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Beyond clarity: targeted approach yields deeper rewards



From left: Crow Wing SWCD Board Chairman Jim Chamberlin, Deerwood Public Works Foreman Patrick Radtke, Serpent Lake Association Vice President Terry Tichenor, EOR Senior Project Manager Jay Michels and SWCD Manager Melissa Barrick met July 20, 2021, in Deerwood at the site of one of the targeted watershed projects within the Serpent Lake watershed. Backed by a \$1.2 million Clean Water Fund grant from BWSR in 2014 and designed to improve Serpent Lake's water quality, this project filters stormwater runoff and the pollutants it carries. Previously, water flowed directly into Serpent Lake through a pipe situated between two lakeshore cabins. The pipe had become too small to handle an increasing volume of water. Properties flooded.

Photo Credit: Ann Wessel, BWSR

Serpent Lake is twice as clear as it was 10 years ago. The targeted conservation projects in Deerwood, Crosby and nearby Cranberry Lake that keep 4.7 tons of pollutant-carrying, algae-feeding sediment out of Serpent Lake each year helped to reverse a downward trend in its water quality.

Water clarity exceeded 30 feet in July. The season's

average was 27.2 feet. At its murkiest in 2012, water clarity measured 12.1 feet.

Together, more than \$1.5 million in projects backed

pounds of phosphorus out of Serpent Lake annually.

One pound of phosphorus can produce up to 500 pounds of algae.

Phosphorus levels averaged 0.01 microgram per liter (ug/L) in 2021 and 2020. The state's threshold for the region is 0.03 ug/L. From 2013 through 2019, averages ranged from 0.013 to 0.015 ug/L. The grant sought to preserve and improve water quality to prevent Serpent Lake from becoming impaired.

"I think this is a great success story. If you look at the long-term trends, this lake was clearly declining in water clarity," said Crow Wing SWCD Manager Melissa Barrick. "Within a short period of time after diagnosing a root cause, we were able to fix those problems."

The SWCD's shift in focus from projects to the people

"Many lakes in this neck of the woods are doing just fine — and that's great, and they may not need the same amount of investment as Serpent Lake did. We want to be able to use the money as wisely as possible, and also get the best return on our investment." — Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing SWCD manager

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources awarded

to the Crow Wing Soil & Water Conservation District

in 2014 keep an estimated 80

who make them happen was equally significant. It gained

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Beyond clarity: SWCD's targeted approach yields deeper rewards
 Smoke from distant wildfires created a hazy view of the Summer Place cabins July 20 from a Serpent Lake dock in Deerwood, but the lake water is clearer. Targeted work is showing dividends. In 2021, Secchi disk readings (which measure water clarity) on July 7 and July 14 measured 32 feet and 35.5 feet, respectively. The drought (less runoff means less pollutants entering the lake) likely contributed to the year's dramatic readings. But readings have steadily improved since 2014. At its murkiest, in 2012 clarity measured 12.1 feet.

Photo Credit: Ann Wessel, BWSR

the buy-in from partners necessary to complete the work, built community support and spawned water-quality work elsewhere in the county — including stormwater work in nearby Crosslake.

“A lot of the water quality projects or conservation isn't necessarily about the project itself. It's more about trying to figure out how to work with the different people so that we can all win,” Barrick said. “I really try to look at things as opportunities for what people are already wanting.”

For example, after spending nearly a year trying to convince the Crosby City Council to allow a rain garden in a city park, the SWCD instead focused on resolving a long-time flooding issue. The result replaced a failing 1920s-era stormwater pipe. It filters runoff from 18 acres through a system of under-

ground sediment traps and rain gardens. The targeted watershed grant contributed \$200,000.

“You've got to be looking at it as what's in it for the other person, not just us on the conservation side of things,” Barrick said. “Once we changed gears and tried to solve a problem that they wanted to solve, it was like night and day.”

On the opposite end of the lake, Deerwood had long grappled with flooding at some of the 13 Summer Place Association cabins.

There, the largest of three targeted watershed grant-supported projects in the city installed a system that slows and treats runoff from 30 acres. Previously, untreated stormwater flowed directly into Serpent Lake through an under-sized pipe. The grant's \$500,000 contribution was

nearly as much as the city's total annual budget.

