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DNR update: Minnesota's fishing opener is May 15 this year

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walleye, bass, trout in lakes, and northern pike on Saturday, May 15, with this year's date taking the prize for the latest possible opener under Minnesota statute.

"We know there is some confusion about this year's opener date," said Jon Hansen, fisheries program consultant for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Minnesota statute sets the fishing opener as the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. This year, with Memorial

Fishing seasons open for Day the latest it can be, on May 31, that puts the fishing opener on Saturday, May 15. Take a Mom Fishing Weekend

> Also related to May fishing, there is an error in the printed version of the Minnesota Fishing Regulations book regarding the dates for the 2021 Take a Mom Fishing Weekend.

The correct dates for this year's Take a Mom Fishing Weekend-when Minnesota-resident moms can fish without purchasing a license—are Saturday, May 8 to Sunday, May 9. That

special weekend is defined in Minnesota statutes as the weekend that coincides with Mother's Day. Most years, under Minnesota law, the fishing opener and Take a Mom Fishing Weekend fall on the same weekend, but not this year.

"We encourage Minnesota moms to get out and fish for free on May 8 and 9," Hansen said. "Even though the walleye season won't be open, there are still plenty of fun and easy fishing opportunities for crappie, sunfish, or even under-appreciated fish like buffalo, sucker, bullhead or sheepshead."

Fishing season dates, and the corrected Minnesota Fishing Regulations handbook, are available online at mndnr. gov/fishing.

Walleye egg observation closed to public

Biologists with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will collect walleye eggs this spring; however, social distancing requirements mean this popular springtime activity will not be open for public viewing this year.

Hatcheries, the destination for the eggs collected, also remain closed to the public.

"Egg take operations are neat things to watch," said Henry Drewes, northwest region fisheries supervisor. "But the closeness required to observe this work makes it impossible for onlookers to maintain safe and adequate social distancing among themselves and from DNR staff."

Last year, DNR fisheries biologists did not collect walleye eggs because of COVID-related considerations. This year, egg collection procedures have been re-engineered to minimize close contact among employees.

Egg take stations and hatcheries will remain closed and offer no tours through 2021.

"We're asking that people respect these closures and not visit these sites so we can work safely," Drewes said. "We really appreciate the interest in our work, but keeping the public and DNR staff healthy is our number one priority."

Egg hunt in Palisade

The Easter Bunny posed with Josie MacGlover at the Palisade Lions Easter Egg Hunt in Palisade's Berglund Park on Saturday, April 3.

Monique Lamke photo

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Hybrid Lions' Easter Bunny hops with joy into Palisade's Berglund Park

By ANN SCHWARTZ

The Easter Bunny — whose costume is a hybrid of an older, homemade costume with a new head — hopped into Berglund Park in Palisade the

day before Easter. About 50 children found about 800 eggs with candy inside and some won stuffed animals. Parents and grandparents were on hand to watch on a glorious spring day.

Palisade Lion Evie Ladd chairs the Easter Egg Hunt committee. A local resident since 1977, she has been a Lion graduated from high school. "Before that, I was busy with the Palisade School Club and other obligations so I didn't join the Lions until I could devote myself to it."

isade Fire Department and eventually fizzled out. About stormed the idea to start it up

The Easter Egg Hunt was originally started by the Pal-10 years ago, the Lions brain-

time-consuming part of the preparations, Ladd said. In the past, special needs students in Barnum worked on that part of the project and it is hoped that students in Aitkin can participate in the future.

Refitting the tubs of plastic

eggs back together is the most

The Lions buy about \$90 in candy in bulk, recycle the plastic eggs and buy Easter-themed stuffed animals at clearance sales. A few special eggs are distributed where children get a messsage that they also won a stuffed animal.

This year there were 18 stuffed bunnies, lambs, peeps, etc. Children must decide whether to continue egg hunting or race to the picnic shelter and grab a stuffed animal. There was one poor, unclaimed bunny at the end of the day who will go into next year's stash.

