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Crosby-Ironton and Aitkin football teams eager for opener



There were many eager participants in the C-I Elementary Football Camp last week. Photo courtesy of Brenda Booth

By ANN SCHWARTZ
As the weather seems to have a fall chill in the air, the Aitkin Gobbler football team practiced at the track field in Aitkin this past week.

Aitkin Head Coach Alan Hills told his team: "We need all of our seniors to step up and lead the younger guys. You all got votes to be captain."

Meanwhile Bryan Syrstad, Crosby-Ironton head coach, is looking forward to the season: "We are fortunate to have a hard-working and knowledgeable coaching staff," he observed. "Many of our coaches have been with us for many years, played at the college level and are CI alumni."

C-I coaches for the 2021

season are Head Coach Bryan Syrstad. Assistant Coach: Neil Tesdahl, Brady Tesdahl, Tom Mount, James Fort, Matt Windorski, Daniel Hudrik. Junior High Coaches: Adam English, Andrew Tuthill. Strength Coach: Mike Gindorff.

"After a Section 7AA Championship season in 2020 the 2021 Rangers have many shoes to fill," continued Syrstad. "In 2021, we have many new faces who are up for the challenge on Friday nights. We open up Friday, September 3, at home versus Aitkin at 7 p.m."

Toughest opponents for Crosby-Ironton are Aitkin, Mesabi East and Moose Lake Willow River.

Key returners are Dylan

Klancher, Jordan Oehrlein, Hayden McGowan, Ashton Hann, Gabe Windorski, Jordan Mount.

Key newcomers are Jacob

Millsop, Brayden Holmwig, Chase Hage, Luke Severson.

Aitkin Head Coach Alan Hills could not be reached by press time to ask about

specifics. Aitkin's coaches include Hills, Stacy Westerlund, Scott Miller, Peter Yunker, Sean Smith, Matthew Vogtilin, Greg Hills and Jason Henke.



Aitkin High School football team practice for their upcoming varsity game against Crosby-Ironton on Friday, September 3 at John Davies Field in Crosby. Ann Schwartz photo

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Cuyuna Crusher a day full of races



Throughout the day a total of 570 racers participated in the sixth annual Cuyuna Crusher on Aug. 22 at the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area trails. The event was organized by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series Race. For more information about Cuyuna Lakes events, visit cuyunalakes.com. For race results, visit: <https://www.mnmtbseries.com/2021-results>. Photos courtesy of Randy Harrison

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September

- 4th - Wild Rice Days, McGregor 7 - 11 a.m. VFW Wild Rice Pancake Breakfast; 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. car show; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. kid fun; 11 a.m. 2 p.m. live music; 2 p.m. parade; noon - 4 p.m. ice cream cone at the United Methodist Church plus much more!
- 4th - Crossing Arts in Brainerd presents 'Northern Waters', Artist Talk And Closing Reception at 12:00 pm. Free will offering at the door. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416, info@crossingarts.org.
- 4th - Labor Day Patio Party with live music starting at 8 p.m. by The Wayne Renn Band with special guests at the Croft Pub & Grub in Crosby. Call 218-546-6575 for details.
- 5th - Wild Rice Days, McGregor 8 - noon arts, crafts and food vendors; noon - 4 p.m. Lions Corn Feed plus more!
- 8th - Senior LinkAge Line® Medicare Fraud Awareness and Prevention classes 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. To register go to "Classes, Workshops, and Trainings" page at <https://www.arrowheadaging.org/classes-workshops-trainings> or call the Senior LinkAge Line® at 800-333-2433.
- 11th - Smoke on the Range fundraiser, watch the pit masters at work and enjoy the delicious food, people's choice and judge's choice awards, mega meat raffle, 50-50 raffle, his and hers gun raffle, entertainment and more at The Deerstand Restaurant and Bar in Deerwood. Call 218-534-9253 for more details.
- 14th - 17th - The Friends of the Brainerd Public Library Big Fall Book Sale at the Westgate Mall 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Access will be through the service door on the front (south) side of the mall, to the right of the large JoAnn sign. For more info log on to www.wineandwordsfriends.com/book-sales.
- 14th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning "Walt Whitman - Poet of American Democracy" presented by Jack Hickerson.
- 15th - Glory Baptist Church Fall Kick Off. All ages, free meal at 6 p.m. Fun activities until 8 p.m. Youth Group for ages 7th-12th (rightnowmedia). Kids programs for ages Preschool to 6th (I Stand in Awe curriculum). And an adult group on Wednesday nights, www.aitkinchurch.com
- 19th - Glory Baptist Church begins adult, youth and children's Sunday school for the school year. www.aitkinchurch.com
- 20th - Great Decisions: "The Korean Peninsula"
- 24th - Fabulous Armadillos 7 p.m. at the new Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd. Call 218-855-8199 for tickets.
- 26th - Glory Baptist Church Singspiration Join us for snacks, fellowship, and singing your favorite hymns 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. aitkinchurch.com

