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Maryhill's new owner hopes to make a bed and breakfast

Maryhill has previously been a private home, school, girls home and home for the disabled



The home was built by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Casey, Sr. Their daughter Erma donated the home to the Benedictine Sisters Benevolent Association in 1938, after Mrs. Casey's death. In 1939, the Maryhill Academy was established as a private school.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Since the last items were sold at an auction in the summer of 2019, the Maryhill Mansion in southeast Aitkin has been pretty quiet. Other than Toby's Thrift Store using the garage for storage, the "For Sale" signs were starting to look permanent.

But that just changed. New life is breathed into the old Queen Anne/Classic Revival residence with its white clapboard finish, Tuscan columns and wrap-around porch. Melinda Vrchota, a local paramedic for the last 10 years in Aitkin, is the new owner.

"I have been looking at the place for about five years and thinking about what could be done with it," she explained in an interview. "I love to travel to historic homes that are bed and breakfast inns."

She said that the lowered price, along with favorable interest rates, made the property feasible for her to purchase. She previously owned a home in Aitkin north of the high school.

Her ultimate goal is to make the Maryhill Mansion a bed and breakfast, but a lot needs to happen first. Her dreams include keeping its historical

nature but doing some renovating. She envisions the mansion as a site for overnight guests, meetings, graduation and wedding photos and small venue weddings.

She said she wants to partner with local businesses to offer incentives to attract guests. For example, she knows Dake Olson from Block North Brew Pub and would promote specials there.

"I want to be a year-around destination," she explained. "Bikes, snowmobiles, motorcycles, ATVs.... They can store their equipment and work on it in the garage."

"I want to work with all the area businesses and the city of Aitkin to make this happen and, if not, I get to live in this fantastic, historic home."

Changes have come fast and furious to Aitkin lately. There is a new city administrator and a new mayor coming on board.

But despite change and progress, both the Butler Building, and now the mansion, were bought by local residents who say they plan to keep these historic structures and build on what Aitkin County has to offer.



The Maryhill Mansion was packed in the summer of 2019 when the former owner Loa Nelson had a huge auction. However, there were no takers to buy the mansion that day, but a new owner is now happily in place. Ann Schwartz photo

Thin ice on Platte Lake

According to a press release from the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office, two individuals, a fish house and ATV broke through the ice on Platte Lake on Sunday, December 27.

Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office received a call at approx. 6:15 pm. The two individuals were able to get

out of the water and to shore. However, their ATV and fish house are still in the water.

Sheriff Scott Goddard reminds people that ice thickness varies from lake to lake and can change overnight and asks people to be vigilant on checking the thickness of the ice as they venture out onto the lakes.



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State Forest Nursery needs black spruce cones for reforestation efforts



Want to help Minnesota's forests grow healthy and strong while making some

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has an opportunity for you. Each year, the DNR purchases tree seeds and cones from people who collect them on their property or on state forest land. Seeds are extracted from the cones at the State Forest Nursery and used for reforestation. The DNR currently needs hundreds of bushels of black spruce cones within the next few weeks to meet state and county spruce seed orders for spring 2021 reforestation efforts. Seeds from the nurs-

ery are used to reforest about 6,000 acres of black spruce in Minnesota each year. "A low supply of black spruce cones in previous years has left our seed 'cup-board' bare," said Mike Reinikainen, DNR forestry silviculture program coordinator. "We are hearing that there's a good black spruce cone crop this year - it's critical we take advantage of this to store up seed for this season and for seasons to come."

Minnesotans have always played an important role in seed and cone collection for the nursery. The DNR will direct people to where they can find black spruce cones and will purchase what people collect. The price this year is \$85 per bushel. Before collecting cones, people should contact one of the DNR seed buying stations for more information and instructions for collecting, handling and labeling the cones. The stations are located in: Warroad, Baudette, Orr, Littlefork, Tower, Two Harbors, Hibbing, Cloquet, the Minnesota State Forest Nursery (south of Akeley), Bemidji, Deer River,

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MLEC Board of Directors openings

Candidate filing for Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative director positions from Districts

Two, Five, Six, and Seven is now open

One-year term to complete the remainder of a three-year position in:

District 2 - includes members whose electric account numbers start with 35, 38, 49 and 50.

