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Cuyuna Lakes Ice Fishing Contest Feb. 6 goes statewide

The Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's 17th Annual Ice Fishing Contest is on Saturday, Feb. 6, from noon to 3 p.m.

Catch a fish from any public lake in Minnesota, and enter it in the contest to win cash, gift cards to Cuyuna Lakes' bars and restaurants, prize packages and more. Over \$4,000 in prizes will be awarded.

Contest Rules

To be eligible for the fishing contest, you must register on the FishDonkey app, <https://tournament-info/5565/details> or at the Cuyuna Lakes Cham-

ber office (117 W. Main St. Crosby). Registration is \$20.

Eligible species are: Wall-eye, Northern Pike, Bass and Crappie. Each participant's largest fish per species will be entered onto the leaderboard, and 45 eligible fish will be selected at random to win a prize after the tournament concludes at 3:15 p.m. on Feb. 6, 2021. All eligible fish registered have an equal chance at winning one of 45 prizes. The size of your registered fish will not increase your odds to win a prize.

All fish entered in the tournament will be photo-

graphed, measured, recorded with the FishDonkey app. See "How to Enter a Fish" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuxh7FNUkBA&feature=youtu.be>). Categories and leaderboards will update throughout the contest so check the leaderboards on your phone or on the website to follow the tournament progress.

The three longest fish of each species will receive a 2021 Cuyuna Lakes Ice Fishing Contest Winner's Plaque and a 2022 Cuyuna Lakes Ice Fishing Contest ticket. All

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Crosby Public Works Director resigns, working foreman position reinstated

At the January 25 City of Crosby meeting, the City Administrator Matthew Hill asked the council to accept the resignation with regrets of Steve Karels as Public Works Director effective Friday, January 29, 2021. The council unanimously voted to accept with regrets. Then the council approved hiring an interim working foreman with Councilperson Paul Heglund voting no. The title and duties for a director position versus working foreman for the Public Works Department were discussed. When asked, all but Councilperson Chris Ryan said they supported returning to a working foreman position. City Engineer Phil Martin also preferred working with a director. Mayor Jim Hunter said the director position costs more and the city would need to hire three people, instead of only two, if the city reinstates the working foremen position.

Councilperson Heglund said "I worked for 40 years out at Public Works. They tried non-union guys different times and it didn't work out — a year or two at the most and they were gone. Crosby's small town. I mean, if you're talking Brainerd or a bigger town, a director — I can see that ... Adolph didn't work with the administrator very well, which was Lisa Sova, which was a problem... If you got a snowstorm, and you got to plow snow or somebody's on vacation, somebody's sick he [working foreman] can

work. We can't afford to have a director that can't work." Council voted to post the position of a full time Working Foreman position. Council also voted to post the position of an additional full-time laborer.

The Consent Agenda passed unanimously and included:

- Minutes from the January 11 regular meeting and January 20 workshop
- Authorizing change in signers at Unity Bank and Accepting resignation of Margaret Saba and appointment of John Ohlin to fill the vacancy on Crosby HRA Board.

Hunter temporarily handed the gavel to Acting Mayor Diane Cash, so he could speak as a citizen of Crosby. Hunter said that Mabel Semler and her daughter Kristine had put together the Helping Hands food drive this year. The drive gave away 12,000 boxes of food to the community. Hunter had sponsored a volunteer appreciation dinner on Saturday January 23 at the Ironton American Legion. Certificates of appreciation were handed out and included volunteers from the Crosby Police and Fire Departments.

There were no additional public comments. Under Unfinished Business Councilperson Diane Cash brought up the subject of sponsorship of the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber. Because of COVID restrictions, the 2020 events were not held as planned and the funds

contributed by the city were not used by the chamber in promoting the events. Administrator Matthew Hill said after the workshop on January 20, the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Director Brielle Bredsten and Treasurer Ted Abear were going to come back with a letter of understanding. Once the letter is received, he will get back to the council with a recommendation. Hill said as discussed at the workshop the letter of understanding would include only the 2021 sponsorship.

Cash proposed she would like to see a credit for 2020 and pay as you go in 2021. The Chamber is asking for \$12,500 for 2021 events. Cash said that the city's payments for promoting events for this year should be held until two months prior to ensure the events would happen.