“We're just grateful as a small city — as a very small city — that we were able to be a part of a project that has had the impact that this one has had. It's nothing that we could have even begun to think about on our own,” said Deerwood Mayor Michael Aulie.

When the SWCD first approached the city of 532, Aulie said the council was cautious about making a financial commitment.

“It took a little bit of time for us to grasp the vision of it. Crow Wing Soil and Water worked with us pretty well on that,” Aulie said. Once it learned the grant would be the primary funding source, the city agreed to support and maintain the project.

Deerwood Public Works Foreman Patrick Radtke com-

pleted much of the city's \$27,000 in-kind work. He's also responsible for some of the maintenance, and has checked the Summer Place project after storms.

“We have had quite a few heavy rainfalls after we put that one in, and it handled it great. The homeowners in that area are just overwhelmed (with) just how awesome it turned out. The people are happy. I think the lake is very happy — if the lake could talk,” Radtke said.

With 9 miles of shoreline, 1,100-acre, 62-foot-deep Serpent Lake is among the Cuyuna Lakes Area's primary recreational and residential lakes. It draws swimmers, anglers, boaters and water-skiers to tourism-dependent Deerwood and Crosby. About 280 homes ring the lake. Roughly half of those lakeshore residents belong to the Serpent Lake Association.

The lake association spearheaded the Serpent Lake-focused work. While the SWCD staff implements projects, Crow Wing SWCD Board Chairman Jim Chamberlin said it's the partnerships, citizen-driven conservation planning and open communication that make water quality improvements possible.

“Sure, the water quality benefits that we're seeing are huge,” said Chamberlin, a former Crow Wing SWCD technician who grew up in Deerwood. “More important is the success if you do the right thing on the land, you can turn things around for lakes that are degraded. The story is the community effort that that takes.”

Targeted work will continue as Crow Wing SWCD and its partners develop community-driven One Watershed, One Plan priorities within the Pine River watershed.

Barrick said the Serpent Lake experience made it easier to develop specific plans with measurable phosphorus-reduction goals for One Watershed, One Plan.

“In the end, I think you get a better result when you have a more specified plan rather than a plan that may include many options for all kinds of landowners,” Barrick said. “I think you can make better choices if you have that data to guide you on where you should work.”

Countywide, the SWCD has developed water-quality goals for 21 of its 533 lakes.

“I think things need to be targeted because dollars are limited. At the same time, I think education is huge because we all need to be conservationists,” Chamberlin said. That includes writing conservation into ordinances, and encouraging landowners to maintain their septic systems and restore their shoreline buffers.

“I've seen attitudes change on Serpent Lake. Parents of friends I grew up with on the lake (are) putting in buffers and rain gardens,” Chamber-

lin said. “I think it already has changed attitudes and actions on the lake.”

Serpent Lake Association Vice President Terry Tichenor said education is among the lake association's primary roles. That includes reminding lakeshore property owners that good water quality equals higher property values.

Tichenor, who moved to Serpent Lake full-time in 2014 and gets out on the water or ice three to four times a week, has noticed “well over 50 percent” of lakeshore property owners have installed some type of shoreline buffer to filter runoff.

“There's not really a history of the lake being more clear than it is now. We're riding a crest, and we want to do everything we can to keep it there,” Tichenor said.

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources' mission is to improve and protect the state's water and soil resources by working in partnership with local organizations and private landowners. Website: www.bwsr.state.mn.us

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS: Deerwood — Grant funds contributed \$500,000 to stormwater treatment at the 13 Summer Place Association cabins; \$85,000 to infiltration basins that slow runoff at nearby Skone Park; and about \$107,000 (through a related grant) to a rain garden and check dam project on private land that reduces flooding on Cross Road. Crosby — \$300,000 supported a city stormwater treatment and flood reduction project. Elsewhere — \$90,000 supported a Cranberry Lake alum treatment that bound phosphorus; \$90,000 helped Crosby, Deerwood and Ironwood Township adopt stormwater ordinances.