Three-year terms in:

District 5 - includes members whose electric account numbers start with 40, 41, 45 or 46. The present director is Don Appel of Aitkin.

District 6 - includes members whose electric account numbers start with 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26 or 27. The present director is Bruce Robinson of Palisade.

District 7 - includes members whose electric account numbers start with 39, 47, 48 or 53. The present director is Michael Reem of Aitkin.

If you are an MLEC member receiving electricity in one of the districts listed above and are interested in filing for a director position, call Kassie Peterson at 927-8243 or 800-450-2191 or, email kpeterson@mlecmn.com for director election filing forms and a complete information packet. All filings must be received by February 26, 2021.

You can find additional district and annual meeting information on the MLEC website www.mlecmn.net.

MLEC Trust Board awards grants

The Mille Lacs Community Trust Board meets quarterly to distribute funds raised through Operation Round Up. This December, the board awarded \$19,200 in grants to local non-profit organizations including: Aitkin American Legion Post 86, Aitkin High School Grad Blast 2021, Cuyuna Range Youth Center, Kinship Partners (Crow Wing County), Malmo Area Lions Club, Mille Lacs Trails, Mounted Eagles Inc., Nexus - Mille Lacs Family Healing, Riverwood

Auxiliary, United 4 Recovery, Wild and Free. The total amount of grants awarded since the start of Operation Round Up has reached an astounding \$1,292,429! Operation Round Up is a voluntary program at Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative where our generous members round-up their electric bill payment to the nearest dollar. All of the funds raised go into the trust fund which is donated back to the community. Board members include: Lisa Anderson, Carol Pundt, Loren Larson, Pat Scollard, Diane

Landstad, Linda Weimer, Jack Gilbertson, and Lowell W. Larson. To receive a Trust application, contact Deb Chute at 218-927-8221 or 1-800-450-2191. The Trust Board meets the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December. Applications are accepted at any time. Those submitted a week before the quarterly meetings will go to the board. Anything submitted after will be seen at the next board meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Board of Audit for Wealthwood Township will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow.

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Gov. Walz's mandates working

Kelly Avelsgard certainly is correct in that Minnesota has more Covid-19 cases and deaths than does South Dakota but then Minnesota has some 4.7 million more people than South Dakota so one would expect Minnesota to have more cases and perhaps deaths.

To properly compare one state to another one has to use

a common denominator for comparison. The proper common denominator is 100,000 population or 100K.

So, as of Dec. 22 (per Statista), South Dakota had 10,474 case per 100K and Minnesota had 7,087 cases per 100K. Deaths, South Dakota 156 per 100K and Minnesota 87 per 100K.

As for Covid-19 cases per 100K, South Dakota leads the nation at #2 while #1 is North Dakota. Following South Dakota at 3, 4, and 5 are Iowa, Wisconsin, and Nebraska. Minnesota is now at #14 while back on Dec. 15 we were at #10 so it would appear that Tim Walz's mandates are working.

Dave Dickey, Aitkin

Walz failed Minnesota miserably

It was heartwarming to read a dissenting voice in Reader Ribbets: believe in science, follow mandates, thinks using numbers is comparing apples to oranges.

There are no good numbers when it comes to covid. None. Both numbers and science can be manipulated to a predetermined outcome.

The pandemic is real, that was not questioned. How the pandemic is dealt with is the issue. The information that is misleading is the author claims 147 deaths per 100,000 people, that's a manipulation of numbers to prove their point.