Ladd laughed that when the Lions meet around long tables at the Rustic Tail, everyone has their own method of sorting and assembling plastic eggs. Some do it by size, others by color. The eggs are filled with the candy and end up in the "done" box.

The morning of the hunt, they meet at Berglund Park at 9 a.m. The hunt is always held the Saturday before Easter, so the date changes each year.

They divide the park into three sections for little, medium and bigger children and quickly hide about 800 eggs.

"At 10 a.m., the kids are divided into three groups by age, are escorted to their section, and in five or 10 minutes it is all over," said Ladd.

eggs for recycling. The stuffed animals are put in storage till next year. "If a seventh or eighth grader shows up and wants to join the fun we won't stop them," said Ladd, although the event is aimed at children 12 and

In past years they hid eggs

in deep snow. They are also

adding elements such as

crafts, cake decorating and

other projects so the event

can last a little longer than

easy set-up with picnic tables

already in place. Children bring their own containers

and later empty the plastic

Berglund Park provides an

10 minutes.

under. Do we think a few of those parents and grandparents sneaked a piece of chocolate during the festivities? I bet they did. 'Cuz Easter isn't Easter without eggs, bunnies, unpredictable weather, lots of food, and of course, best of all, chocolate.



since 2005 when A crowd gathered in Palisade's Berglund Park on a sunny snowless day before Easter her youngest child for an Easter Egg Hunt. Monique Lamke photos

Light goose harvest continues

Hunters can help reduce the population of light geese through a federally authorized spring conservation harvest that runs through April 30 from a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

Light geese are snow geese, blue-phased snow geese and the smaller Ross's goose. The conservation action aims to reduce damage from these geese to fragile ecosystems

around Hudson Bay.

There are no daily or possession bag limits. One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all light geese while being transported from the field to one's home.

Do not shoot swans

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in Arctic coastal areas and In previous springs, most light geese passed through Minnesota in southwestern and west-central areas of the state, generally west of a line extending from Mankato to Fergus Falls. Swans may be found statewide in the spring, and you should become familiar with this identification advice prior to heading out in the field. There is no excuse for mistaking a swan for a goose.

A special treat granted some children the chance to take home a stuffed animal prize.

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DFL Party leaders pressure Republican gubernatorial candidate Jensen

DFL Party leaders have criticized Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott Jensen for his statements about the experimental COVID-19 vaccines during a recent radio interview.

During an interview with WCCO Radio on March 16, Jensen was asked if he was vaccinated and responded:

"No, I won't be. I had COVID-19, I have antibodies. I have been donating my plasma for the purpose of treating people who are website: "Getting COVID-19 struggling with covid-19. The blood bank said that I've got the ideal set of antibodies, so they have asked me to come back and give plasma. So, the science would not indicate that I should be vaccinated."

In a press release, the Minnesota DFL stated that the idea that those who have previously been infected with COVID-19 do not need to be vaccinated is false. The press release cited the Mayo Clinic

might offer some natural protection or immunity from reinfection with the virus that causes COVID-19. But it's not clear how long this protection

When asked who should be vaccinated, roughly 16 minutes into the interview, Jensen said he has not been recommending one third of his patients, particularly those who are "so healthy and so young" to be vaccinated.

The Minnesota DFL press anti-vaccine celebrity Del release alleges that Jensen has previously spread misinformation about COVID-19, posted anti-vaccine videos on social media, and has made numerous appearances on

Bigtree's web show.

The release cited Dr. Matt Klein, Internal Medicine physician and DFL State Senator from District 52:

"It is again harmful and

dangerous that Dr. Jensen continues to value his experience as a family physician more than the expertise of the overwhelming majority of virologists and public health experts across the country."

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Affordable electricity is backbone

After the cold weather snap (polar vortex) in the month of February we have a lot to be thankful for when it comes to reliable electricity. THE LIGHTS STAYED ON! Unfortunately the people living in the State of Texas were not so lucky. I probably should not say the word lucky because it is not luck that kept our electricity on, but a lot of hard work and dedication by Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative employees and the partnership with Great River Energy. As we found out by watching Texans on TV, reiable and affordable electricity is the backbone to our existence.

