



The NewsHopper furnished FREE, because of the advertisers. Please let them know you appreciate it.

First Copy FREE, subsequent copies \$1 per copy.

Vol. 22 • Issue 42

Sat., October 16, 2021

NEWSHOPPER

FREE

PRST STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Brainerd, MN
ZIP CODE 56401
Permit No. 681

PO Box 562, Ironton 56455
218-821-1393 By Appointment Only

email: hopper@crosbyironton.net
www.newshopper.net

WHAT'S INSIDE

MURDER CHARGES FILED
Page 2

BODY RECOVERED FROM
LITTLE RABBIT LAKE
Page 2

COMMUNITY EVENTS
Page 3

OBITUARIES
Page 4

CLASSIFIEDS
Page 5

Friends of the Arts musical comedy in Aitkin October 21-23



Ready to tickle your funny bone are actors: from left: Alaina Hagestuen as Signe Engelson; Jen Gabrio portrays Karin Engelson; Kathie Smith as Vivan Snustad; Nikky Laird as Mavis Gilmerson and Jere Fremling as Pastor Gunderson. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ
If any part of your life includes being Lutheran, being Scandinavian or preparing food for special events, you must see the Aitkin County Friends of the Arts musical comedy production *Church Basement Ladies*. Performances will be 7:30 p.m. on

Thursday through Saturday, October 21, 22 and 23 at the Aitkin High School Auditorium.

Admission is \$10, and tickets can be purchased in advance at the *Aitkin Independent Age* or at the door.

Director Bryan Johnson of Aitkin, who has seen age 70

in the review mirror a while back, insists that this is his last performance and that he'll be retiring.

About Church Basement Ladies

Church Basement Ladies is a musical comedy, inspired by the humorous book, *Growing Up Lutheran*, by Jan-

et Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson. It is a celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there.

This musical has five distinct characters and the audience will witness their relationships as they organize the food and solve the problems of a rural Minnesota church undergoing changes in the 1960s. The four scenes in the show take place during four important events in the church calendar of East Cor-

nucopia Lutheran Church of the Prairie, a small rural Lutheran church in the mythical town of Cornucopia.

Scene 1: The Lutefisk Dinner, early December 1964

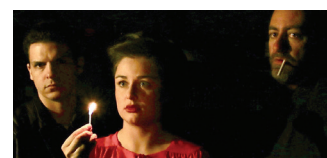
Scene 2: A Funeral, the following February 1965

Scene 3: The Hawaiian Easter Fundraiser, April 1965

Scene 4: A Wedding, three years later, July 1968.

Take this chance to support the Aitkin County Friends of the Arts and experience the talent of local performers.

Wait Until Dark at CLC



Brainerd Community Theatre debuts its 2021-22 season with the classic thriller *Wait Until Dark*, performing on the John Chalberg stage

on the Brainerd campus of Central Lakes College. The tension ratcheting play runs October 21-23 and 28-30, with all performances at 7 p.m. Tickets are available from the CLC Theatre Box Office at (218) 855-8199, or one hour prior to each performance.

ADVERTISE
in the **NEWSHOPPER**

FIND MORE CUSTOMERS

Call Eric at
218-821-1393

RUTTGER'S BAY LAKE RESORT

Oktoberfest

October 22-24

Dine Friday & Saturday
White Oak Grill
German specials and regular menu.

Friday, October 22 Harvest Buffet Dinner Shows at Ruby's
Featuring musical entertainment by Alpensterne with the Narren of New Ulm.
6 pm Dinner Show • 8 pm Dinner Show | \$32 + tax Call 800.450.4545 for reservations.

Saturday, October 23 Arts & Crafts Fair 9 am - 4 pm
Over 150 booths located outside & inside the Main Lodge. **Specials** at Auntie M's, Ann's Bay Lake Boutique, The Garage, The Fine Line Salon & Spa.

Music & Entertainment 10:45 am - 3 pm (10:45-11:30 am Concord Singers • 11 am-3:30 pm Narren of New Ulm
11 am Tapping of the Keg • 11:45 am-12:30 pm Alpensterne • 12:30-1 pm Intermission • 1-2 pm Alpensterne • 2-3 pm Concord Singers)

Oktoberfest Buffet at Ruby's Featuring German food and entertainment by Alpensterne.
5 - 8 pm | \$34 + tax Call 800.450.4545 for reservations.

