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## Long Lake teaching team assembled, ready for return of schools



The new Long Lake Conservation team. From left to right: Office Manager Connie Proctor, Naturalists Katie Murphy, Marla Richter, Julia Kuhns, and Claire Dobie, Manager Dave McMullan, Education Coordinator Beth Haasken, Naturalist Jake Panozzo, and Facilities Coordinator Anthony Miller. Not pictured: Head Chef Joel Hoppe. Photo courtesy of Long Lake.

Long Lake Conservation Center has assembled a new team of highly trained Naturalist educators, headed by Education Coordinator Beth Haasken, and is fully operational and ready to once again welcome students from around the state for overnight "Nature School". Haasken was hired in mid-July and quickly went to work putting her team together. The team consists

of full-time, year-round Naturalists Katie Murphy and Marla Richter, and part-time, year-round Naturalists Claire Dobie, Julia Kuhns and Jake Panozzo. Every member of the Naturalist/Education Team is an experienced educator with degrees and advanced training in Environmental Sciences.

"I am beyond thrilled with our team," Haasken said.

"Long Lake has a history of exceptional Naturalists. I believe this group can stand with any that we have ever had – and I understand that that is saying a lot. Their broad range of skills and interests will greatly enhance the educational experience of every student who attends our Nature School."

The makeup of the team represents a departure from Long Lake's previous educa-

tional staffing model in that it consists entirely of year-round Naturalists instead of a mix of year-round Naturalists and seasonal university students pursuing degrees in Environmental Education.

Before taking the helm at Long Lake, Haasken was a part-time Naturalist at Long Lake for more than 10 years, as well as Office Manager in the Aitkin County Land

Department, and head of Aitkin County 4-H. She has a degree in Biology from St. Cloud State University.

Being fully staffed allows Long Lake to open for overnight stays for the first time in nearly two years.

In addition to schools, Long Lake welcomes quilters, yoga retreats, family reunions, astronomy groups and other adventure clubs.

## Musicians wanted

Community members and students are invited to join one of Central Lakes College's many music offerings.

- Pep/Sports Band
- Wind Symphony/Concert Band
- Jazz Ensemble
- String Orchestra
- The CLC Choir

"If there is one thing we have learned lately, it is that live music is needed now more than ever," said Jonathan Laflamme, Director of Instrument Music. "We want you; the

world needs you to play and or sing. Welcome!"

Sarah Aamot, CLC Choir director, added "Join any of our ensembles and experience the benefits of group performance. Create beautiful music with other great musicians!"

Rehearsal times vary between groups, but each is located at the Brainerd campus. For more information please visit: [www.clcmn.edu/music](http://www.clcmn.edu/music)

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## Heritage Days

### Events throughout Crosby-Ironton

### THURSDAY, AUG. 19

Customer Appreciation Luncheon at Cuyuna Lakes Parts City, Summer Reading Program Closing Carnival, Medallion Hunt, Backstreet Books 10th Anniversary Celebration and Night To Unite at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake

### FRIDAY, AUG. 20

Cookies and Coffee with Anthony Koop, Coldwell Banker Crown Realtors, Backstreet Books 10th Anniversary, Experience Downtown Crosby, Dinner Specials at the Ironton American Legion, and Meat Raffles Throughout the Community

### SATURDAY, AUG. 21

The Great Ranger Get-Together Breakfast at the High School, Lions Car Show, Highway 210 Project Ribbon Cutting at the High School, Farmers' Market, Arts & Crafts Show, Free Yoga on the Beach, Author Alley, Story Hour, Rock Climbing Wall, Kids' Bike Race, Balloons, Concessions, Tie Dye T-Shirts, Make-It-and-Take-It Planting, Just For Kix Special Performance, Heartland Dancers And Gymnasts, Loon Calling Contest, Crusher Happy Hour, Artisan Fair and Silent Auction At The Soo Line Depot Museum

### SUNDAY, AUG. 22

Attend the Church of Your Choice, Cuyuna Crusher Race in the Rec Area

For a detailed listing of events [courier@crobyironton.net](mailto:courier@crobyironton.net) Heritage Days Promotional Support Provided By The City of Crosby

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# Minnesota Mountain Bike Series Race #9 — Cuyuna Crusher

More than 500 mountain bikers, their friends and families will come to Crosby the weekend of Aug. 21-22 for the Sixth Annual Cuyuna Crusher Race sponsored by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber and the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series. The Cuyuna Crusher takes place in the Mahnomen Unit of the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area.

