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Recycling day nets goods for Baxter and Crosslake thrift stores



A volunteer helps Danell Eggert and Andrea Martin, managers of the Common Goods thrift stores in Baxter and Crosslake. The stores partnered with the Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore and Green Forest Recycling to host a one-stop shop recycling day at the ReStore on April 24, two days after Earth Day. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN **SCHWARTZ**

A blustery wind blew through the Brainerd Industrial Park on Saturday, April 24. It propelled shoppers into the Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Brainerd and a recycling partnership led to a huge load for the Common Good stores in Baxter and Crosslake to bring back to

"We are partnering with Green Forest Re-

cycling and the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, gathering resalable items and also recyclable items," said Danell Eggert, store manager of the Baxter Common Goods Store. "It's been a great turnout," she said. "I guess the biggest takeaway I found is a lot of people don't know what to do with damaged fabrics. We do recycle fabrics and at the Common Goods Store we will take fabric. Just put them in a separate trash bag and write 'Fabrics' on there and we'll push them through to our recycler. It keeps them

Andrea Martin, manager of the Crosslake Store was also present, along with vol-

Proceeds from the thrift store help fund Bridges of Hope. That nonprofit organization serves those in need in Crow Wing County and the surrounding area.

You may donate used items at the Baxter Store on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from noon-4 p.m. at the orange cones location. The Crosslake Store accepts donations by appointment only.

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Increase in property sales and refinancing keep counties busy

By ANN SCHWARTZ Property sales and refinancing mortgages led to double-digit increases in documents recorded in Crow

Wing County. "Over 23,400 documents were recorded in Crow Wing County in 2020, an increase of over 22 percent from a year ago. As the result of the low interest rates, many property owners refinanced in 2020 and the number of mortgages recorded jumped by almost 30 percent from 2019. This

was the highest number doc- time for mailed documents ument recordings since 2007 prior to the 2009 recession." said Recording Supervisor Doug Hansen of Crow Wing County. .

Minnesota State Statutes requires all counties to record and return documents within five business days for documents filed electronically and 10 business days for documents mailed. According to the Land Services Department, they averaged a six-business day turnaround

and a four-business day turnaround time for those filed electronically. "It is important for us that we process these documents in a timely manner, because we understand that they are time sensitive to our customers," Crow Wing Land Services Director Gary Griffin noted in a press release. "Under the County Board's leadership, we continue to deliver excellent customer service in the most cost-effective way for our

customers." **Aitkin County**

Aitkin County Recorder Mick Moriarty reported an increase from 5,891 documents recorded in 2019 to 6,574 in 2020. While 888 mortgages were recorded in Aitkin County in 2019, it leapt to 1,348 mortgages in 2020

CWC property value assessment exceeds pre-2009 According to property assessment data released by Crow Wing County, total assessed value of all properties in



'For Sale' signs pop up in the area, but they don't last long. Property is snatched up quickly in this fast-growing sellers' market. Ann Schwartz photo

READER-RIBBE

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Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

Today we will complete the last of the House proposals for the state agency funding bills. To date the House versions have called for major taxes increases, unneeded new programs, radical new policies, and/or spend state dollars where federal dollars could be used.

The bills do not properly focus on effectively aiding our workers and employers in recovering from the COVID-19 shutdown. We have about a \$4 billion state budget surplus when the federal aid dollars are included. The Senate proposals include no tax increases and a more refined approach to getting our economy back on track.

We have the funds to fix the unwarranted state income tax on the federal unemployment dollars and the federal paycheck protection grants. I will continue to work on



Vidalia onion sales

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Recycling day | from Page 1

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moving my friends across the aisle toward a product that a majority of legislators on both sides of the aisle should be able to support. On other news the jury in the

Derek Chauvin trial reached a verdict. Sentencing will occur later this summer. Our National Guard and law enforcement did an outstanding job in allowing peaceful demonstrations and preventing mayhem and rioting.

Sadly, some did cross the line, with gun shots being fired at our National Guard members. Elements of the nurses' union and the Minneapolis Park Board were overtly inhospitable and disrespectful to the presence of the National Guard and state troopers. Please, let's all remember these fine men and women are there to protect everyone's safety.

We received important news on the battle against chronic wasting disease (CWD) in deer and elk. Dr. Peter Larson at the University of Minnesota's Veterinary and Biomedical Sciresearch the legislature funded on CWD. While there are still some refinements needed, Dr. Larsen and his team are close to providing technology that will support a field test that could be used by hunters, live

That's great news. It is important to end the effort to put all deer and elk farmers out of business. Some indi-

animal tests and environmental

tests that can accurately detect

viduals and groups are advocating for extermination of all farmed cervidae, I believe that is short-sighted.

We cannot create the tools necessary to effectively fight CWD unless we have live deer and elk in a controlled environment to refine these tests. We need a win for both our wild and farmed cervidae.

