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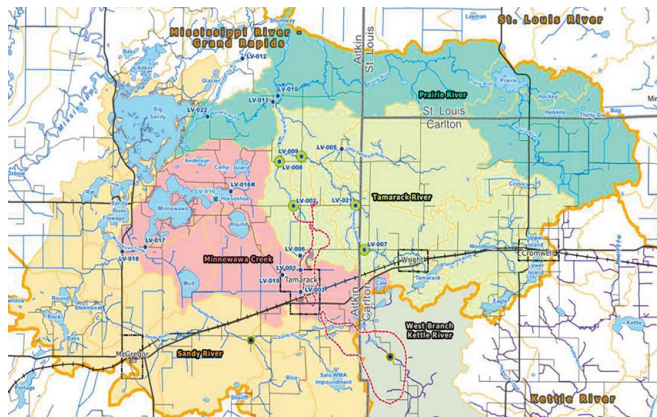
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## Tamarack has potential to be USA's only source of nickel



The community information session on the Tamarack Nickel Project originally scheduled for Jan. 12 has been moved to allow time for the holiday surge of COVID cases to subside. The new date will be Wednesday, March 2 from 5:20 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Tamarack Snoflyers Building at 195 Main Street in Tamarack.

In 2002, Rio Tinto (Kennecott Exploration) began exploration in the Tamarack

area. Talon Metals Corp. took over that operation in 2019.

According to Talon Metal Corp., Tamarack has the potential to be the USA's only domestic source of high-grade nickel. Nickel is a key metal for batteries in electric vehicles.

Talon Metals Corp. now boasts over 50 employees working on site in various job capacities including drilling, geology, operations, surveying, environmental studies,



safety, and community outreach. There is also a new core storage building on Main Street in Tamarack.

A major part of Talon's work is to conduct a variety of environmental studies. The pur-

pose of these studies is to look at potential environmental impacts, alternative options for project work, and identify methods for reducing negative environmental effects.

The baseline water sampling that began back in 2006 has continued, collecting data from 19 surface sites and 12 ground monitoring wells throughout the project

area and surrounding Big Sandy Lake watershed (part of the Upper Mississippi River Watershed). These baseline studies provide information on the normal conditions of water quality, quantity, and how these factors change with the seasons.

For more information, contact Jessica Johnson at johnson@talonmetals.com.

## Snowmobile crash kills two teens

Two teenage boys were killed after a weekend snowmobile crash in Aitkin County.

According to the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, it happened around 6 p.m. Sunday just south of Aitkin.

The Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, South Aitkin First Responders, MN State Patrol, and MN DNR responded to a snowmobile crash south of Aitkin on a groomed snowmobile trail, adjacent

to State Highway 169. The two parties involved were Westin Justen, 18, and Isaac Fulton, 16, both of Aitkin.

Preliminary investigation indicates Fulton was traveling northbound on the west side of the road and Justen was traveling southbound when they collided head on, causing serious injuries to both parties. The trail in that location is straight, level, and groomed on both sides of

Highway 169. Both parties were wearing helmets. Fulton was pronounced dead at the scene.

Justen was airlifted to Hennepin County Medical Center in critical condition. He was pronounced dead at Hennepin County Medical Center on the afternoon of January 3.

Fulton was a sophomore and Justen was a senior at Aitkin High School.

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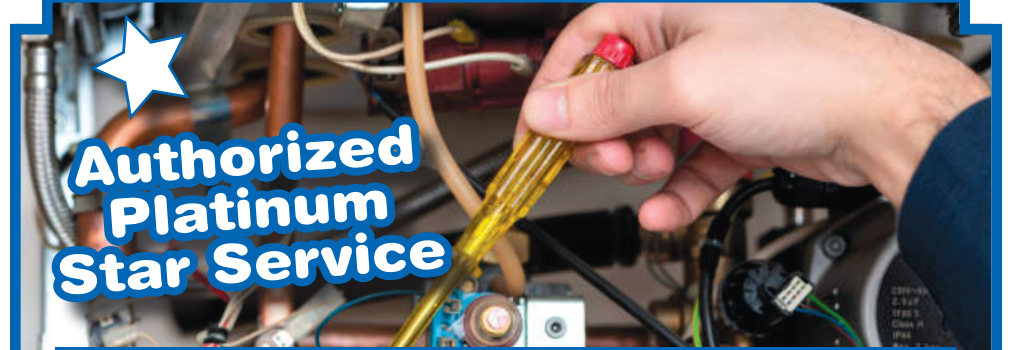


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# CWC seeks comments on proposed aquatic invasive species prevention

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department is requesting public comments on the proposed 2022 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Plan. The 2022 AIS prevention plan can be viewed on the County website at [www.crowwing.us/AIS](http://www.crowwing.us/AIS). Written comments on the plan will be accepted until Monday, Jan. 31 at 5:00 p.m. and may be submitted to Crow Wing County at [landservices@crowwing.us](mailto:landservices@crowwing.us) or mailed to 322

Laurel Street, Suite 15 Brainerd, MN 56401, attention AIS Plan Comments.