Let's Help Keep Our Kids & Families Safe!

Learn how to combat viruses, bacteria, allergens, fungus and mold

99.9% reduction in viral particles within 3 minutes!

Find Out More at:  OR <https://askdrsmith.cleanerairandwater.com/> OR 218-851-9626

SPECIAL PURCHASE

Serta
perfectsleeper.

Serta Cozy Escape Plush Pillow-Top
Queen Size
Reg. Sale Price: \$799
NOW ONLY \$597

King Size
Reg. Sale Price: \$1,099
NOW ONLY \$797

While Supply Lasts!

Also Featuring **Serta iComfort** MATTRESSES

icomfort
BY SERTA
HYBRID

All On Sale!

371 FURNITURE & MATTRESS

Locally Owned and Operated

Buy It Today... Have It Today!*
* on In Stock Items

16413 Highway 371, Brainerd, MN 56401 • 218-828-3020
2 Miles North of Baxter on 371 • www.371furniture.com
371sales@gmail.com • Hours: 9-6 Mon - Sat; 11-4 Sun

UNCLAIMED FREIGHT NORTH

HOURS: Mon.-Sat. 9-5 • Hwy. 210 West, Aitkin • 218-927-6446

GREAT SELECTION OF FURNITURE!

SYMBOL MATTRESS TRUCKLOAD SALE!

Twin Mattress & Box \$259⁹⁹
Full Mattress & Box \$309⁹⁹
Queen Mattress & Box \$369⁹⁹
King Mattress & Box \$699⁹⁹

WE HAVE LIVE BAIT
LEECHES
NIGHTCRAWLERS

PROPANE AVAILABLE including for Motor Homes

TOOLS • GIFTS • HOUSEHOLD • LIVING ROOM • BEDROOM • DINING

LWML

Fall Bazaar

All Are Welcome!

Saturday, October 23
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lefse-Bake Sale-Lunch

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
1 mile north of Garrison on Highway 169

Body of Deerwood man recovered from Little Rabbit Lake near Riverton

The body of a 69-year-old Deerwood man was recovered from Little Rabbit Lake the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 12, according to a report from Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard. The Crow Wing County Recreational Division and the

Crow Wing County Dive Team retrieved the body of William Elliott at about 9:15 a.m. The evening before, on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at approximately 6:05 p.m., deputies responded to the Little Rabbit Lake boat access near Riverton for a welfare check.

A citizen reported seeing an unoccupied boat drifting approximately 75 feet off the shoreline not far from the boat launch area. The citizen also reported seeing a pair of socks and shoes on the dock. With the assistance of the citizen, deputies were able

to recover the unoccupied boat and searched the area around the unoccupied boat and the boat launch area, but were unable to locate anyone. Deputies additionally observed a vehicle with a trailer at the landing with the same registered owner as the

unoccupied boat. Unsuccessful attempts were made to contact the registered owner of the boat in an attempt to check his welfare. Due to darkness, a more extensive search for the missing boater was delayed until the following morning.

Elliott's body was recovered Tuesday morning in about 17 feet of water approximately 15 feet off the end of the dock at the boat launch. Elliot was transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office and the cause of death is pending.

Man charged with murder for shooting woman at Cozy Bay Resort

A 29-year-old Brainerd man was charged with murder on Monday, Oct. 12 in the shooting death of a woman at Cozy Bay Resort on Lake Edward north of Merrifield. Cameron Jay Moser was charged in Crow Wing Coun-

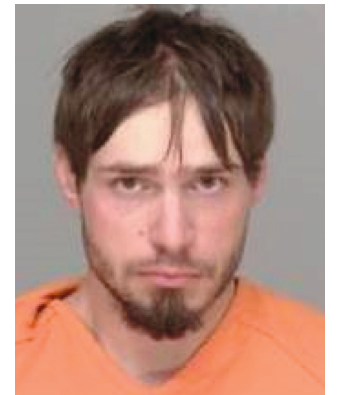
ty District Court with felony second-degree murder with intent, but not premeditation in connection with the shooting death of Bethany Anne Bernatsky, 46, of Nisswa, at the resort. According to the crimi-

nal complaint filed against Moser: At 11:04 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7, Crow Wing County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Cozy Bay Resort for a shooting complaint. Numerous gunshots were re-

ported being heard inside and outside an adjoining cabin. Two other people called 911 after hearing the gunshots and made reports. Responding law enforcement located the suspect at 11:22 p.m. across the road

from the Cozy Bay Resort, near the Mollie Lake RV Park. Moser was carrying a rifle and also in possession of a handgun. Officers talked with Moser for 90 minutes, during which time he was holding

an AR-style rifle and a silver revolver. Moser made his way back to the east side of County Road 4 just to the south of the cabins located at Cozy Bay Resort.