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frozen wind turbines and ask about how reliable electricity is without being produced using coal. But, changes are coming to the future production of electricity. As a member of the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative, I am asking you to become

We must always have good, honest, knowledgeable people in charge on the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative Board. I serve with honest, knowledgeable people, making decisions about the future of our electricity. There are four Director openings on the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative Board of Directors. All are deserving to be re-elected. Among the openings is District 2, of which I serve as a Director. I am asking for you to keep me on the Board by voting for me one of three ways: through a mail ballot, on line or in person on May 6 at the annual meeting which is being held starting at 4:30 at the Mille Lacs Grand Casino.

Please watch for more information in your monthly Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative newsletter. It is an honor to serve you by being a Director on the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative

Carol Pundt, Director District 2 Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative

Flanagan receives second vax dose

Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan received her second dose of the experimental Moderna COVID-19 vaccine through White Earth Nation's urban office.

"When I received my second dose of the Moderna vaccine at the White Earth Urban Office, I held my brother Ron's pocket watch to honor his memory and all those we have lost to COVID-19. As we see more and more Minnesotans getting vaccinated, we are getting closer and closer to ending the pandemic. White Earth has done a tremendous job vaccinating folks from the tribe, but also from across the region and surrounding communities," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. "We are trying to remove as many barriers as possible so that every Minnesotan can access the vaccine. Through our partnerships

with community, the Vaccine Connector - now translated into Spanish, Somali, and Hmong – and the new FEMA vaccination site at the State Fair grounds, we are getting closer and closer to reaching every Minnesotan."



Honored for term limits stance



Michelle Fischbach of Minnesota's 7th congressional district was honored for her commitment to place term limits on Congress. U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the nation's largest pro-term limits group, honored Fishbach at the capitol in St. Paul for taking a strong stand on this important

USTL's National Field Director, Scott Tillman presented Fischbach with a glass plaque inscribed with her signed term limits pledge. Fischbach vowed that, as a member of Congress, she will cosponsor and vote for the U.S. Term Limits Amendment of

three (two-year) house terms and two (six-year) senate terms and no longer limit.

True to her word, she cosponsored HJR 12, which is a proposal to amend the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of terms that a member of Congress may serve to six years in the house and twelve years in the senate. More than 92 members of Congress have cosponsored the joint bills. HJR 12 is sponsored by Rep. Ralph Norman of South Carolina and SJR3 is sponsored by Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas.

Her stance on term limits aligns with an overwhelming majority of Minnesotans. According to a 2020 Minnesota poll on term limits conducted by Pulse Opinion Research, term limits enjoys wide bipartisan support. 81percent of Republicans, 67 percent of Democrats, and 78 percent of independents strongly approve of placing term limits on members of Congress.

Once the amendment is proposed by Congress, it must be ratified by 38 states in order to become an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

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It appears Gazelka, Ruud, Heintzman, and Lueck would rather serve the "system" than serve We the People who elected them. It appears the oath they took means nothing to them, the Constitution means nothing to them, because their silence speaks volumes. Rep Lueck writes updates like he believes Walz will end his powers after we all participate in the vaccine experiment, and he writes like he supports Walz's violations of the Constitution. Representing us means defending, supporting, the

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OBITUARIES

HELEN ETZLER



Helen Etzler, 97, of Crosby died on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2021 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial will be at the Bay Lake

Cemetery. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

She was born on August 15, 1923 in Bay Lake Township to Frank and Katherine (Looman) Etzler. Helen was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby.

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Helen is survived by her daughter, Donna Sapa of Deerwood; three grandchildren: Barbara (Troy) Reyes of Mound, Brenda Sapa of Big Lake and Michael Sapa of Princeton; three great-grandchildren: Miles, Zachary and Brittany Reyes of Mound.

Preceding Helen in death are her parents; four brothers: Bob, Ben, Jim and Clarence Etzler; and five sisters: Gertrude Darling, Cecilia Seavey, Eleanor Bath, Melva Sarrie and Alice Johnson. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

DORLA AMRHEIN



Dorla Valeria Amrhein, 90. of Aitkin, died Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at her home on Farm Island.