Webinars on hunting and fishing

Anyone interested in hunting, fishing and the outdoors can learn about activities like how to hunt pheasants, catch bass in the fall or get ready for deer seasons by joining webinars hosted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"We'll continue to reach people interested in developing their outdoor skills with a new lineup of webinars this fall," said Benji Kohn, DNR volunteer mentor program coordinator. "With hunting seasons and fall fishing around the corner, we're anticipating strong interest from people who want some tips about trying new outdoor activities."

The DNR started the Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series in March to share how-to knowledge relevant to Minnesota outdoor seasons and activities. Most of the webinars center on hunting or fishing skills, and some have covered other outdoor activities like kayaking or foraging. The webinars

are at noon on Wednesdays and last less than an hour.

The webinars are free, but participants are required to pre-register. Fall session topics are as follows and registration pages for the webinars are available on the DNR website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishwildlife/outreach/index.html>.

Sept. 8 - Getting started in small game hunting, including equipment and where to hunt

Sept. 15 - Transporting firearm or archery equipment for hunting, whether across town or around the world

Sept. 22 - Waterfowl hunting basics, including tips and resources on how to get started

Sept. 29 - Fall bass fishing tips, tackle and techniques

Oct. 6 - Bird hunting with a pointing dog, and the training required for both the owner and dog to become a team in the field

Oct. 13 - Pheasant hunting strategies, techniques and how to get started chasing

longtails

Oct. 20 - Bats of Minnesota and why many consider them a great backyard visitor

Oct. 27 - The latest on chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Minnesota and what hunters need to know about this disease and what the DNR is doing to manage it

Nov. 3 - Preparing for the firearms deer season, including last-minute tips, reminders, strategies to be successful this deer season

Nov. 10 - Muzzleloader hunting tips and techniques

Nov. 17 - Creating habitat in your woods to attract more wildlife

Nov. 24 - Nature Rx, ahead of Free Park Friday at all 75 Minnesota state parks, about the health benefits of getting outdoors in parks, forests and other natural settings

READER RIBBETS

Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

On Saturday, Aug. 21, I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony in Crosby, commemorating the completion of the State Highway 210 project that included the Main Street through both Crosby and Ironton. The event was part of the Heritage Days the Cuyuna Range Community annually celebrates. Appreciation to everyone involved in putting on an exceptional three-day event for all ages, celebrating the history of the Cuyuna Iron Range. Part of Heritage Days weekend included the Cuyuna Crusher Mountain Bike Racing event at the Cuyuna State Recreation Area. The race brought in almost 600 contestants to this now national and inter-nationally recognized event to compete on the "Red Dirt Trails." This past Saturday, I also attended a presentation by environmental activist Paula Maccabee on mining. The focus of her presentation was the potential of mining occurring in the Tamarack area. Maccabee is employed by WaterLegacy, a 501(c) non-profit organization that is opposed to mining. The thrust of the presentation was that Minnesota's

environmental review process is inadequate and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources or Pollution Control Agency are incompetent with respect to regulating mining operations within Minnesota. I strongly encourage all interested parties to please do your homework on Minnesota's extensive environmental review process before accepting speculation about the lack of integrity and capacity of the DNR and MPCA to effectively regulate mining in Minnesota. Here are some suggested environmental review links that may be of interest:

- **MPCA:** www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/environmental-review

- **DNR:** www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/ereview/index.html

- **NEPA:** ceq.doe.gov/get-involved/citizensguidetonepa.html

- **EQB:** www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/environmental-review-guidance-citizens

- **Historical Review:** mn.gov/admin/archaeologist/government/project-review/ Additionally, Talon Metals has indicated they are going to hold a meet-and-greet event

from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22 at the Tamarack City Park. For more info visit: talonmetals.com/community/. I also attended a meeting hosted by Crow Wing County with interested parties on developing a formal "Safe ATV Route to Town" that would provide a connection between area ATV Trail systems with the Cities of Crosby and Ironton. More to follow on this important project continues to develop. As a legislator, I try to stay focused on matters involving state government. However, I cannot ignore the tragic events that occurred today at the airport in Afghanistan. As a veteran and career military officer I am bitterly disgusted with the debacle that senior elected, state department officials and flag-level military officers have presided over in recent days. For us here on the home front, if you can find it in your heart, please say a prayer for our brave men and women in uniform that remain in harm's way doing their best in the face of extreme adversity.