“Don’t just drive into town for the day on Sunday, Aug. 22—we invite you to the Cuyuna Lakes to make a

weekend of it. Bring your family and enjoy swimming, diving, fishing, kayaking and paddle boarding in our crystal clear mine pit lakes. You will not regret the chance to explore our great town and get a quality pre-ride to prepare for your race. Visit our local businesses that sponsor the Crusher, without them we couldn’t do what we do!” said Brielle Bredsten, Chamber Executive Director.

**Online Registration Only!**  
Visit [mmtbseries.com](http://mmtbseries.com)  
Race #9 Cuyuna Lakes

Crusher for complete event details, maps, and register to race by Aug. 21 at 8 p.m.

### Crusher Happy Hour & Guided Tour of Connector Trail

Explore the new green level Connector Trails on a guided tour (approx. 8-mile/ 1.5 hour ride) on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. with SureShift MTB and friends. Riders will begin and end the ride at Cuyuna Brewing Company. Guided Bike Tour space is limited to 12 participants. Please RSVP to [brielle@cuyunalakes.com](mailto:brielle@cuyunalakes.com)

by Aug. 18.

There will be a Crusher Happy Hour at Cuyuna Brewing Company from 4-8 p.m. Happy Hour features live music by Bruce Archer playing a combination of blues, bluegrass, country, and folk. Concessions will be available. 2021 Crusher T-shirts (\$25) and socks (\$10) will be available at the Chamber booth.

### \$10 Raffle

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the trail system at Cuyuna Coun-

try State Recreational Area, you could win a GX Eagle AXS™ component upgrade kit (\$600 value) donated by Gear West. Raffles will be for sale during Crusher Happy Hour for \$10 each.

### Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteers are needed for many different positions to help make the event a success.

View volunteer spots, details and sign up at <https://signup.com/go/rADrPjg>.

Large group help is an option for community groups, scout troop or sports teams. We can’t host this event

without volunteers, and we thank you in advance for signing up!

No experience with bike races? That’s okay! We have lots of positions that require zero knowledge of the sport. Positions include check-in, trail stewards, directing traffic, packet pick-up, kids’ race, etc.

In exchange for your time, we’ll be providing volunteers with a free T-shirt and a free meal and/or refreshments during your shift!

Please contact the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber 218-546-8131 or [info@cuyunalakes.com](mailto:info@cuyunalakes.com) for more information.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### August

21st - Highway 210 Road Construction Ribbon-Cutting ceremony, Crosby-Ironton High School, 9 a.m. Breakfast to follow while supplies last.

21st - Heritage Days Arts & Crafts Show in Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 21st - Annual Corn Feed (all you can eat corn), will be held from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m., at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Malmø. Adults \$10, children 12 & under \$5.00. Pulled Pork on a bun, corn, beans, coleslaw & beverages.

21st - Outdoor Gospel Concert 7 p.m.: *Hawkinson and Friends*, country gospel by professional musicians from the Aitkin, Grand Rapids and Iron Range areas. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the concert will be inside the air-conditioned church. A free-will offering will be taken to help pay for the concerts. Malmø Evangelical Free Church is located near the junction of Highways 47 and 18 on Highway 18 near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

22nd - Cuyuna Lakes Crusher sponsored by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber and the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series. Call 218-546-8131 for more information.

23rd - 25th - Crosslake Days - Your favorite events are back including the Art & Craft fairs, Lost Chili Pepper

25th - 28th - Cuyuna Range Lions Colorado Peach Sale \$30/lug at Nelson Trucking in Deerwood and Subway in Crosby

26th - 2021 Smile Fest: FREE community picnic that includes live music, entertainment, food, family-friendly activities, and plenty of smiles at the Northland Arboretum. Visit [www.smilesforjake.org](http://www.smilesforjake.org) for more details.

26th - Music in the Park 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Tracy & Friends and JPAC. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and sit back and enjoy live music while overlooking the spectacular views of Serpent Lake. For more information about each Music in the Park event, visit [www.cuyunalakes.com](http://www.cuyunalakes.com) or call 218-546-8131 for more information.

26th - Glory Baptist Church Singspiration with snacks, fellowship, and singing your favorite hymns 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. [aitkinchuch.com](http://aitkinchuch.com)

28th - JACOBSON LANDING DAY Jacobson Recreation Area All Day Activities start at 9 a.m. Flea Market (All Vendors Welcome), Kids Games Starting at 10 a.m. Softball games, Volleyball and Cornhole Tournament. BINGO and Medallion Hunt at 1 p.m., Buried Treasure at 2 p.m., Pie Auction at 4 p.m. Beer Garden and BBQ sponsored by The Jacobson Fire Department Music by “Aftershock” 7:00-11:00 p.m.

28th - Ironton Kidsfest 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Morningside Park in Ironton. There will be free food (while supplies last), games, fire trucks on display, a water slide, music and more.