Services were held Monday, April 5, 2021 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin with Pastor Susan Cline officiating.

Interment was in Bennettville Cemetery, Hazelton Township, Aitkin County. Memorials may be made in memory of Dorla to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at www.komen.org.

She was born January 24, 1931 in Hamburg, MN to Arnold and Hilma (Wolter) Mueller. Dorla married Terry Amrhein on May 8, 1982 in Las Vegas. Dorla worked as an Administrative Assistant for S.M. Osgood Company of Eden Prairie. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, growing her flowers and watching the birds and wildlife at the lake.

Dorla is survived by her loving husband, Terry Amrhein of Aitkin; son, Eugene (Lois) Panning of Hamburg; daughter, Donna (Larry) Grabianowski of Centennial, CO; son-in-law, Tom Willems of Cologne; six grandchildren: Kelly Subiono, Matthew Grabianowski, Marcee Panning, Cassie Panning, Julie (Joel) Jones and Stacy (Travis) Lawrence; and 11 great-grandchildren, Ashley and Allison Campbell, Megan (Tanner) Gossack, Melody Subiono, Ross and Jaylyn Ziegler, Hunter and Gavin Jones, Owen, Avery and Lila Lawrence.

Dorla is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Joyce Willems; brother and sisterin-law, Donald (Arlene) Mueller and sister and brother-in-law, Elaine (Elmer) Kroells.

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ALBERT TIBBETTS



Albert W. Tibbetts, 83, of Aitkin died Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin. He was born August 12, 1937 in Deerwood to George and Josephine (Seavey) Tibbetts. Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at

Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Burial was in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

at Camp Ripley, Little Falls. Military Honors were accorded by Aitkin VFW Post #1727 and American Legion Lee Post #86. Memorials are preferred to: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (Man of the Year Fundraiser) https://pages.lls. org/mwoy/wi/madison21/atibbetts

He graduated from Aitkin High School in 1955. He served in the National Guard from 1953 to 1955. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. serving from 1955 until being honorably discharged in 1958. Albert married Elizabeth "Betty" Utecht on May 26, 1962 in St. Nicholas. While living in Minneapolis and Blaine he worked for Walter Hammond Co., Stanley Tull Co. and Coast-to-Coast. Upon returning to Aitkin in 1970 he worked for Burlington Northern Railroad until his retirement in 1994. He was a member of Saint James Catholic Church, Rolling Hills-Cuyuna Country Club, American Legion Lee Post #86, and VFW Roberts-Glad Post # 1727.

Albert is survived by his Wife Betty of Aitkin; son and daughter-in-law Pat and Michele Tibbetts of Eden Prairie; daughters and son-in-law Dee and Glenn Monson of Aitkin and Gloria Tackett of Sherwood, AR.; five grandchildren: Alex (Jaclyn) and Danny (Christina) Tibbetts, Erick Cox, Preston and Taylor Tackett; 3 great-grandchildren; sisters: Joann Taylor of Hawaii and Judy Lamser of Avon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Josephine Tibbetts; brothers: George, Jr. David, and Larry and sister, Jean-

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CECIL ANTHONY RILEY



died on Sunday, April 4, 2021 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

There are no services planned at this time. He was born July 20, 1933

to Henry Thomas and Eva Avena (Cook) Riley in Aitkin. He attended and graduated school in Aitkin. Cecil served in the National Guard. He served in Greenland, after he enlisted

in the Air Force. While stationed in Omaha, he married Stephanie Pfamatter on Dec. 8, 1956

Cecil Riley, 87 of Aitkin, in Bellevue, NE. In October 1958, he and his two brothers, Henry and Romuald, started Riley Auto Supply in Aitkin. He was a member of the IOOF.

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie of Aitkin; sons and daughters-in-law: James and Julie (Bill) Riley, Aitkin; and Stephen Riley and Christine Madsen, Brainerd; daughter, Bridget Hicks, Aitkin; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Romuald and Henry; sisters: Julia, Lorraine, and Cora.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Baxter.