Representative Dale Lueck
Minnesota House
District 10B

The lesson

Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard has rescinded his decision to restrict the Deerwood/Ironton Police Departments from public buildings. The decision to restrict was a favor to embattled former Crosby police chief Kim Coughlin who incidentally is Goddard's choice for the in-house background investigator for the Sheriff's Office. Goddard's recent publication about former Deputy Pat Pickar is another example of the danger keeping Goddard as Sheriff. While Pat took the high road,

Goddard took the shallow, cutthroat road. Goddard's focus should be on the safety of county, and the public trust, but he poorly decides to attack a solid deputy instead. Goddard has proven to be a liability the county can't afford to keep. Goddard's incompetence has educated Crow Wing County, the lesson; Goddard is unfit, unprofessional, petty, compromised, is willing to violate the public trust, and friends come before the county residents.

Goddard lacks the character, integrity, and moral fortitude

to do the right thing on his own. We need to hold him accountable for the wrong things he's doing. His resignation is in the best interests of Crow Wing County, and he does not deserve the position of Sheriff.

When our elected officials refuse to act or support us, it is our right, our duty, our responsibility to alter our government for our safety, our rights, our freedom. To peacefully bring about this change, we must demand their immediate resignations. Fixing our elected mistakes is easy, we must be dedicated to getting compromised people out of office as soon as possible.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

CORRECTION: An incorrect website was published in the August 28 NewsHopper for the \$9 million Aitkin school referendum this fall. The correct link is <https://www.allfor1aitkin.org/>. We regret the error.

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HOLLY JOHNSON



Holly Renee Johnson, 51, of Brainerd died on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at her home. A Graveside service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday September 4, at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily. She was born in St. Paul on March 11, 1970 to Robert and

Barbara (Lustig) Johnson. Holly is survived by two daughters: Danielle Olson of Brainerd and Kayla (Jonah) Schaeffel of Waite Park; brother, Michael (Gerr) Johnson of Merrifield and three grandchildren. Preceding Holly in death are her parents. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT KELLEY



Robert (Bob) N. Kelley, 77, of Tamarack died Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. Memorial service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. He was born March 16, 1944 in Tamarack to

Nort and Virginia (Kiley) Kelley. He graduated from McGregor High School in 1962. Robert married Gloria Mae Bertelsen on June 26, 1965 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell. He enjoyed farming, guns, auction sales and wrenching on his friends machinery. He loved spending time with friends and family, especially his granddaughters. Robert is survived by his son and daughter-in-law: Kurt (Lisa) Kelley of McGregor; two daughters and son-in-law: Annette Kelley of Tamarack and Naomi (Joe) Larson of Tamarack; four granddaughters: Shay, Heidi, Hannah, and Shelby; Great-grandson: Easton Baar; brother and sister-in-law: Jack (Lorena) Kelley; many other special friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Mae Kelley on June 9, 2019 and his parents; Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

BETTY EVANS



Betty Lou Evans, 92, of Aitkin, died Monday, August 16, 2021 in Aicota Healthcare Center, Aitkin. Services will be Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 11 a.m. in First Lutheran Church, Aitkin. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, cards, and memorials please direct donations to Alzheimer's Research and Suicide Awareness.

Betty was born April 28, 1929 to Walter and Anna (Brummand) Webinger.

Betty is survived by her four children: Linda (Denny) Elliott, Theodore Thomas Yates III, Deborah Yates, and Gary Thomas Yates; stepchildren: Renee Annette Morehart, William David Evans (Bill), Colleen Susan Evans, Margret (Marki) Rose

(Joe) Vogtlin, Janet Elizabeth Curiel, Richard Gerard Evans; 33 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; and 24 great-great grandchildren; siblings: Lorence Webinger, Helen Walters, Bobby (Stephanie) Webinger, Sandra (Donald) Fredrickson; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Betty is preceded in death by her husbands, Theodore Thomas Yates Jr and Betty's match made in heaven, Donald Leroy Evans who was introduced by Deborah Yates; parents; children: Donald James Evans Jr, Anastasia Marie Evans; grandsons: Theodore Thomas Yates IV and Charles Ethan Elliott; siblings: Lavon Kondrock, Walt Webinger, Rita Schultz, Vianna Hegian, Roger Webinger.

