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## Virtual ice fishing contest distributes prizes in area

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
with info from the The  
Cuyuna Lakes Chamber



Levi Jillson of Brainerd came in first place with a 29 inch northern pike.

There is more than one way to get lucky. And entrants in this year's Cuyuna Lakes Fishing Contest found more than enough prizes to go around. Just 86 anglers registered 57 fish and divided up over \$4,000 in prizes.

Winners all logged onto the the FishDonkey app and posted photos of their fish as they caught them. They could fish from any Minnesota lake from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6.

A separate raffle was also held. Brielle Bredsten, chamber director, and Tom Martin, radio announcer, also an-

nounced winners live on the Skeeter FM 101.5

### Raffle Prize winners:

David Booth won the first prize raffle of a Ion-X 8 inch ice auger. Julie Isdahl won second prize of a Marcum vs485c underwater viewing system. Bryan Zywicki won a Vexilar FL-8se Genz Pack fishing system. Andy Moritz won an Eskimo Quickfish 3i pop-up shelter and Heidi Zochsdorf won a Grand Casino Mille Lacs Stay-and-Play Package for Two.

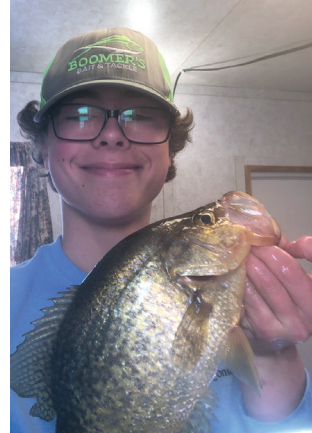


Timmy Johnson of East Gull Lake with his first place 17.5 inch walleye.

### Fish Prize winners:

**Northern Pike**  
Levi Jillson of Brainerd came in first place with a 29 inch northern pike. Second place was hooked by Kevin Gohman of Brainerd with a 26.25 inch pike and Keith Neumann of Deerwood brought in a 24.25 inch pike for third.

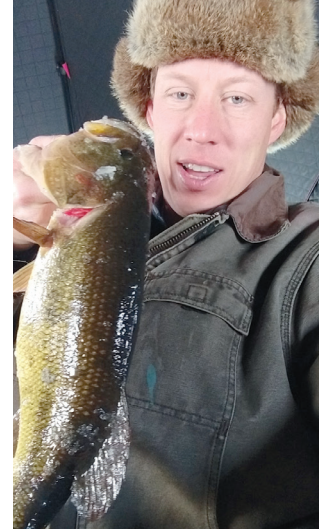
**Walleye**  
Timmy Johnson of East Gull Lake snagged first place with 17.5 inch walleye. Anthony Maule of Motley brought 11 inch walleye for second and Jeremy Kidd of Big Lake followed close behind with 10.75 inch for third.



Levi Jillson of Brainerd with a first place 13 inch crappie.

**Crappie**  
Levi Jillson of Brainerd also came in first with a 13

inch crappie. Logan LeClair of Eagan brought in second with a 12 inch crappie and Marvin Holmvg of Aitkin also snagged a 12 inch for third place.



Troy Holcomb of Deerwood with his first place 18 inch largemouth bass.

**Largemouth Bass**  
First place went to Troy Holcomb of Deerwood with an 18 inch bucket mouth. Tony Hochmayr of Lakeshore followed close behind with a 17 inch bringing him second place and third place went to Joshua Towle of St. Cloud with a 15.5 inch.

"This year's contest was a huge success," said Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Executive

Director Brielle Bredsten. "Since the contest was held virtually, anglers were able to participate from the safety and comfort of their ice fishing houses, even in sub-zero temperatures. We look forward to hosting the traditional on-ice event in 2022 on Serpent Lake in Crosby, as well as partnering again with the Sno-Serpents Snowmobile Club again for the Scorpion Homecoming."

The Cuyuna Lakes Ice Fishing Contest raised more than \$10,500. All proceeds from the contest benefit the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber and will be used for marketing to attract visitors to the area.

Event partners included the cities of Crosby, Cuyuna, Ironton and Deerwood, and all those who volunteered to make this event possible.

