

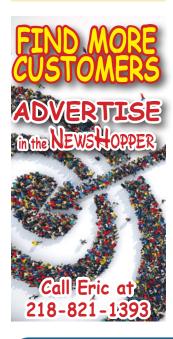
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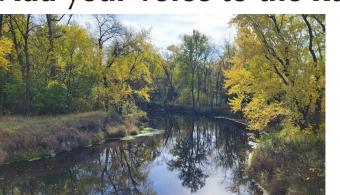
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A view of the Rum River in autumn.

Your are encouraged to attend the Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Group public meeting on Monday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Mille Lacs County Historic Courthouse or via Zoom. You can also respond to an online survey.When you think about the future of our area's water resources, what comes to mind? Do you have concern about their health and that of the farms, forests, prairies, and aquatic habitats they support? Do you desire they provide clean water for drinking and recreation? Do you want protection from floods and extreme weather events? You can share your hopes and concerns by responding now to a new comprehensive plan for the Rum River Watershed.

has moved water planning from the county level to the watershed level. This change acknowledges that water flow doesn't follow county boundaries, and it results in a more effective and cohesive plan. This "One Watershed, One Plan" approach has required the cooperative engagement of numerous counties, soil and water conservation districts. and stakeholder groups all the way from Mille Lacs Lake to the river's confluence with the Mississippi. Groups and individuals have come together to blend local knowledge with established state strategies to draft a prioritized, targeted, and measurable plan for the Rum River Watershed.

Your input now will fur-The state of Minnesota ther expand community

involvement in the planning process. This involvement began with kickoff events throughout the watershed that collected insight from people who live, work, and play here. Further input was gathered from three Implementation Advisory Committee meetings that included foresters, members of lake groups, agricultural producers, and representatives of other groups.

To add your voice to the plan, visit the Rum River One Watershed One plan Website here: www.millelacsswcd.org/rum-river-onewatershed-one-plan

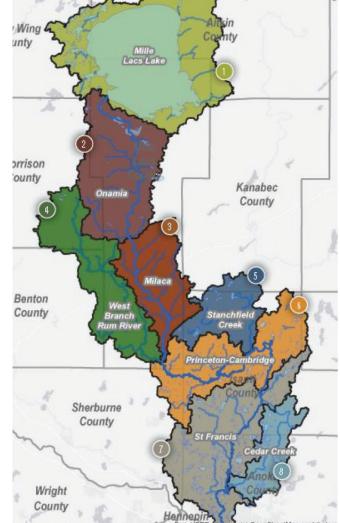
The site provides access to: 1. A plan overview and

your own downloadable copy of the plan document; 2. A survey for collect-

ing your written feedback (survey deadline is January 10); and

3. Information about attending the public meeting (virtually via Zoom or in person) to be held at the Mille Lacs County Historic Courthouse 6:30 p.m. January 10.

Your participation will help insure that the plan represents all the interests Continued on Page 2



The Rum River Watershed includes all the land drained by the Rum River and its tributaries, starting with Mille Lacs Lake in the north and ending at the river's confluence with the Mississippi in Anoka.







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Crow Wing County SWCD tree and plant sale open house

The Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will be hosting its 2022 Tree Sale Open House in-person on Friday, Jan. 7, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. This 24th annual tree sale helps landowners purchase high-quality native trees, shrubs, flowers, and grasses. Since 1999, 842,652 trees have been sold. Discounts will be available to participants at the open house. Discount includes \$10 off on tree sale orders over \$100.

The open house will consist of presentations from local conservationists. Andrew Herberg, a Minnesota Nongame Specialist will present about Nongame Species and its impacts forest management. Rachael Dube, a DNR complete with pictures and County Fairgrounds, Curling Forest Health Specialist will present on local forest health in 2021.