Cash said, "I think we deserve a credit of some money." Cash came up with a total of \$6,250 that should be credited back to the city. Also Cash proposed \$1,500, as opposed to the requested \$2,250, for this year's virtual fishing contest since it won't have the same promotional value.

Hunter said, "I don't have a problem with pay as you go for 2021. The sticky part comes in, I believe we deserve a credit, but in 2021 maybe all the events will happen."

Heglund said "If we have to have a special workshop,

well then I don't feel comfortable without them here, because they do a lot of work for the city. That's my feeling."

Hill said, "Getting a refund is not where the city operates. We made an investment in them. Did they come up short? Maybe? Can we go back and ask for our money back? Not really. They gave us an itemized list on where the spending went. So that's not something I would recommend from an administrative prospective."

The Council unanimously approved funding for each chamber event 60 days prior to each individual event for 2021.

The council unanimously approved Shayne Jacobs as Assistant Fire Chief, replacing Brian Nelson.

Ashley Zidon Planning and Zoning Administrator (Sourcewell) addressed the Council about member appointment requests. Cash asked about two members — Brad Smith and Jamie Lee — who were appointed on the same day. She wanted to define which person holds the seat expiring in 2021 and which person holds the seat is expiring in 2022.

Cash said that she has

heard complaints about a quorum of three non-residents serving on Planning and Zoning Commission. At the time they were appointed, there were not enough residents interested in serving. Currently there are enough residents interested. Administrator Hill pointed out that the ordinance states that up to three may be non-residents. Council approved appointment of Rachel Severson as voting member and Linda Peoples as alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Council unanimously approved zoning text amendment changing impervious coverage B-2 Highway and industrial district from 25 to 50 percent. Public district from 20 to 30 percent.

Council approved \$3770.05 payment to Mills Auto for plow/dump truck computer replacement repair. This repair was brought to the council for approval because it exceeded the \$2500 limit and qualified as an emergency repair.

Hunter expressed concerns about the age of the equipment and how much repair costs are. He said he would like to see the public

works committee and the new working foreman look into upgrading the fleet.

Hill said, "The Hallett Center was shut down for six weeks... The [pool] heater didn't work, it was corroded beyond repair. SCR Northern was brought in to troubleshoot the issue and fix it." The council unanimously approved the payment for SCR Northern for the Hallett Center pool heater repair in the amount of \$2959. Hunter added the SCR Northern does good work, but he would like to see some local businesses get the opportunity to do the work.

City Building Inspector Scott Sadusky gave his annual report. He said they had requests for a 145 permits last year which is the most ever in the City of Crosby. He thought there were 133 permits previous year former high. A lot of the permits we due to COVID-19 with maintenance permits and a lot of little renovation projects. Building permit revenues are around \$52,000 for the year. There were over 160 violation letters sent. Administrative citations were almost \$88,000 in revenue last year. Sadusky

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Boxes of free food at Immanuel

There will be a truck delivering free food starting at noon on Tuesdays through April in the parking lot of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

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READER RIBBETS

End Emergency Powers

On his Jan. 25th podcast, Glenn Beck passionately discussed the impact of COVID and the affects of lockdowns on our children. He cited 11 different studies

As a former educator, Tim Walz should be the first to protect our most precious commodity, our children, he's not. Instead, he created a massive health crisis in children with his failed executive orders and

lockdowns. Now, he threatens their health further by forcing them to wear masks playing sports. The Minnesota Mistake may attempt to plead ignorant, he didn't know, which makes his action even more reprehensible, irresponsible, and dangerous.

Walz allowed Minneapolis to burn. He cost thousands of Minnesotans their lives. COVID can kill. It's not a guar-

anteed killer. It's not a mass killer. It's a minimal risk killer, especially in children.

We the People must bring an end to Walz's executive powers and we must demand the Minnesota Mistake resign immediately. Do your part to save Minnesota, call 651-201-3400 let your voice be heard.

**Kelly Avelsgard,
Deerwood**

Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

We again witnessed a peaceful transfer of power in Washington, D.C. That is both our tradition and our duty under the U.S. Constitution. I wish both newly elected President Biden and former President Trump the best as they each assume new roles and responsibilities.