28th - Outdoor Gospel Concert 7 p.m.: *Jim Lee* from Brainerd, Jim is well known for his country-flavored gospel music. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the concert will be inside the air-conditioned church. A free-will offering will be taken. Malmø Evangelical Free Church the northeast corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

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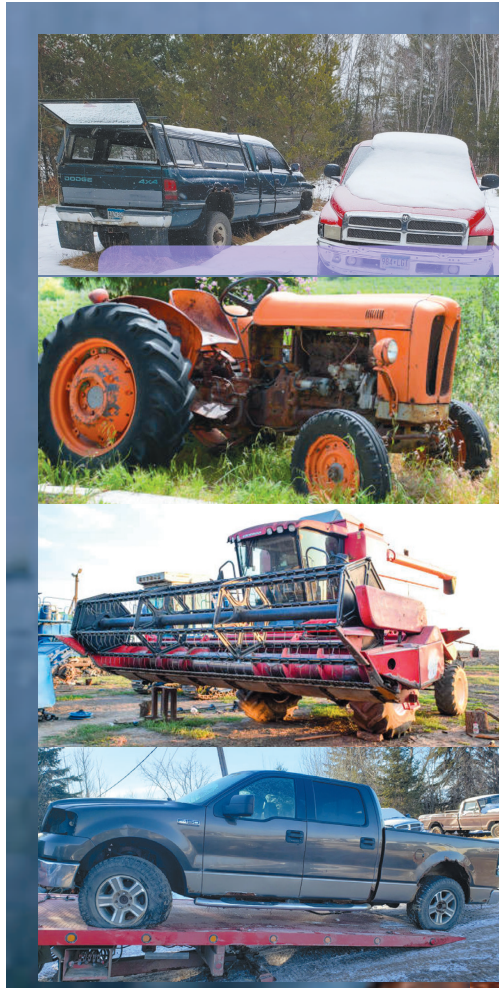
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# READER RIBBETS

## Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

have received several questions on the progress by the Minnesota Department of Revenue concerning state income tax returns and the change in state law that made the federal unemployment insurance (UI) tax exempt for state income tax purposes. The change in law occurred after the deadline date for filing state income tax returns.

The Department of Revenue (DOR) recently provided an update on this matter. The DOR is currently working through the 2020 income tax returns that are involved. It will adjust as many returns as it can on its end and then send out a refund. If the DOR cannot adjust a taxpayer's return, it will be reaching out directly to individual taxpayers advising them they will need to amend their return.

Starting later this month, the DOR indicates it will be sending out regular updates via email through "GovDelivery," as well as posting updates on the DOR website to inform taxpayers of their progress and when DOR will be issuing refunds. Visit this website to sign up for "GovDe-

livery" emails from the DOR. For more information on Minnesota tax law changes visit this link.

Minnesota agriculture continues to suffer from a punishing drought that is negatively impacting both crops and livestock. Both the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Agriculture have several assistance programs available. The MN Department of Agriculture maintains an excellent website titled "Drought Resources" that provides details on all the current assistance programs. Here are some examples:

**Minnesota Disaster Recovery Loan Program** - Zero-interest loans are available to Minnesota farmers whose operations are suffering due to extreme drought conditions under the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Disaster Recovery Loan Program. This loan is available to help cover lost revenue or expenses not covered by insurance. Click here for more.

**USDA Disaster Assistance for Drought Recovery** - Producers who experience livestock deaths

and feed losses due to natural disasters may be eligible for the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and a Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). This program also provides eligible producers with compensation for expenses associated with transporting water to livestock physically located in a county that is designated as level "D3 Drought - Extreme" according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Also, livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought in 2021 may be eligible for compensation through the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP). Visit this link for more information on these federal programs...

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., August 21, 2021)  
**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FOR BAY LAKE  
TOWNSHIP**

The Annual Fall Road Inspection for Bay Lake Township will be held on August 30, 2021 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Bay Lake Town Hall.

Dated: August 13, 2021  
CAROL PUNDT, Clerk  
Bay Lake Township  
2.0

## Easily compromised

Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard has shown he is easily compromised. Goddard's unprofessional, biased, dangerous, decision to limit access of the Deerwood and Ironton Police Departments simply as a favor to embattled former police chief Kim Coughlin is disturbing.

An arbitrator found Coughlin lied, altered documents, made documents disappear during an investigation of an officer. Those actions resulted in the officer being 100% exonerated, forced Crosby into a gag order situation, not on Coughlin and Kevin Randolph actions, they can't repeat what they fabricated about the officer. Coughlin's poor judgment and actions have placed Crosby in a difficult situation. Goddard exercises similar poor judgment and actions and throws

solid deputies under the bus. He is not right for Crow Wing County.

