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Homecoming celebrated for Hallett Library in Crosby



Librarian Abby Smith, behind the desk, checks out patrons.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

The Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library is open again in downtown Crosby — after a long year of a roof collapse, extensive damage and moving out and back in again.

Jessie and Ernest Hallett made their fortune from paving contracts. They also owned a store in Crosby. They lived in what was previously the Hallett House east of town, which was torn down in 2020 to pave the way for a new Super 1 grocery store. The Halletts also had a home on Serpent Lake.

Since Jessie was a refined woman who loved children and literature, her husband established the library on her behalf in 1978 to benefit the

Cuyuna Range. It was added onto in 1992.

Winter woes

It all changed on a winter's day, January 25, 2020, when the flat section of the roof collapsed in the staff area after years of snow load, explained Librarian Abby Smith.

It appeared to have been caused by years of heavy snow loads. Really strong joists held up, however. Smith was in Elk River when she got the call on a weekend and they had to mobilize quickly to cover everything inside with tarps.

Then came a winter of working like a miner. Since the building was being worked on during the day, library staff went to work about

4 p.m. and worked evenings with no electricity, heat nor water in the building. They used headlamps and packed up their huge collection to put half in climate-controlled storage and the other half at a

temporary library location in the former Abbey House Antiques building on Crosby's main street. After a couple weeks, they did get a portable toilet and a kind library board member who lives nearby let

them come over and take a break and warm up.

Two engineers examined the damage and kicked off a long process of getting the building repaired. They hired **Continued on Page 2**



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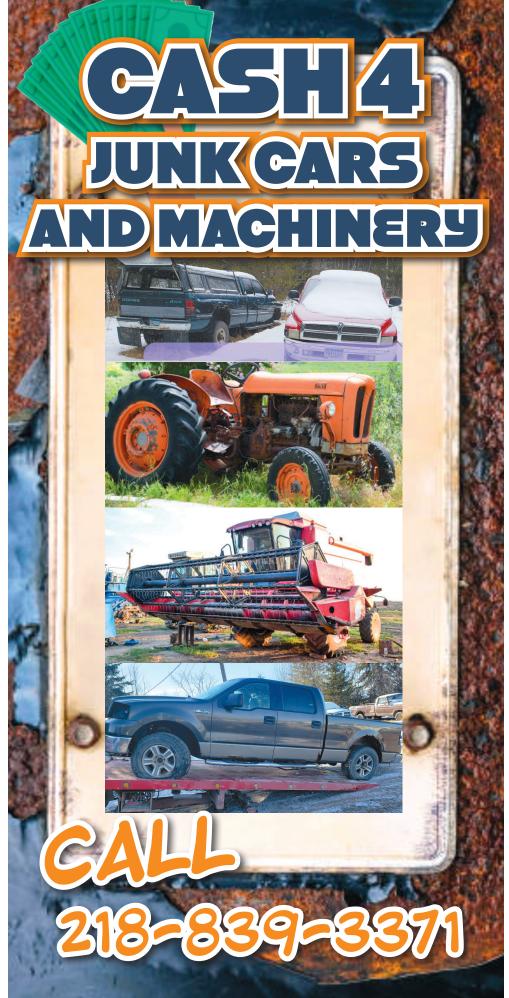
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Minnesota State Broadband Grant awarded in three county area

Employment and Economic Development recently awarded grants totaling \$20.6 million for 39 projects in the sixth year of the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant program.

State grant dollars are matched by \$33.7 million in local funds, for a total investment in broadband in-

frastructure of \$54.3 million. "I am pleased to again see that broadband funding we fought so hard for is reaching our area," State Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin said. "The state Border-to-Border Broadband program continues to be a bi-partisan effort led by rural legislators to build out rural internet service into the un-

in Minnesota." The following grants were awarded in the Crow Wing, Aitkin County and Mille Lacs County areas:

served and underserved areas

Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC) - Stark-Ross Lake Area – GRANT \$350,805. This last mile project will serve approximate-

in a portion of Ross Lake Township in Crow Wing County. Building this highspeed broadband network will enable students to better access educational resources, families to communicate with loved ones, businesses to grow and thrive, aging residents to live longer and

ly 180 unserved locations

healthier lives, and workers to telecommute and be more productive employees. Total eligible project cost is \$701,610; local match is \$350,805.