Major sponsor for the even was Oars-N-Mine; Gold sponsors were CTC and Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union; Bronze sponsors were Barstock Liquors, Deerwood Technologies, Graphic Packaging International, Inc., Lakes Printing, R&J Broadcasting, and Roth RV & Marine. Leader Board sponsors were Deerwood

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# Aitkin High School fields one of best football teams in 30 years

## Fall of 2020 ends weird, Aitkin never plays for Section championship



Aitkin High School 2020 football seniors: (front row left to right) Tony Stotts-Petrick 60, Hunter Hills (Captain) 59, Jeremiah Smythe (Captain) 50, Austin Price 23, Andy Hays 35; (back row left to right): Caitlyn Conner (Manager), Layne Baumann 13, Caiden Kjelstrom 1, Jake Ince 7, Owen Miller (Captain) 11, Hunter Nissen 12, Joey Simonson 22. Photos submitted by Cindi Hills

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
Aitkin Head Football Coach Alan Hills sums up the 2020 football season for Aitkin. The season ended abruptly due to pandemic lock downs. It has been said this is the best team Aitkin has fielded since the 1980s.  
"This season was definitely full of plenty of highs and lows from the very start. Initially the season was moved to this

spring then moved back to the fall due to Covid, "said Aitkin Head Football Coach Alan Hills. Once we got the go ahead, credit really has to be given to the team for putting that behind them and working hard to get ready to play.  
"To play at the high level they played at all year despite all the restrictions and changes is really incredible," continued Hills. "Our entire

way of doing things had to be changed. We practiced in small pods, our usually team meal Thursday nights turned into sandwiches at the field, and we even encouraged student athletes to ride to away games with their families opposed to riding the bus as a team.  
"Despite all of that, this team was dominate on the field — finishing the season

6-1 as a Section 7AAA finalists and 10th in the AP polls. Whether the season ended the way we wanted it to or not, I'm extremely proud of everything this team accomplished both on the field and off. With no disrespect to past teams I believe this one of the best teams to ever play for Aitkin. I can't begin to thank our Seniors enough for everything they gave to our program the last four years."  
The world is turned upside down with the Covid-19



Joey Simonson 22 (left) and Austin Price 23 (right) block for Owen Miller 11 (center).

pandemic. The Gobblers only got in one post-season game, which they won handily. They will never know if a state

championship would have been gained in 2020. Still, this year's team can be proud that, in the shortened season, Aitkin fielded one of the best teams the local Veterans' Field has ever witnessed.



Seniors Jeremiah Smythe 50 and Jake Ince 7, along with Juniors Jack Macdonald 55 and Jesse Goettig 56 forcing the fumble against Greenway-Nashwauk-Keewatin.

- AHS 2020 Football Season**
- vs Greenway-Nashwauk-Keewatin 38-0
  - @ Crosby Ironton 30-6
  - @ Mora 16-28
  - vs Moose Lake/ Willow River 36-20
  - @Esko 38-6
  - vs Pine City 48-26
  - Section Semi Finals vs Virginia 56-6

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# READER RIBBETS

## For the greater good Walz should resign

Finding common ground with someone who disagrees with the majority of what you write is heartwarming.

If Paul Ruff can recognize Tim Walz's mask mandates on our youth is a joke, it means they are on the path to see everything Tim Walz has done with COVID is a joke and has never made sense. Not a single life was saved, the lame argument: "it could've been worse", is used when there

is no clue what could've been. Mr. Ruff claims 1,000,000 dead 5,000,000 dead and his global numbers may be correct, as of 2/5/21 MN Dept of Health reports confirmed deaths cumulative 6,014, deaths from probable cases cumulative 259. Of the total, 3,960 deaths are in long term or assisted living. Non-lab confirmed 68. The call to audit these numbers because of inaccuracies will drop them

even further, and the fact they are inaccurate should concern us all.

Look at the number of killers out there that Mr. Ruff is not concerned with: heart disease, cancer, traffic accidents, murder, suicide. Because he was told he could save lives by wearing a mask he feels empowered in something greater than himself. He was misinformed and lied to like the rest of us.

Tim Walz has the blood of over 6,000 Minnesotans on his hands, including the lives lost when he allowed Minneapolis to burn. The death toll will continue to rise because Walz's failed executive orders have done more damage than good. Call 651-201-3400 for the greater good of MN demand Walz resign.

