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Reduce loon mortality by studying "why loons die"



The National Loon Center (NLC) in Crosslake has announced a project intended to reduce loon mortality by examining "why loons die." NLC Executive Director Jon Mobeck has asked Minnesota citizens to watch for dead loons this summer so they can be given a necropsy to determine the cause of death. The NLC has obtained federal and state migratory bird permits to facilitate this research. The results of these studies will be shared with the Department of Natural Resources' Nongame Wildlife Program, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

When someone finds a dead loon, they should retrieve the loon and contact the NLC for instructions on who to contact for transferring the bird to the NLC in Cross Lake. Meanwhile, they should prepare a label with the finders' name,

address, phone number, e-mail, date found, and lake and county where the loon was found. Then they should freeze the bird in a plastic bag. It is important to freeze the loon when it is still fresh. Decomposed or rotten loons are not suitable for necropsies or determining the cause of death.

Dr. Arno Wuenschmann, professor of Veterinary Pathology at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, will oversee the loon necropsy studies. The information resulting from these necropsies will be invaluable for developing educational programs to prevent unnecessary mortality in the state's loon population.

For example, when loons die from lead poisoning, it is important to inform the state's anglers to use small nontoxic jigs and sinkers. When lead jigs and sinkers are lost by anglers, they sink to the lake bottom and can be swallowed by loons that use pebbles to grind up the fish they eat. All it takes to kill a loon is one lead jig or sinker. Loons also may ingest

lead when consuming fish prey containing lead-based tackle.

Sometimes loons are accidentally killed or injured by boaters who run over loons and their chicks. Sometimes loons die from diseases like aspergillosis or botulism, or they may be killed in territorial battles by other loons. Loons may also become entangled in discarded fishing line, highlighting the importance of leaving the lakes clean.

Mobeck emphasizes that while Minnesota boasts the most loons in the lower 48 states, about 12,000 loons, he wants to keep it that way. Minnesota citizens can all play an important role in protecting our state bird by their choice of nontoxic fishing tackle and by watching out for loons while boating.

The National Loon Center Foundation in Crosslake, Minnesota aims to restore and protect loon breeding habitats, enhance responsi-

ble recreation, and serve as a national leader in advancing loon and freshwater research and education. The National Loon Center's world-class facility, slated to open to the public in the spring of 2024, will be an interactive and family-friendly educational destination that transforms visitors into champions for loons and freshwater everywhere. To learn more about the National Loon Center, please visit www.nationallooncenter.org.

Governor Walz kicks off opener



Minnesota Governor Tim Walz kicked off the Minnesota fishing opener on May 15 in Otter Tail County by casting a line this morning on Otter Tail Lake. The Governor's Fishing Opener is a time-honored tradition that has been held since 1948.

"It was a beautiful morning here in Otter Tail County to get out on the water for the fishing opener," said

Governor Walz. "Fishing brings Minnesotans together, it brings tourism to our communities, and it puts a spotlight on the outdoor opportunities Minnesota has to offer. I'm grateful to our Otter Tail County hosts, especially my guide and lifelong fisherman, Eric Koep, for putting together an incredible event that officially kicked off summer in Minnesota."

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Court of Appeals ruling on lawsuit

On Monday May 17, the State of Minnesota Court of Appeals A20-1137 overruled two of District Court's 31 dismissals of City of Crosby Mayor James J. Hunter's complaints.

Hunter sued the City of Crosby, former Crosby Police Chief Kim Coughlin and former Crosby Police Lieutenant Kevin Randolph for defamation that was alleged to have happened between 2016 and 2019. And included attempts to damage Hunter's personal and business reputation in an effort to derail his campaign to be mayor of the city, to stop him from taking office after he was elected and then to force him to resign as mayor.