Cameron Jay Moser

At 12:50 a.m., deputies arrested Moser. After Moser was taken into custody, members of the Crow Wing County Tactical Response Team checked the cabins near the location of the original shooting complaint. An investigator approached the front door of the cabin where the shooting took place and saw the door was open. The investigator saw an individual laying face-down on the floor at the end of the hallway with a large pool of blood underneath the individual's head. He also saw two bullet holes in a second entry door that opened up onto a deck on the south side of the cabin.

Bernatsky was pronounced dead at the scene. Her body was transported to Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. There she was identified by a tattoo on her body that was known by a family member.

The Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office determined the manner of death was a homicide and the cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds. Bernatsky suffered multiple gunshot wounds to her body, including one to her head.

Moser had familiarity with the Cozy Bay Resort as he used to have a relationship with the previous owner's daughter, and he was at Mollie Lake RV Park asking about her the previous week.

Get a network that goes the distance.

UCare Medicare Plans.

96% of all Minnesota providers are in network.

Shop plans at ucare.org/medicare27



UCare Minnesota is an HMO-POS plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in UCare Minnesota depends on contract renewal. Y0120_11302_092021_M

GLEN STORE & GRILL
CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW
 15 VENDORS & CRAFTERS
 Saturday October 23rd 9am - 3pm
 LOCATED AT:
 GLEN STORE AITRIN, MN
 AT THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 47
 AND CO RD 12

Little Jim's Auto Sales

 2008 Porsche Cayenne S \$8,500 122K miles Hard To Find	 2014 Chevy 4x4 \$19,500	 Chevy Truck \$7,995 Super Sharp	 Ford Explorer Sport 4x4 \$4,500	 Dodge Dakota SLT \$2,500 4x4
 Chevy Impala LS \$5,500	 Volvo XC 90 T6 AWD \$3,500	 2001 Volvo S40 1.9T \$3,450	 2005 Chevy Monte Carlo SS \$2,500	 Hyundai Santa Fe \$2,500 V6
 Buick LeSabre Custom \$1,500	 Dodge Grand Caravan SE \$5,000	 2001 Dodge Caravan \$2,250	 Ford E350 Extended Cargo Van \$1,995	 Lund Boat 48 HP Johnson \$2,500

Many Vehicles to Choose from at just \$995

4 miles NW of Garrison on Hwy. 18 • 218-678-0045 office • 612-749-0193 cell • We Buy, Sell & Trade



Jericho Prayer Walk participants face looming gloomy skies. Ann Schwartz photos

Jericho Prayer Walk in Aitkin

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Sent off by Mark Brown and his trumpet, people of faith in the Aitkin area did a week-long prayer walk.

The prayer walk is based on Joshua and the Israelites taking the city of Jericho by walking around it for seven days (the last day seven times) and blowing horns and shouting, as recorded in the Bible in Joshua 5 and 6. Locals started on Sunday night,

October 2, walking around the Aitkin County Courthouse and the Aitkin High School.

On the last night, Sunday, October 9, they were going to circle seven times. "I am going to read seven statements at the end," explained Bonnie Brown, walk organizer.

"We are praying for our elected officials, our government, our teachers and our students," said Brown. The Constitutional Bill of



Bonnie Brown of the Journey North Church organized a Jericho Prayer Walk in Aitkin to pray for the government and school system.

Rights, such as freedom of speech and religion, are woven into the ceremony.

As they walked, clouds threatened, but they set off with raincoats tied around their waists on a quiet night in downtown Aitkin.



