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MacDaddy's Donut Garage in Ironton satisfies sweet teeth

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There was a lineup at the MacDaddy's Donut Garage drive through window in Ironton on Saturday, Feb. 19.

for 40 years and Shari was a

hairdresser for 33 years and

area. I've been coming up ev-

ery summer since I was a year

old," Shari explained. "It's my

second home. And when my

parents retired up here, my

"I'm really familiar with

owned her own salon.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

When the owners opened MacDaddy Donut Garage a week ago in Ironton, they were astounded by how the customers flocked in, not just sprinkles, but a thick frosting of people.

They went through three weeks of supplies in one weekend and had to order refills much earlier than ex-

the owners, were no stranghusband and I decided to try ers to hard work in the West different scenery, the lake life Des Moines, IA, area, from and a change of pace." which they hail. Mark man-"This area has always needaged a vehicle dealership

ed a donut and coffee store," she added. "We decided to move up here and make the dream happen." They inhabit the former

Wells Fargo Bank on Hwy. 210 in Ironton. "It's a different kind of dough," she cracked.

Their donuts are patterned after Lou's, the Donut King of

Iowa, who was a close family friend.

"Our products are scratch-made nothing frozen, nothing day old," said Shari. "Our donuts are fried fresh each day."

What did customers who came from as far away as Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, come

all this way and wait in line

May we suggest pairing a hot drink of one's choice with a Bismarck stuffed and coated with chocolate. Or a maple-bacon long john drizzled with caramel and chocolate. How about an apple fritter the size of your head?

"These are three that our customers really raved about."

They did bite off a lot when they worked nearly around the clock that first weekend. Now, hours should settle in to 5 a.m. till noon (or the donuts run out) Tuesday through Sunday.

"I am an early riser, but my husband has to get used to

this," Shari laughed. Together, the couple has six children and eight grandchildren. The garage theme



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pected. Mark and Shari Cowart,

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Governor Walz goes ice fishing to promote Minnesota Tourism Economy

Fishing supports 28,000 jobs in Minnesota and makes a nearly \$3 billion dollar economic impact in the state annually, according to the American Sportsfishing Association, through everything from angling-related tourism to the sales of boats and fishing gear.

On Friday, Feb. 18, Governor Tim Walz toured the Clam Corporation, a Minnesota-based ice fishing and outdoor apparel before going ice fishing to promote Minnesota's

tourism economy and one of Minnesota's most profitable and beloved winter outdoor sports. The Governor Was accompanied by Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Commissioner Sarah Strommen, Minnesota Department of Employment

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manufacturer in Rogers Governor Tim Walz (left) with fishing guide and Clam shelter inventor Dave Genz.

and Economic Development (DEED) Commissioner Steve Grove, and Minnesota fishing guide and Clam shelter inventor Dave Genz.

"Ice fishing is a way of life for so many Minnesotans and is a huge part of our state's outdoor recreation industry," said Governor Walz. "I want

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to thank the Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources and Department of **Employment and Economic** Development for continuing to make Minnesota a tourist great fishing. We are committed to preserving our natural resources and expanding this industry so more Minnesotans can enjoy this tradition for years to come. I encourage all Minnesotans to get outside and spend some time enjoying the lakes this winter and all year long." "Minnesota is

fortunate to have a strong and passionate State of Fishing. Our warm and cold weather fishing seasons net about 1.8 million anglers and nearly \$3 billion

DNR Commissioner Strommen. "Great fishing doesn't just happen. It's the product of field research, scientific management and field work to maintain clean water and healthy habitat. Continued work and investment will support the health of our water, fish, economy, and a great Minnesota tradition." "Ice fishing - and fishing

more broadly - is an important part of Minnesota culture as well as our state's economy," said DEED Commissioner Grove. "Every day at DEED, we focus on bringing more people into the labor force – and for the fishing industry's continued economic contributions, this means having the workforce to support fishing gear manufacturers as well as resorts, outfitters, boat repair shops,

destination for in angler spending," said and other related businesses."

> The Clam Corporation, which hosted the Governor today, has been a leader in the ice fishing industry for more than 30 years by manufacturing portable ice shelters, Ice Armor by Clam apparel, Clam Pro Tackle, and many other ice fishing accessories. The company, based in Rogers, offers fish trap, hub, and ice shelters, as well as baselayer, outer, head, foot, and handwear products to consumers across the globe.