Hunter began his campaign for mayor of the city in the summer of 2016 and was elected in November of that year. He alleges in his first amended complaint that the individual respondents "arranged" to have him arrested in March 2017 and "made numerous false statements to the media" and people in the community accusing Hunter of committing criminal acts and of being a "corrupt politician and businessman." The complaint also asserts as evidence of respondents' intentional campaign against him that, while Hunter may have been charged with numerous crimes, he was either acquitted of those charges or the charges were dismissed, including acquittals of the charges of theft by swindle, second-degree assault and "charitable gambling fraud"; dismissal by the court of a charge of possession of stolen property; and dismissal by the county attorney of other pending criminal charges.

The complaint contains no individual counts. Instead, it sets forth paragraphs alleging a variety of defamatory statements with sparse detail, citing different time periods and methods of publication.

Hunter claims in the complaint that, as a result of the alleged defamation, he has suffered poor health and has been hospitalized for stress-related illnesses; suffered serious financial, reputation and other harm; was unseated from his position of mayor; lost much of his business; and suffered other harms, including criminal prosecution.

The district court granted the motion and ruled on the allegations in the complaint on a paragraph-by-paragraph basis. The district court concluded that various claims could be dismissed for one or more of the following reasons: lack of specificity as to speaker, statement, time, or place; allegations of statements that contained opinion and were not statements of fact; failure to allege necessary elements of a claim for defamation per se; absolute privilege; failure to claim actual malice; failure to adequately allege damages; and the expiration of the statute of limitations.

The majority of the allegations in the complaint were dismissed by the district court because they lacked adequate specificity. The allegations include claims that either Coughlin or Randolph (or both): made "numerous false statements" or "lurid and false statements" about Hunter; filed a "meritless ethics complaint" against Hunter's criminal defense attorney that contained defamatory statements about Hunter; told "at least one citizen witness in a criminal proceeding concerning Hunter" not to speak with anyone from the defense; made "repeated statements" to community members that they wished Hunter "would die" and encouraged people to attend rallies and make signs against Hunter; "showed [two people] fabricated evidence in a

criminal proceeding" against Hunter in the years 2017 and 2018; made false statements to a third person "during the years 2017 through 2019," falsely claiming that Hunter had committed criminal acts; "told individuals who worked for the Crosby Police Department that they were not allowed to have contact with" Hunter; made statements to a number of individuals that they did not have to pay Hunter what they owed on vehicles purchased at his car dealership; and made "false statements" to Hunter's then-wife "to make it appear" that Hunter was guilty of serious crimes, which caused his wife to divorce him.

Hunter seems to acknowledge the lack of specificity, asserting in his complaint that additional details are "expected to come out in the discovery process as defendants will not voluntarily disclose" the information, and that "defendants and their colleagues or affiliates are hostile witnesses . . . and will not produce and disclose much of the existing evidence or testimony . . . without being compelled by law."

District Court Erred
Minnesota Court of Appeals concluded that the district court erred in dismissing the claims set forth in paragraphs 33 and 37 for lack of specificity.

The first allegation, set out in paragraph 33 of the complaint, states as follows:

Defendant Coughlin made statements to an individual, [T. M.] after the criminal proceedings were concluded, falsely claiming that Mr. Hunter had been charged with a crime involving a sexual assault of a family member. This is defamation per se. Ms. Coughlin made that statement knowing that it was not true with the intention of causing harm to Mr. Hunter's

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Summer learning funding to help students recover from pandemic



Governor Tim Walz along with Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan announced on May 18 at Otter Lake Elementary in White Bear Lake that he will utilize federal funds to provide academic enrichment and mental health support this summer.

Governor Tim Walz announced on May 18 a plan to fund enhanced summer learning programs in Minnesota to help students recover from the learning challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor will allocate \$75 million of the state's flexible American Rescue Plan funds to provide academic enrichment and mental health support this summer and beyond for Minnesota's students, families, educators, communities, and schools.

"Our students have sacrificed so much this past year, and the learning disruptions caused by COVID-19 have impacted every single student across Minnesota. Today, we are announcing a summer learning plan to put our students front and center," said Governor Walz. "These summer programs will help make up for missed learning opportunities and will help our students conquer the school year in the fall. Our students deserve this

investment."