Minnesota appears to be riddled with people easily compromised. Walz allowed Minneapolis to burn, failed in the virus fight, and has placed all of Minnesota at risk. It is clear why the DFL is silent but Gazelka, Ruud, Heintzman, and Lueck refuse to demand Walz resign. They lack the backbone, integrity, and moral fortitude to step up, won't do the right thing for Minnesota. We the People need to elect people who will honor their oath, defend the Constitution, defend our freedoms, and keep their personal beliefs out of politics. Elect people who are willing to put Minnesota first, keep it free, safe, prosperous, and cannot be compromised.

*Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood*

## Crow Wing Viking Festival



The Crow Wing Viking Festival will be held Saturday, Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds in Brainerd.

The Crow Wing Viking Festival is family friendly as admission is capped for a family and battle reenactments are historically realistic, but still appropriate for all.

Admission for adults is \$10 for adults and \$5 those six to 17. Children five and under are free. Family maximum price is \$35.

Parking at the Crow Wing Fairgrounds is ample and free.

The festival features Viking-age crafts, costumes, weapons, mock battles, music, and games. The event strives to be authentic to the Viking age with the slogan, "Real Vikings. No Horns." The popular conception of horned helmets originated with artists and an opera costume designer during the

19th century. Attendees will be able to see and try on replica of an actual Viking helmet.

A variety of food will be available onsite. As an added delight, the Danish Sisterhood will be making and selling aebleskiver, a puffy, sphere-shaped pancake topped with powdered sugar. There will be Viking craft demonstrations (weav-

ing, carving, blacksmithing, etc.) using replica tools, skalds (Viking storytellers) recounting stories from Norse mythology, a chance to play the Viking game Kuub, and viewing Icelandic sheep and fjord horses. The Crow Wing Viking Festival is an event of the Sagatun Lodge of the Sons of Norway and Amber Lodge of the Danish Sisterhood.

### Crow Wing Viking Festival - 2021 Schedule

Gates open at 10:00 a.m. • Festival ends at 4:30 p.m.

10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Mills Stage  
**Viking Myths & Legends:** Skalds of the Viking Encampment recount stories from Norse Mythology.

11:15 a.m. & 2:10 p.m. Memorial Garden  
**Author reading: Ebandun.** An epic poem brings to life the struggles of young King Alfred of Wessex with the Danish invaders in 878 AD.

12:15 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Mills Stage  
**Women in the Viking Age:** Songs, Stories, and Mind-Blowing Facts.

1:15 & 3:30 p.m. Mills Stage  
**Circle Dance:** Learn to dance like a Viking

11:45 a.m. & 3:45 p.m. Battle Demo area  
**Battle demonstrations**

—All day—  
**Viking Age craft demonstrations**  
**Viking Games** (11 a.m.-4 p.m.)  
**Vendor sales**  
**Encampment:** See Viking tents and camping  
**Children's Crafts:** age-appropriate Viking-related crafts & games for children & youth 4 to 15.

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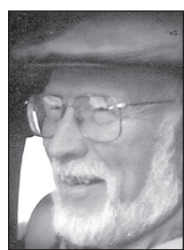
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# OBITUARIES

## DONALD CARLSON



Donald Rudolph Carlson, 87, of Bay Lake Township died on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at his home.

A Memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 23, 2021 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Bay Lake Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Sunday at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Monday one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials are preferred to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby—Mana for Malawi and Cuyuna Range Food Shelf.

Donald Rudolph Carlson was born July 31, 1934 to Andrew and Anna Carlson near Coffee Lake, Bay Lake Township. He graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School in 1952. In 1953-1954 school year, he purchased the East Bay Lake bus, taking kids to school during the school year and in the summer, he brought kids back and forth to the Bay Lake Camp owned by the 1st Lutheran Church St. Paul. He sold the bus to Dayton Humphrey in 1959. On June 8, 1957, he married Mary Helen Scarr at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. He was the Bay Lake Township Clerk from 1960 – 1974. Don worked

as an electrician with his father-in-law and in 1974, he purchased Scarr Electric and sold it in 1994. Through the years he belonged to the Sportsman Club, Deerwood Rifle Club, bowled Thursday night Straight-away in Crosby and for many years was a member of the Bay Lake Sno-Packers, being "Trail Master". In 1982, he was charter President for the newly formed Bay Lake Area Lions, serving many positions, especially Chaplain for many years. When the club acquired a mobility bus to service anyone who needed a ride, Don was the Thursday bus driver, driving until he turned 80. He sang in the church choir and served in the church wherever. He helped to distribute food for Cuyuna Range Food Shelf in the frozen food section for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of 64 years; children: Allison (Brad), Kevin (Lea), Amy (John) and Andy (Sheila); 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Dawn Marie; brother-in-law Robert, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding Don in death are his parents; brother Alan, sister Ruth Hansen, brother-in law Curt Hansen, sister-in-law Sue Scarr, aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

## LEONA HAMMER



Leona Edith Hammer, 94, of Maplewood died Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at her residence.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sherriff Lake Cemetery.

