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Long Lake to host traditional Ojibwe storytelling event Renowned Ojibwe Storyteller Michael Migizi Sullivan

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Dr. Michael Migizi Sullivan, an Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) linguist, will share stories at and event at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26 at Long Lake Conservation Center.

Renowned Storyteller Dr. Michael Migizi Sullivan will share traditional Ojibwe stories as part of Ojibwe Legends Storytelling event at 6:30 pm. on Saturday, Feb. 26 at Long Lake Conservation Center.

This event will feature an Aadizookaan - a sacred story often about a legend or myth, in this case Wenabozho, a historical and spiritual icon of the Ojibwe-Anishinaabeg. Sullivan will first tell the stories in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) and then in English.

"Being able to provide the people of Aitkin County, and beyond, the opportunity to get a glimpse into both the rich history and vibrant modern Ojibwe culture is an honor," Long Lake Manager Dave McMillan said. "I hope to see a lot of young faces in the audience."

The event is free and open to everyone. In-person attendance is limited to the first 200 people, but the event will also be available via Zoom. Pre-registration is required. All attendees are required to wear a mask while indoors. To learn more and to pre-register, go to longlakecc. org/storytelling, or call 218-

768-4653.

Prior to the storytelling, the registrants are invited to an hour-long Naturalist-guided nature hike beginning at 4:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served at 5:30 p.m., with the storytelling beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The event is made possible thanks in part to a grant awarded to Long Lake by the Northland Foundation, who, through grant making, an operating program, business lending, and special initiatives, help people and communities in our region to move forward together.

Michael Migizi Sullivan (PhD.) is an Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) linguist from the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe reservation in northern Wisconsin. He is currently the Native American Studies Faculty Director at Lac Courte

Oreilles Ojibwe College and previously served as the resident linguist for the Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Immersion School. Dr. Sullivan has traveled extensively across Ojibwe country exploring regional language variation and works closely with elders and tribes in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Ontario. He is a firm believer in an Anishinabe-centric self-determined pedagogy grounded in Anishinaabe language, worldview, and spiritual lifestyle. Sullivan currently resides with his family in the Skunawong community on the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation where he enjoys the outdoors. He and his children enjoy singing at powwows, round dances, and ceremonies throughout the year.

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Join Crossing Arts on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 10 to noon, when they will be giving out creativity kits to anyone who wants a little bit of creative fun. Kits will be available on tables inside of Crossing Arts. Kits include two art projects, a coloring sheet, and more! This month's kit includes Wire Sculpture and Shadow Drawing projects. Creativity Kits are free to the public. Kits are limited. First come, first served.

Creativity Kits are a way of engaging young artists and spreading the joy of art to the community. Crossing Arts goal is to offer projects that show the many different ways of being creative, because you never know what's going 833-0416, info@crossingarts. to light up a kid's imagination and help their creativity nonprofit located in the heart bloom. Crossing Arts offer of downtown Brainerd at 711 them for free so that everyone

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Lakes Area Music Festival Feb. 20

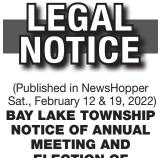
The Lakes Area Music Festival (LAMF) continues its Winter Series with a baroque recital on Sunday, Feb.20 at 2 p.m. at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts

in Brainerd. There is no set admission fee to attend, but tickets must be reserved in advance through the organization's website.

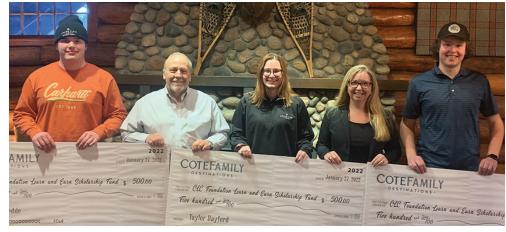
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online through the LAMF website with name-yourprice admission (suggested donation \$20). For assistance in reserving tickets, please call 218-831-0765.





Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Bay Lake Township, County of Crow Wing, and State of Minnesota, that the Annual



Pictured from left at the scholarship presentation are Scholarship recipient James Gedde; General Manager of Grand View Lodge, Spa & Golf Resort Don Lenahan; Scholarship recipient Taylor Hayford; CLC Foundation Director Kate Adornetto; and Scholarship recipient Zachary Nelson.

CLC Learn and Earn Program

Central Lakes College is proud to announce the success of its pilot Learn and Earn Program, with the awarding of three student scholarships with Grand View Lodge, Spa & Golf Resort.

Scholarship recipients include: Taylor Hayford (Accounting - AAS), James Gedde (Associate of Arts), and Zachary Nelson (Business Transfer Pathway).

In its first semester, the Learn and Earn Program benefits both CLC students and local businesses. Students apply to open positions with an area business that focuses on the students' career path and if employed, are eligible to receive a scholarship. In addition to being awarded a scholarship from the respective businesses, the student also gains professional experience, along with a paying job during their academic program at CLC. Further, students receive specialized academic and career coach services at CLC.

"The college and the foundation benefit from relationships with businesses in the community to leverage resources and services for our students," said Kate Adornetto, CLC Foundation Director. "We have had several businesses support the Learn and Earn concept and I feel confident that we will continue to build strong community partnerships for our students."

The program also helps local businesses recruit CLC students to be new employees in their organization while attending college.

"We need people, and what better resource than our closest community college, Central Lakes College. This program gives us an opportunity to find qualified em-

ployees, while helping them pursue their professional, career dreams," said Grand View Company Director of Human Resources Merrick Dresnin. "Learn & Earn is a win-win-win. It's great for Grand View Lodge Spa & Golf Resort, great for CLC, and fantastic for our community's brightest students!"

Scholarship recipient Hayford said "The Learn and Earn Scholarships are helping me learn how to balance my responsibilities, while also meeting new people!"

Fellow recipient Nelson added, "It's a great opportunity! You get a good job that pays decent and get a scholarship on top of that!"

Central Lakes College will open the Learn and Earn application on May 1 for Fall placement.

More about the program: www.clcmn.edu/learn-andearn-scholarship-program/

Poetry reading with Gregory Orr



www.NewsHopper.net

Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed until March 15,

The Election Poll hours will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters

1 - Supervisor (3 year term) presently held by Don Hales

1 - Supervisor (1 year term) John Enright to complete office term vacated by Jon Ste-

ently held by Carol Pundt

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:30 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. Board of Canvass will convene after

Meeting will be held at the fol-

Deerwood, MN 56444 Dated: January 28, 2022 CAROL PUNDT, Clerk

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Verse Like Water: The visiting poetry program of Central Lakes College presents American Poet Gregory Orr livestreamed at https://youtu.be/JZNhVuUM9mg at noon on Friday, Feb. 18. This virtual event is free and open to the public. Orr has published 10 volumes of poetry and books of memoir, criticism and essays. He has much to say about how lyric poetry across the centuries has helped people survive grief, loss and trauma. Orr taught English at the University of Virginia for 44 years, and founder of the school's MFA program in Creative Writing.

Concordia Choir stops in Brainerd

Conductor Michael Culloton will bring The Concordia Choir from Moorhead to perform in Brainerd, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the Gitchi-ziibi Center for the Arts at Brainerd High School. Tickets are available at ConcordiaTickets.com or at the door.

The choir celebrates Culloton's first tour as conductor and a belated 100th anniversary of The Concordia Choir with its Southwest spring tour. The tour includes performances in Alexandria Brainerd, Mahtomedi and Rochester; Dana Point, Rancho Santa Fe, Redlands, and Thousand Oaks, CA; Scottsdale, Sun City and Tucson, AZ; Albuquerque and Las Cruces, NM; Colorado

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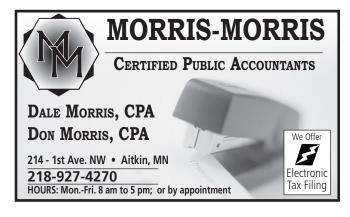
Springs and Denver, CO; Association. concluding with a Home Concert in Moorhead.