The County Board will review the proposed 2022 AIS Prevention Plan at a regularly scheduled meeting in February 2022.

Crow Wing County is also hosting a 2022 AIS prevention plan presentation on Friday, Jan. 21 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public to attend and learn more about Crow Wing County's AIS pre-

vention plan for 2022. Those interested may attend virtually via Microsoft TEAMS or in-person. If you plan to attend in person, please RSVP to Nicole Erickson at [Nicole.Erickson@crowwing.us](mailto:Nicole.Erickson@crowwing.us) or 218-824-1142. Please visit the County's website at [www.crowwing.us/ais](http://www.crowwing.us/ais) for more information about how to join the online presentation. Topics to be highlighted include watercraft inspections, decontaminations, education &

awareness, milfoil treatments, and early AIS detection.

Crow Wing County has been allocated \$462,902 by the State legislature to assist in the prevention of the spread of AIS within County lakes and rivers in 2022. The AIS prevention plan proposes to accomplish this through several approaches, including:

- **Watercraft inspections:** Crow Wing County optimized an online dashboard developed by MAISRC and the USDA Forest service called AIS Explorer. This online dashboard uses existing infestation information, water connectivity risk modeling, and over 1.6 million boater movement survey results to forecast the introduction risk of four priority AIS (zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, stary stone-wort, and spiny waterflea) at individual lakes throughout the County. Crow Wing County also used watercraft inspection per-hour data to determine allocated hours at multiple landings throughout

the County. In total, 15,984 watercraft inspection hours are proposed to be allocated on 44 landings in 2022.

- **Decontamination units:** The County plans to operate the AIS decontamination station located at the Crosslake Joint Highway Maintenance Facility that will be open Thursday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The County also plans to operate a mobile decontamination station located at five public landings including Edward, Lower Hay, Lower Cullen, Pelican – Halverson Bay, and Upper South Long that will be open Friday through Sunday. Watercraft users are encouraged to call the Crow Wing County Decon Hotline at 218-824-1055 or text "CW-CDECON" to 72345 for more details during the summer season.

Watercraft decontaminations consist of a very hot water rinse to kill Zebra Mussels and if needed a high pressure spray to remove AIS from

boats, motors, trailers, and personal gear.

- **Treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil:** Crow Wing County has 10 lakes that are infested with milfoil that also have a public access. As in previous years, funds will be allocated for chemical or biological treatment of milfoil in these lakes.

- **Education & Awareness:** New in 2022, funds will be granted for up to 25 lake associations that participate in the County's new Starry Search program. Lake associations will receive a \$200 incentive by sampling lakes for AIS with a public access.
- **Early AIS Detection:** The County plans to continue to work with area lake associations and an environmental lab to conduct Zebra Mussel veliger and Spiny waterflea testing in 2021.

Citizens may contact the Land Services Office at (218) 824-1010 or [landservices@crowwing.us](mailto:landservices@crowwing.us) to discuss AIS or other land use related activities.

## Swan rescued New Year's eve day



On Friday, Dec. 31, Carl Anderson of Rice and Alex Heglund of Royalton were ice fishing when they spotted and rescued a swan from the ice on Fish Trap Lake in Morrison County.

Heglund and Anderson used an ice fishing sled to transport the swan to their portable fish house. After the swan began to warm up, it was confined to a dog kennel.

The rescue was made before nightly temperatures plummeted to -26 and -30 degrees Fahrenheit that weekend.

After spending the night in a garage the swan, dubbed Dennis, was delivered to the

Garrison Animal Hospital on New Year's Day.

Dennis was in the hospital until Monday when he was transferred to Wild and Free, a non-profit wildlife program involved in rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing orphaned and injured wildlife.

Garrison Animal Hospital Veterinarian Katie Baratto said that Dennis suffers from a previous wing fracture and is "a big beautiful otherwise healthy bird."