"Our students have overcome tremendous challenges during these past two school years – and we are so close to the other side," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "Because of today's announcement, schools and community organizations can make plans for summer learning that support the academic and emotional needs of our students as we move towards next school year."

"As we move toward the end of a school year unlike any other, we must focus on helping our students recover from the pandemic," said Education Commissioner Dr. Heather Mueller. "I'm grateful we are able to use these federal funds to provide students with the enriching summer learning experiences they need and deserve."

Governor Walz will allocate \$75 million of the flexible State Fiscal Stabilization Funds in President Biden's American Rescue Plan toward programming that will provide solutions for academic enrichment and mental health support starting this summer. The funding below will enhance both summer learning oppor-

tunities and academic year programs at school districts and charter schools across the state:

Academic and Mental Health Support (\$34.614 million)

Public schools and districts will receive a general allocation in order to create partnerships with organizations and provide services in the following areas:

- Expand mental health and well-being support to youth and adolescents attending school district and charter school summer learning programs.
- Partner with community businesses and organizations to develop a summer mentor and/or tutoring model that covers enrichment programming and other costs such as transportation and meals to increase student participation.
- Bring school-based summer programs into the community, providing opportunities for enrichment, social and emotional skill building, mental health support, and tutoring services.
- Provide students with summer field trips for hands-on learning opportunities. Hands-on learning opportunities include activities such

as trips to nature centers, state parks, zoos, museums, or theaters.

Preschool for 4- and 5-Year-Olds (\$20 million)

This allocation provides preschool or prekindergarten to 4- and 5-year-olds. These funds can be used in a Parent Aware star-rated, public or private, preschool, or prekindergarten in-person learning program. These high-quality early learning programs help children develop their social-emotional skills before they begin kindergarten.

School-Linked Mental Health Grants (\$6.011 million)

This investment in School-linked Mental Health Grants, administered by the Department of Human Services, will address an increased need for community mental health services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Expanded Access to Tutoring (\$3.25 million)

The Governor will expand access to tutoring services including academic enrichment, mental health support, and other wrap-around services for K-12 children by providing grants to experienced entities, including community organizations.

Increased Adult Basic Education Program Funding (\$10 million)

This investment will strengthen Adult Basic Education (ABE) programming statewide to ensure access to, enhance the quality of, and to increase the ABE programming available. This proposal will fund expanded ABE programming for the summer of 2021 and if funding remains available, it would be used throughout fiscal year 2022 in order to build and help sustain enhanced programming year-round.

Learning Acceleration and College Readiness Initiatives (\$1.125 million)

The Governor will allocate funding to the Office of Higher Education (OHE) for two programs for the summer months. Funding for OHE's Summer Academic Enrichment Program will increase by \$625,000 and the Intervention for College Attendance Program will increase by \$500,000. These programs will work to address educational challenges due to the pandemic, which is disproportionately impacting the most underserved students.

READER RIBBETS

Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

This last full week of session was not very productive. As I pen this update with only three days left before mandatory adjournment, the House majority has failed to put forward a single agency funding bill.

The House majority, with governor's backing, continues to insist on imposing major tax increases, unwarranted anti-police officer law enforcement measures, and a stubborn unwillingness to exempt federal COVID-19 related unemployment proceeds and federal paycheck protection program grants from state income tax as the price to move forward on a state budget.

On Monday, May 17, Minnesotans face the state income tax filing deadline with no relief being granted on UI and paycheck protection program state income tax liabilities. Rather than pay attention to

helping Minnesotans, my colleagues across the aisle remain focused on legalization of recreational marijuana. So far, they are unwilling to find the time to provide hard pressed Minnesotans tax relief on COVID-19 federal UI and PPP grants. By contrast, the House majority has found time to hold 12 separate committee hearings and a lengthy floor session to pass a recreational marijuana bill – legislation that is going nowhere in the Senate.