DNR manages 4,500 of Minnesota's 10,000+ lakes and 16,000 miles of fishable streams and rivers through field research, habitat protection and fisheries work. DEED supports workforce development, business financing and other actions to support a healthy business environment in the state.

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP

The Board of Audit of Lib-

BOARD OF AUDIT

by Township will meet at 1:00

p.m. on Tuesday, March 8,

2022 at the Palisade Commu-

nity Center. In case of inclem-

ent weather, the meeting may

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP

ANNUAL MEETING

Libby Township will be held

beginning at 1:30 p.m. on

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the

Palisade Community Center.

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poned until the third Tuesday

Dated this 7th day of

Clerk Libby Township

JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT,

February 2022

in March

The annual meeting of

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HAZELTON TOWN-SHIP NOTICE OF 2022 **ANNUAL MEETING** AND ELECTION OF

Notice is hereby given to and Annual Town Meeting will In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March, March 15th, 2022, at the same time and

The Election Poll hours will be from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:01 p.m. to conduct all necessary busi-

The Board of Canvass will meet on Tuesday, March 8, immediately following the Annual Meeting to certify

> Dated this 22nd day of Clerk Hazelton Township

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KIMBERLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND **ANNUAL MEETING**

The meeting will start at 8:15 p.m. on March 8, 2022 to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law and held at Glen/Kimberly Town Hall. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until March 15, 2022.

Please contact clerk at 612-619-6742 or kimberlyclerk06@gmail.com for copies of reports or any auestions.

> Dated: February 23, 2022 MIA RAPOPORT, Kimberly Township Clerk 3.4

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the official election results.

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the voters of Wealthwood Township.

The annual election of Wealthwood Township will be held at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, to elect one Supervisor for a three (3) year term. The polls will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The annual meeting will convene at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Dated: February 20, 2022 LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township

Sat., Feb. 26 & Mar. 5, 2022) **WEALTHWOOD**

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TOWNSHIP CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE Wealthwood Township

Board regular meeting will be changed to Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. due to the Annual Meeting and Election at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Dated: February 20, 2022 LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township

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Heintzeman announces

State Representative Josh Heintzeman, R-Nisswa, announced that he will seek re-election in House District 06B, his home district, in the new maps that were released. Heintzeman's new district remains largely unchanged compared to his current district and includes most of western Crow Wing County including the cities of Brainerd, Baxter, Pequot, Nisswa, Merrifield, Jenkins, and Breezy Point.

"It has been an honor to represent the people of House District 10A in the state legislature and I look forward to meeting new neighbors as I seek re-election in the newly drawn House District 06B," Heintzeman said. "As your representative, I remain committed to making sure that the values, interests, and priorities of Crow Wing County are heard loud and clear in St. Paul. While my time and energy is focused on the current legislative session, I am excited to see you out on the campaign trail this summer and fall."



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Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

We have made significant progress on a veterans-related bill. The bill will reinstate the ability of state law enforcement officers with prior honorable military service to purchase at their own expense retirement credits in the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS). HF2690 (Lueck)/SF2614 (Anderson) was heard by the Legislative Pensions Commission and was laid over for inclusion in the larger pensions bill that will be moved forward later this session.

Purchasing retirement credits based on active-duty military service was an option for many years within the MSRS system. Several years ago, it was unintentionally not renewed when other non-related adjustments were made to the MSRS retirement system.

Local law enforcement officers, including county deputy sheriffs and city police officers have had that ability within the Public Employee Retirement

Association (PERA). HF2690 will put our State Highway Patrol, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Investigators, Conservation Officers and other lesser known state law enforcement officers with prior active duty military service on par with their brothers and sisters within the PERA system.

I want to express my thanks to the state law enforcement officers and their professional organizations that took the time to testify before the commission and write letters of support to correct this unfortunate oversight in the state statutes that currently govern the MSRS retirement system.

The five-judge panel appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court has released the new U.S. Congressional, and Minnesota House and Senate district boundaries this week. The November general election will be based upon the new district boundaries.