She feels the fracture will prevent Dennis from being

released back into the wild, but he could be suitable for a swan breeding program.

Dr. Baratto said they are in need of two to four college students for their summer internship program to help feed and care for rehabilitating wildlife.

Donation or volunteer information for Wild and Free can be found at [wildandfree.org](http://wildandfree.org) or [www.facebook.com/wildandfree.garrison/](http://www.facebook.com/wildandfree.garrison/).

If you need help with an injured or abandoned animal, call the Garrison Animal Hospital at 320-692-4180, anytime.



## LEGAL NOTICES

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following is a summary of the budget for the 2022 fiscal year for Crow Wing County. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statute 375.169. The detail of the County budget is on file in the Administrative Services Office at the Courthouse, Brainerd, Minnesota, and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

**CROW WING COUNTY SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT**

Budgeted Governmental Funds	2021 Budget	2022 Original Budget
<b>Revenues</b>		
Property Taxes	\$ 41,262,480	\$ 42,908,105
All other Taxes	8,520,763	8,932,900
Special Assessments	614,201	614,201
Licenses and Permits	1,331,235	1,391,835
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues:</b>		
Federal	10,653,771	12,074,102
State	18,544,197	21,909,046
Other	350,200	1,247,729
Charges for Services	4,999,422	5,414,165
Fines and Forfeits	39,000	39,000
Interest on Investments	971,000	581,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,622,684	2,974,710
<b>Other Sources</b>		
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	<b>\$ 89,908,953</b>	<b>\$ 98,086,793</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
General Government	\$ 11,395,485	\$ 11,643,723
Public Safety	17,420,023	17,113,374
Highways and Streets	18,844,314	22,311,436
Health & Human Services	31,225,722	32,862,306
Culture and Recreation	509,127	509,127
Conservation of Natural Resources	9,988,334	9,159,173
Economic Development	-	-
Debt service	94,746	98,250
Capital outlay	1,850,000	4,003,223
<b>Other Uses</b>		
Transfers to Other Funds	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>\$ 91,327,751</b>	<b>\$ 97,700,612</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance - Budgeted Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ (1,418,798)</b>	<b>\$ 386,181</b>

DEBORAH A. ERICKSON, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR  
CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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**WEALTHWOOD 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.

Dated: November 29, 2020  
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk  
Wealthwood Township 2.2

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**WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for the Township officers to be elected at the Wealthwood Township Annual Meeting which will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Filings will be open Tuesday, December 28, 2021 and 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 legal holidays.

Call for an appointment 218-678-2880.

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 4.6

## Area teams heat up court in tourney



Pierz, in white, goes in for a basket in the championship varsity girls game that they won. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
Area basketball teams competed in the Aitkin Quarterbacks Tournament held at the Aitkin High School over the winter break.

The Aitkin Gobbler boys won first place for the varsity team, beating Pierz in double overtime. Also competing were Greenway and Foley.

On the girls' side, Milaca defeated Aitkin for the championship. Also competing were

McGregor and North Woods.

**All Tournament Players**  
**Boys' varsity:** Jaelend Williams and Zach McDonald, Aitkin; Grant Hansen, Greenway; Teagan Duevel, Foley and Zach Jones, Pierz.

**Girls' varsity:** Rae Nyberg, Aitkin; Jordan Paquette, McGregor; Macy Mash and Abby Anderson, Milaca and Hannah Kinsey, North Woods.

**Junior Varsity boys and girls all tournament players:**

Tyson Sjodin and Mara Dox, Aitkin; Addison Sather, McGregor; Gage Olson, Greenway; Ethan Gothman, Foley; Kyle Wincher and Max Barclay, Pierz; Madi Gothman, Milaca; Addison Burckhardt, North Woods.

"Participants, event workers, Aitkin Quarterbacks Club and officials helped and supported our tournament," said Alex White, Aitkin Activity Director.

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## OBITUARIES

### THOMAS TURK



Thomas Eugene Turk, 77, formerly of Deerwood, passed away after suffering from Alzheimer's Disease on Monday, December 6, 2021 at Brookside Senior Living in Montevideo.