Crosslake Communications - O'Brien/Goodrich Lake Fiber Project – GRANT \$618,970. This last mile O'Brien/Goodrich Lake Fiber Project will serve approximately 232 unserved households in Crow Wing County. The use and development of this broadband will provide home-based business options, stimulate economic growth, innovation and investment as well as improve education, health care,

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Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library exterior with new roof.

a moving company to move the collection of 40,000 books and materials. "They had two huge moving trailers that they loaded up many times," Smith explained.

At the Abbey House location, they were able to use volunteers again because it didn't pose the danger of ongoing roof repairs. They cleaned it and spent two weeks getting a library put back together. "It's mostly our fiction books but we are happy to have our stuff here," said Smith last fall.

Right after the collapse, she operated for a time out of city hall with a few items offered on carts in the lobby so patrons could use the library on a limited basis. They also expanded their e-book internet books collection.

On January 25, they moved again, back to their home location at 101 1st St SE in Crosby.

Smith was back behind the desk of the refurbished and re-opened library on February 1, busily answering phones, answering questions and checking out patrons.

They started planning for the move in early December and were closed for about a month at both the Abbey House and home locations, reopening on Monday, January 25.

The refurbished library includes a lot of things you can't see in the roof structure and new HVAC equipment. All the heavy, wooden

and cleaned and books returned to shelves.

"Our priority was to get books back on the shelf as we were closed for a while," explained Smith.

There is still much work to do but the basics are back and the library is open for business. The children's section on the west end is completely redone as it suffered the most water damage. Patrons will also notice new carpeting throughout, a new skylight over the circulation desk and milder LED overhead lights.

"I get such positive reactions," shared Smith. "One thing everyone notices is how bright it is in here and we are so happy with all of our natural lighting and our new overhead lights."

"Mostly I hear 'you must be glad to be home."

Smith's joy was reflected in the patrons' faces as they stopped by - grateful and thrilled to have their library home back.

Some activities are restricted due to the Covid-19 pandemic, said Smith, but there will still be tax help for senior citizens. Contact will be limited as tax customers will drop off their paperwork to be scanned and then come back in to sign their returns.

Story hour, virtually, will also be resuming soon, she

The doors are open for browsing although patrons are asked to keep their visits short. Computers are available by appointment.

The Halletts really hatched an idea with this one-of-kind center of learning and fun in Crosby. It is one of the glues that holds the community together. As Ernest Hallett said: "First make sure you



The children's area was completely redone due to water damage. Improvement now includes new carpet throughout and a new skylight over the circulation desk.

are right and then go ahead and stick with it."

> The Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library is open again at 101 1st St SE in Crosby for Express Service.

You may browse the shelves but please keep your visits brief.

The Computer Lab is open by appointment.

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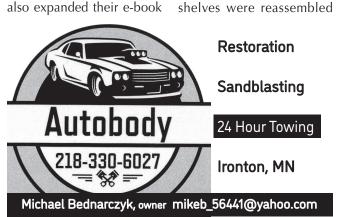
There will be a truck delivering free food starting at noon on Tuesdays through April in the parking lot of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

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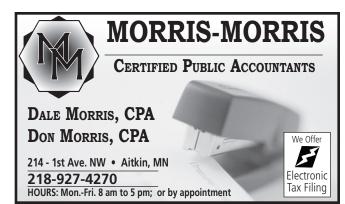
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READER RIBBET

Join in and demand Walz resigns

Walz creates a crisis with COVID-19, then pretends it can be fixed with massive budget increases. Walz states: "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." This statement is systematically false, Walz's failed executive orders hit those groups hard. He overreacted to a virus with a 99.9% recovery rate and is touting

vaccines with an 85% effective rate. Our youth are the strongest population against the virus yet Walz implements mask wearing on them when playing sports, creating a potential health crisis in that group, not from COVID-19 but the risks of wearing masks in situations such as sports. Walz must resign, his failed executive orders have cost the lives of thousands of Minnesotans.

The Minnesota Mistake allowed Minneapolis to burn, 500 million dollars in damages. He gave his adult daughter access to confidential information that she shared with the public and rioters, endangering us all. Walz is not representing Minnesota, his actions can be seen as crimes against humanity, our Constitution, and We the People have had enough, we must do our part, join with your family, friends, neighbors, call 651-201-3400 demand Walz resign immediately.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

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project cost is \$1,547,424; local match is \$928,454.

Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative (MLEC) – Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative Phase 4 FTTH - GRANT \$198,607. This fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) project will serve 80 unserved and five underserved locations along the southeast side of Farm Island Lake in Aitkin County. With access to a high-quality dependable communications infrastructure, residents in the project area will realize expanded educational, economic and healthcare opportunities. Total eligible project cost is \$441,350; local match is \$242,743.