Also, local vendors and conservation groups include: Brock White

• The Nature Conservancy (Our Miss. Our Future)

• U of M Crow Wing County Extension Master Gardeners

• MN Native Landscapes • USDA Natural Resource **Conservation Service**

 MN Master Naturalists • The Pine River Watershed Alliance

Native trees include White Pine, White Spruce, American Wild Plum, Paper Birch, Red Oak, and many more. Check out our website, description of all the trees, plants, and seed mixes.

According to Melissa Barrick, District Manager, "The SWCD goal is to reach a million trees for Crow Wing County and beyond. The SWCD also created a brandnew shop page with pictures and diagrams. This page is super easy to use. To order your trees, plants, shrubs for your property visit www. cwswcd.org and click on the shop tab. The deadline to order is February 25, 2022."

The trees and plants will be available for pickup Thursday, May 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, May 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pickup location is the Crow Wing Building at 2000 SE 13th Street, Brainerd, MN 56401.

If you have any questions about the tree sale open house, please call 218-828-6197 or email bethany@ cwswcd.org.

What is an SWCD? The SWCD is a local government unit (with no taxing authority), created under Minnesota State Statute 103C, and a grassroots organization governed by five elected officials. Our mission is to provide local leadership and implement voluntary soil and water conservation projects through programs and partnerships to Crow Wing County and adjacent areas.

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OFFICE

officers to be elected at the

Wealthwood Township Annu-

al Meeting which will be held

day, December 28, 2021 and

Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Filings will be open Tues-



of the many individuals and communities who share the Rum River Watershed. About the Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Group (MLLW-MG)

The Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group helps area landowners manage their property in ways that support the water quality of Mille Lacs Lake and its surrounding area. Formed in 1997, it connects interested citizens with local and state agency experts and resources, provides educational materials, and inspires simple actions that can have a positive impact on our area's land and waters. Visit MilleLacsWatershed.org to learn more about supporting a healthy lake environment.



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disposal needs.	 (please separate brush and branches) A small fee for recycling of used oil filters and anti-freeze.
	 Free oil recycling at the landfill and several drop-off locations within the County. Visit our webpage for drop-off locations:
	 www.crowwing.us and search "oil." Demolition materials may be disposed in the demolition landfill for a fee
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Crow Wing County Land Services at 218-824-1010.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

The Board of Audit for Wealthwood Township will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2022 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow.

LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk

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legal holidays.

Offices to be filled are one Supervisor for a (3) three year term.

Filing fee is \$2.00. Dated: December 27, 2021 LINDA WENDLANDT. Clerk Wealthwood Township

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Jan. 1 & 8, 2022) WEALTHWOOD **TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR**

LEGAL NOT

Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for the Township

Dated: November 29, 2020 Wealthwood Township

> will close January 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Filing hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the office of the Clerk Office will be closed on





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BITUARIES

RICHARD BORDEN



Richard Byron Borden (Dick), 84, died on Friday, December 17, 2021 at home, in Casper, WY.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Garrison. He was born on October 3, 1937 in Minneapolis to Orville and Alyce (Knutson)

Borden. Dick grew up in Garrison. He graduated from Brainerd Senior high school and promptly joined the Navy in 1955. He served until 1958 on the USS Glennon, a Destroyer. After leaving the military he attended the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis for Drafting and Architecture, Dick became a carpenter and later went on to become a contractor and well known professional in the building industry. In 1962 Dick married Margaret



Lois Claire Fielding, 88, died peacefully on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, after a

long illness. A family celebration of life will be held in on January 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Resthaven Park Cemetery, 6290 W. Northern Avenue,

Glendale, AZ. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Fielding Family Scholarship Fund at Central Lakes College. Lois grew up in Dunseith, ND. At age 17, she moved to Minneap-



Diane Elizabeth (Blomgren) Sather, 65, died peacefully, surrounded by family on Monday, December 20, 2021, after a courageous battle with colon cancer.

A service of remembrance will be held at a later date in McGregor, MN. In lieu

of flowers, donations may be made in Diane's memory to an animal charity of one's choosing or to the American Cancer Society.