**Kelly Avelsgard,  
Deerwood**

Virtual ice fishing contest | Continued from Page 1



Brielle Bredsten of the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber (left) and Tom Martin, KKIN radio, kept warm indoors as they announced the results of the Cuyuna Lakes Fishing Contest over the air on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 6. Ann Schwartz photo

## Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

Good news this week from the Minnesota Appeals Court which denied a request to stop construction of Enbridge Line 3 pipeline project. Despite continued desperate, unsafe and illegal acts to stop this project, construction continues to proceed in strict accordance with detailed environmental safety and protective measures in place for this project.

The project is currently employing over 5,000 individuals across northern Minnesota. Our law enforcement personnel are working around the clock to keep the workers safe. However, there continue to be troubling incidents of illegal entry and criminal tampering with pipeline equipment on the construction site. This criminal activity endangers the perpetrators themselves,

as well the construction workers and our law enforcement personnel.

I commend our community for tolerating the presence of outsiders that continue to attempt to disrupt this project. Please ignore their efforts to provoke a response. If you become aware of a situation that appears improper, contact law enforcement and let them handle it.

Our current frigid temperatures highlight the importance of Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program. Assistance is available to income eligible households (both owners and renters) as follows:

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The state's Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program continues to build out rural internet service into unserved and underserved areas in Minnesota. The following grants were recently awarded in the Crow Wing, Mille Lacs and Aitkin county areas:

- Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC) – GRANT \$350,805. Project will serve approximately 180 unserved locations in a portion of Ross Lake Township in Crow Wing County.
- Crosslake Communications – GRANT \$618,970. The O'Brien/Goodrich Lake Fiber

Project will serve approximately 232 unserved households in Crow Wing County.

- Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative – GRANT \$198,607. This project will serve 80 unserved and five underserved locations along the southeast side of Farm Island Lake in Aitkin County.

- Savage Communications Inc. – GRANT \$70,261. This project will serve 102 unserved households within the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation in Mille Lacs County.

I have co-authored bi-partisan legislation that will provide continued support for this important program. More info on this program can be found here.

Please be safe and considerate of others.

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

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# OBITUARIES

## DIANE EMERY



Diane L. Emery, 74, of Garrison, died Monday, February 1, 2021 at her residence.

A gathering of family and friends will be 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin.

She was born October 17, 1946 in Fosston to Joe and Mildred Bromstad. She graduated from High School in Erskin and attended Beauty School. Diane was united in marriage to Terence C. Emery on April 11, 1980 in Big Lake. They would spend summers in Garrison, and at different camp grounds, they then moved to Carefree Acres south of Garrison.

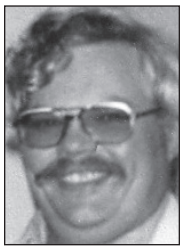
She most recently worked as a quality control inspector. She enjoyed baking cakes, playing Bingo, and going to meat raffles. Diane loved her grandchildren.

Diane is survived by her husband, Terence C. Emery of Garrison; three sons: Randy (Eva), Mike, and Brad; daughter: Paula (Robert); three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother, Dick (Diane); two sisters: Jean (Bill), Donna (Bob) and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

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## LELAND GORSUCH



Leland "Lee" W. Gorsuch, 70, died Friday, February 5, 2021 at his home in Spencer Township.

No services will be held.

He was born April 9, 1950 in Grand Rapids to Gail and Evelyn (Angermo) Gorsuch during a snowstorm. He was

raised on the Gorsuch farm south of Haypoint and attended Swatara Elementary School and later Aitkin High School where he had a great time in Choir. Lee attended UMD for several years before returning home where he worked for Scorpion Snowmobile in Crosby. He moved to his Spencer Township home where he remained. After the closing of Scorpion, Lee worked several jobs before finding his place working for Steve

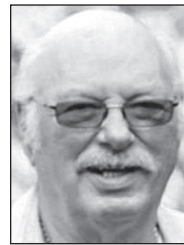
and Carol Reinhardt. He worked the ranching operation as well as helping with auction duties. Lee took great pride in maintaining the equipment and overseeing the haying operation. He was the guy running the fork lift loading auction items and the guy running the baler in the hayfield. Lee enjoyed working for and with the Reinhardts as they treated him like family. He always said there was no way he could repay them for their kindness. Lee never married nor had children.