Culloton a 1998 Concordia graduate and associate professor of music, was named director of choral activities in 2020, appointed conductor of the choir and named the Paul J. and Eleanor Christiansen Chair of Choral Music succeeding Dr. René Clausen who retired after 34 years of service. For the eight years prior, Culloton conducted the Chapel Choir, Kantorei and Cantabile vocal ensembles. He teaches vocal music education and church music courses, serves as campus supervisor for student teachers, and advises the student chapter of the American Choral Directors

Touring nationally and internationally since 1920, the choir has performed in nearly every major hall in the United States including Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center, and continues to affirm its reputation as one of the nation's finest a cappella choirs. The choir will tour internationally to Italy in May 2022, marking its first tour to the country.

Masks will be required for all performers, staff, and audience members.

Concordia College is a four-year liberal arts college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America offering more than 50 majors, including 18 honors majors and 13 preprofessional programs.



EXCIPTING NEWS

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

READER RIBBETS Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

Greetings from the House of Representatives, where the first week of the 2022 legislative session is in the books.

Sadly, our week was overshadowed by the continued senseless violence occurring in our communities. Please pause and consider a prayer for the victims and their families of the recent shooting incident which took place outside a Richfield school building.

My colleagues and I are working hard on legislation to remedy the current public safety crisis. We must put the proper tools back into the hands of our judges' and law enforcement officer's. Our judicial system is failing us. All too frequently perpetrators of serious crimes, are out on bail or were already in violation of parole status for previous felony convictions.

I am chief author of HF 2947 that would reform Minnesota's cash bail law. Regardless of who posts cash bail for an individual, those dollars if refunded become the property for the individual charged. That's an invitation for abuse of the system. Cash bail put up by a non-profit group, ultimately may end up as a cash reward for the conduct that led to that individual's arrest.

On a more positive note, I was privileged to spend time with members of Minnesotans for Health & Parental Rights. They held a full day event at the Capital. Because the House DLF leadership has forbid constituents from entering our state office building, we were not able to meet in person in my office. However, we were able to meet in person in the State Capitol building. It was wonderful to see the hundreds of young families and children at the Capitol rallying for health and parental rights. We are working on legislation across a broad front in this area. We must protect the right to die in dignity surrounded by one's family and prevent government overreach due to loosely worded laws that invite exploitation by government.

Thank you for the over whelming response on the fate of the \$7.7 billion projected state surplus. I hear you – downsize the tax burden.

During Feb-May, I will be in St. Paul, Monday-Thursday working on your behalf. Please don't hesitate to contact me via email: rep.dale.lueck@ house.mn or (651) 296-2365. Please visit my legislative website: https://www.house. leg.state.mn.us/members/profile/15439 to see what I am currently working on.

Representative Dale Lueck Minnesota House District 10B

What position are you taking?

Some letter contributors make accusations of bias, prejudice, half-truths, meant as an attack on this writer. The documents, information, and actions shared are solid. Goddard banned two local police departments from our offices based upon on an unauthored letter published locally. His reason-to protect our deputies, from what? —a Chief of Police protecting his community and doing his job? recording a person with a huge ax to grind with one of the officers, recording a person arbitrators found is willing to lie, alter documents, make documents disappear to achieve their outcome, not a

legal outcome?

It seems like the Chief made the right call. Exposing abuse of power does not require bias, prejudice, or half-truths, their actions do that. When elected officials refuse to protect us, or attempt to bring harm to our communities, we the people must demand accountability.

A few people attempt to create doubt, claim there are other sides, must be qualified, and the only way to make it stop, make it stop, is challenge the writer and make false accusations so they feel better about themselves. They can tell their children, grandchildren when asked, "what did you do to protect me from the abuse of power?" they can proudly state, "I got in the way of the efforts to stop it."

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor political, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."