Mark Brown gave a trumpet blast to start the walk. In ancient times, the Israelites walked around Jericho, blasting rams' horns trumpets.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

October

- 16th - Garrison Community Alliance Church Fall Fest with baked goods & craft sale 9 am - 1 pm Serving all day hearty beef stew w/breadsticks and garlic butter. Located 1 block west of the big fish on Central Street, in Garrison.
- 17th - Brainerd VFW Breakfast 8 am-noon. Seven menu choices, \$9 per person. It is Make a Difference Day; breakfast this day is free to veterans. Support this veteran organization at 309 South Sixth Street in downtown Brainerd. Find out more at: <http://www.brainerdvfw.org>
- 18th - Great Decisions: Roles of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic
- 20th - Joann Weaver will present "Weather in Your Garden" at the Crosslake Area Garden Club at 1 p.m. in the meeting room at the Crosslake Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call Linda Gates at (507) 202-9374.
- 21st - Christian Women's Club will meet for lunch at Wahkon Inn 12:30 pm. Speaker is Mary Roelofs. Her talk: "No Matter What".... No matter what life throws your way, there is a way through it! Special feature: Mary sharing: "Everyone has a story. Everyone's story has a right to be heard." The price is \$11 and the public is welcome. Call Sharon at 218-821-1562 for reservations.
- 22nd - Knights of Columbus Walleye dinner at Aitkin American Legion Post 86. Serving from 5:00-6:30 pm. \$14.00 per person which includes fillet, potato, salad, vegetable, dessert and beverage. Inside dining and take outs available. Public is welcome.
- 23rd - Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison is having a used a bit...Christmas Decor/Collectable's and Bake Sale 10 am-2 pm. Come and enjoy the beautiful items both for decorating and for eating. The church is just West of 169, the Grocery Store and the VFW. See you then!
- 23rd - Ruttger's Oktoberfest Traditional German food and entertainment at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort
- 25th - Rippleside Family Fun Night 5-6:30 pm. Flying taco will be served. Students grades K-6 will create planes to fly on Rippleside's runways.
- 30th - Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo Holiday Bazaar and Raffle, 9am -1 pm. Includes quilts, hand-crafted items, jewelry, & soaps and other unique gift items, along with a cookie walk, bake sale and lunch: creamy turkey sandwiches, chips, bar, and a drink (available To Go too!). Raffle Tickets are available in the church office, or you can go online and print your own Raffle Tickets: <http://blcmalmo.org/2021/09/21/2021-holiday-bazaar/> Masks will be required to enter the building.

READER RIBBETS

Movement to remove

When we don't defend our rights, dignity is lost, and dignity cannot be negotiated. Our politicians are not defending our rights. Therefore, we must stand united and demand Tim the "Minnesota Mistake" resign. Walz allowed Minneapolis to burn. He gave his adult daughter access to confidential information which she shared with rioters and the public. Two lives were lost, 550 million dollars in damages.

It's difficult to understand why more hasn't been said or done from our politicians on this matter. Of course, our

illustrious Attorney General is complicit so we can expect nothing from him. The silence on this matter is deafening, our local politicians, Gazelka, Heintzman, Lueck, Ruud, missed a golden opportunity, squandered by their silence.

We the free inhabitants of Minnesota cannot remain silent. Our politicians refuse to serve our Constitution and they refuse to serve us. We are the government and if we are not happy with it, we need to change it. Waiting for

elections is not productive, we need to demand resignations, remain peaceful, and take back our government.

Walz is serving a socialist agenda, serving an agenda that will defund the police, place all of Minnesota at risk and he is preparing to lock us down again this October. The most peaceful, honorable, right thing to do is force Walz to resign immediately. 651-201-3400 join the movement to remove Walz.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

Reasonable • Experienced • Reliable

Turner & Son

Call for a FREE Quote

Fall Cleanup and Vacuum Leaf Removal

Full Service Lawn Care
Lawn Mowing • Debris Removal
Tree Trimming • RipRap and Shoreline Repair

Call Tim Turner 218-330-7003

Serving the Lakes Area

Aitkin Moose Lodge

22 4th St. NE, Aitkin
located 2 blocks north of the stoplight turn right/ left side
218-927-2072

Open to membership and guests.
Come and see what the Moose is about!

Wed., October 20
Brats
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wed., October 27
Super Burgers
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

HALLOWEEN PARTY
Saturday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m.
LIVE MUSIC by ELECTRIC STEEL
Costumes encouraged
Moose members no charge/public \$5 cover

Woman of the Moose
Homemade Pizza
Thurs., October 21
(1st & 3rd Thursdays)
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meat Raffle
Every Saturday 6 p.m.

Hall Available for Rent (Seats 225) Weddings, Reunions, Graduation & Other Events
Now booking for parties. Call Lodge for info.