A Memorial Gathering is planned on Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

He was born on June 1, 1944 in Brainerd to Albert and Mildred (Anderson) Turk. He graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School in 1962. He began working for Hallett Construction Company during the second half of his senior year and worked there as Data Processing Manager for just under 25 years. He also served in the National Guard. He married Sylvia "Chick" Tomson in 1966 and from that union came two sons. They made their home on the south side of Serpent Lake. When the Hallett home office closed in 1986, Tom was offered a position with the company in Boone, IA, but he didn't want to ask his family to move to another state. In 1987, he accepted a position with Breezy Point Resort. In 1998, he and a colleague set out on their own

and started a property management company. He worked there until his retirement in 2017. He later married Denise Clark and they resided in Montevideo until his death. Tom loved the outdoors. Snowmobiling and family camping trips were favorites of his in the 1970's and 1980's. Hunting, however, was truly his lifelong passion. Tom enjoyed his work in every incarnation of his working career.

Tom is survived by his two sons: Jeff Turk of Deerwood, and Brandon (fiancé Sally Oren) Turk of Crosby; granddaughter, Cassandra (Mitch) Gutzman of Circle Pines; three grandsons: Colten Turk of Fargo, North Dakota, Cayden Turk of Crosby, Carsen Turk of Crosby; great-grandson, Liam Gutzman of Circle Pines; daughter-in-law, Amy Lundgren of Crosby; brother-in-law, Rudy (Cinde) Tomson of Crosby; sister-in-law, Francis Turk of Rochester; former wife and mother of his children, Chick Turk of Crosby; current wife, Denise Clark of Montevideo; niece and many nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, Gary Turk; and his parents-in-law, Gerald and Julia Tomson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

### JAMES MARR



James Robert Marr, 76, of Crosby died on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022 at the Crosslake Lutheran Church with full military honors given by the Crosslake Legion Post. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veteran Cemetery in Little Falls. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday. Memorials may be given to the Crosslake Lutheran Church or the Crosslake American Legion.

He was born on November 4, 1945 in Freeport, IL to Albert and Anna (Meyer) Marr. Jim was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving in the 8th Air Force during Vietnam. He married Janet Widmer in Highland, IL on June 11, 1971. He graduated from the University of Whitewater with a Bachelors of Business Administration. Formerly Jim and Janet lived in the Loretto

and Delano areas. He was a retired Insurance Broker, employed from 1972 until 2016. His most recent employment was with Center Insurance in Wayzata, retiring from the Christensen Insurance Group in Eden Prairie. He was a member of the Crosslake Lutheran Church and the Crosslake American Legion. Jim is a former board member with RCCC Lake Association.

Jim is survived by his wife, Janet; two sons, Jeremy Marr of Buda, TX and Jared Marr; two daughters: Ellen (Sam) Northey of Circle Pines and Anna (Gary) Burczek of Hutchinson; ten grandchildren: Zachary and Megan Northey, Phoebe and Freyja Marr, Ashley and Jack Burczek, Zoe, Alanna and Deklin Larsen and Brianna Marr; brother, Douglas Rubey of Loves Park, IL; sister, Marlene (David) Mahlke of Huntley, IL; sister-in-law, Kathy Rubey of Rockford, IL; many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Jim in death are his parents; step-mother, Meriam Marr and an infant brother, David Marr.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

### KIMBERLY WELLIVER-BROWN



Kimberly Kae Welliver-Brown, 53, died on Friday, December 31, 2021.

Kim's celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Gather on three events center (The Woods), located at 19624 Co Rd 3 Brainerd.

She was born in Brainerd, on October 23, 1968, to William Welliver and Dixie (Welliver) Pakarinen. Growing up in the Brainerd Lakes Area, Kim graduated from Brainerd High School in 1987. Following graduation, Kim attended Brainerd Vocational School while beginning her 28 year career with Essentia Health, formerly St.

Joseph's Medical Center. Her love for sunrises, sunsets and her flower garden were a perfect reflection of the beautiful person she was.

Kim is survived by her husband Tim, son Nathan Welliver, stepson Justin (Rachel Lee) Brown, mother Dixie Pakarinen, stepfather Scott Pakarinen, stepmother Mary Welliver, sisters Diane (Sean) Bird, Christine (Dave) Montague, Jennell (Brett) Berg, brother BJ (Kimberly) Welliver, stepbrother Seth (Becky) Pakarinen, stepsister, Sara (Darren) Rector and many other loved relatives.

Kim was preceded in death by her father William, grandparents John and Stella Welliver, grandparents Burnell and Helen Randall, as well as her loving dog Dakota.