The position is, people who abuse their power, must be held accountable. Evidence will continue to be submitted, the length of time it takes to obtain accountability depends upon the reader's decision, do nothing, get in the way, or participate.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

Ironton American Legion

No politics, no complaints, lots of praise — something new to "Letter to the Editor."

I recently started visiting this local establishment [Ironton American Legion] again after years of management boring attitude of "worked for years/ why change things."

What a change with the

younger management style looks good with excellent food, service and prices. Her name is Liz and her skills have turned this establishment on it's heels. The food is very tasty with good portions. The workers are friendly and hard working in appropriate dress code. Prices are budget minded. and enjoy life with friends and neighbors. Liz is gifted with the abilities to hire these exceptional employees and set the standards. Her cooks know how to cook!

Yes, I am a vet, but everyone and anyone is welcome. *Jim Hiller, Trommald*

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Deerwood Outdoor and Gun Show

The 24th annual Deerwood Outdoor and Gun Show is planned for Saturday, Mar.5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Mar. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Deerwood Auditorium. The public is invited; admission is \$5.00 per day and children under 16 are free, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Buy, sell or trade items will be on display on more than 30 tables from local and outstate vendors. All federal and local gun laws must be observed. Deerwood Civic and Commerce is not responsible for accidents, loss or theft. No alcohol or loaded guns are allowed on the premises.

A Concession Stand is available on Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds from concessions benefit Boy Scout Troop 100. Fresh Kettle Corn will also be available for purchase outside the auditorium.

The Outdoor and Gun Show features a fantastic raffle again this year. Tickets are \$5.00 each, must be over 21 to purchase and winner need not be present to win. Complete list of prizes, raffle ticket sales outlets and complete rules can be found at deerwoodoutdoorshow.org/raffle

In addition to our traditional Show and Raffle at the Auditorium this March, we're lining up other activities at the Deerwood Fire Department.

The Minnesota DNR's high-profile, outdoor "Wall of Shame" trailer will display animals that have been poached with the violator being held accountable – part of the DNR's Turn In Poachers (TIP) program.

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Additionally, Outdoor groups (hunting, fishing, recreation, conservation, etc.) will have displays and literature tables with information for individuals and families with a wide range of interests, inside at the Deerwood Fire Hall.

Proceeds from this event benefit local area community organizations via donations by Deerwood Civic and Commerce.

For more information: visit deerwoodoutdoorshow.org, find us on Facebook @Deerwood Outdoor Show or email info@deerwoodcommerce. org.

COMMUNITY_EVENTS

February

- 12th Hill City Lions Club Ice Fishing Contest on Hill Lake, noon- 3 pm.
- 12th Mid-Minnesota 150 Sled Dog Race from Outing to Remer.
- 12th Cascade United Methodist Church Pie Social 1-3 pm at Cascade United Methodist Church, Deerwood. Slice of homemade pie, ice cream and coffee for \$5. Whole pies also available for purchase.
- 12th Aitkin Area Chamber's Winter Wonderama 1-4 pm snow games, s'mores, ice skating, x-country skiing plus more family-friendly activities.
- 12th 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.
- 14th Brian Andrews will speak on Restorative Justice: Giving young offenders better options at Lakes Area Unlimited Learning at 1:30 p.m. in the Forum Room of Crosby-Ironton High School. Admission is free for members and \$5.00 for non-members.
- 17th Singers from all area communities are invited to join the Central Lakes College Choir. No auditions or registration fees required. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening from 6-8:30 pm in the Music Rehearsal Hall (E471) on CLC's Brainerd campus. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Sarah Aamot, Vocal Music Director, at sarah.aamot@clcmn.edu.
- 18th Verse Like Water: The visiting poetry program of Central Lakes College presents American Poet Gregory Orr at noon livestreamed at https://youtu.be/JZNhVuUM9mg. This virtual event is free and open to the public.
- 19th Jacobson Annual Classic Snowmobile Run 10 am registration at the Jacobson Recreation Landing Park, noon ride begins with lunch along the trail, 4 pm awards and door prizes at the Swan River Red Eye, 8 pm raffle drawing at the the Forestry Station Bar. Raffle first prize is a yellow 1990 Skidoo Safari, second prize Sports A Field 30 gun safe, third prize StrikeMaster ice Auger.Contact Dale at 218-256-7930 for more information.