Oktoberfest

Every Friday & Saturday Night in October...
Special German Menu & Several
Oktoberfest Beers on Tap!

5th Annual
Don's Famous Booya
Oct. 23 & 24 'til gone

CROFT

PUB & GRUB

7 1st Ave. NW, Crosby • 546-6575

ONE OF MINNESOTA'S LARGEST SELECTION of hydraulic hose & fittings up thru 2" 4 wire

rileyautosupply.com

RILEY'S NAPA AUTO SUPPLY

AITKIN • 218-927-2153

TCBX TRUCKING

BRainerd, MN Est. 1907

GUARANTEED NEXT DAY DELIVERY!*

*IN OUR COVERAGE AREA—
Major points included, but not limited to Brainerd and much of Central Minnesota Daily:
Twin Cities • Brainerd • Aitkin • Alexandria • Bemidji
Grand Rapids • Little Falls • Park Rapids • Wadena • St. Cloud
We Can Deliver It to You at:
Contractors Job Site, Door Step or Business
We provide Daily Freight delivery from the Twin Cities.

Give us a call • Fast service at an affordable price:
TCBX • 1748 SE 13th Street • Brainerd, MN 56401
1-888-829-8229 • www.tcbxtrucking.com
T(Twin) C(Cities) B(Brainerd Area) X(Express) • Established 1907

Send Us Your Photos!

Got an interesting photo and story to share? Just send it to hopper@crobyironton.net, along with your name, city and a description of the photo. We also accept news and community events. And who knows, you may see your submission next week in the NewsHopper!

Hoppers Helper's Service Directory

AUTOMOTIVE

Pete's Auto Detailing The only service that comes to you! Mobile Auto and Boat Detailing Service for Your Vehicles Call Pete today for info (218) 838-5487 w18

APPLIANCE SALES & SERVICE

Jim Blakesley Appliance Service & Repair 218-927-2027 • 1-888-450-8845 • Aitkin Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Refrigerators, Air Conditions, Septic Protectors, and MORE. Authorized Platinum Star Service. tfn

COMPUTERS

Call Billy "Mac" (Billy Hoffs) 218-851-9990 or email bhoffs@mac.com All things Mac, from purchasing new or used, to teaching, to repairs "Friendly & Honest" I make house calls. tfn

CONTRACTORS

Radtke Remodeling & Construction Custom Built Homes • Remodeling • Garages New Additions • Pole Buildings • General Contracting • Insulation Dean Radtke, Aitkin. Lic. #20108758 www.radtkeremodelingconstruction.com 218-678-3403 • 218-839-6103 2018w39

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

Ken's Heating & Mobile Home Supply LP & Natural Gas • Nationally Certified Service Technician - over 30 Years Experience Residential & Commercial • Mobile Home Heating and Air Conditioning • RV's/Supplies 218-821-6720 • Aitkin • kensheatingllc.com w47 2020

INSURANCE

SECURITY STATE INSURANCE

4 locations to serve you
Aitkin 218-927-3712 • Onamia 320-532-3235 • Isle 320-676-3795 • Grand Marais 218-387-1540

PET CARE SERVICE

Dogpatch • 218-927-4353 Expert Pet Grooming & Boarding Services. West of Aitkin on Cedar Brook Rd.

SHOE REPAIR

Harting Shoe Repair 509 Washington Street, Brainerd. Drop Stations: Crystal Cleaner Crosby 218-829-2496 ttn

UPHOLSTERY

DRUK UPHOLSTERY • 218.763.3242 Family owned 50+ years. NOW servicing the BRAINERD LAKES AREA! Residential and commercial upholstery. Free estimates. Free pick up and delivery. [http:// www.drukupholstery.com](http://www.drukupholstery.com) w41

SERVICE DIRECTORY RATES

5 lines for \$15.00 per week
4 lines for \$12.00 per week
3 lines for \$9.00 per week

OBITUARIES

DELORES JENSEN



Delores F. "Dee" Jensen, 92, of Crosby died on Friday, October 8, 2021 at Hallett Cottages in Crosby. A Graveside service was held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 15, 2021 at the Vaale Cemetery in Maple Grove Township.

She was born on April 15, 1929 in Arlington, MN to Walter and Esther (Ostermann) Koester. Dee married Tilford Jensen on October 1, 1949 in Brainerd. She was a long-time resident of the Riverton area and was a member of the Salem

Lutheran Church in Deerwood.