Representative Dale Lueck Minnesota House District 10B

the County increased from \$12.1 billion as of January 2, 2020, to \$13 billion on January 2, 2021, an increase of \$890 million or 7 percent according to the County Land Services Department. In 2008 the estimated market value of properties in the county was a little over \$12 billion. This is the first time that the county's total estimated market value has far exceeded \$12 billion dollars, which had been the previous high in 2008 prior to the Great Recession's negative impact on the housing market.

Gary Griffin, Land Services Director, noted that an overall increase in value does not mean all properties have increased in value. "Each property's value is established based on actual sales that occurred in the marketplace. If comparable properties in a neighborhood during the study period sold for more, valuations will be higher; if comparable nearby properties sold for less, valuations go down," he noted.

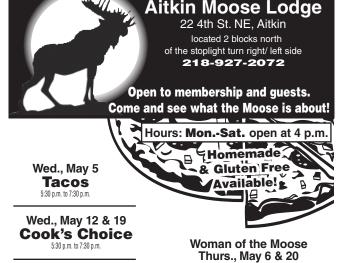
He added that State Department of Revenue rules determine the process Counties must follow to determine assessed values. "State rules don't allow us to consider foreclosure sales, sales between relatives, government sales, or other sales that are not considered arm's length transactions. This limits the number of sales we can use for comparables in today's market," he stated. In addition, State rules require assessed values to fall within a statistical range which is between 90 percent and 105 percent of what comparable properties actually sold for. If the assessed value is outside that range, the State requires all property values to be raised or lowered accordingly.

Griffin also pointed out that higher or lower assessed values do not necessarily mean higher or lower taxes. "Government spending, at the county, city, township, and school district levels drive what taxes are due and payable on a property," he stated.









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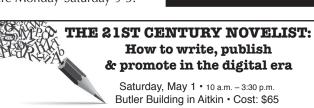
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OBITUARIES

GERTRUDE PRASKE

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Gertrude "Mae" Praske, 97, of Aitkin (Golden Horizons), died on Thursday, April 22, 2021 in Riverwood Health Care Center, Aitkin.

Services were Tuesday, April 27, 2021 in Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin with Pas-

tor Reggie Denton officiating. Private interment will be at a later date in Evergreen Cemetery,

She was born March 23, 1924 in Ruthton to Sidney and Patra (Peterson) Goodmonson. Mae was united in marriage to Paul Praske on October

7, 1945. Mae enjoyed her family, wintering in Donna, TX, crafts, gardening, reading, fishing and the many friends she made everywhere she went.

Mae is survived by her sons: Eugene (Karen) Praske and John Praske; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mae is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul; sons, Thomas and James and five siblings.

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

THOMAS MCMULLEN



Thomas Brian McMullen, 83, of Crosby died on April 20, 2021 after a courageous battle of Dementia.

A Memorial Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 30, 2021 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cem-

etery with full military honors presented by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443, Ironton. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Tom was born to Archibald and Esther Mc-Mullen of West St. Paul. Tom was married to his wife and love of his life, Gloria for 61 years. He was an awesome provider for his family. He taught his kids the gift of hard work. He was a Marine and proud of it. He attended and served at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He served in the Knights of Columbus.

Tom is survived by his wife, Gloria (Koller); son, Thomas (Nancy), daughters: Mary (Richard) Aulie, Kimberly (Mike) Coyle, Robin (Mike) Soderlund and Kelly McMullen; six grandsons: Steven (Allison) McMullen, Robert (Bre') McMullen, Brandon Coyle, Zachary Spehar, Jacob Spehar, Isaac Spehar; two granddaughters: Michelle (Matt) Vogl, Suntina Spehar; great-grandson: Emmett Vogl; two great-granddaughters: Ethnie Vogl, Emry McMullen; nieces; nephews and many step/ blended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters: Jean McMullen and Marilyn Brache. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

DONALD HYYTINEN



Donald Gust Hyytinen, 89, died on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Funeral Service will be

at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the Journey North Church in Aitkin with Pastor Randy Stauter officiating. The family hopes

to livestream the service on Saturday. Please check srtfuneral.com for details. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in Rabbit Lake Cemetery, Glen Township. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Aitkin Lions Club or a charity of your choice.