With our state and national economy beginning to shake off the hammering it took over the past 14 months due to COVID-19, this is not the time to be punishing Minnesotans by extracting state income taxes on federally tax exempt COVID-19 unemployment assistance and paycheck protection program grants.

I will continue to press the

point that, with a combined state and federal \$4.4 billion surplus, there is no excuse for not bringing the bipartisan, veto-proof UI/PPP tax relief bill the Senate sent over weeks ago to the House to the floor for a vote. Let's stop punishing Minnesotans and do the right thing. It's not like the governor and my liberal colleagues need to squeeze those last measly few tax dollars from hard-pressed Minnesotans in order to fully fund our state agencies for the next two years.

It is welcome news that the CDC has relaxed the COVID-19 guidance on masks and the governor was quick to follow suit. Please be safe on the water and good luck to many that will be enjoying a little fishing this weekend.

Representative Dale Lueck
Minnesota House District 10B

When the dust settles

Minnesota has spent over a year under executive orders from the Minnesota Mistake.

Walz allowed Minneapolis to burn, he gave his adult daughter access to confidential information which she shared with the public and rioters.

He implemented nonsensical mask mandates, plotted to blame the deaths of patients in long-term care facilities on youth sports instead of taking responsibility. He forced us to lockdown, stated there was no treatment for the virus when there clearly is.

He wants healthy people to participate in the vaccine experiment and removes his mask mandate stating "it's a great day for Minnesota" — a great day for us is when he resigns. His actions had nothing to do with helping our state, our lives, our safety.

Walz has used executive orders and henchmen to threaten us, impose excess fines, close businesses, and when the dust settles, Walz is to blame, he needs to be held accountable.

Minnesota does not need a cowardly Governor that

overreacts to a virus with a 99.6% recovery rate or believes science can predict the future.

Our silent elected officials must begin to speak up, live up to their oath of office and demand Walz resign with us. Waiting for an election is not the answer, he must step down immediately. For the sake of our state, our neighbors, we must do our part, speak up, resist, and stop the Minnesota Mistake 651-201-3400 be heard often.

Kelly Avelsgard,
Deerwood

Numbers do not lie

A recent Reader Ribbets entitled "Numbers don't lie" (May 8, 2021) needs clarification.

The state death totals are accurate.

The total death count (per CDC data) for 2020 is correct: 2.854838.

However, the total death

count (per CDC data) is incorrect. It is 3,358,814, not 2,835,533 as listed in the article.

This misrepresentation of the numbers and facts dishonors the over 503,976 Americans who have lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic and the

hundreds of local dedicated health care workers who have risked their own and their families health and well being to care for patients who have suffered from this infection.

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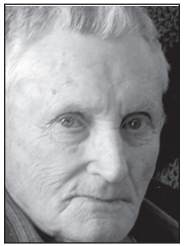
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WOODROW BANKS



Woodrow Banks, 102, died at his home on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Funeral services was at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021 at the Bible Baptist Church in Crosby with full military honors given by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443, Ironton. Burial was at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church



on Friday.

He was born in Breathitt County, Kentucky to David and Mollie (Clemans) Banks. Woodrow married Verna Richter on August 18, 1946 in

Crosby. He was a retired miner with 29 years of employment with Hanna Mining, Butler Brothers and National Steel Mining Companies. He was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Crosby. Woodrow enjoyed his dairy farm and gardening.

Woodrow is survived by three sons: Scott Banks of Crosby, Bruce (Lucy) Banks of Bowlius and Greg (Susan) Banks of North Plate, NE; two daughters: Molly (Craig) Seelye of Cedar Rapids, IA and Sandy (Jim) Barnhart of Ironton; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren and sister, Paulette Knutson of Pequot Lakes.

Preceding Woodrow in death are his parents; wife, Verna; granddaughter, Sara Barnhart and 14 siblings.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

DALE YOTTER



Dale Roger Yotter, 93, of Merrifield died at his home on Friday, May 14, 2021.