Born July 16, 1956, youngest child of Bettee Elouise (Breckenridge) Blomgren and Col. Holton Eugene Blomgren, Diane spent her growing years in various locals including Thailand, Alexandria, VA, and Indianapolis, IN where she was graduated from Lawrence Central High School in 1974. Diane studied at DePauw University and, later, at the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) where she received a degree in Dental Hygiene. While in college, she was an active member of Alpha Phi sorority. Employed as a dental hygienist in the periodontal disease unit at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Diane then accepted a position in Davos Platz, Graubunden, Switzerland. Upon returning to the States, she returned to the Mayo Clinic. During a Utah ski trip, she met Robert Paul Sather of McGregor, MN, and they were married in 1989. After many years in the field of dental health care, Diane pursued a career as a flight

O'Neil and they had three children. After spending 11 years in the Seattle Washington area, they moved back to Garrison Minnesota in 1976 where Dick lived until relocating to Wyoming to live with his son in 2019. Dick was an avid hunter and had more stories about his hunts than he could have possibly had time to actually experience! He gave lots of advice, even if no one asked for it but it was always well received and respected as he was a mentor and role model to many.

Dick is survived by his son, Robert (Ashley) Borden of Casper. WY: daughters: Kimberly (David) Cox of Brainerd and Lorrie (Stewart) Anderson of Casper, WY; sister, Karen Shockley of Northport, NY; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Dick was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents and one sister LaRae Hoskins (Borden).

LOIS FIELDING

olis/St. Paul to attend the University of Minnesota where she received a Bachelor of Nursing and a Master of Education. Lois loved being a nurse. Lois eventually returned to academics where she served as the Director of the Nursing Program at Central Lakes College in Brainerd.

Lois will be missed by her children, Kirsten (Al) Ness, Cameron (Bryan) DeHoog, Thomas Fielding, Brendan Fielding, Ariana (Kevin) Thomas, her ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband,

Leonard; parents, Arnold and Hattie Lilleby; and infant sister, Doris.

DIANE SATHER

attendant, traveling the world with United Airlines, from which she received many accolades and awards. Her multilingual talents (French and Swiss-German) served her well in this field. A natural athlete, Diane excelled in every athletic challenge at her very first attempt. She was an accomplished equestrian from the age of four, a competitive swimmer and was an outstanding member of her college swim team. Her athletic abilities were also evident in her accomplishments on some of the most challenging ski slopes in Switzerland and the U.S. Diane's love of sports also found expression in her enthusiastic support of the University of Georgia Bulldogs and the Minnesota Vikings. An excellent cook and gracious hostess, Diane enjoyed entertaining. She was fun-loving, thoughtful and generous, and enjoyed the company of her many friends. A lover of all animals and nature, she treasured the companionship of numerous pets throughout her life.

Diane is survived by her husband, Robert P. Sather; siblings: Peter F. Blomgren, Donna B. Askren (Ralph), Philip M. Blomgren (Diane Sargent); siblings-in-law: Rebecca Blomgren, Curtis Sather (Diane), Lee Sather (Kim), Linda Vanslyke (Gary) and many nieces and nephews.

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

stamp collecting, going to auctions, hunting and

Denny is survived by his loving wife, Cathleen

READER RIBBETS Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

I would like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year. As we reflect on this holiday season it's a wonderful time for families and friends to gather to celebrate the many blessings we have received.

We had an early Christmas surprise this week. Our oldest son and his wife dropped in for a visit over the holidays. They live in Malaysia, and it appeared we would not be able to gather for Christmas this year.

The ballot box

If good and evil are two wolves fighting within us, the one that wins, is the one that's fed. Tim the "Minnesota Mistake" allowed Minneapolis to burn. He failed to act, in fact, he gave his adult daughter access to confidential information that she shared with the public and rioters. 550 million dollars in damages, two lives lost, and it's let's move on, nothing to see here. Walz was not capable of making a decision for four days. If we allow the "Minnesota Mistake" to continue, we feed his evil wolf, and Minnesota is the But to our surprise they are now here in the frosty north enjoying our brisk weather. Quite a change from a climate were anything below 70 degrees is cause for putting a sweater on.