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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)

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Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Aitkin - Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10 **COMMUNITY** Aitkin - Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE.,

Aitkin, Services Sun. 10, 218-927-6959 Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005

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

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 Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 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. Lilja Behr; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

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 Rick Foster; Worship at 9 & 10:30; 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,

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9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month. Aitkin - First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sun. 10am (also available live streamed on YouTube and radio broadcast on KKIN 94.3FM), and

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship

Wed. 5:45pm; contemporary services on the 2nd & 4th Sundays; community meals Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. at 12noon; community food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. 9am - 4pm.

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 10:30 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; 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. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org. Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month

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

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.

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. Wor-

ship 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

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.

Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of

Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin – Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 9:30 a.m., Bible

Study 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.

aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933 Brainerd - Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20 a.m., Bible Study 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed.

6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30

1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476 UNITED METHODIST Aitkin* — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9;

Worship 10:30; fellowship follows, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew at Block North Brew Pub. Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett;

Worship 9:45; fellowship follows. Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9. Cromwell — Pastor Tim 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;

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3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947 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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Despite pandemic, new pharmacy opened, more professionals on board

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Although there were a few miscues, at Riverwood's Healthcare Center's 2021 annual meeting on March 31, the online attendees re-elected four existing hospital board members.

There were 26 attending the meeting and 20 voted in favor of re-electing Mike Paulbeck, Dr. Jeffrey Ehnstrom, Allison Matalmaki and Jared Lundgren. Remaining board members include: Christine Bright, Steve Wilson, Dr. Timothy Dirks, Lowell Larson, Chair Kathleen Ryan, Chad Gross and Tom Lundberg.

Chief Executive Officer Todd Sandberg; Chief Operating Officer Cindi Baker; Chief Financial Officer Casey Johnson and Foundation Direction Katie Nelson talked

fundraising. Nelson noted that 50 different community groups brought treats or other recognition to honor staff during the pandemic. "We've kept our staff's hearts and stomachs full," Nelson said.

The Foundation gave over \$93,000 to various projects and the auxiliary donated over \$26,000. The 79 auxiliary members were sad that they couldn't visit the hospital during pandemic lockdowns, but kept busy sewing masks and other tasks. Highlights included 14,000 masks sewn by 150 sewers and 1,200 books distributed to children at well-child visits.

"We are excited to have our volunteers back in the building," said Sandberg.

Baker, chief operating of-

about administration and ficer, pointed out that operations was proud to open a new pharmacy in Aitkin —that is attached to Paulbeck's County Market — in June 2020. It is managed by Jason Brunco and is open seven days a week.

Professionals were also added to the team in the areas of family medicine, behavioral health, ob-gyn, urology and orthopedics. Dr. Jeffrey Klassen in orthopedics has a large patient following, she said. "He is bringing in patients from all over the state."

CFO Casey noted that while they will be operating at a loss due to pandemic downturns, overall, Riverwood is in a healthy financial situation. They obtained extra money from the government but it is not yet clear what

they may keep and what needs to go back.

Clinic visits and surgeries have rebounded, but hospital ER and infusion visits are still down.

Dr. David Taylor, chief medical officer, noted that the increase of online provider visits led to over 6,000 visits in 10 months. Staff went above and behind to adapt the pandemic and the vaccine rollout has been efficient at Riverwood although hit and miss with "mixed messages" in obtaining the vaccine product from the state and federal governments.

Writer's note: As a partaker of the meeting and probably one of the few who isn't involved with the hospital in some way, I could sense the emotions of the speakers and the great relief now that things appear to be settling down. Those of us who don't work in health care can't imagine how it is to deal with the pandemic all day, every day.

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Arlene Wheaton of Riverwood reminds us that anyone aged 16 and over can now be vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus. Riverwood will be hosting weekly clinics in Aitkin (with some in Mc-Gregor) with extended hours for working folks,

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"For vaccine appointments, call Riverwood at 844-428-1323, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday." she said. "Appointments are open to anyone on a first come/first serve basis; you do not need to be a Riverwood patient."