Lee is survived by his four brothers: Garry of Colorado, Conrad of Oak Grove, Thomas of Arizona and Kevin of Palisade.

Lee is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jay.

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## EUGENE CORDIE



Eugene A. "Gene" Cordie, 76, of Deerwood died on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors given by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557 of Deerwood.

He was born on March 13, 1944 in Yellow Bank Township in Lac Qui Parle County to Anton and Isabel (Keeler) Cordie. Gene married JoAnn Pantelis on October 31, 1964 in St. Paul. He owned and operated Gene's Auto Salvage and G & J

and Son Trucking Company in Deerwood. Gene's family meant a lot to him and his greatest joy was making up songs to sing to his grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Gene is survived by his wife, JoAnn; son, Alex (Bonnie) Cordie of Brainerd; two daughters: Lori (Sydney) Larson of Brainerd and Melody Parsons of St. Cloud; brother, Don (Marion) Cordie of Aitkin; sister, Rose (Jerome) Leavens of Flippin, AR; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Gene in death are his parents; three brothers: James, Virgil and Aloys, Cordie; and ten sisters: Hildegard, Marlene, Rita, Evelyn, Ida "Dolly", Geraldine, Lois, Alice, Antonia, and Joyce.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to [www.koopfuneralhome.com](http://www.koopfuneralhome.com).

## JOSEPHINE JENSEN



Josephine "Jo" Jensen, 91, of Crosby died on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A Memorial Mass will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 13, 2021 at St. Joseph's Catholic 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 on Saturday.

She was born on September 28, 1929 in Dean Lake Township to Andrew and Mary (Yeray) Burgstaler. Josephine married George Jensen on August 5, 1949 in Crosby. She was a waitress for 27 years at the Roadside Restaurant in Aitkin and 14 years at the Crosby Cafe. She

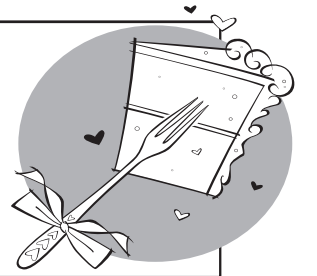
was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby, a member of the National Society of Catholic Foresters and was a volunteer at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center for many years.

Jo is survived by her three daughters: Linda (Kelly) Kovatovich of Crosby, Cynthia (Tom) Perpich of Deerwood and Mary (Gregory) Sattler of Eagan; brother, Barney (Darlene) Burgstaler of Aitkin; sister, Mary Zilverberg of Aitkin; seven grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Preceding Jo in death are her parents; husband George Jensen Sr.; two sons, George "Buster" and Timothy Jensen; and brother, Andrew Burgstaler.

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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](http://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](http://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; [hillicityagchurh@gmail.com](mailto:hillicityagchurh@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](http://thejourneynorth.com)

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

Brainerd\* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; [fbcbraingerd.com](http://fbcbraingerd.com)

Brainerd - The Church On The Wide Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchonthewideroad.org](http://www.thechurchonthewideroad.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. 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.ihmsternils.org](http://www.ihmsternils.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 Weis, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483

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

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

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10

COMMUNITY

Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959

Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005

Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.

Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm

Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm

Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.

McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared]) in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.

McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.

Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.

Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing\* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge

Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor David Hoffman; 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. Lijja 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](mailto:thelogchurch@crosslake.net)

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.

### HEBREW/MESSIANIC

Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

### LUTHERAN

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

Aitkin — First\* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, Pastor Jordan

Gades; worship Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10 am, Wed. 5:30 pm w/supper; contemporary services 2nd & 4th Sun.; nursery staffed during 10 am Sun. service; Sunday service is live streamed on YouTube (First Lutheran Church Aitkin); broadcast on 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](http://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.poppbaxter.org](http://www.poppbaxter.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](http://www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church)

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10 am. ([www.llchurch.org](http://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](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org) Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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)

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 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.