This occurs every 10 years

based on the last federal census. The 2020 census recorded Minnesota's population at 5,706,494. District boundaries were adjusted to equalize a population of 85,172 people within the state's 67 Senate districts and half that number for the 134 House districts.

District 10B as we know it goes into the history books the first week of January 2023 when the 93rd Minnesota Legislature is sworn in. Portions of current 10B, Aitkin County and a portion of Crow Wing, then become elements of new districts 6A, 6B, & 7B and 10A.

With respect to representation in Saint Paul, the district boundary changes do not take effect until 2023. Please be assured I will continue work hard on behalf of all the citizens of our current district to the very last day House District 10B exists as we know it today.

Representative Dale Lueck Minnesota House District 10B

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Power needs to be used fairly, wisely, lawfully, and consistently for trust to be established and maintained. Abuse of power is a violation of trust. Violation by anyone, is a violation of all our trust.

Some people prefer to be willfully ignorant to what happens to someone else, as long as it's not happening to them, everything is ok-and God forbid, don't expose it, mind your own business, you're not qualified, you don't live here, it's not your problem.

That's true, it's not my problem. Making sure it never becomes a problem to anyone else should be everyone's goal. There are 320 million American's thinking it only happens to the other guy, Well, we are the other guy.

When politicians, law enforcement officials at any level violate the public trust, they must be held accountable.

Crosby failed miserably, whether they win lawsuits or not, the city has suffered damage that will last for years to come, that's the problem of the elected officials at the time, who did nothing to stop the abuse of power, again, the past is not my problem, the future is.

Let's hope people in charge fire, force resignations or early retirement on people who abuse their power before it costs us thousands of dollars in legal fees because we're now the other guy.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

Zamboni has new home at Hallett **Center of Crosby John Spalj Arena**



Above (left to right): Matt Balmer, NLYHA Executive Committee Board Member; Katheryn Carpenter, Hallett Center of Crosby General Manager; Marissa Raushel, President; Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Board Member; Jen Rikala, NLYHA Executive Committee Board Member; Joe Herda, John Spalj Ice Arena/Hallett Center of Crosby Rink Manager; Mike Paulbeck, NLYHA Executive Committee Board Member and Matthew Hill, City of Crosby City Administrator pose in front of the new Zamboni ice resurfacer at the John Spalj Ice Arena located in the Hallett Center of Crosby.

The City of Crosby took possession of a new Zamboni ice resurfacer at the John Spalj Arena at the Hallett Center of Crosby.

Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association (NLYHA) provided a major donation of \$50,000 in support of the purchase, along with \$30,000 from IRRR, \$10,000 from Sourcewell and \$9,500 from the City of Crosby.

Marissa Raushel President of the NLYHA said in addition to the Zamboni proceeds from non-profit charitable gambling has made it possible to contribute to the Aitkin City outdoor rink, free hockey equipment for pre-K to 5th grade players in Aitkin, Crosby-Ironton, Pine River and Pequot Lakes, scholarships for hockey players in need and additional improvements with the City of Crosby.

Dr. John Howe announces run for Minnesota House District 6A

Businessman and retired veterinary practice owner Dr. John Howe announced his campaign for the Minnesota House on Friday, Feb. 16 for the newly-created House District 06A which includes portions of Crow Wing, Cass, and Itasca County including the cities of Grand Rapids, Cohasset, and Crosby. Howe has served on a number of state boards and other associations, including as Past President of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Past President of the Minnesota Veterinary Association, two terms on the Minnesota Board of Animal Health, and on the Agriculture Advisory Committee for Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach.

"My veterinary practice and business experience have given me a great understanding of the challenges facing our farmers and rural communities," Howe said. "This district has had great conservative leadership from Reps. Spencer Igo and Dale Lueck who are now in different districts, and I look forward to continuing their conservative leadership fighting government mandates, growing and strengthening our rural economies, standing up for mining, protecting medical freedom and the unborn, and so much more. I look forward to speaking with my friends and neighbors in this new House District as I kick off my campaign."