### LOYD CHURCHILL



Loyd Duane Churchill, 74, of Brainerd died at his home on Wednesday, December 29, 2021.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, January 14, 2022 at the Assembly of God Church in Crosby from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

He was born on March 21, 1947 in Brainerd to Raymond and Mae (Carroll) Churchill. Loyd married Karen Price on September 17, 1977 in Crosby. He was a former Security Officer with Grand Casino, Mille Lacs with 20 years of

service.

Loyd is survived by his wife, Karen; five daughters: Angie Toven of Brainerd; Amber (Luke) Rosecrans of Crosby; Ashley Churchill of Cocoa, FL; Alyssa (Justin) Grecula of Brainerd and Ariana (Westly) Juaire of Brainerd; brother, Howard (Kay) Churchill of Brainerd; sister, Helen Amundson of Pine River and 12 grandchildren.

Preceding Loyd in death were his parents and two brothers: Rex Churchill and Raymond E. Churchill.

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

### THOMAS BIEVER



Thomas Albert Bieber, 86, of Deerwood died on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 7, 2022 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. A visitation was one hour prior to the service on Friday.

He was born in St. Paul on April 15, 1935 to Albert and Stephanie (Erhart) Bieber. Tom owned and operated the B & B Store in Ironton for 22 years, he was a former council member for the

City of Ironton and a past Scorpion employee.

Tom is survived by two sons: Sidney (Lynn) Bieber of Brainerd, Brian (Kathy) Bieber of Deerwood; daughter, Sandra (Lyle) Dugas of Silver Bay; his companion, Joan Riojas of Deerwood; half-brother, Joe Gonska of Merrifield; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Preceding Tom in death are his parents; wife Carol; grandson, Casey Bieber; great-grandson, Hunter Bieber and sister, Alice Magana.

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

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## READER RIBBETS

### Road vacation petition hearing

My neighbors, private property owners and tax paying residents of Crosby, filed a Road Vacation Petition in September 2021, ironically at the same time Cuyuna Regional Medical Center also filed one. Both Petitions were reviewed by Crosby's Planning & Zoning Commission at its regular monthly meeting on October 18, 2021. During that meeting, both Petitions culminated in a unanimous vote by the commission, recommending approval of each by the City Council. The obvious difference being a petition from a private citizen vs. big business. However, our Petition requests that the city vacate unused, unidentifiable alley property versus CRMC, which is requesting the vacation of existing city property currently used by the public.

I am a party to my neighbor's Petition, being one of only four property owners on the entire block and affected by this situation. I also represent one of the required majority of property owners supporting the Petition. The Petition entails city property that, literally 100+ years ago, was platted wholly in Keating's Addition to Crosby, was designated as

a city alley, but which has never been developed into an alley or utilized by the city or the public as such. In fact, no one would even know an alley exists here due to the city's abandonment of this property and by allowing one property owner to squat on it for many years, visually portraying it as privately owned by her. By being allowed to utilize this city property, she overtook an additional 25 ft. wide strip of land running the entire length of the block and has been using it tax free for many years. Our Petition points out that, if granted, taxes will finally be generated on this property.

Information was shared with me that the City, at some point, created and implemented an Ordinance titled "Vacation of Streets". The ordinance is inclusive of parcels of property owned by the city, whether it be a street, alley, public ground or public way and defines the Vacation process.

Even though this neighbor has been unrelenting in her ongoing use of this city property while also crossing over onto our properties, we agreed in the Petition that we are willing to split the 25 ft. alley 50/50 with her unless the

city ordinance doesn't allow it, which we now know it doesn't. Her property is wholly in West Park Addition and ours is in Keatings Addition, as is the entire alley property. The city's ordinance dictates that any property the city vacates must stay completely within the plat it is located. Therefore, we are unable to split the property as we initially proposed due to the city's own doing, not ours. Our Petition would only adversely affect one property owner who's already privileged herself with many years of use of this alley property, unlike CRMC's Petition that could adversely affect many surrounding property owners. We have expressed to the city that if they do not grant our Petition, that they immediately take back control, development and maintenance of their property and develop it into the alley it was intended to be.

The Public Hearing on this Petition is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6 p.m. during the council's regular meeting at Crosby City Hall. I urge anyone with an interest to attend the public hearing, if for nothing more than to observe.

**Pam Karnowski, Crosby**

### The snowball

A choice was made to get involved in situations in Crosby, while not a resident.

The actions of people in power had the ripple effect of impacting any and every one that came in contact with the police department. The same has occurred with Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard. His attempt to embarrass, demoralize, and discredit two police departments, for a friend, is unacceptable—it impacts us all.