Here in Minnesota, the Pollution Control Agency has begun hosting public information sessions as the agency works to impose the California Car Mandate standards on Minnesotans. Gov. Walz is implementing California's mandatory auto-emission standards on vehicles sold in Minnesota through the administrative rule making process.

I will work to ensure a more rational approach is taken with respect to Minnesota's environmental standards.

The governor has decided that Minnesota should adopt the California mandatory auto emission standards. If successful, Minnesota will end up the only state in the Midwest with this expensive mandate on our auto dealerships and citizens.

Under the federal Clean Air act, if a state adopts California's auto emission standards, then

that state must follow those standards exactly as promulgated. Those standards and any changes are dictated by the California Air Resources Emissions Board.

Under current state law, the Legislature years ago gave MPCA administrative rule-making authority. However, this action is not a minor technical update to existing rules, rather it surrenders state sovereignty and will unnecessarily raise the cost of transportation for lower income and rural citizens. Public information sessions are scheduled for Jan. 27 and Feb. 2. For details visit this link. Minnesotans may submit comments on this plan via the Office of Administrative Hearings website or via a virtual public hearing. Hearings for public comments are expected to take place virtually on at 3 p.m. on Feb. 22 and 23.

By using the rule making process, the governor is bypassing the Legislature on this issue. Please don't hesitate to call the governor's office with your thoughts at (651) 201-3400.

This week I introduced legislation (H.F. 254) to strengthen laws dealing with illegal en-

try and occupation of critical public infrastructure, including pipelines. Illegal entry, especially when construction is taking place, endangers the workers, public safety officers and the intruders themselves.

The harassment and obstructive behavior toward of our public safety officers as they remove these individuals from work sites is unacceptable. There must be clear and significant consequences for those that intentionally endanger the safety of others.

Please be careful as we enjoy a bit of typical cool January weather in Minnesota.

**Representative Dale Lueck
Minnesota House
District 10B**

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF BAY LAKE NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town Board of the Town of Bay Lake will accept sealed bids for Bituminous Reclamation, Aggregate Base Class 5, Bituminous Paving, Class 1 Shouldering, Mailbox Support:

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Specifications obtainable from the Town Attorney: Virginia J. Knudson, 302 South Sixth Street, PO Box 411, Brainerd, MN 56401 (Telephone 218-829-1451; e-mail vjknudson@brainerdlaw.com). Bids must be received by the

Town Clerk by 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 11th day of March, 2021. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities. Authorization for the sealed bidding process to be completed by Donald Hales and Virginia Knudson.

The successful bidder must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, sub-contractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project.

Dated: January 26, 2021
CAROL PUNDT
Clerk, Town of Bay Lake
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Community spirit is silver lining

By BRIELLE BREDSTEN,
Executive Director

Cuyuna Lakes Chamber
Our small businesses are the backbones of our communities. Many of us who live in small towns "Up North" understand the importance of shopping locally, and know it is not only to support a business owner's livelihood.

Instead, we view these small business owners and their employees as our family, friends, and neighbors. Each business was someone's dreams and aspirations that come to life through hard work, personal investment, and sacrifice. Collectively, these are the places that make up the character and charm of our small towns.

For many people, a small local business is the place they were hired for their first job, and where they can plan to retire from. For others, it is where life's events are celebrated, or where we make a toast with a good friend over great food.

Small businesses have stood up time and time again through their continued involvement in our local communities. These local businesses often support to school sports programs, volunteer at events, and donate to local causes. They care about making this a great place for our

residents and visitors to work, live and play.

They have also been hit hard financially due to executive orders. Following the pause on indoor dining after Thanksgiving, the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber joined forces with several other chambers throughout the region to rally support around eating and drinking locally.

A partnership was formed between the Cuyuna Lakes, Brainerd Lakes, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes and Crosslake chambers of commerce, the Initiative Foundation and Bridges of Hope to offer the Cuisine Cash gift certificate program. The community showed its support for struggling local food and drink establishments by purchasing Cuisine Cash throughout the holidays.