Howe is seeking the Republican endorsement for District 06A. He and his wife Diane have been married for more than 52 years, and have two adult children. Howe graduated from the University of Minnesota as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. In his personal time, he serves in leadership roles at Full Gospel Church of Grand Rapids. He is a NRA Benefactor Member, NRA Range Safety Officer, NRA certified instructor for firearm safety and personal defense, and has been a DNR bow hunter safety instructor. He's an active hunter and fisherman, and member of the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of MN (ATVAM) and the Itasca Gun Club.

February

26th - Blackhoof Lake Fishing Tournament starting at noon, a fund-raiser for the C-I Fishing Team, sponsored by the Town Tavern in Ironton.

5th & 6th - Outdoor & Gun Show hosted by the Deerwood Civic and Commerce at the Deerwood Auditorium. 12th - Ducks Unlimited Sportsman's Bingo at the Bridge Tavern, Crosby. Doors open at 5 pm, first game

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

19th - 48th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration Crosslake, 2 pm

25th & 26th - Brainerd Lakes Home Show & Expo at Essentia Health Sports Center 502 Jackson Street

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GAIL SCHULTZ



Gail Marie Schultz died Sunday, February 13, 2022 after a courageous battle with

Leukemia. There will be a memorial service at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes on Saturday, February 26 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation

starting at 10:00 am. A short luncheon will follow. Memorials may be sent to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472.

Gail was born in 1952 in Minneapolis, to Loyle and Lola Butcher. The Butcher family moved to Pequot Lakes shortly thereafter and bought Echo Bay Resort on the Whitefish Chain. Gail had many good memories growing up on the resort with her sisters, Rene and Karen and her brother, Chuck. In 1970 she graduated high school and started working at Lakeland State Bank. While working at the bank she was reacquainted with Larry Schultz, who would become her husband in 1972. The first time she met Larry was years before when they rode the same school bus, but as he was seven years older than her, neither of them had a clue that they would eventually share 46 years of marriage. Shortly after their wedding, Gail and Larry moved to Tip Top Resort, which was owned and operated by the Schultz's. They

lived there for many years, always being happy to lend a hand or chat with the resort quests. Through the resort, they made many life-long friendships, and it was here that they raised their children, Aaron and Jennifer. Gail was always good with numbers and had a great eye for detail. When she wasn't busy at the resort, she did bookkeeping for Silbaugh's Department Store in Pine River, and later for Larry and Aaron's construction company, Tip Top Building and Remodeling. In her free time, Gail loved to sew. She sewed both her and her sister Rene's wedding dresses, and many dresses for her daughter, from baby clothes to prom dresses. She was an avid gardener and in the summer months could often be found weeding her flower beds. Gail loved to travel and see new places, but also loved her home on the Whitefish Chain. She was a welcoming host and loved to gather her family and friends. She will be remembered as a thoughtful sister, a devoted mother, and a wonderful friend.

Gail is survived by her children: Aaron and Jennifer; siblings: Rene (Cal) Morrisette, Karen (AI) Lebrun and Chuck (Vonnie) Butcher; and her

many friends and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 46 years, Larry.

More Obituaries on Page 4

Eichorn announces re-election run

Senator Justin Eichorn announces his run for re-election to the Minnesota State Senate. Eichorn has represented Senate District 5 since 2016. After the redistricting process, he is now located within the boundaries of Senate District 6 which encompasses parts of Itasca, Cass, and Crow Wing counties including the cities of Grand Rapids and Brainerd.

"It has been an honor to serve the people of Northern Minnesota in the State Senate. I look forward to having the opportunity to continue to serve some of the same constituents and getting to know all the new residents of Senate District 6." Eichorn stated, "I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in the journey of being a public servant, particularly I would like to thank my wife

Brittany for her steadfast support and wrangling our parade team otherwise known as our four young children."

Since being elected in 2016, Eichorn has focused on the issues that matter most to the people of Northern Minnesota. As a strong advocate for the economic drivers of the Northland, "Timber, Taconite, and Tourism" has become a rallying cry for what provides good living wages and contributes immensely to our way of life. Improving our natural resources industries and keeping tourism thriving is crucial for the stability of families and communities in our region.

During his first term, Eichorn served on the following committees: Vice Chair of Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy, Education Finance and Policy, Environment and Natural Resources Finance, as well as Aging and Long-Term Care Policy. After winning re-election in 2020, Eichorn was made Chair of the Mining and Forestry Policy Committee. In addition, he is the Vice Chair of the Education, serves on the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee as well as Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policv Committee.