If you think Goddard won't attempt to embarrass, demoralized, or discredited your local PD, your thinking could be flawed, he has proven he is willing to—given the chance. He'll repeat his behavior, if he

is not held accountable today.

Our county commissioners believe their hands are tied because Goddard is an elected official. While they have no real power over him, their mouths are not duct taped shut.

A letter writer correctly cited MN Statute about recording conversations, he used what made his point, to current knowledge, the content of the recordings has not been released, while accurate, the statute does not apply to a single letter written and may not apply to the situation where the recordings were made. So, Goddard stating it was to protect our deputies, appears to be pure nonsense.

This letter campaign was

not supposed to take this long, once the ball started rolling, it has snowballed. Your voices have helped move it along, please use them now to demand Goddard resign. We the people must make demands of those who serve us, if we don't, they forget who they serve and begin to believe they lead us. Those in power, those in control, concede nothing without a demand.

Goddard believes he answers to no one. He forgot he serves us. He abused his power, his office, his badge, for a friend. We need to let him know his service is no longer required and we will gladly accept his immediate resignation.

**Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### January

8th - Snowmobile Safety Training at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds Grandstand. Register by emailing [aitkinsnodrifters@gmail.com](mailto:aitkinsnodrifters@gmail.com)

8th- Free Crossing Arts Creativity Kits distribution, 10am-noon, kits are free but are on a limited, first come, first serve basis. For more information contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416, [info@crossingarts.org](mailto:info@crossingarts.org), located in the heart of downtown Brainerd at 711 Laurel Street.

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, Pequot Lakes, Pine River and Emily.

11th - Community members are invited to join Central Lakes College's Raider Concert Winds (a concert band) meeting at 2pm in the Rehearsal Hall, room E471, Brainerd campus. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Jonathan Laflamme, Director of Instrument Music at CLC, at [jonathan.laflamme@clcmn.edu](mailto:jonathan.laflamme@clcmn.edu) or 218-855-8215.

11th - The Art of Hemorrhage Control and the Science of Stress Training free presentation at 7pm at the McGregor High School Auditorium at 148 South 2nd Street in McGregor. For more information call 218-768-7227 or [mcgregorambulance@gmail.com](mailto:mcgregorambulance@gmail.com)

12th - Dance at Waukenabo Community Center from 1-4pm. Music by Andy Roskos

12th - Community members are invited to join Central Lakes College's Raider Jazz Collective (a jazz band) meeting at 2pm in the Rehearsal Hall, room E471, Brainerd campus. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Jonathan Laflamme, Director of Instrument Music at CLC, at [jonathan.laflamme@clcmn.edu](mailto:jonathan.laflamme@clcmn.edu) or 218-855-8215.

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 Gymnasium at 9am. 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 Leonard Skillings 218-232-6688 for those in Brainerd, St. Mathias, Pillager, Crosslake, Pequot Lakes, Pine River and Emily.

22nd- Annual March For Life - Participants should gather at the corner of South Sixth and Oak streets in Brainerd. The march will begin promptly at 11:30am to the Courthouse for an outdoor rally. Signs and banners will be provided. Please plan to join the marchers to support the unborn. This march is being sponsored by the Crow Wing County Chapter of MCCL.

23rd - Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships at the Crosby-Ironton High School Gymnasium at 12:30pm. 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 Justin Smith at 218-330-1431 if you in the Crosby-Ironton, Aitkin and McGregor areas.

26th - Dance at Waukenabo Community Center from 1-4pm. Music by Jerry's Band.

### February

2nd - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Fishing Tournament and Scorpion Homecoming on Serpent Lake. Call 218-546-8131 for more information.

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# OBITUARIES

## BETTY HUSTON

Huston, Betty Ann Lillian Huston, 80, of Aitkin, died on Sunday, December 26, 2021.

Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at St. Vincent's De Paul Catholic Church in Brooklyn Park. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

She graduated from Robbinsdale High School in 1959 and married Clifford in 1960. She was employed by General Mills for 23 years prior to her retirement. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She loved country music, was an avid reader, enjoyed hobbies like ceramics

but most of all visiting with friends and family.

Survived by her son, Cullan Huston; daughter, Tamara Huston (Scott); two grandchildren: Jesse and Chantel; sister, Delores Nierenhausen (Wally); dog, Cubby; and many other cherished family and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents, Ruth Corbett and Keith (Ralph) Rumble; husband, Clifford; significant other, Gene Wolter; three sisters and two brothers.