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

MARY ANN BODWAY



Mary Ann Bodway, 80, of McGregor, died Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Grand Village in Grand Rapids.

Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

She was born December 18, 1940 to Clifford and Vera (Carlson) Johnson in Willmar. She attended Minneapolis Business College. Mary Ann married Phillip Bodway in 1962. They settled in McGregor where she raised her family and pursued several business interests with her husband. Mary Ann is best remembered for her kindness and affectionate smile. She had a quiet strength and a big heart. Her inner strength was never more evident as she dealt

with the effects of a stroke for the last four years. She loved nothing more than to be surrounded by family and cherished her many friendships.

Mary Ann is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Tony) Neururer; son, Bart (Sheila) Bodway daughter-in-law Karen Duerre Olson; six grandchildren: Krista (Mike) Rothstein, Kyle (Kelsey) Neururer, Ryan (Alicia) Neururer, Haley and Jake Bodway, and Grant Bodway; five great-grandchildren: Emma, Benjamin, Lillian, Parker and Aveline, brothers Stanley (Diane) Johnson, Rodney (Wendy) Johnson and Dean Johnson; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Phillip; son, Brett and brother, Leonard Johnson.

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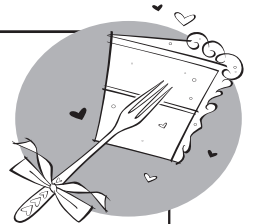
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ALLIANCE

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* — 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; 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
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9 & 10:30, 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
Brainerd - The Church On The Wide Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewideroad.org
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30, SS 9:30.
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm
Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12. 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; 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 Hafner 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 218-829-3834 and leave a message with email to receive a Zoom invitation.

EVANGELICAL FREE

Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Wednesday 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 Johnson; 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 — (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sun. 8am, 10am am and 1pm In-person (10am service also available via livestream on YouTube — First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKN 94.3 FM radio), Wed. 5:30pm with supper; Sun. school at 9am, 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.princeofpeacechurch.com

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.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.lhchurch.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 Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.

Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday, Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.

Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 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; handicapped accessible.

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)

Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.

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

Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9.

Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30.

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

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 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 Irondale Town Hall, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10 am, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live. 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

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT GESKE



Robert Roy "Bob" Geske, 90, of Deerwood died at his home on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, September 3, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. with a sharing of memories at 12:30 p.m. at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Friday with military honors presented by the Water

Scott Erickson American Legion Post.

He was born on May 16, 1931 in Regina Saskatchewan Canada to Oscar and Margaret Geske. He graduated from the Thief River Falls High School, returned to Canada to play one season of Canadian semi-pro hockey before entering the United States Air Force. After leaving the service, Bob lived and worked in the Crosby area for many years before moving

to the Twin Cities area in 1963. Bob moved back to the Crosby area in 1967 and began working for Scorpion Snowmobiles as a mold maker and fabricator in their fiberglass division. In 1968 he and Dr. James Naros created the hockey program in the Crosby area. Bob was an avid Minnesota sports fan and rarely missed a Twins, North Star/Wild or Vikings game. He was a fanatical Vikings fan and was extremely proud when his granddaughter Erika became a Minnesota Vikings cheerleader. He was a proud member of Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post in Deerwood.

Bob is survived by his best friend and companion of 38 years, Deloris "Dode" Waffensmith and her caring family: son, Rob (Mona) Geske of Trommald; granddaughter, Erika Weymann (Jeff Ramacher) and great granddaughter, Charlye Weymann of Lino Lakes.

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

Permits for Camp Ripley hunts

Hunters who missed the lottery deadline for the Camp Ripley archery hunt can purchase surplus permits on a first-come, first-served basis beginning noon on Friday, Sept. 10. Hunters who already received a permit will not be allowed to purchase a surplus permit.

A total of 197 permits remain for the hunt which will run from Friday, Oct. 29, through Sunday, Oct. 31.

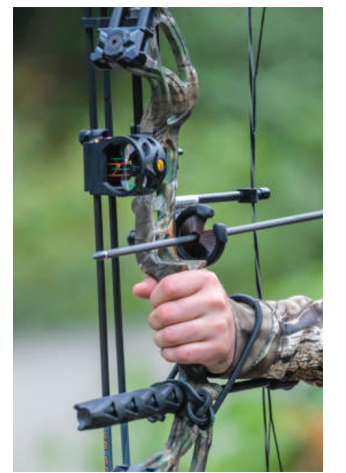
Hunters can purchase a surplus permit at any Minnesota Department of Natural Resources license agent or online at mndnr.gov/buyalicense. Permits will remain on sale as long as they are available, or until Friday, Oct. 15.