"As we look towards November 8, I am looking forward to getting out in the communities, attending our small town festivals, and speaking with voters about what matters most to them this year and how I can be a strong advocate for all of our families down in Saint Paul for another four years." Eichorn said.

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MILDRED STEWART



Mildred "Millie" Maxine Stewart, 92, of Aitkin, died Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at Rivers Edge Assisted Living, Aitkin.

Services will be Friday, March 4, 2022 at 2 p.m. in Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation

Service, Aitkin. Cards can be sent to Brandy Coombs (granddaughter) 30128 US Hwy 169, Aitkin, MN 56431.

She was born November 19, 1929 in Aitkin to Edward and Nanda (Hanson) Gobel. Millie was united in marriage to Charlie William Stewart on October 29, 1949 in Aitkin. Millie's first job was being a stay-at-home mom. She then worked at the Dairy Queen for a short time. Millie worked at Ziske's Grocery Store for 33 years as well as Cummings Oil for two years until her retirement. She enjoyed crochet, playing cards, watching Wheel of Fortune and especially spending time with her family.

Millie is survived by her children: Christine "Chris" Clark and Elaine Ryder; nine grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Millie is preceded in death by her husband, Charlie; parents; daughter, Phyllis Thomsen; sons-in-laws: Rob Clark, Gary Lynn Thomsen, Sr. and Tom Ryder and great-great grandson, Daniel Wade Thomsen.

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

JACQUELIN CARRY



Jacquelin Rae "Jacki" Carry, 72, of Ironton died on Monday, February 14, 2022 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A Memorial service was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Woodland

Cemetery in Irondale Township. She was born on October 1, 1949 in Minne-

apolis to Richard and Mildred (Hanson) Sumstad. She graduated from North High School in Minneapolis, class of 1967 as a member of the National Honor Society. Always proud to be a true Scandinavian, took three years of Norwegian in high school. She graduated in 1971 from the University of Minnesota with a BS degree in Elementary Education. Jacki married "the boy next door," Dale Carry on August 7, 1970.

Jacki is survived by her husband, Dale; two children: Adam Carry of Crosby, Erin (Ted) Riedemann of Manitowoc, WI; two grandchildren: Maren and Cayla Riedemann; brother, Ron (Linda) Sumstad of Elk River; sister, Joan (Dale) Roberts of Baxter; brother-in-law, John Awe of Brooklyn Park; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Jacki in death are her parents; brothers: Richard Jr. "Dick" and James "Jim" and his wife Barb Sumstad; sister, Vicki Sumstad-Awe; one niece and one nephew.

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

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STEPHEN POISSANT



Stephen Christ Poissant, 34, of Brainerd died Saturday, February 12, 2022 in Meeker County.

Funeral service was on Friday, February 25, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Journey North in Aitkin with Pastor Lynfield Hines officiating. Visitation

was one hour prior to the service at the church. He was born March 28, 1987 in Saint Cloud to Stephen Wallace and Janet Marie (Aschenbrenner) Poissant. Stephen had many names: Stevie, Budger, Bug, Buggy, Uncle Bug, Uncle Buggy, Steve, Pitt. He worked as a laborer in construction, home remodeling and welding. He was a very talented tattoo and sketch artist and enjoyed music, creating his own rap songs. Stephen loved all animals, but especially dogs. He always wanted to start a Pitbull rescue service. He touched so many people from all walks of life in his short life. He loved kids especially his nieces and nephews. He was a big, tall guy with lots of tattoos. He would go out of his way to help you if you needed it. A room would seem so much brighter when he was in it. He was so full of sunshine, he just glowed. He always had a smile for everybody. Since he has passed, so many people have come forward with stories of Stephen's life.

Stephen is survived by his parents, Stephen and Janet Poissant; grandmother, Kathleen Aschenbrenner; two sisters and brother-inlaw: Amanda (Garrett) Lee and Katrina Poissant-Brown (Tom Brown); nieces and nephews: Landen Kollar, McKenzie Kollar, Braedyn Lee, Callan Lee, Hailey Poissant, Kendra Lane, Kylie Poissant; and many other special relatives and

He was preceded in death by his godmother-aunt, Mary Miller; grandparents, Irving and Irene Poissant and Elmer Aschenbrenner.