This past year has been trying in many ways, as we continue to wrestle COVID to the mat. While it remains perplexing, we are steadily making progress on getting the upper hand with this virus.

I remain optimistic that 2022 will be a wonderful year in

meal. It takes our voices, our

determination, our strength,

to peacefully end his career,

again, those in power, those

in control, concede nothing

without a demand. Walz must

concede and We the People

must demand his immediate

resignation. If you have called,

if you have emailed, if you

have made your demands on

social media, thank you, but

The MN GOP remains si-

lent, Gazelka and Jensen are

not the candidates MN needs.

A seven-billion-dollar surplus

is not a success, it's massive

the fight is not over.

which we will see major progress in Minnesota and across our nation in finally putting the pandemic into the rear-view mirror.

Again, best wishes to you and your family this Holiday Season. Weekly updates will be back right after the 1st of the year. Enjoy, be safe and please be kind.

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

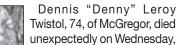
over taxation and they won't do anything about it. Walz has announced his re-election bid; after the relentless high-pressures sales pitch and threats to get vaccinated, our fully vaccinated Governor has contracted the virus. What was Walz attempting to accomplish the last two years? The Christian thing to do would be to forgive Walz, with separation of church and state, accountability is Walz's only option, without Walz's resignation, our only option is the ballot box.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

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January

- 1st New Year's Fireworks over Lake Minnewawa 7:30 pm. off the shore in front of Bann's Bar and the Craft House. Sponsored by the Shamrock Lakes Association.
- 2nd The Cuyuna Range Council of the Knights of Columbus invites you to a Free Will Offering Pancake Breakfast at Saint James Catholic Church, Aitkin serving from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Serving Pancakes, Sausages, Fruit Cocktail, Juice, Milk and Coffee. Gluten free option available.
- 4th & 18th Northland Arboretum guided snowshoe hike through the woods, 1-2:30pm. Presented by April Sandhoff and DeAnn Caddy. \$5 for Arb members or \$10 for non-members. Bring snowshoes and/or winter boots and plan for an 1.5 hour hike. Snowshoes available for rent at the Arb.14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd.
- 7th Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District tree sale and open house, 9 am-1 pm. The in-person event is in meeting rooms 1 and 2 of the Crow Wing County Land Services Building, 322 Laurel St., Brainerd, next door to the Crow Wing SWCD office. The trees and plants will be available for pickup from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 12 and 13 at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, curling building, at 2000 SE 13th St. in Brainerd. The open house includes presentations from local conservationists. Andrew Herberg will present about nongame species and their impact on forest management, and Rachael Dube, a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources specialist, will present on local forest health. Those with questions should call 218-828-6197 or email bethany@cwswcd.org.
- 8th Snowmobile Safety Training a the Aitkin County Fairgrounds Grandstand. Register by emailing aitkinsnodrifters@gmail.com
- 9th Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships at the Crosslake Community Center at noon. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14, as of January 1, 2022 are invited to participate in the local level of competition. Participants can only compete in one local event. For entry forms or additional information contact Hank Scheinholst at 218-330-4785 for those in Brainerd, St. Mathias, Pillager, Crosslake, Peqout Lakes, Pine River and Emily.
- 15th Northland Arboretum Full Moon Snowshoe Hike 7:30-8:30pm. Bring snowshoes and/or winter boots and plan for an hour hike. If it's cloudy, bring a headlamp. Warm up after the hike with hot chocolate and cookies. \$10 Arb members/\$20 non-members. To register, stop by Northland Arboretum at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd or call 218-829-8770.
- 22nd Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships at the St. Francis School Gymasium at 9am. All



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December 22, 2021 in Riverwood Health Care Center, Aitkin.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

He was born May 22, 1947 in McGregor to Oscar and Ruby (Barr) Twistol. Denny was a veteran who served in the United

States Army. Denny was united in marriage to Cathleen Adams on April 14, 1979 in Minneapolis. Denny loved collecting antiques,

Twistol of McGregor; son, Erik (Ryan Pomplun) Twistol of East Gull Lake; adopted daughter, Mariah Kauffman of Nashwauk; 2 grandchildren, Rylee and Daisy; brother, Robert (Bev) Twistol of Orlando, Florida.