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

## ARNOLD GRAFF



Arnold Wesley "Arnie" Graff, 82, of Deerwood formerly of Bloomington died on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at his home.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Bay Lake Township Cemetery with full military honors given by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post.

He was born in Morris on February 22, 1939 to Arthur and Lanora (Gulbrandson) Graff. He was in the US Army. In 1957, Arnie graduated from WCSA in Morris. Arnie married Sylvia Koehntop on July 8, 1961 in Donnelly, MN. He was a retired Tool and Dye Maker with Hitchcock Industries in Minneapolis with 40 years of service. He was

a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby; the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557, Deerwood; a former Bay Lake Area Lions Club member, receiving the Melvin Jones and Helen Keller Awards; a member of Sons of Norway, Brainerd; the Snow Packers; Bay Lake Improvement Association and the Minnesota Angling and Dark House Association. Arnie is survived by his wife, Sylvia; son, Allen Graff of Zimmerman; five grandchildren: Sarah (Mike) Fredrick, Allisen Graff, Neal (Olivia) Hanson, Austin Graff and Natalie Hanson; five great-grandchildren: Jaiden, Caden, Mason, Carter and Saylor; two sisters, LaVonna Hansen of Dassel and Marian (Dave) Skaar of Hutchinson.

Preceding Arnie in death are his parents; daughter, Sherlyn Hanson and brother Wallace Graff.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

## DEAN KIEWER



Dean Louis Kiewer, 64, of Jacobson, died unexpectedly on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at his home.

A celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 22, 2022 from noon - 3 p.m. in the Waukenabo Town Hall.

He was born October 17, 1957 in Grand Rapids to Alvin and Elizabeth "Betty" (Schilling) Kiewer. Dean worked in maintenance at Savannah Pallet until his retirement. Dean enjoyed fishing, gardening, smoking food and the outdoors.

Dean is survived by his siblings: Dale (Bridget)

Kiewer, Delight (Bob) Michael, Dianne (Chris) Tenute, Doug (Heather) Kiewer, Deidre (Mark) Harbaugh, Denae (Tim) Dale, Deland "Johnny" (Jennifer) Kiewer, Daryl "Spud" (Jessica) Kiewer and Darlyn (Berent Dewolfe) Kiewer; sister-in-law, Cindy Kiewer; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dean is preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Darwin "Pete", Dennis, Darla and Delores.

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

## DONALD KEIL



Donald "Donnie" Ray Keil, 85, of Aitkin died Saturday, January 1, 2022 at his home.

A private family graveside service will be held at a later date.

He was born November 11, 1936 in Cedar Brook to Louis and Alida (Norgren) Keil. Donnie was united in marriage to Lois Pickles on September 9, 1957, and they had 64 loving years together. He worked for Hannah Mining Co. in Crosby for five years and then worked for Burlington Northern Railroad from 1963, retiring in 1993. He loved hunting and especially fishing and his farm work. He also loved gardening, where he became known to

his friends as the "Squash Man" for growing all the varieties of squash.

Donnie is survived by his wife, Lois; two sons: Steve (Vic) Keil of Aitkin and Kevin (Lisa) Keil of Albertville; two daughters: Donna (Terry) Lane of Park Rapids and Pamela (Donovan) Johns of Boyd, TX; daughter-in-law, Debbie Keil of Floodwood; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; sister Bonita (Bill) Besch; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son Gary, brother, infant sister, three sisters, and parents.

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

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### ALLIANCE

Aitkin\* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship in the church building 10:15 am & 5:30 pm, check the website for the time of service [NewLifeAitkin.com](http://NewLifeAitkin.com); youth group for 7th-12th graders Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; [www.pointway.org](http://www.pointway.org)  
Garrison\* — Pastor Michael H. 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; [hillcityagchurch@gmail.com](mailto: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, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9 & 10:30, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Brainerd\* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Stephens, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; [fbcbrairnerd.com](http://fbcbrairnerd.com)  
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org](http://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](http://aitkinchurch.com)  
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.  
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.  
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

### CATHOLIC

Aitkin\* — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm.  
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Gabriel Wawer, Sat. 4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Matthias 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.ihmstlouis.org](http://www.ihmstlouis.org); Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.  
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.  
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm  
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483  
Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.  
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.  
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10