The program sold more than \$171,000 regionally, as well as matching a \$7,500 grant to Bridges of Hope. More than \$27,300 was sold for participating Cuyuna Lakes Chamber member bars and restaurants.

Restaurants, bars and breweries recently re-opened for indoor dining on Jan. 11. I encourage everyone to add at least purchase per week from local food and drink establishment to their budget to show your support for the hardships

the hospitality industry is facing amid the pandemic.

In Cuyuna Lakes, the variety of small shops, restaurants and bars compliment our many outdoor recreational opportunities. Winter tourism contributes to the local economy and has remained steady.

Visitors come from all over the state, country, and world to explore the Cuyuna Country State Recreational Area. With 40 miles of groomed trails, and 25 miles of mountain bike trails, there is something for everyone—from fat-tire biking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, or hiking. There are also snowmobile and ATV trails throughout the area.

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Between the trail systems, mine pit lakes and local shops, restaurants, and bars, it's enough to keep the family busy for an entire weekend of winter fun.

Despite all the challenges the pandemic has presented, there is also a silver lining. It is shown through a strong community spirit and support for one another. It is in the way we've rediscovered our love for the great outdoors. We have been given the chance to slow down and learn to appreciate all there is to experience in our own backyard.

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Lawrence "Larry" Allen Erickson, 91, from Anoka/Aitkin, died Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Homestead of Anoka.

Reviewal services will be at 10 a.m. and funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin.

Burial will be at St. Thomas Cemetery in Aitkin. Friends may call on Saturday one hour prior to the services at the church. If desired, memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

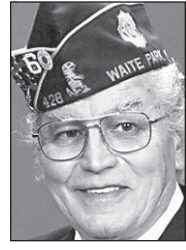
He was born September 15, 1929 in Bethel to Selma and Lars Erickson. He graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1947.

He is survived by his sons: Loren (Pam) Erickson, Minnetonka; Leigh (Michelle) Erickson, Phoenix, AZ; and Lowell (Susan) Erickson, Fargo, ND; daughters: Linnea (Butch) Colago, Anoka; and Launa Erickson, Andover; brother Selmer "Sammy" Erickson, Park Rapids; 15 grandchildren: Leigh J. (Beth) Erickson, Ryan (Tara) Erickson, Christi Erickson, Ross (Kayla) Erickson, Marie (Casy) Martineau, Michael (Erin) Colago, Melanie (Derek) Wohlers, Miles (Sarah) Colago, Claire Erickson, Lars Erickson, Andrew Erickson, Matthew Herrala, Austin (Kaitlynn) Streed, Mikayla Streed and Abigail Streed; 17 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife, Lois; and sister-in-law Gloria "Babe" Erickson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

DAVID HECTOR



David "Dave" Andrew Hector, 76, Waite Park, died Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 at Good Samaritan Society, Howard Lake.

Mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, St. Cloud.

Dave was born Nov. 15, 1944 in Aitkin to David I. and Ingeborg (Berg) Hector. He graduated in 1963 from Hill City High School. Following graduation Dave enlisted in the United States Marine Corps along with his brother, Larry. They went to San Diego, California for boot camp. Dave's military occupational specialty was radio telegraph operator (Morse Code) at Camp Pendleton, CA. He and his brother went to Vietnam. After spending 14 and one-half months at various places in Vietnam, Dave returned to the United States and was stationed at Camp Lejeune until he was discharged in 1966.

JEFF GLAD



Jeffery Charles Glad, 78, Mapleton, died Dec. 24, 2020 after a 26-year battle with Parkinson's disease.

A memorial will be planned for later in the year. Memorial gifts may be directed to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Jeff was born in Aitkin on July 27, 1942 to Gillette and Evelyn (Nickander) Glad. Jeff graduated from Aitkin High School in 1961 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in physical education with minor in business in 1966 and later his master's degree in physical education and health in 1970, both from St. Cloud State College. Jeff began his teaching career in 1966, teaching both physical education and business classes and also coaching football, basketball and baseball, and serving as athletic director.