Denny is preceded in death by his parents; 3 siblings, Delores Marlatt, Gloria Geving and **Richard Twistol**

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

JAMES RYAN

DENNIS TWISTOL

raising dogs.



James Patrick Ryan, 83, of Aitkin, died Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at his home from complications of Alzheimer's and the onset of Parkinson's. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at Saint James Catholic



Church in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Private Family Burial Service will be in Saint Thomas Cemetery, Aitkin. In support of our health

care community, masking is appreciated. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers to Alzheimer's Association.

He was born February 13, 1938 in Brainerd to Joseph and Caroline (Hassman) Ryan. He attended Mary Hill Academy in Aitkin, Saint John's Prep at Collegeville, and then graduated from Saint John's University with a Major in Sociology and a Minor in English. He joined the National Guard where he was a cook. James was united in marriage to Diane Marie Crosby on June 30, 1962 at Saint Canice Church in Kilkenny, MN. From 1961 to 1971, he managed Davis Development Company and in 1971 he purchased Ryan's IGA, selling in 1991. Jim enjoyed cooking, being outdoors, hunting, golfing, fishing trips with friends, and checking the stock market daily. He was a member of Saint James Catholic Church and its finance committee, and served on the Aitkin City Planning Committee until 2018. He was a strong supporter of Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin and the Crosiers Seminary. Jim cared about people - his friends, business employees, associate, and his community in Aitkin. He loved spending time at the hunting shack and especially spending time with his family.

Jim is survived by his wife, Diane of Aitkin; daughter, Kathleen Marie Ryan of Minneapolis; son and daughter-in-law, Patrick James (Brenna) Ryan of Baxter; two grandchildren: Miles Crosby Ryan and Adeline Claire Ryan; sister and brother-in-law: Mary (Rick) Godfrey of Oklahoma City, OK; sisters-in-law: Judy Ryan of Aitkin and Helen Ryan Thielen many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Anne; and three brothers: Mike, Dick, and Jack.

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OBITUARIES

RAY BRUGGMAN



Ray Bruggman, 82, of Aitkin and formerly of McGregor died Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Rivers Edge Assisted Living in Aitkin.

Ray is being cremated, and his wishes were to hold no public services. Burial will

A Graveside service was

dale Township with full military

honors by the Myrin-James

American Legion Post #443,

Ironton. A reception followed at

He was born in Aitkin on May 2, 1957 in to

Ronald and Bertha (Wynn) Bickford. Chris was

a U.S. Navy veteran. He was the retired owner

be in the Spring Valley Cemetery next to his wife, Rhonda Bruggman. If you wish to send a card or flowers the address is: Tammy Sundberg, PO Box 158,

McGregor, MN 55760.

He was born July 31, 1939 to Paul and Sophie (Kehn) Bruggman. He was a veteran of the United States Military, worked for the Aitkin County

Road Department for 20 years and owned and operated a small engine repair shop in McGregor. He is survived by three biological children: Jennifer Bruggman Kej, Janet Bruggman, and Ray Bruggman Jr.; and two step-daughters: Tammy Sundberg, and Dawn Evans; plus many

grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends. He was preceded in death by both parents and wives: May Bruggman; and Rhonda (Rollie) Bruggman whom he was married to for 26 years; his twin brother Roy Bruggman; and stepson Donovan Horsman, who just passed away on December 19, 2021.

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



the Ironton Legion Post.