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OBITUARIES

Donald T. "Bucky" Quade, 76, of Palisade died Friday, February 4, 2022 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. A Celebration of Donald's Life will be noon on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade with Pastor William Sass

officiating. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service at the church. Lunch will follow the service at the Palisade Fire Hall in Palisade. Burial will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

He was born April 28, 1945 in Palisade to Theodore and Mary (Hedin) Quade. He grew up in Palisade, attended Palisade School and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1963. Donald married Sharon Ashton in 1968 in Palisade. Together they had two children, and later divorced. When he was younger, Donald spent many hours with his brother "Swede" building rock fireplaces and grills. Donald worked for the Palisade CO-OP, running the store and delivering feed to the community. He also managed the grocery store in Palisade, the city water maintenance, and was the Palisade Fire Association Gambling Manager.

DONALD QUADE

He was a member of the Palisade Fire Dept., Palisade City Council and Palisade Sportsman's Club. He helped coach Little League, taught gun safety, snowmobile and ATV safety classes for local youth.

Donald is survived by his son and daughter-inlaw, Michael (Jen) Quade of Palisade; daughter and son-in-law, Dawn (Brian) Quade of Maple Grove; five grandchildren: Courtney (Brycen) Peterson, Kaylee (Travis) Ross, Logan (Hannah) Quade, Dylan Quade, and Joe Sell; four great-grandchildren: Hudson, Briggs, Graham, and Baby Quade; brother and sister-in-law: James (Marie) Quade of Parker, A.; sisters: Ramona McConnell of Valley Ford, WA. and Beverly Johnson of Saint Paul; and many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Theodore and Mary Quade, great-grandson Wyatt, brother Lamberth "Swede", sister Joanne, and nephews: Larry, Leslie and Eric.

Donald is survived by his son an

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

JOSEPH COLLINS

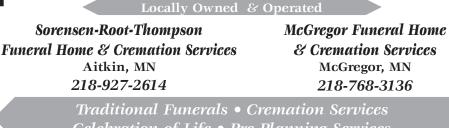
Joseph Wade Collins, 37, of Aitkin, passed away on Sunday, January 30, 2022.

Services for Joseph will be held at a later date. He was born March 30, 1984 in Aitkin.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Nikkole Collins; children: Brandon Collins of Aitkin, Hailey Collins of Aitkin, Gracie Collins of Aitkin, Chloe Collins of Aitkin and Kaylee Collins of McGregor; parents,

Brian and Colleen Boorsma of Aitkin; brother, Michael Boorsma of Aitkin: sister, Elizabeth Boorsma of Brainerd; grandparents, Raymond and Catherine Collins, Sr.; other relatives and friends.

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Garrison died at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby on January 11, 2022. A Memorial Service will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at the Community Alliance Church in Garrison. Burial will be at the

Bennettville Cemetery in Hazelwood Township. A visitation will be at the Community Alliance Church on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

He was born on July 17, 1945 in Crosby to Frank and Margaret (Frazer) Stimac. Bill was raised in Trommald. He attended school in Riverton until the eighth grade. He graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, then he earned an associate of arts degree Brainerd Community College. He graduated from Bemidji State College in 1967, earning a Bachelor of Science degree with an emphasis in secondary language arts education. Bill taught in the Northland Remer School District. He retired in 2001. Bill also coached baseball. He had a passion for public speaking and drama for most of his