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

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Br

# City of Crosby Council discusses pigeon problems and sidewalk width



Plaques of appreciation were given to councilpersons and Linda Peeples (left) and Jim Traylor. Councilperson/mayor Ron Prushek. was not present.

On Feb. 8, the City of Crosby Council unanimously approved the agenda and consent agenda that included the Minutes from the January 25 regular meeting, claims, renewal of annual contract for services with Generator Power Systems.

### Public Comments

City Administrator Matthew Hill gave an overview of rules for those wishing to speak during the public comments portion of the meeting. He indicated that those interested in speaking would be given between 3 to 5 minutes once called. They should approach the table with a microphone in front of the council, state their name and address. No council action would be taken.

Nadine and Chris Albrecht owners of the Spalding House spoke about an ongoing pigeon problem they have been addressing. They purchased 330 feet of bird spikes to be installed on the roof of their building.

Nadine said unfortunately that will not take care of the pigeon problem. "The between 50 - 200 pigeons that perch on our building each day will move to another building," she said.

Mayor Jim Hunter indicated the city garage has a pigeon problem as well. Hunter had asked the DNR if there were restrictions and found out pigeons are an unprotected bird. Then Hunter thanked the Albrechts for bring their plan to the council, so they knew what was going on. Hunter said the city was addressing the pigeon problem.

Councilman Paul Heglund said that when he still worked in the city shops he was instructed to shoot pigeons, so he would shoot eight to ten a day to reduce the numbers. It was pointed out they could not shoot pigeons in downtown Crosby. Nadine Albrecht also said she had found on-line a birth control feed for pigeons.

The next public comment was from Linda Peeples wearing her Heritage Days hat. She said the Heritage Days event will optimistically be held in August. The presentations purpose was to inform the council of a need for promotional funds from the city. Peeples said

that the event was canceled last year and, as a result, this year they would need three to four times as much money to promote and inform craft vendors. Since the matter was being brought up at the public comment portion and was not on the agenda no action was taken.

Then Linda Peeples as a Crosby Business owner spoke about concerns she had about the upcoming State Hwy. 210 project on main street in Crosby in this summer. Her concerns were related to the planned widening of the sidewalks and future snow shoveling. To compensate for the wider sidewalks, the plan has the traffic lanes to be made significantly narrower. Peeples then asked the council to reconsider the widths of the sidewalks and traffic lanes.

Mayor Hunter said he was concerned about it too. So he had Administrator Hill looked into found out the project history. Including the council approving the project in 2018 and confirming with no changes as late as the fall of 2020. The sidewalks were being widened to allow for bicycle traffic. Mayor Hunter and Chief of Police Andy Rooney both agreed it is against State law to ride your bicycle on the sidewalk. Hunter said a change order would cost thousands.

Councilman Chris Ryan said, "But I think if it was a majority of the business owners...it's money well spent."

Hunter replied, "If you have the money."

After some discussion Mayor Hunter said he would have Administrator Hill look at the prospects of that. And if he can come up with a solution that is reasonable to the community. "We'll bring it back to the council."

Then Nadine Albrecht Spalding House asked to make a comment on the current topic.

Nadine said, "I walked across the street today to go to the [Iron Range] Eatery for lunch. And the sidewalk in front of the Mall Plaza Park is horribly icy. So that section of sidewalk should be the city's responsibility to make sure it's not icy. And that little section isn't getting taken care of. So what's going to

happen when the sidewalk is twice as wide?"

Hunter then asked if there were any more public comments. Then he said had one himself. Hunter talked about the Eagle Bend food truck, that is similar to the food delivery that is made in Crosby on Tuesdays. Hunter said his son-in-law and Roger Chamberlin went to Eagle Bend to unload 1,300 boxes of food from the truck. After they unloaded the truck, they were surprised that there were only two volunteers to distribute the food. In contrast, Hunter wanted to share his appreciation to all the volunteers in Crosby.

Plaques of appreciation were given to councilpersons Jim Traylor and Linda Peeples and councilperson/mayor Ron Prushek. Prushek was not present.

There was no public comment period on use of Body Worn Cameras policy.

### Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission Board unanimously approved appointment of new term commission members Mark Severson, Brad Smith and Jamie Lee with Linda Peeples as alternate.