Dee is survived by her daughter, Janice (Keith) Matson of Riverton; two sisters: Elvera Olson of Mankato and Romyne Pennywell of Madelia; three grandchildren: Jeff (Teresa) Matson, DeeDee (Jake) Frahm and Steven (Wendy Taylor) Juracek; and five great-grandchildren: Tyler Matson, Charlie Frahm, John Frahm, and Ryan and Alyson Stanislowski.

Preceding Dee in death are her parents; husband, Tilford in 1993; daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and David Juracek.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

KENNETH WILKIE



Kenneth Lloyd "Waabishki Waagosh" Wilkie, 57, of McGregor, died Sunday, October 10, 2021 at his home.

Visitation began at dusk on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 and Tribal Rites began Thursday, October 14 at the East Lake Community Center, East Lake-McGregor. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Workman Township, Aitkin County.

He was born February 24, 1964 in Belcourt, ND to Emery and Nora (Delorme) Wilkie. Kenneth attended McGregor High School and went on to Vocational School in Staples to become a Heavy Equipment Operator. Kenneth worked for Gordon Construction and Precision Pipeline. He was a member of International Union of Operating Engineers Local #49 of Minneapolis. Kenneth was an avid Harley Davidson enthusiast and loved

to fish and hunt. He also embraced his Native American heritage.

Kenneth is survived by his children: Jacob Gourneau of Mandan, ND and Hope Marie Atkins of Prior Lake; brothers: Gary Wilkie (Sharon Lake), Palisade; Gerald Wilkie, Palisade and Dale (Annette) Wilkie, Aitkin; sisters: Darlene Freeman (Bill Sweeney), Lombard, IL; Bernice (Duane) Weston, Palisade; Deb (Glen) Weston, Hill City; Gaylene (Rodney) Spolarich, Palisade and Geraldine Wilkie, Minneapolis; five grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Kenneth is preceded in death by his parents; sister-in-law, Lisa Wilkie; brother-in-law, Steve Freeman; great nephew, Bennett Burke.

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

MARGARET NIESEN



Margaret Helen Niesen, 82, formerly of Prior Lake and longtime resident of Swatara died Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at Saint Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021 at Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Burial with Full Military Honors will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery at Camp Ripley, Little Falls. In lieu of memorials, please consider putting up a bird house/feeder or even plant a flower in your yard in memory of Margaret.

She was born January 10, 1939 in Hopkins to Jacob and Helen (Tobias) Zwack. She graduated from Hopkins High School in 1957. She worked for a bank in Hopkins and for Prior Lake Schools. Margaret married Jacob Bernard Vernon Niesen on August 3, 1957 in Hopkins. She joined the Minnesota Air National Guard in 1972 and was a Contract Procurement Specialist. Margaret was the first female to attain the rank of Senior Master Sgt. (E-8) at the 133rd Airlift Wing. She loved tending to her flowers, feeding and watching the birds, traveling, and spending time with her friends and family. She was a member of Valley Voices in Prior Lake, the Bridge Club in

Prior Lake, the Quilting & Sewing Club in Hill City, the Hill City American Legion post #340, Aitkin County DFL, AFSCME Treasurer, and the Catholic Church.

Margaret is survived by her children: Robert (Corla) Niesen, Debra Niesen, Duane (Theresa) Niesen, Steven Niesen, Jacob (Jennifer) Niesen, Nathan (Alisa) Niesen; 13 grandchildren: Joshua Niesen, Katie (Drew) Beck, Andrew Pitt (friend Carly), Matthew (Denise) Niesen, Heather Niesen (friend Bill), Jeremy Niesen, Aaron Niesen (friend Alyssa), Rebecca (Brian) Schnarr, Phillip Niesen, Benjamin Niesen, Rachel Niesen, Emma Niesen, and Jack Niesen; four great-grandchildren: Kevin, Kenzie and Haley Jo Beck, and Charles Schnarr; brothers and sisters: Joseph Zwack (friend Virginia), Raymond (Nancy) Zwack, Rosemary (Joseph) Niesen, Arthur "Butch" (Marilyn) Zwack, Larry (Jean) Zwack, Barbara Little; and many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Jacob Niesen on August 5, 2021; brothers: Alan and Michael "Grump" Zwack; sister, Jackie Ann Zwack; Half-siblings: Walter and Maurice Zwack, Lillian Hohlen, Alfreda Creelman, and Rosella Dingley.