Savage Communications Inc. (SCI) – Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (Onamia) Broadband Expansion – GRANT \$70,261. This last mile fiber-to-thehome (FTTH) project will serve 102 unserved households within the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation in Mille Lacs County. SCI will leverage its existing middle mile infrastructure to deploy a last mile fiber solution, improving access to education, telemedicine, telecommuting,

and economic development for the project area. Total eligible project cost is \$140,522; local match is \$70,261.

Lueck is co-author on bi-partisan legislation that would provide funding to continue this important program in the next two-year state budget. He said the current pandemic illustrated how critical reliable effective broadband coverage is to rural Minnesotans.

More info on this program can be found at: https:// mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/.

Another perspective of concern

I am in receipt of the January 30, 2021, Hopper and never thought I may agree with anything Kelly Avelsgard ever wrote but here goes. He is absolutely right in assessing why it makes no sense for high school athletes to be wearing masks during competition. I am the official scorer for Brainerd's boys basketball home games and after just a couple games it has become a joke. After a few minutes of play, masks are all below the nose and not much later, most masks are covering athlete's chins and that's where they remain. Meanwhile, wrestlers

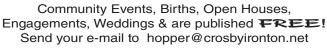
Unfortunately, the letter didn't stop there. Making a reference that Walz has cost, "...thousands of Minnesotans their lives." If wearing masks and socially distancing is costing us thousands of lives, imagine if we hadn't been doing those things. Then the most ludicrous thing I may have ever read regarding COVID. "It's not a guaranteed killer. It's not a mass killer." If this letter gets printed, by the time you read it, nearly 500,000 Americans will have died of COVID. That's not a mass killer??!! What the hell is a mass killer then? 1,000,000 dead? 5,000,000 dead?

I'm going out on a limb here and guess you are a T**** supporter. Here's something even you can't deny. He's got the blood of 5 dead Americans on his hands from an insurrection on January 6. He's got the blood of hundreds of thousands of dead Americans on his hands for failing to even acknowledge COVID. "It'll go away on its own." "It's a hoax perpetrated by Democrats." "The heat of summer will make it disappear." I could go on but it's time for my hydrochloroguin pill. I've got a nice cold glass of bleach to wash it down with.

Paul Ruff, Baxter











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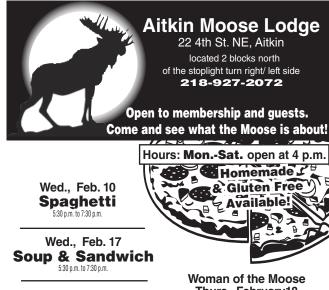
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OBITUARIES

HERMAN JANZEN



Herman H. Janzen, 83, of Aitkin, died Monday, January 25, 2021 at his home.

A Memorial Mass will be held this spring in St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin followed by interment with military honors in St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery, Aitkin.



He was born December 25, 1937 in Aitkin to Henry and Ann (Franz) Janzen. Herman graduated from Aitkin Public School in

1955 and later received a degree in Accounting and Economics form St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. After graduating, Herman worked for Hartford Fire Insurance in Chicago, IL until he entered the Army in 1961. After completing his military service, Herman worked as an Auditor for the Federal Government in Seattle, WA until retiring in 1993. Herman retired to Wenatchee, WA where he enjoyed camping in the mountains, hunting deer and elk and trout fishing. In 2014, Herman returned to Aitkin.

Herman is survived by his sisters: Barbara (Jeremiah "JJ") Sullivan and Mary Schrupp, both of Aitkin; brothers:, Warren (Dianne) Janzen of St. Cloud, Gerald (Mary) Janzen of Wayzata, Greg (Karin) Janzen of Andover and Tim Janzen of Bloomington; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Herman 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.

ROSALIE NELSON



Rosalie Margaret Nelson, 90, of Baxter formerly of Deerwood died on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Diamond Willow in Baxter.

A Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

Burial will be at the Scandia Cemetery in Deerwood. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

She was born in Crosby on August 29, 1930 to Frank and Mary (Thomas) Ruzich. Rosalie married Gilbert "Gus" Nelson on March 8, 1952 in Deerwood. She retired from Bookkeeping with her career spanning with Zontelli Brothers, 1st National Bank of Crosby, 1st National Bank of Deerwood, Production Credit Association and Montgomery Ward. She was a member of Journey North Church in Aitkin.