WILLIAM STIMAC William Earl Stimac, 76, of

career. Bill later became a radio announcer giving play-by-play for prep sports and auto racing. Bill served on the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Board of Trustee from 1989-2000; the Executive Director of Kinship of Aitkin County, 2001-2003; worked for the Aitkin County Sheriff Department as a Corrections Officer, 2001-2011; served on the Garrison City Council as City Clerk/Treasure, 2012 to present; served on the Board of Directors for Aitkin County Rides for Health, 2011- present; and served on the Board of Trustees for Aitkin County Historical Society, 2003-2012. He was a member and Elder of the Community Alliance Church in Garrison, serving as a Lay Worship Leader and was a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Bill is survived by one son, Todd Bailey of Bismark, ND; brother, Tom (Mary) Stimac of St. Paul; sister, Peg Anderson of Crosby; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding Bill in death are his parents; wife of 29 years, Joyce; daughter, Kelli Stimac; three brothers, John, Richard and Jim Stimac and brother-in-law, Joe Anderson.

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

JOYCE FERRARI

Joyce Marie Ferrari, 85, of Crosby died on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 12 2022 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood

prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

a Master's Degree in Education from UMD and in Nursing from the College of St. Scholastica, St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

Joyce is survived by her son, Ricky (Dolly) Fer-

Cemetery in Crosby. A visitation will be one hour

She was born on March 11, 1936 in Crosby to Walter and Alice (Midthun) Heineman. She held Duluth. Joyce was a former owner of the Crosby Bar, Dee J's Floral in Crosby, Dee J's clothing store in Crosby, the Cuyuna Lanes and the Snow Hut in Crosby. She was a retired teacher in the Aitkin School District, and a former Lab Tech at

rari of Crosby; three daughters: Deanna Ferrari of Edina, Ann (Sean) Guard of Ridgefield, WA and Darla (Curt) Fiedler of Brainerd; brother, Richard (Tess) Heineman of Wibaux, MN; sister, Linda Frank of Chicago, IL; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Joyce in death are her parents; her husband, John "Jinx" in 2007; great-grandchild, Lucas Ferrari; brother, Leonard Heineman and sister, Sharon Anderson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.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; 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.
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- 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10 COMMUNITY

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- Brainerd* Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www. goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach

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.

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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
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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
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- 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.
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- Garrison Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm
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- Hillman Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
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- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
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- 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
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- Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052
- Brainerd Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.org)
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- 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.
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- Deerwood Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs: Worship: 9: Sunday School 9:15.
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- 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
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- Isle Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
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- Jacobson Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
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- Malmo Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st
- & 3rd Sun.

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- 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.
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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 Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9:00 AM; Fellowship 11:00 AM. 14444 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, 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.

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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.

Hill City - Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10

Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St, Brainerd. Sunday worship at 10.00. Pastor; Leslie Moughty. Handicapped accessible.

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Crosby/Deerwood* - Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett;

Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Worship 9, fellowship follows.

Emily* - Pastors Luke and Bethany Nelson; Worship 8:30;

Fleming* - (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship

McGregor* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45;

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

Emily - Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time

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New administrator Mike Skrbich at the helm for city of Aitkin



Mike Skrbich is Aitkin's new administrator. Readers may be interested to know that the city hall offices are now at the Southgate Center in the former Soil and Water District space.

Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Mike Skrbich, the city of Aitkin's new administrator, loves the area and wants to build or buy a home here.

"I am now renting in Crosby and I have tried numerous times to buy a home, but I haven't been successful," he said in a recent interview.

Originally from Hibbing, his wife Karen, also a Hibbing native, teaches public health at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

"There is not much for sale here – there is very limited housing. That's one of the things we are working on, both single family housing and apartments." For his own home he seeks small acreage, peaceful, not on a major highway.

"My wife and I met in college and we both grew up in HIbbing. It's been a nice thing.

have common ground with makes it easier."

They have two grown children: a daughter who is a doctor of pharmacy and a son who is a chemical.biological engineer. They also have two granddaughters. "We are hoping for more."

Skrbich's background

"I have a varied career." He spent 20 years at Sherwin Williams and managed Chromaline in Duluth "I have a strong background in building, construction, project man-

agement, budgeting and grant writing."