A Visitation for the public was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Family will have a private service and burial will be at the Pinewood Cemetery in Crosslake. Military honors will be presented by the Myrin-James American Legion Post



#443, Ironton.

He was born in Wisner, NE on December 31, 1927 to William and Ella (Koebler) Yotter. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Con-

flict. Dale married Hazel Lougee on March 27, 1954 in Crosby. He was a member of the Mission of the Cross Lutheran Church in Crosslake.

Dale is survived by his wife, Hazel; three sons: Roger (Deborah) of McGregor; Steven (Trish) Yotter of Lino Lakes and Todd Yotter of Merrifield; two daughters: Carolyn (Kim Kurlilla) Yotter of Little Falls and Kay (Ed) Searle of Williams; 21 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Preceding Dale in death are his parents; sister, Doris Carr; two brothers: Kenneth and Harlow Yotter; an infant daughter, Janet Sue and one grandson, Jacob Ekstedt.

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

THOMAS ASHTON

Thomas Henry Ashton, 89, of Aitkin died Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. pm Saturday May 22, 2021 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Pastor Paul Andell officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in

Lakeview Cemetery in Aitkin.

Military honors will be accorded by the Palisade VFW Post #1721 and Hill City Legion Post #340.

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

MABEL LINDGREN



Mabel Esther (Johnson) Lindgren, 98, of Aitkin died Friday, November 20, 2020 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin from COVID-19.

Memorial Service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Nordland Township,

Aitkin with Pastor Rebecca Hinz officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to Bethlehem Lutheran Church Quilters.

She was born December 4, 1921 in Nordland Township to Carl and Frieda (Beneke) Johnson. She grew up in Nordland Township and attended Valpariso Country School graduating in 1935, then from Aitkin High School in 1939, and Teachers Training in Crosby in 1940. She taught at Lone Lake Elementary School until marrying Carl Arnold Lindgren on May 25, 1941 in Aitkin. They made their home in Nordland Township where they raised four children. Many knew her for providing fresh eggs, blueberries in the summer,

and Christmas wreaths in the winter. Mabel was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Nordland Township, where she was Baptized, Confirmed, taught Sunday School and was Superintendent for 30 years. She was active in the Ladies Aid which later became WELCA, and the Bethlehem Quilters Group. She was also active in the Neighborhood Homemaker's Club and made many quilts, items for nursing homes, kids clothes for Jacob's Coat, and received several Presidential Lifetime Service Awards for volunteer service. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Carl Arnold on January 2, 2011, brother Clifford Johnson, and son-in-law Morris Kewitsch.

Mabel is survived by her children: Ken and Billie Lindgren of Aitkin, Shirley Kewitsch of Brainerd, Gary and Mary Lindgren of Aitkin, and Elaine Lindgren of Aitkin; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many other special relatives and friends.

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ALLIANCE

Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship in the church building 10:15 am & 6:30 pm, check the website for the time of service NewLifeAitkin.com; youth group for 7th-12th graders Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30. Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Hayden Loven ; Sunday Morning Service 10:45
Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillicityagchurch@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
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com
Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Stephens, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrairnerd.com
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchontheisewiseroad.org
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30, SS 9:30.
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm
Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12.
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
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; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; 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 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. 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 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, 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 Sun. 10am (also available live streamed on YouTube and radio broadcast on KKN 94.3FM), and

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.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.goodshepherdfreechurch.org

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.lchchurch.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 Pastors Kristin Oltmann & Kurt Hagestuen 218-692-3682 Sundays May 23-Labor Day Indoor: 8:30 am at 35960 CR 66, Outdoor: 10 am 14019 Daggett Pine Rd
Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship 9; Sunday School 9:15.
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sinton-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 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 10:30 am 218-534-3069

Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicap accessible.
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)

Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship

follows, SS 10.

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

Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.

Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

PENTECOSTAL

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irontone Town Hall, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake — Pastor Tony Oltmann, 218-692-4769; Worship 10; Fellowship 11:15; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Road just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED

Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 9:30 a.m., Bible Study 10:30 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; fellowship follows.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

WESLEYAN

Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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OBITUARIES

RAYMOND FERRARI



Raymond I. Ferrari, 83, of Aitkin formerly of Cuyuna died on November 19, 2020 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 22, 2021 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby.



Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors given by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443, Ironton. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

He was born in Crosby on February 15, 1937 to John and Amelia (Kosnitch) Ferrari. He served as a Specialist in the U.S. Army. Ray married

Catherine "Cathy" Bjerkness on February 15, 1994 in Brainerd. Ray was retired Police Officer from the Crosby Police Department with 34 years of service, and a retired Crosby Fireman.

Ray is survived by sons: Mike (Allison) Ferrari of Emily, Mark (Shanon) Ferrari of Cuyuna, Tony (Diane) Ferrari of Lincoln, CA and Ted (Jennifer) Ferrari of Baxter; daughter, Amanda (Tim) Jensen of Pillager; nine grandchildren; one great grandchild; first wife, Karen Ferrari of Crosby; brother, Bob Ferrari of Crosby; two sisters: Delores "Dodo" (Bob Geske) Waffensmith of Deerwood and Glee (Keith) Lundgren of Crosby; sister-in-law, Joyce Ferrari of Crosby.

Preceding Ray in death are his parents; wife and one brother, John "Jinx" Ferrari.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

WALLACE ORSUND



Wallace "Wally" L. Orsund, 97, of Aitkin died on Friday, May 7, 2021.

Funeral Services will be Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 1 p.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church, Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.



He was born April 6, 1924 in Hoople, ND to Peder and Anna (Iverson) Orsund.

Wally is survived by wife, Te-

resa; daughters: Mary Ann (Larry) Stenquist, Peggy (Leon) Schendel and Nancy (Dan) Colgan; daughters-in-law: Marilyn (Tommy) Orsund, Cheri (Wally Jr.) Orsund; stepdaughters: Allison (Ryan) Hanson and Stacy (Larry) Ziegler; sisters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, sisters, sons, daughter and stepson.

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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reputation. These statements were made in August and September, 2019, and caused actual and obvious harm to Hunter's reputation.

Minnesota Court of Appeals came similar conclusion with respect to the allegation in paragraph 37, which was also dismissed by the district court for lack of specificity. In this paragraph, Hunter alleges that "[i]n 2018, both . . . Coughlin and Randolph told a banker of Mr. Hunter's at Deerwood Bank, Mr. [A.], that Mr. Hunter had committed a number of serious crimes, including crimes of dishonesty and financial crimes, causing Mr. [A.] and the Bank to withdraw a line of credit Mr. Hunter used for his business causing further damage to Mr. Hunter's reputation and

his ability to do business." Assessing this allegation with "all reasonable inferences in favor of the nonmoving party," Minnesota Court of Appeals read this paragraph to assert the following: that in 2018 a statement was made to Mr. A. by Coughlin and Randolph, while they were at the Deerwood Bank, that Hunter had committed "crimes of dishonesty and financial crimes." Thus, this allegation, while containing a broader time frame, sets out the content of the statement—that Hunter committed "crimes of dishonesty and financial crimes"; identifies the speakers—Coughlin and Randolph; identifies the person to whom the statement

was made—Mr. A.; and identifies where the statement was made—Deerwood Bank. As such, we conclude that this allegation also contains sufficient detail to withstand a motion to dismiss under Minn. R. Civ. P. 12.02(e) for lack of specificity.

Minnesota Court of Appeals reversal of the dismissal of paragraphs 33 and 37 for lack of specificity does not mean, however, that Hunter can stray from the wording set out in these two paragraphs, adding different alleged statements as the case develops. He is held to the four corners of the wording in paragraphs 33 and 37 unless he obtains leave of court to amend his complaint.