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

ALVIN NIES



Alvin "Al" Nies, 96, of Aitkin, died Friday, December 3, 2021 at Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin.

Services will be held at a later date, due to Al's son, Tim's illness. At that time, Al will be buried in the Dorris Cemetery, Farm Island Township.

He was born October 6, 1925 in Wishek, ND to John and Theresa (Lassle) Nies. Al was a veteran of The United States

Army, serving from 1955-1956 where he took up welding. Al farmed near McLaughlin, SD and worked in the Homestake Gold Mines in Lead, SD, the Land O' Lakes Turkey Plant in Aitkin and Woodland Container of Aitkin for 40+ years, all the while farming and ranching the family farm. Al received Jesus as his Lord and Savior and attended Bethel Lutheran Church of Aitkin. He loved going to auction sales and especially going to his grandkids' activities, etc. Al was very proud of his children and the long life that he lived. Al is survived by his children: Tena (Brent)

Burgstaler of Aitkin; Tim Nies of Aitkin and Terry

(Kathy) Nies of Aitkin; nine grandchildren: Eric (Lucy) Swanson of Aitkin, Ryan (Kaitlin Larson) Swanson of Aitkin, Trevor Nies of Hopkins, Abby Nies of Fergus Falls, Breena (Jacob Erickson) Burgstaler of Aitkin, Karena Burgstaler of Aitkin, Orrin Workman-Nies of Nevis; Lindsay (Andy) Bozovsky of Detroit Lakes, Dakota (Samantha Fountain) Burgstaler of St. Croix Falls, WI; seven great-grandchildren: Anna, Leo and Kate Swanson of Aitkin; Oliver and Lena Bozovsky of Detroit Lakes and Alaina and Levi Burgstaler of St. Croix Falls, WI; sister-in-law, Loretta Nies of Mott, ND; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Al is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Tamara Kay Nies at the age of eight; sonin-law, Alan Swanson; siblings: Herbert Nies, Martha Paden, Lydia Schmeichel, Freida Larson and Walter Nies.

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CHURCH-DIRECTO

* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* - New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship in the church building 10:15 am & 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.

Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 9 & 10:45 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, iamheritage.org 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; 218-697-2662 Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids

Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617. Worship 10:30. theiournevnorth.com

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Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Stephens, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd

Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-

5252, Worship 10:30, SS 9:30. Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service

10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and

6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm. Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12. aitkinchurch.com Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9;

Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm. Isle - Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.

Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Aitkin* — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm. Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Gabriel Waweru, Sat.4:30; Sun.

10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00. Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Michael Garry, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and

Sunday 10:30. Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.

Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass: Tues. Noon, Thurs. 8, Sun 8:30 & 10:30

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.

Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101. Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm

Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5

pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483 Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only 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.

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-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 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 Meet-

ing, 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.

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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.

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Aitkin - St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter - Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS): Communion every Sunday 9. Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.princeofpeacelutheran.church

Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

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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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Garrison - Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101. Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.

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

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

Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible. Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

10:30 am 218-534-3069

10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

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.

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.

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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; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210 Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through

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

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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.

Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11. Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave

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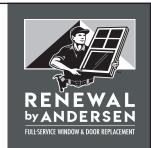
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"It has been the opportunity of a lifetime to represent our area in the state legislature and I thank the citizens of District 15A for putting their trust in me to serve them and their families in St. Paul," said Erickson. "Thank you to everyone that offered their support during my many years in public service. I look forward to spending more time with my family and friends as I step away from public office."

A former teacher, Erickson her time as a legislator.

Erickson's lists her legislative accomplishments as reforming Minnesota's teacher licensure process, encouraging more qualified and motivated people to become teachers, and increase the number of effective educators in the classroom; character education; parent's rights section of education chapter of law; teacher evaluation, principal's evaluation, and innovation zones for district and charter schools; policy for reading well by third grade; teacher education reform; and economic relief for Lake Mille Lacs area businesses after DNR closed the lake in 2015.

Erickson will finish her current term, which concludes at the end of 2022.

If you have any legislative questions or comments, you can reach Representative erickson@house.mn.





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