She was born September 30, 1927 to William and Hilma (Siira) Wirta at the family homestead near McGregor. She attended school and graduated from McGregor High School. Leona married Ernest Hammer on December 10, 1949 in Duluth. She enjoyed quilting and embroidery and made many quilts for her family and friends.

She loved all animals especially cats and made many contributions to animal rights She was a member of the former Victory in Christ Lutheran Church of Maplewood. Leona was someone who took only what she needed and was grateful for everything she had.

She is survived by her children: Jennifer Hammer of Woodbury, Lance Hammer of McGregor; granddaughter: Kendall Kwilas and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Wil husband Ernest on June 12, 2011, and brothers and sisters: Bill, Wilbert, Edna, Ila, Agnes, and Evelyn.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srffuneral.com](http://www.srffuneral.com).

## HARRIET SIMONSON



Harriet Lorraine "Mutzi" Simonson, 82, of Aitkin died on June 9, 2021.

Memorial Service will be held at 1-2 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Heart of MN Ministries (formerly UCC Church by the DQ.)

Immediately following will be an Open House Celebration of Life at the Aitkin American Legion from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Memorials to Riverwood Hospital Foundation in Aitkin are preferred.

She was orn on a snowy New Year's Day in 1939 to Mae (Tibbetts) and Edwin Hensel on a Palisade river farm. This hardworking beautiful redhead graduated from Aitkin High School in 1957. She met Harlan Simonson at a dance, fell in love and married him on June 27, 1959. She worked in Aitkin at the Extension Office and the DNR Fisheries Office. Harriet was a "social butterfly;" she loved being a part of social events. Her passions were bowling in her early years, gardening/canning, dancing, playing cards (especially 500), decorating for the holidays and being a meticulous cleaner. Along with raising six children, Harriet gave her time and energy to many organizations. She was active in and served as President of Aitkin American Legion

Auxiliary #86, UCC Church, Glen Township Treasurer, DFL, Red Cross, AARP Tax Volunteer, Help coordinate Class of 1957 Reunions, and frequent visitor with nursing home residents. Harriet enjoyed being a part of the Palisade Red Hats, Sunbeam card club, UCC Priscilla Club and Cedarbrook Homemakers.

Harriet is survived by Harlan, her loving husband of 62 years; children: Kim Pittsley, Edward Kehn (Cheryl), Anne Kellerman (Terry), Madeline Aderman (Jeff), James Simonson (Kat), Christine Simonson (Todd); four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings: Sidney Hensel (Janice), Shirley Kehn Johnson, Douglas Hensel, Rodney Hensel, Paulette Torgerson (Ed), Steven Hensel (Donna); sisters-in-law, Phyllis Hensel and Mary-Ann Zortman, brother-in-laws: Richard Laird and Paul Simonson (Karen) and many special nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law, Paul Pittsley; siblings: Lucille Hoge, Leroy Hensel (Bev), Elizabeth Catlin (Chester), Joyce Laird, Ken Hensel, sister-in-laws, Mary, Lydia, Bonnie, Helen; brother-in-laws, Alan, Lloyd, David, Lee, Alvin, Teddy.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srffuneral.com](http://www.srffuneral.com).

## BONNIE GEORGE



Bonnie L. (Anderson) George, 89, of Ironton died on Monday, August 9, 2021 at her home.

Funeral Service will be 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at the Lifespring Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Woodland Cemetery in Ironton Township on Monday at 2:00 p.m. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Sunday.

She was born on April 6, 1932 in Waukenabo Township to Howard and Louise (Cook) Emmert.

Bonnie is survived by her son, George R. Anderson of Ironton; daughter, Mabel Semler of Deerwood; 18 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren;

sister, Donna (James) Johnson of Deerwood; sister-in-law, Mary Lou Emmert of Deerwood; special friends, Lucy Bartz, Al Leyk, Ed and Sherry Gonzales, Nick and Carrie Hofmann all of Ironton and Maynard Grangruth of Deerwood and many other family and friends.