The second most misleading statement made was Walz has saved lives with actions. There is no scientific way to calculate that number accurately, it's pure speculation, meaning it could've been worse and the what if scenario. Science cannot, does not, predict the future. The numbers have been manipulated and the propaganda of fear has spread across this state. South Dakota, despite its population, remained open for business. They held one of the world's largest rodeo's and the world's largest motorcycle rally and all is well. While the pandemic is

real, the recovery rate from the terrible virus is 99% and that is science.

Tim Walz has failed Minnesota miserably. He allowed Minneapolis to burn, devastated small businesses and his failed executive orders speak for themselves, he must resign.

It is with hope the author will read the Joint Transportation and Judiciary and Public Safety Committee Report before they decide to defend Walz. He has failed MN on an unforgivable scale, he must resign.

Open UP Minnesota.
Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

Linda and I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas, Hannukah, or any additional holidays you may celebrate this time of year. Also, while 2020 has been challenging, I remain confident that 2021 will bring a respite from the virus. I wish all a less eventful and very happy New Year.

The vaccine has arrived in our area, with healthcare personnel that work directly with COVID-19 patients receiving the first round of vaccinations. Nursing home residents and the staff there are also in the first group that are being vaccinated.

A second vaccine has been approved and several additional vaccine manufacturers are in the final stages of testing their vaccine. Within the next 60 days, the increased amount of available vaccine should help speed up completing vaccinations of those most at risk. Then members of the general public that desire may be vaccinated.

We are about to turn the corner on getting this disease

under control, however we must all continue to take appropriate precautions to protect each other from the spread of the virus.

During a recent conference call with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Commissioner Bishop, the agency announced the Walz administration is moving forward with the rulemaking process to adopt the California Auto Emission Standards. Unfortunately, that will likely raise the price of vehicles for Minnesotans by up to \$2,500 and complicate what types of new cars that may be sold and registered in Minnesota.

I made it clear Minnesota should not tie our environmental policy to the whims of California and that I will oppose this action. Rural Minnesotans have very limited access to any form of public transit. This move will most heavily impact those with low and fixed incomes in rural Minnesota that must drive to work every day.

Crow Wing and Aitkin

Counties are working hard on their local grant program to aid businesses and non-profits that have been impacted by any of the governor's COVID-19 emergency orders. For program details monitor our counties' official websites. The Legislature continues preparing for the 2021 session which begins Jan. 5. The primary task we face this session is developing the next two-year state budget as we work out of the current pandemic.

Enjoy the holidays, and despite the stressful times please be kind and considerate of others..

*Representative Dale Lueck
Minnesota House
District 10B*

Heintzeman named GOP Lead

State Rep. Josh Heintzeman, R-Nisswa, has been appointed to serve as the lead Republican on the House's Environment Finance and Policy Committee when the 2021 legislative session begins Jan. 5.

"In my new role, I plan to work hard to preserve Minnesota's natural resources while providing a check on burdensome rules and job-killing regulations from the Department of Natural Resources and

Pollution Control Agency," said Rep. Heintzeman. "It is a privilege to represent an area of the state blessed with world-class lakes and outdoor recreational opportunities. As legislators, we must strike a balance on policies that enrich our God-given natural resources while avoiding the pitfalls of the past that have only served to grow government at the expense of freedom and prosperity." Heintzeman, entering his

fourth term in office, has emerged as a leading voice on environmental issues during his time in the Minnesota House of Representatives. In addition to his time serving on numerous House committees related to the environment, he also serves on the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy, and the Legislative Water Commission.



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OBITUARIES

ROBERT GATZ



Robert "Bob" George Gatz, 75, of Hill City, died Thursday, December 24, 2020 surrounded by his daughters.

A Private service was held Thursday, December 31, 2020 at the funeral home followed by a Graveside Service with Military Honors



for the public at 12:30 p.m. in Pine Grove Cemetery, Palisade. A Celebration of Bob's Life will also be held at a later date at the Palisade Mountain Man Fort.