Councilperson Diane Cash said, by ordinance, three members were to be appointed every year. And currently there will be four one year and two the next year. The Council unanimously decided not to change that cycle.

Administrator Hill talked about a State Grant Contract for upgrading lighting on Hwy. 210/Main Street project this year. Council unanimously approve accepting grant contract for \$185,000 from IRRR of the \$580,000 lighting project cost.

### Working Foreman Search

Council unanimously approved David Drown Associates proposal for \$7,000 with Sourcewell 50 percent matching funds going toward the search fees for finding candidates for hiring a working foreman.

### Water Leak

There was a water leak in the ceiling of the food shelf building at 302 Cross Ave. Part of the ceiling in the building fell down. Most of the water was absorbed by the insulation and did not run into the sewer. The party involved wanted a credit for the sewer portion of the bill. Since they claim the sewer wasn't used.

Council needed more information before they could make a decision.

### Police Report

Chief of Police Andrew Rooney submitted his report for service during Jan. 6 - Feb.3, 2021:

- There were 319 calls for service/traffic stops.
- Bicycle Workgroup; they had two meetings. With another one scheduled. They are working on an informational pamphlet.
- Mayor Hunter said he

had met with the City of Ironton about a map bicycle law pamphlet. The idea had support of the Ironton Council and Police Chief,

•Councilman Paul Heglund thanked Chief Rooney and his officers.

### Other

Hallett Center of Crosby General Manager Ivan Bartha said the swimming pool has been repaired and is operating properly. The Hallett Community Center Foundation approved funding the renovations of the Group Fitness Studio \$18,000. The project is slated to start at the end of April and be completed by mid-May.

The Hallett Community Center Foundation also approved funding for a technology upgrade in the Conference Room for \$4,000. The project will start soon and be completed by March.

DeerwoodTechnology did a business solutions visit and is working on options for the facility.

A decision will need to be made soon on Zamboni they share with Heartland Hockey Camp.

Zamboni options and price ranges are Rebuilt \$70,000-\$90,000, refurbished \$90,000-\$110,000 and new model \$150,000 .

After the roof collapse last year, repairs have been completed and the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library is now open.

Fire Department Chief Jay DeCent presented his report. Administrator Hill has met with Crosby Fire Department leadership about submitting State Aid application for Fire Department Funding. Mayor Hunter requested a list of equipment and schedule when they should get re-

placed.

Administrator Hill spoke on behalf of the Public Works Department. Hill met with City Attorney Joseph Langel and City Engineer Phil Martin to review and provide edits to the development agreement for an new grocery with Miner's Inc., the owner of Super One Foods. There should be something in place in the next couple of weeks to be presented to the council for approval.

There is a meeting scheduled with Steve Stroscheim of Crow Wing County Highway Department to review the MNDOT/Co. Rd. 31 road improvements, set schedule for public input and review draft design.

Hill said the crew and community have been positive about the plowing schedule and quality of work.

## Three arrested in pipeline protest

Northern Lights Task Force has reported on the afternoon of Feb. 1 at 3:30 pm, Tribal officers from the Fond du Lac Police Department and deputies from the Carlton County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of State Highway 210 and Hohensee Road on a report of people trespassing on the right of way of a construction site in that area.

Protesters, numbering less than a dozen, got into the construction area of the pipeline and one protester, described as an adult male, got onto a pipe as it was being lowered into a trench filled with water.

Due to the dangers associated in dealing with this situation, area fire departments were called up, including a specialized trench rescue team out of Virginia, MN.

As a precaution, an ambulance was coming to

stage at the scene, however two protesters blocked the medical personnel's access and were subsequently arrested. The two adult males, both reporting to be from out of state, were arrested and booked into the Carlton County Jail on Misdemeanor charges.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., the one remaining suspect, Jeffrey Nichols-Haining, 31, was taken into custody and seen by paramedics. He was be booked into the Carlton County Jail on Probable Cause Gross Misdemeanor Trespass.

In recent weeks, protesters have decided to enter into the trench area of the pipeline causing potential dangers to the workers, the protesters and possible rescue personnel.

Entering into trenches can be exceptionally unsafe. Trenches can collapse quickly and without warning. There are approximately

25 deaths per year in the United States from trench incidents. Many of these are avoidable.