Preceding Bonnie in death are her parents; first husband, George Anderson Sr.; second husband, Lloyd George; two sons: Howard and Bruce Anderson; two daughters: Audrey Roggenkamp and Barbara Anderson; sister, Laura Emmert; two brothers: Howard and August Emmert; grandson, Kyle Anderson; great grandchildren: Anthony and Alexander Louks; son-in-law, Dwight Semler and daughter-in-law, Jennifer Anderson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

\* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

### ALLIANCE

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

Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; [www.pointway.org](http://www.pointway.org)  
Garrison\* — Pastor Michael H. Pakkie; 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 — Interim Pastor Mark Boone; Sunday Morning Service 10.  
Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30  
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45  
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; [hillicityagchurh@gmail.com](mailto:hillicityagchurh@gmail.com); 218-697-2662  
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

### BAPTIST

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 10:30, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9 & 10:30, [thejourneynorth.com](http://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.; [fbcbrainerd.com](http://fbcbrainerd.com)  
Brainerd - The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchontheisewiseroad.org](http://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. [aitkinchurch.com](http://aitkinchurch.com)  
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.  
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.  
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

### CATHOLIC

Aitkin\* — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm.  
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat. 4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.  
Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.  
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.  
Crosby\* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass: Mon. 8, Tues. Noon, Thurs. 6 pm, Fri. 8, Sun 8:30 & 10:30 (10:30 outdoors weather permitting)  
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmsternils.org](http://www.ihmsternils.org); Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.  
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.  
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm  
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry 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.

### EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 Brainerd\* — St. Paul's, Rev. Joyce A. Rush. In-person worship service at 10 am Sunday. Online at 5 pm Saturday. Call the church 219-829-3834 and leave a message with email to receive a Zoom invitation.

### EVANGELICAL FREE

Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Rick Foster; Worship at 8:30 & 10; Wed for all ages 6:30 pm  
Crosslake — Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email [thelogchurch@crosslake.net](mailto:thelogchurch@crosslake.net)  
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm  
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. 9am In-person (Also available via livestream on YouTube — First Lutheran Church, Aitkin) This service will be broadcasted at 10am on KKIN 94.3 FM radio; take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 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](http://www.christbaxter.com).

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 [www.princeofpeacecelutheran.church](http://www.princeofpeacecelutheran.church)  
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at [www.goodshepherdfreeelutheran.church](http://www.goodshepherdfreeelutheran.church), 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. ([www.lilchurch.org](http://www.lilchurch.org))  
Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.m. Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: [www.trinitybrainerd.org](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org) Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto:trinity@trinitybrainerd.org)

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCCM, 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 (LCCM, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.  
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake — (ELCA) [www.crosslakelutheran.com](http://www.crosslakelutheran.com) 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](http://www.missionofthecross.org)

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship 9; Sunday School 9:15.

Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.  
Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. [www.shepherdofthelake.org](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org).

Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. 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; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

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

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

### NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, 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](http://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](http://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](http://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, Worship 9, fellowship follows.  
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 — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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# OBITUARIES

## REVEREND WILLIAM FOX



Reverend William (Bill) P. Fox, 78, died on Monday, July 26, 2021 in Amarillo, TX with his wife at his side. Bill had been struggling with COVID pneumonia for three weeks and then developed a massive brain bleed. As Bill has preached many times, it was his "expiration date."



Memorial service will be noon on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson

Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Aitkin. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Lunch and fellowship will follow. Interment with full military honors will be in Woodland Cemetery, McGregor. Bill was born in Minneapolis on October 21, 1942 and moved to Bethel at the age of five with his parents,

Philip and Peggy Fox. He went to Bethel School and then St. Francis High School and one year at McGregor High School before entering the Navy in 1959. After 11 years in the Navy, he returned to Minnesota. One day in May 1972, he was visiting his Aunt Laura Malenfant in McGregor and met Sue and five months later

they were married on September 30, 1972. In January 1977, while living in McGregor, Bill had a bad car accident and he realize he needed to commit his life to Jesus. On his 50th birthday in 1992, Bill was ordained into the ministry. For 34 years, Bill and Sue owned and operated Shirts Plus of Aitkin. After selling the business in December of 2014, they began to travel and eventually went full time in their RV. During those years Bill was Chaplain/Pastor at the RV park where they stayed.

Bill is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sue Fox; daughters: Ami Gaudette and Lindy King; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Colleen Fox; sisters, Linda and Charles Hutton; Maggie Kofstad; stepsons: Burke Fauks; Chad and Tami Fauks; brother-in-law: Gary Thompson; sister-in-law and brother-in-law: Jeanne and Gary Tast; mother-in-law: Helen Cunnien Polreis many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) or you can write Sue at her mailing address: 1414 Sunrise Dr. #10, Amarillo, TX 79104.

## LORRAINE JOHNSON



Lorraine (Lolly) Johnson, 83, of Aitkin, Anoka and Dawson, died on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at home in Eden Prairie surrounded by loving family and friends.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at First Lutheran Church, Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. A light lunch and fellowship will follow immediately after the service. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be live-streamed on "you-tube" at [firstlutheranchurchinaitkin.com](http://firstlutheranchurchinaitkin.com).