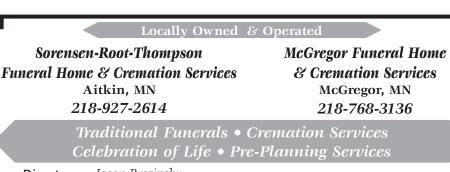
CHRIS BICKFORD

Chris Milo Bickford, 64, of Bickford Welding in Ironton. Chris married Deborah Summerlin on August 15, 1980 in Virginia Beach, VA.

> Chris is survived by one son, Milo Bickford of Sioux Falls, SD; three daughters: Latisha Bickford of Roseville, Nicole Bickford of Aitkin and Felicia Bickford of Pequot Lakes; four sisters: Hope (Tony) Christensen of Castle Rock, CO, Robbin (Robert) Hendrickson of Brainerd, Wanda Sullivan of Mahnomen and Juanita Brown of Crosby; and seven grandchildren.

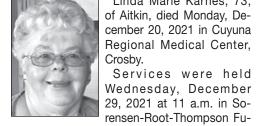
> Preceding Chis in death are his parents; wife, Deborah "Debby" in March of 2021; and sister, Renee Matheny.

> Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.



Directors: Jason Brezinsky Jerry Thompson • Tad Brezinsky

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neral Home. Aitkin with Pastor Dallas Smith officiating.

She was born January 17, 1948 in Monticello to Anthony and Vera (Davis) Diedrich. Linda graduated from Monticello High School. She was united in marriage to Gary Karnes on October

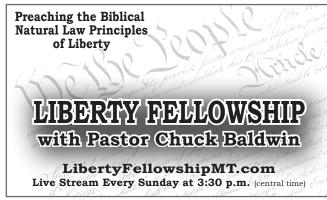
Howard Edgar Priebe, 79,

A Mass of Christian Burial Catholic Church in Brainerd. There will be a visitation two

a rosary at 11:30 a.m. with the

Little Falls, MN.

Howard was born May 4, 1942 to William and Evelyn (Johnson) Priebe. He entered the service in 1961 and trained as an Army medic. He deployed to Vietnam and served several tours and was decorated for heroism while serving as



LINDA KARNES

Linda Marie Karnes, 73, 10, 1970 in Monticello. Linda enjoyed cooking, crocheting, taking trips, camping and especially spending time with her family.

Linda is survived by her husband, Gary Karnes; children: Tammy Schwietz and Steven Karnes; three grandchildren: Katie Schwietz, Tim (Sam) Karnes and Avianna Karnes; siblings, Pat, Kenny, Grace and Barb; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings.

To sign the guestbook online, go to: www. srtfuneral.com. Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Aitkin,

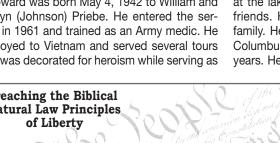
a Dustoff Medevac medic. He was honorably

HOWARD PRIEBE

of Brainerd died on Sunday, December 19, 2021.

will be at noon on Friday, January 7, 2022 at All Saints hours before the service and

4th Dearee Knights of Columbus. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in



discharged from the Army in 1967 after returning from Vietnam. After his service in the Army, he entered the Minnesota State Patrol Academy in 1968. He was stationed in the Marshall district for the first 11 years of his career and lived in Slayton, MN. While there, he married the love of his life Dorothy (Radermacher) Priebe. They were blessed with three sons while living in Slayton. In 1979, he was transferred to Brainerd, where he served out the rest of his 29 year career, retiring in 1997. He was proud to be one of the Accident Reconstructionists for the State of Minnesota. He also loved spending a week every summer at the lake fishing and visiting with family and friends. He adored and was so proud of his family. He was very active with the Knights of Columbus and was a 4th Degree Knight for 31 years. He served on the State Degree team for

12 years, served as the Faithful Navigator when his turn came, and played a huge role in the Crow Wing Chapel Service project.

Howard is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dorothy; sons and daughters-in-law: Stephen and Lisa (Passe), Michael and Karolina (Lojewska), and Matthew; four grandsons: Alex, Tyler, Connor and Nathan; two granddaughters Savannah and Allison.

