “Dan” Harrison Jr., 90, of Crosby died at his home on November 19, 2020.

A private family services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby with military honors by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #433. Those wanting to partake in the service are invited to come to the church parking lot, remain in your cars and turn your radio to broadband 88.1 FM. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. He was born on September 4, 1930 in Brainerd to William and Mabel (Bellefeuille) Harrison. Dan

married Bernita Palm on June 7, 1953 in Crosby. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Dan was a retired carpenter with Deblock Construction giving 41 years of service and a retired Crosby Fireman with 31 years of service. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Dan is survived by his wife, Bernita; two daughters: Rhonda (Brian) Reynolds of Alexandria and Connie Harrison of Webb Lake, WI; grandchild, Luke (Stefanie) Marsh of Sauk Center and two great-grandchildren; Anthony and Olivia Marsh. Preceding Dan in death are his parents; two brothers, Clint and Cleve Harrison; and two sisters, Alice Albie and Delina Mazar. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

WILLIAM QUIEL

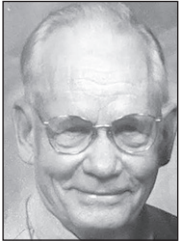


William Peder Quiel, 78, of Aitkin, died Monday, November 16, 2020 in Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin.

Services for William will be held at a later date. He was born March 6, 1942 in Minneapolis to Adolph and Bernice (Pederson) Quiel. William served in the United States Navy Reserves for seven years. William married Sandra Kay Cyr on April 28, 1962 in Minneapolis. He worked for Ault Electronics, Inc. in Minneapolis for 23 years and Mills Fleet Farm for 27 years. William was a Civil War buff and a cowboy at heart. He was a big

Johnny Cash fan and was a member of Single Action Shooting Society. William also enjoyed playing the guitar and loved spending time with his family. William is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Quiel; three sons: Jason Quiel, James Quiel and Robert (Kelcie) Quiel; five grandchildren: Eion, Matteya and Logan Quiel, Kaylyn Marie Quiel and Annabelle Lynn Speed; sister, Janice Horgan; and dog, Jasper. William is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Darryl Quiel; sister, Muriel “Penny” Quiel; and his dogs, Bullet and Chester. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

CHARLES KULLHEM



Charles “Charlie” Robert Kullhem, 95, of Aitkin, died Sunday, November 15, 2020 in the COVID unit at Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin.

A Celebration of Charlie's Life will be at a later date in 2021. He was born March 27, 1925 in Palisade to Andrew “Hugo” and Alice (Bloomquist) Kullhem. Charlie graduated from Aitkin High School in 1943. Charlie is a veteran of The United States Army who served in the Pacific following WWII. After serving his country, Charlie returned to the family farm in Palisade. Charlie married Margaret Hendrickson in 1959. They were together until Margaret's passing in 1986. In 1988, Charlie moved to Aitkin and married

Genevieve Nelson. They were together until Genevieve's passing in 2017. Charlie was an easy going guy who was always quick with a smile and he loved to show new people the pictures in his wallet of the bear he shot in the pasture at the farm. Charlie is survived by his daughter, Carol Kullhem of Hopkins; step children: Gloria Paulbeck of Aitkin, Rodger Nelson of Moorhead, David (Teri) Nelson of Little Canada; four step-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Charlie wa preceded in death by wives, Margaret and Genevieve; parents; grandson, Travis Kullhem; brothers, Russell, Marvin and Lawrence Kullhem; sister, Violet Hyovalti. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

ELEANOR LEMIRE



Eleanor Charlotte Lemire, 86, of Aitkin, died Monday, November 16, 2020 in Riverwood Health Care Center, Aitkin. Services for Eleanor will not be held at this time. She was born November 17, 1933 in Nickerson Township to Edwin and Ruth (Peterson) Hedberg. Eleanor married Virgil Lemire on November 22, 1952 in Aitkin. Eleanor was a member of the American Legion Post #86 Auxiliary and First Lutheran Church of Aitkin. She enjoyed antique

collecting, crossword puzzles and especially spending time with her family. Eleanor is survived by two sons: Jeffrey A. (Mary) Lemire of Alamogordo, New Mexico and Perry J. (Denise) Lemire of Duluth; seven grandchildren: Jennifer (Cory) Wilson, Jeffrey (Mariah) Lemire, Kristen (Andy) Lemire, Danielle (Michael) Lapos, Sarah (JR) Wingate, Ted (Kylee) Paakkonen and Joe Paakkonen; six great-grandchildren, Lincoln McDougall, Natilie Lapos, David Lapos, Gavin, Holden and Bennett Lemire; brother, Gerald (Chris) Hedberg of Aitkin; two sisters: Marion Gilmer of Aitkin and Ethel Peterson of Minnetonka; daughter-in-law, Jeanne Lemire; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil; parents; daughter, Cindy Paakkonen and son, David Lemire. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

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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 Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityyagchurch@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 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.; fbcbraingerd.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. Matthias 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.ihmstmileys.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. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10
COMMUNITY
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church;Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street [at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

CONGREGATIONAL
Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. 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

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 KKKI (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.pcpbaxter.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.lchurch.org)
Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.m. Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCCM, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
Crosby — Immanuel (LCCM, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
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; Worship: 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 8:45.
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz;Worship 9 am Alternating with Zion of Crosby; 218-534-3069
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; 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 Inter-lachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua

C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm
Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9.
Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass;Worship 9:30.
Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

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

PENTECOSTAL
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready;Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irontdale 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 Hornstad;Worship 10; SS 9
Emily* — Pastors Luke and Bethany Nelson;Worship 8:30; fellowship follows.
Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15;Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn;Worship 10
McGregor* — (Northern Lights Parish)Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder;Worship 11;fellowship 10; 2 bks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947
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