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

DALE PALMER

Dale Lee Palmer, 84, of Baxter died on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at Essentia St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

A visitation was held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial

followed at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.

He was born on September 20, 1937 in Ross Lake Township to Floyd and Irene (Dennison) Palmer.

Dale is survived by his brother, Sidney Palmer of Brainerd; sister, Della Steining of Brainerd; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Dale in death are his parents; brother, Lee "Corky" Palmer; and three sisters: Mildred Duncan, Bernice Amburgey and Lila Wheeler.

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

Locally Owned & Operated

<p>Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services Aitkin, MN 218-927-2614</p>	<p>McGregor Funeral Home & Cremation Services McGregor, MN 218-768-3136</p>
---	---

Traditional Funerals • Cremation Services
Celebration of Life • Pre-Planning Services

Directors: Jason Brezinsky
Jerry Thompson • Tad Brezinsky

www.srtfuneral.com

Koop Funeral Home

32 East Main St., P.O. Box 7 • Crosby, MN 56441
C.F. Michaloski, Director • Mary & Nick Zillmer, Owners/Directors

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional, Graveside & Memorial Funerals • Cremation Service • Out-of-town Arrangements • Pre-arrangement Plans 	<p><i>Over 80 Years of Caring Service on the Cuyuna Range & Surrounding Areas</i></p>
--	---

218-546-5531

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; 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. 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; 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.thechurchontheisewerroad.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. 8, Fri. 8, Sun 8:30 & 10:30
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstemilys.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. — 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 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 thechurch@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; worship Sun. 8am, and 10am (10am service also available via livestream on YouTube — First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKin 94.3 FM radio), Wed. 5:30pm with supper; Sun. school at 9am, take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs.

each month 9am-4p

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.princeofpeacecatholicchurch.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.goodshepherdfreechurch.com, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.lchurch.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 • 218-692-3682 Kristin Oltmann, Pastor • Kurt Hagestuen, Pastor Labor Day-Mem. Day: Sun. 9:30am, Wed. 6:15pm Mem. Day-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am 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

Brainerd — Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis, Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite 2, 218-829-2989.

PENTECOSTAL

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.

Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irontone Town Hall, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.

Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake — Pastor Tony Oltmann, 218-692-4769; Worship 10; Fellowship 11:15; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Road just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org.

McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED

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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 9:30 a.m., Bible Study 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933

Brainerd — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20 a.m., Bible Study 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED METHODIST

Aitkin* — 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.

Plenty of games, prizes, and fun!

NO TRICKS ALL TREATS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Dress up the kids and get ready to have some fun.

BRING A BAG ALONG FOR ALL THE TREATS YOU WILL RECEIVE AROUND THE STORE.


Saturday, October 23

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



417 - 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd
14133 Edgewood Drive, Baxter
www.cub.com

CASH 4 JUNK CARS AND MACHINERY



CALL 218-839-3371

For Your Landscaping & Construction Needs!

R & R Landscaping & Construction

Aitkin, Minnesota
License# BC768287
218-839-3371



- Specializing in Shoreline Restoration**
 - Rip Rap Rock Installation
 - Boulder Wall Material Installation
 - Sod Installation
 - Class Five
 - Bobcat Work
 - Demolition
 - All Dirt Work Needs
 - Patios
- General Building & Remodeling Contractor**
 - Roofing
 - Window Installation
 - Siding
 - Garages
 - Doors
 - Decks
 - Handicapped Bathrooms
- Dozer & Backhoe Work**
 - Basements
 - Driveways
 - Ponds
 - Wild Life Food Plots
 - Land & Lot Clearing
 - Stump Removal
 - Rip Rap
 - Demolition
 - Building Pads
 - Ditches and Ditch Cleaning
 - Black Dirt, Sand & Gravel
 - Roads / Road Building
 - Boulder Walls
 - Trail Brushing
- Tree Removal**
 - Tree Removal and Clean-up
 - Stump Grinding
 - Storm Damage Cleanup
 - Aerial Truck

12 Yards Fill Sand
Delivered within 10 miles of Crosby
\$130

YOUR EROSION EXPERTS!

Get estimates Now for Fall Projects!

Specializing in Shoreline Restoration Rip-Rap-Rock Installation









Call Greg for a FREE ESTIMATE 218-839-3371