The cost of the permit is \$14. Hunters will need to use surplus permit code 677 and then choose the Camp Ripley hunt code 668. Successful applicants will receive a hunt packet in the mail, which includes a notice that is required to enter Camp Ripley.

The bag limit for this year's hunt is two deer. Hunters may use their regular archery license, which is valid for either sex, or may use bonus permits to take antlerless deer. Additional rules and instructions are available on the DNR deer hunting webpage.

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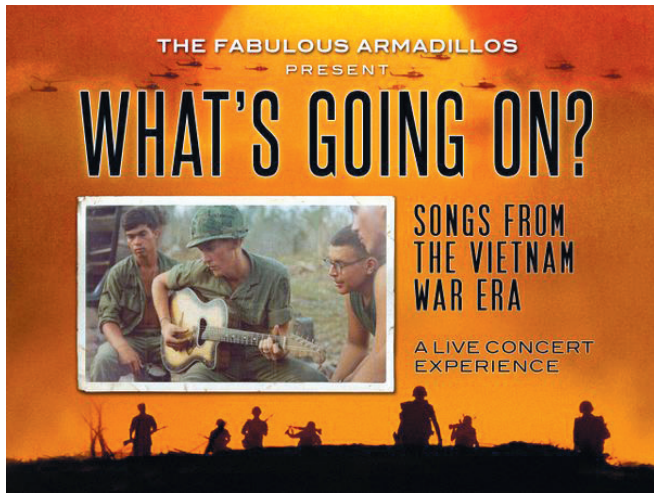
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theme shows. But this show I believe is their best, not only because of the music but for the context from which the music comes."

The show, which began its run in October 2018, not only honors veterans and the music of the Vietnam War era, it encourages discussion and healing. "We've presented this show twice to sold-out audiences," said Spradlin. "In both cases the audience was so moved by what they saw and heard."

'What's Going On' is a moving concert experience that incorporates live music, live narration and video to provide the audience a multi-media deep dive into the 60's and early 70's and of course, the Vietnam War. Through song and imagery this concert examines the tumultuous time period, but concludes on a note of hope

and inspiration for a better tomorrow. As one Vietnam veteran narrates during the show, "When we think of our divisions today, they pale in comparison to how badly we were divided back then."

"A big part of the show is thanking the veterans who never got that thank you when they got home the first time," said Greg Armstrong, keyboardist and front man for the Fabulous Armadillos. "Some people have said it's a healing experience. For others, it's being able to reflect and talk with others about what the music or the experience was."

Armstrong said the show began when retired Army Maj. John Donovan approached him about the Fabulous Armadillos performing a few songs from the Vietnam War era.

"I said, let's do a whole

show based on this and make it part of our series," Armstrong said. "The show was born from that."

Having the voices of veterans in the show adds depth to an already emotional and moving show. Armstrong described performing 'Gimme Shelter' by The Rolling Stones, which the Fabulous Armadillos have performed numerous times over the years.

"It's a powerful song but when it's in this setting with the vets telling their stories that pertain to it, it gains power times 100%," Armstrong said. "Your hair stands up on your arms when you're playing this song."

What attendees have said about the show: "This show is definitely a must see!! Music and presentation are spot on!! The best of the Dillo's shows!"

"So much emotion tonight! This was far and away the best Armadillos show ever. The stories told by the veterans and the images that went with the music were just phenomenal. Thanks for the great music, as always!"

Tickets for The Fabulous Armadillos are on sale by calling the box office at (218) 855-8255. Patrons are encouraged to check the website for the latest COVID-related protocols that will be in effect for the performance.

The show is supported in part by a generous donation from the Disabled American Vets and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The entire season is made possible in part by an operating support grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, part of a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

The Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center debuts its 2021-22 Cultural Arts Series with The Fabulous Armadillos' most acclaimed show, 'What's Going On: Songs from the Vietnam War Era.' The concert 7 p.m. concert will take place on September 24 in the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts on the campus of

Brainerd High School. Series Producer Patrick Spradlin says this is his favorite show from the Armadillos. "The Armadillos are such an incredible force in the music community of Minnesota. They've produced many memorable shows—their Eagles tribute, the Woodstock show, the Motown revue, and so many

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