He was born November 15, 1945 in Minneapolis to Norman and Dorothy (Foss) Gatz. Norman died when Bob was only six weeks old. Bob was raised by his second father and Dorothy's second husband, John Anderson. Bob graduated from Patrick Henry High in Minneapolis where he was an accomplished gymnast. He served in The United States Army, where he was stationed in Germany. Following his service in the Army, Bob went to Vietnam as a civilian during the Vietnam War to be with his brother, Roger who was serving. Bob was the only honorary member of the gunship platoon called The Mavericks. Bob was married to Penelope Kremer. Bob worked in the northern Minnesota mines while he put himself through college at Bemidji State where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Technology. Bob had a long career in maintenance engineering at Minnesota Power where he worked until his retirement. Bob was co-founder of the Palisade

Mountain Men. That dream started in 1969 on the shores of Red Lake in Palisade and continues to this day at the Palisade Mountain Man Fort on the banks of the Willow River. Bob was never a man to sit still. He was a Captain Sailor of his boat Ghost Rider. He spent his summers in Bayfield, WI, sailing Lake Superior and exploring the Apostle Islands with his friends and family. When he wasn't sailing, he could be found at the family farm in Palisade or traveling the county, visiting his many friends. He loved watching the Minnesota Vikings football games at the Vikings Barn. Bob was always upbeat and happy; he made everyone feel loved, supported and welcome. He was always busy working on projects. He was one that not only believed that family was most important but lived that way. From road tripping around the United States with his girls, to tagging along on every adventure he could. He loved spending time with his grandsons, sharing, teaching and building memories.

Bob is survived by his three daughters: Kimberly (Rod) Kern, Shelly (Troy Halvorson) Gatz and Mandy Gatz; two grandchildren: Jared and Travis (Mariah) Kern; siblings: Dick (Jan) Gatz, Cheryl Burfeind, Roger (Shelly) Anderson, Margie Meger and Doug (Barb) Anderson; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Anderson; brothers-in-law, Fritz Burfeind and Robert Meger; niece, Shari Meger. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

LINNEA JELEN



Linnea M. Jelen, 77, of St. Joseph formerly of Crosby died on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at the Life Spring Church in Crosby.

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

She was born on April 21, 1943 in Biloxi, MS to Henry and Elsie (Carlson) Schwall. Linnea married Ronald Jelen on January 27, 1979 in Crosby. She was a longtime local child care provider; a former Human Services Technician at

the Brainerd State Hospital; a longtime Activities Director at the Dellwood Apartments in Crosby and a former member of the C-I Garden Club.

Linnea is survived by her two sons: Chad Jelen of Crosby; Aaron Jelen of New York Mills; two daughters: Jessica (Matthew) Lelou of St. Joseph and Amy Jelen of Brainerd; stepmother, Kathleen Mount of Brainerd; two sisters: Georgene (Denise) Moleky of Crosby and Marlene (Bill) Dean of Rogers; two stepbrothers: Leon (Cathy) Witter of Hutchinson and Mark (Ronni) Witter of Cambridge; and two grandchildren.

Preceding Linnea in death are her parents; husband, Ronald, in 2014; stepfather, Gene Mount and a brother, Ed Mount.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

JUDITH ALCOX



Judith Lorraine Erickson Alcox, 80, of Ironton died on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A Graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021 at the Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township.

She was born on December 19, 1940 in Crosby to Alex and Sylvia (Tatro) Erickson. Judy was an LPN practicing at Bethany Good Samaritan Society and various home health care facilities. Judy is survived by six sons: Bruce Woodworth

of Fort Worth, TX; Todd (Deionna) Woodworth of Crosby; Barry Alcox of Hutchinson; Jason (Brandy) Anker of Hutchinson and Daniel (Nina) Alcox of St. Cloud; daughter, Cheryl Woodworth of Cuyuna; two sisters: Dolores Peterson of Crosby and June Bronstrom of Brainerd; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Preceding Judy in death are her parents; husband, John Alcox; siblings: Alex, John, Francis, Florence, Gertrude, Yvonne, Avis, Katie and Richard.