He started the Aitkin job in October 2021. "I had driven through here several months before and told my wife if the job ever comes open I'm going to apply for it. We have horses and dogs and are small town, rural people. When I saw the job open and applied, they gave me the job."

(City council minutes show that administrator applicants were narrowed down to three finalists, of which Skrbich and one other candidate agreed to be interviewed. The third finalist had already found another job).

His skills include road construction, building construction, industrial tanks, production and wastewater treatment.

Goals? He is not going to stay forever – he has four or

Finding someone that you five years left to work. "We will be able to accomplish a lot of things here. One of the things we need to work on is workforce housing,"

> The community has \$120 million in property that doesn't pay taxes, such as the hospital, schools, DNR, county government and churches. "We need to enhance our housing. There isn't any here. I'm living in Crosby in an air B and B. We have limited building sites because of all our wetlands But we do have some really nice areas where the city needs to work with developers to develop housing."

> Controlling expenses and enhancing revenue with grants are goals and something he has already done. "We want to be a great place to live. We want our young people to come back. Our demographics are such that our elderly are moving to Brianerd and other areas because we don't have enough assisted living here.

> "We want this to be a great place to live. We want to improve our housing and our parks."

The city can work with the hospital, with manufacturing or whoever wants to partner. "We need more people to live here to share the expenses. We need to grow our housing stock in this community. We have some people who commute here to work in town and they want to live here but can't because there is nowhere for

them to live."

Having reliable budget numbers and a capital plan are priorities for city planning, he said, so if they have to do a project or buy equipment they always have the money in the bank and don't have to borrow. "I'm fiscally conservative."

Staff working for the city is limited so it is important to assure that the staff is welltrained and well-equipped.

"I come from a place – from Hermantown – where people want to be there. They have good schools, good parks, and a good community. Very few businesses there, no downtown. That is why people want to live in a town like this. They want good schools and community, want to shop locally and buy what they need. The county has a new administrator and economic development guy and we are working together to help the region - not just the city of Aitkin but all of Aitkin County. We are all working together to make it better than it was in the past."

Brian Andrews will speak at Lakes Area Unlimited Learning on Monday, Feb. 14. at 1:30 p.m. in the Forum Room of Crosby-Ironton High School. Admission is free for members and \$5.00 for non-members. For more information about member-

He said he is not criticizing anyone from the past but he brings great skills in management and economic development and hopes to bring in more businesses.

"I find it very rewarding to work for a city rather than the corporate world where it is all about what sales were last week'

Asked about bringing a bike trail from Deerwood, he replied that it is a great idea, but is a long-term project that will take several years.

"Realistically, in our community, we are working with the county on the Tank Trails and things that are already here. We are more likely to see more development in that area because everyone is working on it now. I think you'll see more biking and ATV trails in the area before you'll see a bike trail come in from 15 miles away.

"We need to concentrate on the assets we already have, such as the Tank Trails. Also, a Ripplesippi group is trying to draw more attention to the

rivers."

For fun, he's done lots of coaching. He and his wife horseback ride, make trails through their woods, watch a lot of hockey and play with their grandchildren. Summer weather leads to time on the lake.

"One of my favorite hobbies is building," he said. He and Karen have built 15 homes together and recently made a mile of trail through the woods for horseback riding. He likes being able to do things that he didn't have time to do when raising his kids. "But now we are chasing our grandkids."

They have three springer spaniels that they walk every day in the woods.

"Mike was a great hire for the city of Aitkin,," said Mayor Megan Workman. "His background in budget management and creative problem-solving will help the city achieve its long-term goals."

Although his career is winding down, Skrbich is excited to work in Aitkin and make it his long-term home.

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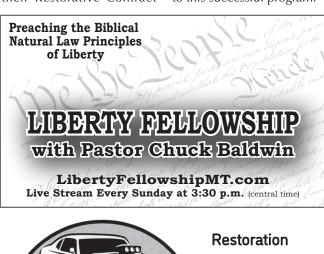
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