MLEC annual meeting

The Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative annual meeting will be held at The Grand Casino Mille Lacs in Onamia on Thursday, May 6. Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m. and the annual business meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors from districts 2, 5, 6 and 7 and to

vote on amendments to the bylaws. The first proposed amendment is new and will allow use of an electronic signature and the second proposed amendment to the bylaws is a change from "General Manager" to "CEO (Chief Executive Officer)".

Members may vote in person, online, or by mail.

Crossing Arts creativity kits

Join Crossing Arts on Saturday, April 10, 10 a.m. to noon, when they will be distributing creativity kits to anyone who wants a little bit of creative fun. Kits will be available on tables inside of Crossing Arts. These kits have two art projects (Maracas and Paper Plate Tambourines), a coloring sheet, and more.

come, first served.

The kits are brought to you by Crossing Arts members and supporters, Lakes Printing, and sponsored by Viva Musica! and the Belanger

This month's Creativity Kit distribution will feature bags with artwork created from the following artists: Lisa Jordan,

public. Kits are limited. First Julie Ingleman, Patricia Lintner, Laurel LaBorde, Kerry Kupferschmidt, Mitchell Cory Nelson, Peg Serani, Carla Benjamin, Steven Weagel, and Pam Landers.

> For more information contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416, info@crossingarts. org. Crossing Arts is a 501c3 nonprofit located downtown Brainerd at 711 Laurel Street.

tinuing through August 26.

Music in the Park help needed

The Cuyuna Chamber will welcome summertime with its 14th year of coordinating Music in the Park, a free live music concert series for the community at Crosby Memorial Park held every other Thursday from 5-8 p.m., beginning June 10 and con-

The success of Music in the Park is largely credited to the partnership and cooperation among the sponsors and musicians. Sponsorships are necessary to be able to continue

for the community at no cost.

Events are an excellent way for businesses and organizations to gain exposure at minimal cost. Not only are sponsorships available, but vendors may also participate. For a small fee, vendors can rent space and market their product or service at an event that is typically attended by more than 450 people.

Please consider assisting the Chamber in making Music in the Park one of the

to provide Music in the Park most enjoyable and successful summer events in the Cuyuna Lakes area. For more information and to obtain a sponsorship form, contact Brielle Bredsten at info@ cuyunalakes.com or 218-546-8131.

> Musicians interested in performing should contact Shawn or Clark Hamdorf at shamdorf@hotmail.com. A music sample, biography, photo, and signed contract must be on file at the Chamber by May 7.

Unlimited Learning presentation

Learning Fourth Tuesday programs a on Tuesday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom: "New

Creativity Kits are free to the

There will be an Unlimited Happenings and Economic Director of the Cuyuna Lakes Development in the Cros-

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by-Ironton Area" presented tact lonelake loon@gmail. by Brielle Bredsten, Executive com for an invitation.

Roth RV celebrates with rockin' grand opening In celebration of the arrival of camping season, and the completion of its massive new indoor showroom and camping supply store, Roth RV in Grand Rapids is throwing the Roth RV Rockin' Grand Opening Celebration

April 21-24. The festivities will include daily giveaways including chances to win camping gear

and Minnesota State Parks Permits, plus free s'mores and other food and drink, and a rock concert by King's Ransom.

Roth RV purchased the Midway Homes operation on East Highway 169 in late 2019, and opened for business in January 2020. Ever since, the RV dealership has been renovating and expanding. The finishing touches are being put on a 5,000 squarefoot indoor showroom and office complex, and a large, fully equipped camping supply store.

"We will be able to serve our customers year-round in climate-controlled comfort," Mike Roth said.

Roth RV sells new and used RVs, including travel

trailers, fifth wheels and toy haulers, as well as a variety of cargo trailers and open trailers. Roth RV has another location in Deerwood and is considering expansion into other Minnesota markets as soon as this spring.

For more information about the grand opening, go to rothrv.com, call 218-999-5493 or stop in.





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The project will reconstruct Hwy. 210 from 2nd St. SW to east of 3rd Ave. NE in Crosby and include new road surface,

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