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MOTORHOME: 2007 Winnebago Voyage 35 ft. Motorhome w/3 slide outs, 8.1 liter gas, onboard Onan generator, power levelers, new tires 48,000 miles immaculate condition
ICE CASTLE: 2019 All Season Explorer fish house, AC, Furnace, Power Bunks, used two times, like new, **TRAVEL TRAILER:** 2016 Layton Javelin Series M-285BH 28.5 ft. travel trailer w/ AC, Furnace, Outdoor Kitchen, Rear Entry Bathroom, Electric jacks, Power Awning & 14 ft. Slide out, Immaculate condition **BOBCAT:** 2012 S150 Bobcat 2 speed w/ Kubota 48 HP Diesel engine, cab heat, auxiliary hydraulics, new battery, block heater & 67 in. bucket 3392 Hrs Very Clean, Quick attach forks, Quick attach ball hitch receiver
BOATING PACKAGES: 2004 Sea Ray 185 Sport w/4.3 liter MerCruiser less than 100 hrs of use (mint condition), 16 ft. Crestliner duck boat on trailer w/ custom built long tail 16 HP mud motor, **COLLECTOR CAR,** 1989 Ford Mustang 5.0 (salvage title) original motor new body **ATVs & RELATED,** 2009 TX John Deere gator, 2004 Arctic Cat 650 4wheeler with winch 1895 miles, 1996 Yamaha Waverunner (Current license used last year), Club Car electric golf cart, Tatou 4 Wheeler tracks (set of four) **SNOWMOBILES & RELATED:** 2002 Polaris XC Edge 700 1999 Polaris 500 Classic **TRAILERS:** 2017 Alumina Trailer w/folding ramp 6'6" x 12' 3500lb axles less than 1000 miles 4 1/2" x 7 1/2" Utility trailer w/ramp, 18 ft. Trailer no deck, **LAWN & GARDEN,** John Deere Z540R zero turn w/1 hr of use (new condition), John Deere X585 lawn tractor 4x4 great condition, John Deere D140 48 in. riding lawn tractor, Yard Machine riding lawn tractor, Snapper SR1028 rear engine riding lawn tractor (very clean), (2) walk behind weed trimmers, Airen's 3.5 HP front line garden tiller, 40in. Brinly lawn thatcher, Three point 14" buster furrower, 55 Gallon fuel tank w/hose, nozzle & pump, **ITEMS OF INTEREST,** Large quantity of Kiln dried Oak lumber #1 common most one inch 8 ft. lengths, 250 Gallon storage tank in crate, Metal garage shelving, Numerous shop power tools, Craftsman air compressors, Large quantity of spooled wire, Large variety of collectible glassware and related, Numerous canning jars & lids, Clean quality furniture, Antique wood stove, Small chest freezer (very clean), (2) Surf bike water bikes **FIREARMS & RELATED** Browning Citori 12 GA O/U, Mossberg 12 GA 395KB, Remington Express 12 GA pump, Coast to Coast model 267 series B 20 GA pump, Mossberg 600ET. 410 pump, Mossberg Patriot bolt action .243, Glenfield model 25 .22 LR, Stevens model 15B .22 LR, Kentucky LR 50 Cal black powder, CVA. 45 Cal black powder, Phiippietta Black powder revolver .44 cal, Dikar .45 Cal black powder, Davis engineering derringer .32 cal, High Point C9 9MM semi auto, Walther P22 .22 Cal semi auto, Armilus model HW71 .22 Cal, (3) 7.62x39 semi automatic rifles, Browning Citori 12 GA 2 1/2" 28", Belgian 8MM Lebel 7 shot revolver, Ruger single six .22 Revolver, Iver Johnson revolver #7-304 Spanish FCA Arms 1924 EI BAR 38 LNCGOTG, Hopkins & Allen double action No 6, Colt 649GM Gen Meade Pennsylvania Campaign model 7, Colt WV 1998 1863 West Virginia Centennial model 1963, Henry Lever action .22 LR (new in box), Ruger SR .22 semi auto rifle AR style, Ruger SR .22 semi auto hand gun, Ruger SR9 9MM semi auto hand gun, Approximately 4,000 rounds of 7.62x39 ammo, Winchester 12 GA AA shot gun ammo, .22 LR ammo, Misc. 20 GA .32 Special, .243 Ammo, .209 primers, Knives, Simmons scope, metal ammo boxes, gun cases & more!
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The Energy Conservation and Optimization (ECO) Act, passed the legislature Monday, May 17 with a decisive bipartisan vote of 58-9 in the Minnesota Senate and is expected to be signed by Governor Walz by the end of the month. The bill passed the Minnesota House on Saturday with a vote of 88-46. The provisions in this bill will modernize Minnesota's Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) by allowing energy providers to embrace beneficial and impactful new technologies and evolving