Lorraine was born in the Montevideo hospital and spent her very early years on her parents farm. After her father died when she was seven years old, Lorraine and her mother moved into Dawson. Lorraine spent her grade school and high school years there and learned to play French horn. She earned and saved money from waitressing at a restaurant and working in a dental practice to attend Lutheran Bible Institute upon graduation from high school. While attending LBI she was selected to be part of

a girls quartet that traveled the Midwest. After graduating from LBI, she accepted a call for parish ministry in Twin Valley and then accepted another call from Zion Lutheran church in Anoka where she remained for 42 years. Lorraine retired and moved with her husband to their lake home near Aitkin in 2003. There they joined First Lutheran Church making many wonderful friends during that time. They remained there for 16 years during which she developed dementia and started to have memory problems necessitating a move to a senior complex in Eden Prairie in 2019.

Lorraine is survived by her husband of 56 years, Eric Johnson; children: Ingrid Johnson (Richard Ophoven), Peter Johnson (Krisann), Kristine (Brian) Gobin; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Darrel (Carolyn Thompson) Anderson; sisters-in-law: Sharon (Charlie) Johnson, Betty Larson; many other special relatives and friends

She was preceded in death by parents, Albert and Helen Lee and brother-in-law John Larson.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## DALE BEIHOFFER



Dale LeRoy Beihoffer, 101, of Aitkin, died peacefully, Monday, August 9, 2021 in Rivers Edge Assisted Living, Aitkin.



Visitation will be Sunday, August 22, 2021 from 5-7 p.m. in Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin and will continue Monday, August 23, 2021 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Service in First Lutheran Church, Aitkin with Pastor Regie Denton officiating. Military Honors will be provided by Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin V.F.W. Post 1272. Interment will be in Glory Baptist Cemetery, Nordland Township. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

Dale was born February 27, 1920 in Minneapolis to George and Inez (Hamann) Beihoffer. He grew up in Buffalo Lake, Hutchinson and Gaylord. Dale is a veteran of The United States Navy who served from 1942-1948 during WWII. Dale married Kathryn "Kay" Mae Hoppert on August 23, 1958. They made their home in Fridley. Dale graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematical Engineering and worked for Northern Pump/FMC, retiring in 1983. Dale and Kay moved to the Aitkin area in 1988 and enjoyed Farm Island Lake living with fishing, gardening, friends, faith

and family being their areas of focus. He was a cheerful volunteer in the Aitkin area. Dale was very involved at his church, serving on the endowment committee, cleaning and straightening the sanctuary, helping to serve the Christmas Day community meal, and in general helping in whatever way he could. He also assisted elderly individuals with their tax preparation, volunteered 12 years at Rippleside Elementary School in the computer lab, sorted pictures at the Aitkin Depot Museum, and was an active and outreaching member of a grief support group. Dale inspired and touched many people's lives with his humble and caring personality.

Dale is survived by his daughters: Mary (Dan) Swanson of Aitkin and Anne (Jeff Olson) Beihoffer of Aitkin; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brother, Lowell (Cathy) Beihoffer of Becker; sister, Virginia Simondet of Spring Park; sisters- and brothers-in-law, John and Sharon Hoppert of Howard's Grove, WI and Jim and Ann Keller of Sheboygan, WI; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dale was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn Mae Beihoffer; parents; sisters: Lois and Dorothy; brother, Warren; many brothers- and sisters-in-law.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## MARJORIE WHEELER



Marjorie M. Roach Wheeler, 83, died peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, August 16, 2021 at Essentia-St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, August 21, 2021 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. A visitation will be on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

She was born on January 25, 1938 in Crosby to Louis and Vera (Gordon) Moritz.

Marge loved spending time with her family. Nothing made her smile more than time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her great grands were her "little buddies."

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, family hunting trips, gardening, fishing trips, time at the lake, going to the casino, and spending time with friends and family.

Marge is survived by her sons: Jim (Pam) Roach and Randy (Kelly) Roach; stepson, Brian Wheeler; daughter, Mitzi Crall; stepdaughter, Brenda Wheeler; two brothers: Ray (Janice) Moritz and Eugene (Marilyn) Moritz; ten grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Marge in death were her parents; first husband, Jimmie Roach Sr.; second husband James Wheeler; granddaughter, Heidi Keen and great granddaughter, Analisa Wheeler.

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

## CLARA LEWIS-HILDEN



Clara Ann Lewis-Hilden, 79, of Crosby died on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A Memorial Gathering will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443 in Ironton.

She was born on October 19, 1941 in Crosby. Clara was the former owner and operator of the

Crosby Bakery and was a former cook at T.J.'s on the Cove in Deerwood.