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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

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.; fbcbrainerd.com

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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.ihmstamilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

CONGREGATIONAL

Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Lijja Behr; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

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

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Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm

Malmö — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15

Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

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

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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.

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Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellowship 11, Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church

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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 Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.

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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; handicap 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)

Malmö — 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

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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.

Rosburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudeing; 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.

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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.

SANDRA WILSON



Sandra "Sandy" Lea Wilson, 79, of Aitkin died peacefully at home on Saturday, December 26, 2020.

Services will be held at a later date when gatherings are permitted, most likely outdoors on the shores of Farm Island Lake. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Riverwood Foundation as the family will be setting up a nursing scholarship endowment in Sandy's name.

Sandy was born in Rochester to Burt and Inez Glynn on June 14, 1941. On November 10, 1962 she was married to Roger D. Wilson in Grand Meadow. They made their way to Farm Island Lake in Aitkin in 1970 when Roger took a job at Burns Kneeland Lumber which later became Lake States Lumber. Sandy was a nurse in Aitkin beginning at the old Aitkin hospital, then the Ripple River Health Care clinic which later became Riverwood. She was an LPN for 29 years and was good at her job, especially giving shots. Nothing made her eyes twinkle more than giving her family members a shot in the arm—

must have been a nurse thing. Sandy enjoyed spending time on the deep reefs of Rainy Lake catching late summer walleyes. She especially enjoyed outfitting the "fisherman" in the boat which almost always happened. Often times she would feel bad for her son Steve and offer to pay him \$5, if he caught a fish. Steve really appreciated that. In the winter, she and Roger would divide their time between Farm Island and Ft. Myers Beach. She had so many good friends and family around the US that cared dearly about her and her family is extremely grateful for that.

Sandy is survived by her son, Steve (Julie) of Aitkin; three grandchildren: Tanner, Brynn and Reagan; "adopted" daughters: Jill and Marni Radman; sisters-in-law, Betty (Jim) Threinen of Plymouth and Carol Wilson (Harold) of Joplin, MO; brother-in-law Shorty (Linda) Wilson of Elkton/Grand Meadow.

Sandy is preceded in death by her husband, Roger in 2013; parents; brother, Pat and his wife Dorothy and her special friend, Curt Radman.

To leave an online condolence, go to: www.srtfuneral.com. Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Aitkin.

SCOTT KRAWCHUK



Scott Douglas Krawchuk, 58, of Aitkin, died Monday, December 21, 2020 at his home.

To honor Scott's wishes, no services will be held.

He was born May 29, 1962 in Minneapolis to Nels and Barbara (Larson) Krawchuk. Scott was a Veteran of the United States Navy who served on the U.S.S. Concord. Scott was united in marriage to Karen Christensen on June 7, 1986.

Scott loved music and his passion was drumming. He enjoyed playing cards and joking around with family and friends. Scott especially enjoyed time with his grandkids and family.

Scott is survived by his loving wife, Karen Krawchuk of Aitkin; two daughters: MacKenzie and Ali Krawchuk, both of Aitkin; two grandchildren: Julian Krawchuk and Jamie Schaffer.

Scott is preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

DIANNE MILLER



Dianne Patricia Miller, 76, of McGregor, died on Friday, December 18, 2020.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born July 27, 1944 in Stratford, New York to Archie and Teresa (Daley) Pollard. Dianne was united in marriage to Jack Albert Miller on August 19, 1975. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, feeding the birds and was a huge NBA fan. Dianne loved her family dearly and loved to show hospitality to family and friends.

She is survived by her three sons: Ted (Donna) Youker of Cloquet, Rod (Kim) Youker of Little Falls, New York and Ron Miller of McGregor; six grandchildren, Laurie (Jason) Barta, Alex (Adrea) Youker, Aaron Youker, Ashley Youker, Brittany (Jared) Lasher and Karista Youker; 11 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dianne is preceded in death by her husband, Jack; parents; five brothers and a sister.

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