Rosalie is survived by one brother, Richard "Bootsie" (Janet) Ruzich of Baxter and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Rosalie in death are her parents; husband, Gilbert "Gus" Nelson in 2016; and an infant sister, Aldene Ruzich.

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ALDEN JENNISON



Alden E. Jennison, 88, of Deerwood died at his home in Deerwood sometime during the week of January 24, 2021. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday,

February 9, 2021 at the Cascade United Methodist Church in Deerwood. Burial will be at

the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557 of Deerwood.

A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

He was born on November 3, 1932 in Crosby to Oakley and Amanda (Nystrom) Jennison. He was a WWII Army Korean War Veteran. He was very proud of his service for his country and would often give hats or shirts in remembrance of the battles he so bravely fought. Alden was a member of the Cascade United Methodist Church in Deerwood, the Walter-Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557 of Deerwood and a life member of the 194th Tank Regiment in Brainerd. Alden was last seen praising his Savior at Cascade Methodist Church where he was a member. Alden retired after a long career working in the sheet metal shop that he owned. After retirement Alden never slowed down. He was a regular working at the food shelf in Crosby and he was often up at 3:00 a.m. making donuts to sell to many organizations with the proceeds going to several charities. Any time the Deerwood Legion had a fish fry, Alden was sure to be there helping with everything from frying up the fish to washing the dishes after everyone had their fill. Alden was always first to volunteer to lend a helping hand to help his community anyway he could. Family was important to Alden. He spent many enjoyable nights with his nieces and nephews having dinner at their lake house

He is survived by his brother, Robert Lindroth of Everett, WA and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Alden in death are his parents; four brothers: Layton, Clifton, Clifford and Art Lindroth; and three sisters: Virginia Rudquist, Charlotte Moser, and Lorraine McCarvell.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

HAROLD HATFIELD



Harold Albert Hatfield, 95, of Palisade, died Thursday, January 28 at Grand Village of Grand Rapids. Private Family Services were

held Friday, February 5, 2021 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin. A public graveside service with military honors was held at 2 p.m. in Waukenabo Cemetery,

Waukenabo Township. Memori-

als are preferred to your favorite Veteran's Organization in Memory of Harold.

He was born November 5, 1925 in Hutchinson to Jess and Blanch (Adams) Hatfield. Harold was a veteran of The United States Army who served in both the Philippines and Okinawa, Japan in the 77th Infantry Division and was in charge of a platoon of 36 men. After serving his country, Harold returned home and married Eunice Baker on January 15, 1955 in Palisade.

Harold was a logger, sawmill contractor and farmer. Harold was a member of American Legion Post #1721 of Palisade and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

Harold is survived by his sons: Jerry Hatfield of Palisade, Ricky (Sandy) Hatfield of Hill City, Lenard Hatfield of Hill City and Tim (Janet) Hatfield of Hill City; daughter, Diane (David) Nethercot of CA; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law. Wavne Severson of Tower: sisterin-law, Arlene Hatfield of Isle; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Harold is preceded in death by his wife. Eunice; parents; siblings: Denzel, Hazel, Thelma, Lorna, Helen, Jess, Harry, Wilma and his twin brother, Gerald.

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

* 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 Espes

at 9:30, Worship at 10:45 Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662

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

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

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CATHOLIC

Aitkin* — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm. Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun.

10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00. Brainerd — St. Francis , Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00:

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30. Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat.

5 p.m. Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass: Mon. 8,

Tues. Noon, Thurs. 6 pm, Fri. 8, Sun 8:30 & 10:30 (10:30 outdoors weather permitting) Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.

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

fession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101. Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass

Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483

Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt. McGregor - Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.

Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362

Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

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Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005 Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9

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.

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, 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.

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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 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.

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 &

www.christbaxter.com.

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.

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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

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Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40. Crosby —Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake —(ELCA), www.crosslakelutheran.com, Pastor Kristin Oltmann, Pastor Kurt Hagestuen, 218-692-3682, Visit our website to view worship opportunities Crosslake - Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie

Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Wor-

ship: 9; Sunday School 9:15.

Garrison - Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli 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. Fellow-

ship 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;

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

Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

9 am Alternating with Zion of Crosby; 218-534-3069 Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible. Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10. Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun.

10, Service 11, fellowship follows. Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st

& 3rd Sun. McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11. McGrath - Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church

(ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.

McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm Outing - Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Peter Rosenkvist, 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.