Quadna Mountain Ski Resort, and then moved to the Twin Cities where he was employed by Taystee Bread servicing fleet trucks. Dave then moved back home and was employed by Blandin Wood Products. Dave married Jean M. Glines on Dec. 16, 1972 in Watertown, SD. They moved to St. Cloud where he worked in apartment building maintenance and caretaking, Dave's Property Maintenance. Dave was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Waite Park American Legion Post #428, Eastside VFW Post #4847, Marine Corps League, St. Cloud Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter #290, St. Cloud Disabled American Veterans Chapter #9, and 40 & 8 Votuire 415 where he served as Minnesota Grande Chef de Gare.

He is survived by his wife, Jean M. Hector, Waite Park; son, David A. Hector II, Farmington; daughters: Petrina R. (Ken) Mehr, Kimball; and Charleen M. Anderson stationed at Buzzards Bay, MA; ten grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; three stepgrandchildren; brothers: Larry J. Hector, Hill City; Steven L. Hector, Phoenix, Arizona; sister, Emilie A. (Jerry) Lee, Roseville;

He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral arrangements were with Benson Funeral Home, St. Cloud.

CHARLES OLSON



Charles "Chuck" Olson, 72, of Aitkin, died on Friday, January 22, 2021 surrounded by his daughters.

A private service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021 at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Camp Ripley.

He was born November 17, 1948. He was a proud Marine.

He is survived by his daughters: Holly (Eric), Lisa (Scott), Stacie (Jeremiah), and Kiri; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; special four-legged companions: Kaiya, Mia and Mo and all his special friends from Aitkin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cheryl. Arrangements were with the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Baxter.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

* 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 Espeseth; SS 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 Somberger; 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
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, Kid/Min 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; Sacramento 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. Lijla 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, Rev. Joyce A Rush Services are online at 5 pm Saturday. Call the church 218-829-3834 and leave a message with your email address to receive a Zoom invitation.

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 Hinze; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
Aitkin — First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, Pastor Jordan

Gades; worship Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10 am, Wed. 5:30 pm w/supper; contemporary services 2nd & 4th Sun.; nursery staffed during 10 am Sun. service; Sunday service is live streamed on YouTube (First Lutheran Church Aitkin); broadcast on KKIN (94.3FM); community meal every Mon. & Thu. 5 pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thu. 9:30 am-5 pm.
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; 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.
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. Lovas; 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 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.
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 Irontone 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 am.; 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.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

WESLEYAN
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

EDWARD HUSE



Edward (Ed) Lee Huse, 87, McGregor, peacefully died on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 surrounded by loved ones. Services are to be determined pending COVID-19 and will be announced at a later date.

Ed was born Feb. 11, 1933 to Andrew and Martha Huse in McGregor. After he graduated from McGregor High School in 1951, he briefly moved to southwest Minnesota to be a milk tester. He then enlisted in the Army, which he was honorably discharged from due to a medical condition. From there, Ed briefly lived in Duluth, followed by Aurora while he worked in the mines as an accountant. He returned to McGregor to work at the Rice Lake Refuge, his favorite of the many jobs he had, in 1956. A year later, Ed married his loving and ever-patient wife, Beulah Cook. Ed and Beulah went on to build a home in McGregor. He was a master carpenter, a musician, an artist,

a small equipment repairer, a cartoonist and a collector, to name a few. He wrote, recorded and produced a CD, which can be found in the jukeboxes at local watering holes. He played guitar and accordion with Lowell Larson in the '70s. He was a talker – from making guest appearances on KKIN to his nightly 7 p.m. phone calls with his “favorite friend” – he loved telling stories. He once spent 1,200 hours building a model ship. And, finally, his pride and joy: the three-wheeler he hand-built, which he frequently strolled through downtown McGregor. Ed spent his final days playing his guitar for “all the pretty girls” at Aicota Assisted Living.

He is survived by wife, Beulah Huse; children: Mary (Mike) Paverud, Connie (Dick) McKanna and Micky (Kathy Alley) Huse; sister-in-law, Nona Howard; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; visiting pet, Bear; and many relatives and friends.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Julia Kurkenin, Alma Nivala and Arthur Huse; grandson, Sean Hamilton; and cherished pet, Munk.

MICHAEL NESSETH



Michael R. Nesseth, 65, of Bay Lake Township died on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

He was born on December 12, 1955 in Zumbrota to Hilliard and Lolis (Swee) Nesseth. Mike married Julie Ann Girtz on August 26, 1995 in Garrison.