Don was born in Aitkin on August 16, 1931, to immigrant parents, Antti and Selma Hyytinen. While growing up, his family only spoke Finnish in their home. Don graduated from Aitkin High School in 1949 having served as class president and homecoming king. In 1958, he married the love of his life, Lois Sipper, of Crosby. He worked at Inland Steel in Crosby until its closing in 1967. In 1968, Don and Lois purchased a local hardware store and ran Hyytinen's Hardware Hank until retiring in 1998. It was a great life for Don and Lois-enhancing their already social lifestyle. Throughout his life, Don continued to farm the land his parents homesteaded in 1918. Don loved his family, friends, and community. He served the community in many roles including Lions, Oddfellows, Quarterbacks, Cattlemen's Association, Jacques Art Center, and as board member for Mille Lacs Electric. He is recognized for his service by Lions International. He was an active participant in and supporter of Aitkin Athletics. In 2001, Don and Lois were elected Aitkin's Riverboat Captain and Queen. In 2004, Don and Lois were awarded the Warren Potter Lifetime Achievement Award for their service and commitment to the promotion and growth of the Aitkin area. Don lived life to its fullest.

He is survived by his wife, Lois: four children: Joel (Teresa) Hyytinen, Jan Mowbray, Jill Hyytinen, and Joy (Scott) Gustin; eight grandchildren: Jacob and Hannah Hyytinen, Andrew and Sawyer Mowbray, Spencer, Sydney, Anja, and Aliina Gustin: foreign exchange son, Paul (Marit) Kroeze and many, many more beloved relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Vieno, Unto, Anja, Paul, Lydia, Martin, Olavi, Niilo, Aira, Lauha, Robert, and Roger; and grandson, Matti Hyytinen.

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

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Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Stephens, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com

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5252, Worship 10:30, SS 9:30.

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

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

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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

COMMUNITY

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

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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.

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CONGREGATIONAL

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

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Aitkin - St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

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Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert;

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Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible. Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

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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

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. Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

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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

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OBITUARIES

SANDRA ALDRICH



Sandra Lee Aldrich, 45, died on Sunday, April 18, 2021 after a long battle with brain cancer for the past 1 ½ years.

A Celebration of Sandra's life was Thursday, April 29, 2021 at Big Sandy Camp in rural McGregor. To view the service go to the Youtube

channel: https://youtu.be/wXiQsZf7wug. Burial was in the Rice River Cemetery, McGregor

Sandra was born to Don Gervais and Julie Livingood on July 7, 1975. Sandra went to school in Remer and graduated in 1993. She went on to Itasca Community College where she met Jesse and they wed on June 7, 1995. From there Jesse and Sandra went to Crown College and eventually moved to McGregor in the winter of 1997. In 1998 Jesse and Sandra became parents to Hannah, with Jacob in 2000, Maciah in 2002, and Andrew

in 2007. Sandra's first love was Jesus. She wanted nothing more than to follow Him in every aspect of her life. That love of Jesus flowed through her and poured out into her husband and 4 children. That love didn't stop there. She loved people, and was always praying, encouraging, and blessing those she came in contact with.

Sandra is survived by her husband of 25 years, Jesse; daughter, Hannah; sons: Jacob, Maciah, and Andrew; parents, Don and Mary Gervais; sisters: Salome Meyers (Josh), Jessica Johnson (Craig); brothers: James Tabaka, Tim Tabaka, Kevin Greski and Rick Monroe; sisters: Trish Greski, Kim Greski, Robin Monsos; nephews; nieces; and

Sandra was preceded in death by mother, Julie Livingood and sister, Rachelle Gervais.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

ROSELLA LINDAHL



Rosella "Rose" Georgette Lindahl, 79, of Aitkin, died Monday, April 19, 2021 at Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin. Services were Thursday, April 29, 2021 at New Life Church, Aitkin with Pastor Larry Burg and Pastor Barry Hite officiating. Interment was at Saron

Cemetery, Glen Township.

She was born January 23, 1942 in Corson County, SD to Richard and Christina (Kern) Schily. Rose married Alvin Nies on November 13, 1960 in Isabel, SD. She later married Gerald Lindahl on May 9, 1997 in Emily. Rose worked at Land O'Lakes Turkey Plant in Aitkin and later was a Nurses Aide at Aicota Health Care Center. Rose also worked at the Courage House in Aitkin, the Aitkin Bakery, the Aitkin Community Hospital and she also did home party sales.

Rose is survived by her children: Tena (Brent) Burastaler, Tim Nies, and Terry (Kathy) Nies, all of Aitkin; nine grandchildren: Eric (Lucy) Swanson, Ryan (Kaitlin Larson) Swanson, Trevor and Abby Nies, Breena (Jacob Erickson) Burgstaler, Karena Burgstaler, Orrin Nies, Lindsay (Andy) Bozovsky, Dakota Burgstaler; six great-grandchildren: Anna, Leo and Kate Swanson, Alaina and Levi Burgstaler, and Oliver Bozovsky; three brothers: Dan (Sheila) Schily, Stanley Schily and Gary (Jody) Schily; sister, Susy Renschler; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gerald Lindahl; daughter, Tamara Kay Nies; sister, Lillian Schily; and three brothers: Harold, Albert and Jack Schily.

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