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

PENTECOSTAL

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939. Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight

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

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REFORMED

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.

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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

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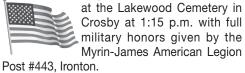
OBITUARIES

FRANK OPPELT



of Ironton, died peacefully on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at St. Cloud Hospital.

A visitation was on Friday, February 5, 2021 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A graveside service followed



He was born in Aitkin on December 13, 1927, the youngest of 10 children, to Clifford and Alma (Duchane) Oppelt. He married Edith Eileen Miller-Smith on April 13, 1948 in Aitkin. Frank worked in various mines in the Crosby area moving to Black River Falls in 1969 and continuing his career as a millwright/miner at Inland Steel Company. After retiring, Frank and Edith moved back to Ironton. He was extremely proud of his children and their talents musically and artistically. He loved good music, working on small engines, planning, growing and canning his gardens, playing his organ and reading. He was

Frank DuChane Oppelt, 93, known for his generosity and love for his family. He was a loving husband to the love of his life, Edith (Smith-Miller) and cared for her at their home until her passing in 1997. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the American Legion in Ironton.

> Frank is survived by his daughters: Cindie (Denis) Andrew and Kathi (Mike) Mann; sons: Dave (Mitzi) Oppelt, Doug Oppelt, and Brian (Keiko) Oppelt: 11 grandchildren: Mike (Deeiah) Andrew, Patrick (Christian) Andrew, Stacie Papenfuss, Trassen Oppelt, Cortnee (Doug) Mapes, Joran (Jennifer) Oppelt, Sarah Oppelt, Alyssa (Devon) Henderson, Chrissi (Rob) Hess, Garrett (Missy) Gilbertson, Malia (Matthew) Won; 23 great-grandchildren: two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Lorna McDonald and dear friends, Irene Hines and Curt Gordon.

> Frank is preceded in death by his beloved, Edith, parents, sisters: Arsalie Monson, Audrey Hogan, Jessie Abbott, Sara Bonneville, Ruth Lehrke, Mable Caddy; brothers: Glen Oppelt, Clifford (Bud) Oppelt and grandson, Blake Oppelt.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

ELAINE ZAPPA



Elaine Cecelia Zappa. 78. of Aitkin, died Saturday, January 30, 2021 at Whitefish at the Lakes in Crosslake.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Saint James Cath-

olic Church in Aitkin with Father Drew Braun officiating. Burial will be at Gethsemane Catholic Cemetery, New Hope. Visitation will be 5 to 7pm Friday, February 5, 2021 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with a Rosary Service provided by the Knights of Columbus starting at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Face coverings and social distancing will be required.

She was born February 17, 1942 in Slayton to Edmond Peter and Julia Margretha (Lange) Spartz. She graduated from Minneapolis North High School in 1960. Elaine married Franklin A. Zappa, Sr. on November 5, 1960 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Minneapolis. She worked for Control Data/ Seagate in the plating laboratory making semi-conductors.

She enjoyed flower gardening, oil painting, reading, hunting, spending time on the water, collecting seashells, boating, and traveling. Elaine loved her children, grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister JoAnn Simoneau.

Elaine is survived by her husband of 60 years Franklin A. Zappa, Sr. of Aitkin; son, Franklin A. (Barbara) Zappa, Jr. of New Brighton: daughters: Cheryl Ann (David) Nevison of Champlin; Tamra Ann (Michael) Kottke of Minnetonka; Linda Ann (Charles) Zappa Hauble of New Brighton; Beth Ann (Jared) Lundgren of Aitkin; 13grandchildren: Franklin A. Zappa, III, Katie L. Korsman, Eric J. Nevison, Brian T. Nevison, Sarah A. Inselman, Angela E. Zappa, Frances J. Kottke, Julia E. Hanton, Madeline M. Hauble, Holly M. Eisemann, Emily E. Hagen, Giada I. M. Lundgren, and Charlotte R. Lundgren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Michael J. Spartz of Lawler; sister, Gail T. Nevilles of Columbia Heights; many other relatives and friends.

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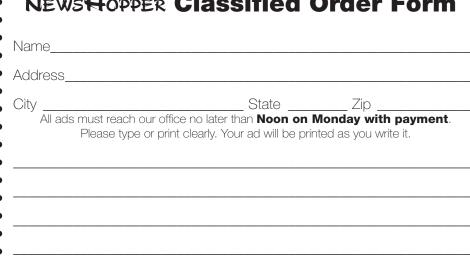




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