Mike is survived by his wife, Julie; two sons: Justin (Katie Leffler) Nesseth of La Quinta, CA and Brandon (Bobbi Jo) Nesseth of Owatonna; two daughters: Shannon (Jeremy Bengen) Nesseth of Farmington and Karena (Ryan) Lorentzen of Rochester; eight grandchildren; brother, David Nesseth of Kenyon; and sister, Sandra Amundson of Rosemount.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

THOMAS DOTY



Thomas Earl Doty, 72, Piller, died on Monday January 18, 2021 at his home after a long hard struggle with kidney cancer.

A memorial service for Tom will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Halvorson Taylor Life Events Center in Brainerd. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tom was born in Bemidji to Denvy and Doris (Sarff) Doty.

He worked for PG&E in California for 24 years as a power plant operator. Once he moved back home to Minnesota, he worked at Craguns for nine years in grounds maintenance. He was a veteran, serving his country in

the U.S. Navy during Vietnam. Tom enjoyed creating, fixing things, inventing gardening and fishing. He loved life, music and playing musical instruments. He was a man of God and devoted his life to his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; mother, Doris; sons: Matthew (Rosie) Doty and Daniel (Kelly) Doty; stepsons, James (Sami) Klinkner and Joel (Nick) Klinkner; siblings: Linda (Scott) Peterson, Lois (Mike Mulcahy) Doty, Jerry (Carol) Doty and Cheryl (John) Forse; five grandchildren: Catarina, James, Cameron, Owen and Tyler; two great-grandchildren, Skyler and William; in-laws: Hal Totz, Harry Totz, Sheryl (Tim) Doyle and David Totz; many nieces and nephews.

Tom was preceded in death by his father; and his first wife, Kathy.

DUANE CHRISTIAN, SR.



Duane L. Christian Sr., 74, died Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, surrounded by his children.

A visitation will on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Northland Alliance Church in Remer, followed by a 11 a.m. memorial service at the church with Rev Jason Schafbuch.

Duane was born in Palisade to Daniel and Doras Christian. He was one of eight children, and the last surviving.

He graduated from Aitkin High School and then was drafted into the Army, where he was stationed in Alaska. He was honorably discharged and married Brenda Mae Karnes. They moved to Minnesota in 1970. Together the couple raised

four children, and later divorced in 1989. Duane met Lynn Deboer in 1991 and the couple has been together ever since. After retirement, he made his home in Remer. Duane was a quiet man, with a great sense of humor, and a helping soul. He enjoyed the outdoors, four wheeling, camping, fishing, cribbage and agate hunting. Duane loved dogs and animals. Visiting the Remer Pub was one of his favorite past times.

Duane is survived by his fiancé, Linda “Lynn” Deboer; daughter, Joyce (Brad) Christian-Jarvi; sons: Duane “Chris” (Holly), Daniel (Heather) Christian and Travis Denk; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Duane was preceded in death by parents; daughter, Brenda Lee; and seven siblings.

Arrangements are with the Rowe Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Grand Rapids. Visit www.rowefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

WARD JORGENSEN



Ward Clifton Jorgensen, 36, of Duluth died at his home on January 24, 2021.

A private interment will be held at Pliney Cemetery in McGrath at a later date. In lieu of memorials, Ward's family asks that you go out of your way to take care of people every single day. Show up and share your love endlessly. And never stop showing up.

Ward was born December 22, 1984 in Waseca. He grew up in Brainerd and graduated from Brainerd High School in 2003. He attended and graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 2008 with a degree in Business Administration and Management. Ward was happiest with his family, especially with his Dad

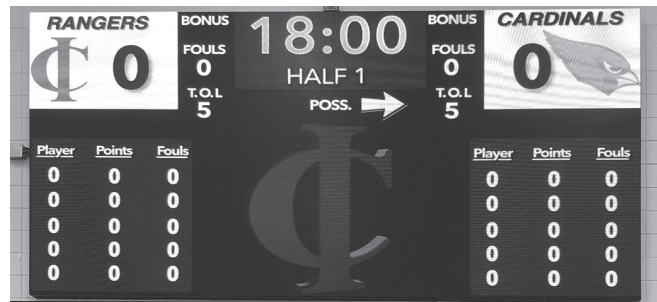
in the woods, on the water, or playing cribbage together. He was a kind, gentle boy who loved his family—who will love and miss him dearly forever.