trends. "The passage of the ECO Act is great news for Minnesota's energy consumers," says Darrick Moe, president and CEO of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA), which represents electric cooperatives that serve consumers in all of Minnesota's 87 counties. "The legislation will help to reduce electric cooperative consumers' total energy bills and provide better tools for reducing carbon emissions." Minnesota's Conservation Improvement Program re-

quires all gas and electric utilities to spend a portion of their revenues on energy conservation. The program delivered real savings to Minnesotans on their energy bills through the adoption of technologies like LED lighting and Energy Star® rated appliances, providing more than \$6 billion in net benefits to the state and supporting over 45,000 local jobs in every corner of Minnesota. But as new technologies have emerged, CIP became outdated and needed reforms to continue providing tangible savings

and environmental benefits. The leadership of the state's electric cooperatives was instrumental in crafting a compromise reflecting the interests of a broad-based stakeholder group. The ECO Act brings many positive reforms to the outdated CIP, including allowing programs that lower total energy use to count toward part of electric utilities' energy savings goals even if electricity use is not reduced. The bill also ends the spending mandate. This unlocks the potential of recent technological advancements while eliminating the antiquated spending mandate that doesn't benefit end-use consumers.

"We are proud that the bill had significant and diverse stakeholder support, including the Minnesota Department of Commerce, utilities of all sizes and types, a broad group of nonprofit advocates and associations that represent local electrical contractors. This is a win-win-win for consumers, energy providers

and all sectors of Minnesota." As part of the next steps implementing the ECO Act, MREA will work with its members, who provide electricity to 1.7 million Minnesotans, and other stakeholders to seek ways to make low-income spending more effective.

Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative update

By SARAH CRON, MLEC GENERAL MANAGER
As many have heard from past MLEC Outlet newsletters and newspaper articles, Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative has been investigating the possibility of building a new operations center. In September of 2020, MLEC purchased a property on Highway 169, south of Aitkin. The initial purchase for the home and 40 acres was for \$450,000. The cooperative recently sold the house and seven acres for \$400,000. According to the realtor, the buyers are extremely happy with their purchase and are excited to have MLEC as a potential

neighbor. Another step in the investigative process has been completed with MNDOT's approval to put a turn lane and driveway into the property from Highway 169. With lots still happening behind the scenes, MLEC has not contacted an architect or contractor yet. The price of a new operations center is still uncertain. Things must happen in a logical order to make the best use of the cooperative's resources. For example, if MLEC couldn't get a conditional use permit, the land would have not been purchased. If the driveway permit was declined, there

would be no need for an architect. If for any reason MLEC decides not to move forward with the project, the land with road access will go up for sale, and it will still have been a good investment for MLEC and the membership. A full project recap will be available in the June Outlet newsletter. Past articles are also available online at www.mlecmm.net/newsletters. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mille Lacs Energy at 218-927-2191. Our staff would be more than happy to discuss the project and answer your questions.



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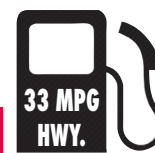
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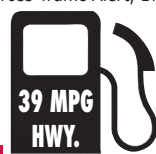


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