CHURCH DIRECTOR

* 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. 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
- 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
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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

each month 9am- 4p

- Aitkin St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker;
- 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.princeofpeacelutheran.church
- Beaver Township 3rd Sun., 10:30.
- Brainerd* Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www.goodshep-
- 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.
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- - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st &
 - herdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brain-

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- 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; hillcityagchurch@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. theiournevnorth.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 Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.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. Gabriel Waweru, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
- Brainerd St. Francis, Fr. Michael Garry, 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: Tues. Noon, Thurs. 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
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- Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.
- Vineland St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

- 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 thelogchurch@crosslake.net
- Isle Pastor Mark Lee; Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer 6:30 pm and Kids Konnect 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.

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- Aitkin Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
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- Brainerd Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.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 10am14019 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
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- & 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.
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- 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 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
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- 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
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Hill City - Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10

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Onamia - Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship

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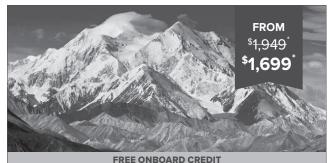
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First Day Hikes will take place at six Minnesota state parks on Saturday, Jan. 1, as part of a nationwide effort to connect people with the outdoors. Individuals, families and groups in all 50 states will have an opportunity to enjoy guided hikes that vary in distance and difficulty. The event offers visitors an opportunity to celebrate the New Year amidst

local nature and history. The Minnesota hikes will take place at: Mille Lacs Kathio State Park (Onamia), 1-2 p.m.

Itasca State Park (Park Rapids), 1-3 p.m. Lake Bemidji State

Park (Bemidji), 1-3 p.m. Minneopa State Park (Mankato), 10-11 a.m. Whitewater State Park

(Altura), 1-3 p.m. William O'Brien State Park

(Marine on St. Croix), 10-11:30 a.m. To learn more about each

hike, including whether pre-registration is required and where to meet, visit the First Day event webpage at https:// www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_ parks/event.html?id=67535.

First Day Hikes are free, but a vehicle permit (\$7 for a one-day permit or \$35 for a year-round permit) is required to enter Minnesota state parks. Visitors should dress for the weather — ideally in layers that can be shed.

For those who wish to extend their First Day visit into multiple days, check the state park reservation page at https://reservemn.usedirect. com/MinnesotaWeb/ to see if overnight accommodations are offered.

For more information, including any event changes or cancelations due to weather, check the visitor alert on the park's web page, email info. dnr@state.mn.us or call the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367.

First Day Hikes started in 1992 in Massachusetts, and became a nationwide event in 2012.

Hollister Family Farm honored

Individual landowners are leading efforts to protect the land and waters in Minnesota; the Hollister Family Farm was recognized recently at the state level.

On December 14, the Hollister Family Farm was honored as an outstanding conservationist(s) at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD). The Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) nominated them for the Award.

Each year, the state's SWCDs recognize individu-



standing accomplishments in implementing conservation practices and improving Minnesota's natural resources. The Farmer magazine sponsors this award ceremony.

The Hollister's have transformed 80-year-old highly intensive soybean and corn farmland into perennial vegetation with 40 paddocks for cattle and sheep to rotate through.

They raise 60 cows on 120 acres to the direct consumer. The intense rotational management system has in-

als and organizations for out- creased the farm soil organic matter and improved water percolation.

The SWCD proudly nominated the Hollister Family Farm for the incredible conservation work they have done on their farm and for supporting other farmers with the implementation of soil health practices. The SWCD Board and staff congratulate the Hollister Family Farm on their conservation effort and the Award.

For more information, visit cwswcd.org or call 218-828-6197.

The Hollister Family Farm, owned and operated by Brea (left) and Abe (center) Hollister in rural Brainerd was honored as an outstanding conservationist(s) at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD). Seat to the right is Leonard Koering, SWCD Treasurer, District 1.

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