Ward is survived by his parents, Walter and Gail Jorgensen of Crosby; sister, Alison Schroeder and niece, Ihlee Schroeder of St. Joseph; grandmother, Shirley Zimpel of McGrath; godparents, Paul and Rita Gelhar of McGregor; his beloved dog, Kimber and countless aunts, uncles, and cousins from both the Jorgensen and Zimpel families.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Donald and Gizella Jorgensen and grandpa, Robert Zimpel.

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

Referendum dollars put to use



The new scoreboard in Crosby's Galovich gym.

Jamie Skjeveland photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Voters in the Crosby-Ironton School District approved a \$29 million referendum in November 2019. According to Superintendent Jamie Skjeveland, “Since we paid off a previous debt, basically, the taxes of voters didn’t increase.”

Some projects with the referendum money are finished and there are more to come, said Skjeveland.

Last summer, locker rooms were enclosed at the high school along with creating private shower areas. The Galovich Gym, named after

the longtime varsity basketball coach, was modernized with air conditioning. “This will really help during volleyball season in the fall and graduations in the spring. We have had some hot days for graduation.”

Spectators are dazzled by the new scoreboard and sound system.

The broadcast and recording of school board meetings is allowed through the installation of a new sound system.

At CRES elementary “We have a state-of-the-art STEAM laboratory.”

Emphasizing science, technology, engineering, art and math, this space is the “jewel of our entire school system,” he said.

Open classroom areas on the first floor were closed in to dampen distractions caused by classroom noise. “This is conducive to a better learning environment,” he explained. There are also flexible learning spaces on the first floor.

The new lab area allows teachers to collaborate on assignments. Students have the technology, tools and gadgets needed to form the foundation of basics in coding, algorithms and to learn how to incorporate technology into their learning.

That was Phase I. Phase II will start when school is let out this spring. Phase 2 includes work on the elementary school's second floor as well as construction of a student-led manufacturing area in the high school.

Cuyuna Lakes Ice Fishing Contest | Continued from Page 1



the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Facebook page. See complete details at cuyunalakes.com.

Ice Fishing Raffle

The Cuyuna Lakes Ice Fishing Raffle has separate prize packages, such as an Ion-X 8” Ice Auger (retail value \$459.99), Marcum vs485c Underwater viewing system (retail value \$329.99), Vexilar FL-8se Genz Pack Fishing System (retail value \$319.99), Eskimo Quickfish 3i pop-up shelter (retail value \$259.99) or Grand Casino Mille Lacs Stay-and-Play Package for Two.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each

at participating businesses through Friday, Feb. 5. Raffles do not serve as entry into the fishing contest. Raffles are available at the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber office, CI Courier, Crosby Ace Hardware, Oars-N-Mine, Cuyuna Country Auto, Emily Meats, Mixed Company, Crosby Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union and Deerwood Bank.

“Thank you to all the Cuyuna Lakes Ice Fishing Contest sponsors for making this event possible,” said Brielle Bredsten, Executive Director of the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber. Event Partners include the cities of

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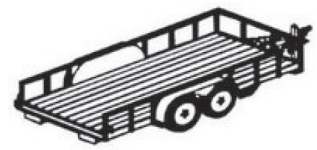
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Governor Walz's proposes COVID-19 Recovery Budget in Minnesota

Governor Tim Walz announced Tuesday his budget proposal for the next biennium. Gov. Walz's budget math needs to find \$2.58 billion total which includes a \$1.28 billion budget gap and \$1.3 billion in new spending.

He plans to solve it with \$3.05 billion, which includes a carry-over from current year budget of \$217 million, budget reserves of \$1.04 billion, stadium reserves of \$130 million and additional revenue of \$1.66 billion that will allow for \$230 million in tax cuts targeting working families.