### COMMUNITY

Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959  
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005  
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.  
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm  
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm  
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.  
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared]) in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.  
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.  
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.  
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.  
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10  
Outing\* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge  
Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — 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](mailto: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 Connect 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](http://www.christbaxter.com).  
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 [www.princeofpeace-lutheran.church](http://www.princeofpeace-lutheran.church)  
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.  
Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at [www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church](http://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.llchurch.org](http://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](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org) Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto:trinity@trinitybrainerd.org)  
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCCM, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9  
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.  
Crosby — Immanuel (LCCM, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.  
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910  
Crosslake — (ELCA) [www.crosslakelutheran.com](http://www.crosslakelutheran.com) • 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](http://www.missionofthecross.org)  
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship 9; Sunday School 9:15.  
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.  
Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. [www.shepherdofthelake.org](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org).  
Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.  
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.  
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)  
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30 am 218-534-3069  
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; 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.  
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.  
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210  
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.  
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.  
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.)  
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Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

### PRESBYTERIAN

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McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.  
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

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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  
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# \$47 Million allocation of Federal American Rescue Plan Funds

Governor Tim Walz announced an allocation of \$47 million federal American Rescue Plan funds as the state continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$47 million includes funding to support child care programs across the state, provide immediate hunger relief, and increase availability of rapid testing as the Omicron variant continues to spread across the country.

## Increasing Availability of At-Home COVID-19 Rapid Tests

Testing is a critical tool in the fight against COVID-19, allowing Minnesotans to go about their daily lives with less fear of contracting or spreading the virus. The Governor's allocation of \$2.5 million in federal funds will expand the state's COVID-19 testing infrastructure, get more at-home rapid tests in the hands of Minnesotans, and enhance the equitable distribution of testing for Minnesotans facing healthcare barriers.

To date, the Walz-Flanagan Administration has secured

and provided approximately 1.1 million free rapid tests to Minnesotans through schools, child care providers, and state-run Community Testing sites, and this additional \$2.5 million will make the critical tool of testing more accessible to Minnesotans as the highly transmissible Omicron variant continues to spread.

## Investing in Food Security Across the State

\$20 million of the federal funds will be used to provide urgent relief to Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity. Funding will support immediate household food needs and system capacity as part of the state's emergency food response and Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP) benefit access. Funds will be targeted to a diverse network of food resources, such as food shelves and meal programs, representing the efforts of community-based organizations, tribes, and local governments. The funding will be used to cover food purchases, food distribution costs, meal preparation, cleaning supplies, technology

needs, outreach efforts, and training and technical assistance to assist in the response to Minnesota's emergency food challenges caused by the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19 and rising food costs.

## Supporting Child Care Access

The Governor has also allocated \$20 million to help child care programs experiencing increased costs and staffing challenges related to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases remain open for families. While Minnesota is in a stronger position than many states due to the Governor's continued support for child care, the sector was vulnerable prior to the pandemic and faces unique and continued urgent needs as COVID spreads. The \$20 million in flexible funding will be used to assist providers who are experiencing lost revenue and increased costs associated with COVID-19 temporary classroom quarantines, pandemic-related worker vacancies and staffing limitations, among other needs. Child care providers

may apply for and receive these funds through the Minnesota Department of Human

Services January Child Care Stabilization Base Grant application at <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/grants-rfps/child-care-stabilization/base-grants/>.

# Mille Lacs Energy Trust Board grants



Operation Round Up recipients first row: (left to right) Evon Pearson, Jackie Dille, Leo Offerman, Kathy Hachey, Mara Lundquist, and Ashley King. Second row: Travis Zimmerman, Cathy Wilke, Amy Gray, Denny Davis, Jeremy Janski, Rich Aulie, Mary Aulie, and Lyn Sahr.

The Mille Lacs Community Trust Board meets quarterly to distribute funds raised through Operation Round Up. This December, the board awarded \$24,200 in grants to local non-profit organizations including: ANGELS, Cuyuna Range Youth Center, Great River

Strings Ensemble, Home & Away Ministries DBA Ruby's Pantry, Kinship Partners Inc., Mille Lacs Indian Museum, Mille Lacs Trails, Mounted Eagles Inc, Nexus - Mille Lacs Family Healing, Riverwood Auxiliary, Ross Lake First Responders, Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, True Friends, and Wild and Free. The total amount of grants awarded since the start of Operation Round Up has reached an astounding \$1,373,879!

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program at Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative where our generous members round-up their electric bill payment to the nearest dollar. All of the funds

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