Clara is survived by her son, Vern (Teffany) Lewis of Crosby; daughter, Patricia (Duane) Pomerleau of Coon Rapids; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Preceding Clara in death are her parents; husband Ivan Hilden; son, David Lewis and 12 siblings.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## Crowds celebrated the return of Deerwood Summerfest



Sheltered Reality performed in the Salem Lutheran parking lot. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Even the famous deer statue seemed happy to smell the food, see the families and all the hustle and bustle at Deerwood Summerfest on August 14.

The first revival since the pandemic showed a day that began at 44 degrees but quickly climbed to 84 by mid-afternoon, with bright blue skies and balmy breezes.

Folks of all ages strolled among the food vendors, craft stalls and checked out rummage sales at the Mustard Seed, Salem Lutheran Church and in the auditorium.

Other Summerfest fun included flag raising, street dance, dunk tank, medallion hunt, pet show, tractor pull, display of emergency vehicles raffles, auctions and sales,

entertainment, golf, run/walk, bean bag tourney and more.

Lily McKenzie of Coon Rapids found the medallion at Skone Beach.

With a harried past and

uncertain future, hearts are heavy in today's world. But for one day, in a little Crow Wing County town, summer came back, briefly, as we all remember it to be.



The Cuyuna Range Lions food tent attracted crowds with their selection of hamburgers, hot dogs and (most of all) jumbo smoked turkey legs provided by Emily Meats. Other supplies were provided by Super One Foods.



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Astute shoppers hurried to scoop up great bargains and rare items at the Salem Lutheran silent auction on Saturday.

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The three new members

will replace Dan Brown, Peggy Stebbins and Matt Larson whose terms are expiring. Prospective board members must be active Cuyuna Lakes Chamber members in good standing.

Those who are interested in becoming a Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Board member may request an application by contacting Executive Director Brielle Bredsten at 218-546-8131 or sending a message to [brielle@cuyunalakes.com](mailto:brielle@cuyunalakes.com). The deadline to apply is September 13.

## Free Medicare Fraud Awareness online classes

The Senior LinkAge Line® will offer two Medicare Fraud Awareness and Prevention classes Wednesday, September 8 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Attendees will learn about detecting, preventing, and reporting Medicare

fraud, avoiding potential COVID-19 fraud and scams, as well as other scams targeting older adults. They will also learn how to read and understand their Medicare Summary Notices and other Medicare-related documents.

This class is offered online

using the easy-to-use Microsoft Teams meeting platform. To register go to our "Classes, Workshops, and Trainings" page on our website: <https://www.arrowheadaging.org/classes-workshops-trainings> or call the Senior LinkAge Line® at 800-333-2433.

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is a free, statewide service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota's Area Agencies on Aging. The Senior LinkAge Line® helps older Minnesotans and caregivers find answers and connect to the services and support they need.

## Aitkin High School 1971 class reunion schedule

Aitkin High School 1971 class reunion is schedule for Thursday - Sunday, Aug. 26-29.

On Thursday, Aug. 26, there will be a fishing launch on Mille Lacs Lake leaving from Twin Pines Resort at 6 p.m. The cost is \$40. If you are

interested contact Janie Johnson Martz at 218-838-0462 to reserve your spot.

Events for Friday, Aug. 27 will include lunch at noon at Coach's in Deerwood, mini golf at 1:30 p.m. in Deerwood and a campfire gathering at Sally Lake Bowser's. Come

anytime after 6 p.m. rain or shine, as there is a shelter. Bring your own lawn chair, snacks and beverages.

The official class reunion at the American Legion in Aitkin on Saturday, Aug. 28. Registration is required.

- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. registration and happy hour
- 6:00 p.m. class photo

• 6:30 p.m. dinner served  
On Sunday, Aug 29 meet at the Moose Lodge in Aitkin at 8:00 a.m. with brunch served at 9:00 a.m. Open to all. Cost is a free will donation.

All events are open to friends and families, excluding the official reunion on Saturday evening which is for classmates and their guests.

## Picnic and concert with Jumpin' Jehosafats

The Emily United Methodist Church, located one block east of the intersection of MN Hwy 6 and CR 1 in Emily, will be hosting a free community picnic for area residents and visitors in their back yard at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25. This will be followed at 6 p.m. by a concert performed by the Jumpin' Jehosaphats. A free will donation will be taken with proceeds to support area missions. Bring a

blanket or chair if you wish. In case of rain, we will rejoice and move both picnic and concert inside.

Jumpin' Jehosafats is a band that plays a mix of Dixieland, Gospel, and Jazz music. Of their group, they've said, "We believe God wants us to have fun. We're designed to laugh and sing and dance. That's one of the ways God lifts our spirits." The band is a lot of fun; you won't want to miss it.



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