Many of these deaths are caused by respiratory failure, broken bones and severe damage to internal organs. The damage is caused by the force of the dirt/rocks collapsing on the person. In fact, a person buried in just 18 inches of soil will have up to 3,000 pounds of force exerted onto their bodies.

The likelihood of death is amplified as the rescue of people in trench incidents is usually very protracted. Specialty rescue teams are utilized for these types of incidents due to the high level of danger.

The Northern Lights Task Force continues to strongly encourage people to utilize safe areas in the exercise of their First Amendment Rights.



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## Vaccine data transparency

The State of Minnesota expanded the level of detail available on its COVID-19 vaccine data dashboard to provide more information on doses shipped to and administered by each of the state's vaccine providers. The dashboard can be found at <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/data>.

The dashboard reflects the state's commitment to transparency and is an effective tool for holding the state and providers accountable on progress toward the efficient and effective distribution of vaccines. More detailed data can also highlight opportunities to better focus resources in the state's vaccination efforts.

"What gets measured gets done. Minnesotans deserve to know where vaccine is in Minnesota, and how efficiently and effectively providers are getting those shots to the people who need them," Governor

Tim Walz said. "The goals we have set are ambitious, but reasonable – and now Minnesotans can track when our providers achieve them."

The new dashboard provides clarity on the categories of Minnesota's vaccine providers; more clearly reflects the number of doses held by each provider, and for how long; and uses more recent American Community Survey population estimates to track the state's progress toward vaccinating 80 percent of the state's vaccine-eligible residents.

"This newly improved tool will help Minnesotans track progress toward our goal of building an efficient distribution system that makes vaccines accessible to all Minnesotans across the state," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "Right now, we don't have enough doses for everyone who wants one.

Until the federal government steps up and provides them, our providers need to quickly use the precious supply we have on hand. It is vital that these doses get out to more Minnesotans, right now."

Minnesota providers have ramped up how quickly they are administering the doses they have on hand since Governor Walz announced his goals of providers administering 90 percent of vaccine doses within 72-hour and all vaccine within seven days of receiving it.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Minnesota is 14th among states for the number of doses administered per 100,000. And the doses administered per day in Minnesota has also increased since the goals were announced. Both metrics represent improvements since Walz announced the goals on January 25.

## Impeachment against Governor

Representative Erik Mortensen formally introduced Articles of Impeachment HR2 against Governor Walz for multiple violations of Governor Walz's oath of office and violations of the Minnesota and U.S. Constitution.

"It has become abundantly clear that Governor Walz does not care if he abides by the State and U.S. Constitution in which he's responsible for upholding," Rep. Mortensen stated.

The State of Minnesota constitution spells out in Article 8, Section 2 the grounds for Impeachment as: "May be impeached for corrupt conduct in office or for crimes and misdemeanor."

"Governor Walz has engaged in corrupt and criminal acts by pushing his illegal and unconstitutional orders acting as an authoritarian dictator," he said.

There are five Articles of Impeachment. Here they are listed in part:

1. Failing to respect the separation of powers
2. Inventing new penalties for violation of his executive orders without legislative sanction
3. Banned the free exercise of religion - violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Minnesota's Constitution Article 1, Section 16
4. Taken private property in violation of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution
5. Banning nearly all non-emergency medicine

Rep. Mortensen has been communicating for months that he was preparing these Articles of Impeachment. "I'm doing my duty to uphold the constitution of Minnesota and the U.S. that I swore an oath to on January 5. Governor Walz is acting completely

anti-democratic violating our Representative Republic form of government in which only legislators make laws and that is dangerous. Governors do not have the power to make laws. This is basic civics stuff and Governor Walz doesn't care." Rep. Mortensen said.

Governor Walz has issued over one hundred executive orders which is the evidence of his crimes and corrupt behavior. "We didn't have to dig to find Walz's corruption and crimes as they have been in plain view being pushed through executive orders," he continued. "Governor Walz' anti-business moves that have damaged so many families and businesses along with his unresponsiveness to the people he's supposed to represent is appalling and shameful. And it is also corrupt and criminal in which he needs to be held accountable," Rep. Mortensen concluded.

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