"Minnesotans have met the challenges of COVID-19 pandemic as they always do when faced with hardship – with grit and resiliency. Now, as we look toward the future, Minnesotans are ready to confront the challenges we face today while investing in a brighter future. That's why I am proposing Minnesota's COVID-19 Recovery Budget to ensure we emerge from this crisis stronger than before," said Gov. Walz.

"Not every Minnesotan was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic equally. We know the COVID-19 pandemic hit our working families, small businesses, and students particularly hard. They need our help," Gov. Walz continued.

"The budget I am unveiling today will make significant strides in helping those Minnesotans stay afloat."

"We have often said that a budget is not only a fiscal document – it's a moral document," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "This budget reflects the morals of the majority of Minnesotans. I am proud that this budget makes smart choices to invest in the future by asking the wealthiest to pay their fair share and supporting those who have borne the heaviest burdens of the COVID-19 pandemic, all while maintaining a fair and balanced budget."

Previously Minnesota had three years of budget surpluses. Gov. Walz and Lt. Gov. Flanagan will need to work with both Democrats and Republicans to balance the budget while investing to help rebuild Minnesota's economy.

House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Crown, stated that Gov. Walz is proposing a 10 percent hike to Minnesota's top tax bracket, a 15 percent hike to Minnesota's business tax, and regressive tax hikes on cigarettes and vaping products that disproportionately hit low-income Minnesotans. The Governor is proposing just .3 percent in cuts (\$150 million) out of

a \$52+ billion budget.

"We need to grow our way out of this recession; unfortunately this budget would devastate job growth and hamper our economic recovery by taking money out of the economy to protect government budgets," said House Minority Leader Daudt. "Putting Minnesota into the top three for income and business tax rates without asking government to share in the sacrifice would be a disaster but fortunately has no chance of becoming law this year."

"Minnesotans should know that Republicans have their back — we are going to ask state government to tighten its belt, do more with less, and balance our budget without tax increases that would hurt our economic recovery."

"Once again, Gov. Walz and Democrats are seeking to grow the size of government and take more of your hard-earned money at a time when so many are already hurting as a result of government mandated shutdowns," said State Representative Josh Heintzeman, R-Nisswa.

"Instead, lawmakers owe it to hardworking Minnesotans to make sure that state government shares in the sacrifices that so many endured during 2020."

"It is disappointing that Gov. Walz is seeking to raise taxes and grow the size of government when so many Minnesotans are hurting because of government-mandated shutdowns in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," said State Representative Sondra Erickson, R-Princeton. "We should be looking to streamline government programs and reduce spending as a means of balancing the budget. This budget does not represent the values of Minnesota families. Instead, it takes more of their hard-earned money and continues government's intrusion into

our daily lives."

Minnesota AFL-CIO President Bill McCarthy said, "Governor Walz's budget proposal is a bold plan that invests in priorities to help working people recover from the COVID-19 pandemic while laying out a vision for a more just and equitable state."

"While working Minnesotans lost their jobs, worked from home while having to care for and support children in distance learning, or continued to report in person for critical front-line jobs during this pandemic, the richest people and biggest corporations continued to report

record income and profits. Governor Walz recognizes this unjust reality in his budget and calls for those who have benefited the most to pay their fair share in taxes."

"By funding priorities such as paid family and medical leave, schools, healthcare, job creation, and other vital services, Gov. Walz's budget invests in working Minnesotans in every zip code."

"Budgets are moral documents that demonstrates our leaders' priorities. We challenge lawmakers to make their budgets based on Minnesotans' needs – not arbitrary numbers."

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only investigates property with written complaints. After his investigation, some properties do not have confirmed violations.

Hill said that the City of Crosby offices will remain closed until Governor Tim Walz lifts the restrictions.

Hill said, "We're following the same guidelines as

the Governor has sustained. When he makes any alterations to his executive orders, we'll follow them. I do know other communities have gone against those orders at this time and have opened up. I think our staff is very comfortable keeping it closed to the public until this passes or the staff gets it's vaccines."

Hunter spoke about a plan to make a map for the cities of Crosby and Ironton to explain where bicycles, snowmobiles and ATVs can go. It might include Crosby and Deerwood Police information, as well. Hunter indicated he was going to ask the City of Ironton if they would like to participate.

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