MATCHES: Monetary and in-kind contributions tied to the \$1.2 million grant awarded in 2014 totaled \$300,000 — \$133,000 cash, \$117,000 in-kind, plus \$50,000 in the value of land required for an easement to construct the Summer Place project. Deerwood — \$15,000 Skone Park match. The work affecting Cross Road, handled in a separate grant, was supported by \$30,000 in SWCD capacity dollars plus a \$5,000 landowner contribution. Crosby — \$50,000 city contribution, \$20,000 Hallett Community Trust Grant. Serpent Lake Association — \$48,000 contribution (\$12,000 a year for four years' matching funds), Summer Place site maintenance and water quality monitoring. Combined — Local government staff members' time and services including engineering and attorney fees.

“We didn't have a budget to take on ... a project like this ourselves. The grant opportunity was extremely helpful. We'd have never been able to do it, plus we don't have the expertise on our staff to take on a project like that.” — Michael Aulie, Deerwood mayor

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Minnesota Elections Integrity Act



David Liedl, who is seeking the Republican endorsement for House District 6A, called on state legislators to support and pass the Minnesota Elections Integrity Act.

"The people of District 6A are frustrated," said Liedl,

a local business owner and community leader who is making his first run for elected office. "I've spent the last two weeks traveling and talking with Minnesotans across the district, and a consistent refrain is that people are fed-up with voter integrity problems in our state." It's a pretty common sense issue—we all want fair and clean elections. If the integrity of voting and elections is in question it threatens the integrity of the entire democratic system. We need to restore confidence in election integrity. That's why am calling on all state legislators to support the Minnesota Elections Integrity Act. This

isn't a red or blue issue, it's a Minnesota issue."

The Minnesota Elections Integrity Act, HF 2732, is one of the most comprehensive voting reform bills proposed in Minnesota history. According to bill author Rep. Kurt Daudt (District 31A) the Minnesota Elections Integrity Act would "implement Voter ID state-wide, increase penalties for voter fraud, adopt provisional balloting like we have in 40 other states, and ban practices like ballot harvesting, 'pop-up' voting sites, 'Zuckerbucks' that allow non-profits funded by billionaire donors to fund city/county election operations, and more."

Ruud champions online training

Minnesota's hospitality industry has been the hardest-hit when discussing workforce shortages: the industry is down 20,000 jobs compared to pre-covid levels, and nearly 50,000 workers permanently left the industry amidst the pandemic. This has dealt substantial devastation to the industry's workforce pipeline.

Senator Carrie Ruud (R-Breezy Point) has introduced legislation that mitigates this problem by funding grants for an online hospitality program in partnership with Explore

Minnesota Tourism. This program would be available at no cost to Minnesota residents and would address the critical workforce shortage by providing free training resources to build the knowledge of new and incoming hospitality workers.

"Minnesota's tourism industry generates over \$1 billion in state sales tax every year, making tourism an important cornerstone of our state's economy. Our hospitality industry took the hardest hit in workforce shortages, and new hires that are filling the employment gaps are first-time

workers lacking knowledge and training. This legislation works to address that problem, so we can get our hospitality and tourism industries back on track," said Ruud.

Based on findings from South Dakota, Hospitality Minnesota believes a similar program could train up to 4,000 new or existing workers per year, generating a projected \$160 million in wages.

This bill was introduced this week and was referred to the Senate Jobs Committee.

READER RIBBETS

Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

We recently paused to honor Senator David Tomassoni, I-Chisholm, and to lend a hand in the fight to cure amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Senator Tomassoni, a friend and colleague, is waging a heroic battle against this disease. Typical of David's indomitable spirit he remains fully engaged in pushing forward the medical research needed to find a cure for ALS.

The Iron Range Delegation, of which David is the senior member, along with supporters from all corners of the political spectrum, gathered at the Carpenters Union Hall in Saint Paul to thank Senator Tomassoni for authoring SF/3372/HF3603 and SF3310/HF3604.

The bills establish a robust framework for ALS related support services and medical research. The legislation seeks to dedicate \$35 million across a broad array of advanced ALS-related medical research.

Despite battling serious health concerns, Senator Tomassoni continues to work hard representing the constituents of Senate District 6, as well as all Minnesotans. Never Surrender is a local group based out of Herman Town that is doing a super job of helping in the fight to overcome ALS. Please check them out at this link: https://www.neversurrenderinc.org/site/TR?fr_id=1100&pg=entry

On other news, Minnesota Management & Budget recently issued the February economic forecast. The projected budget surplus grew to \$9.3 billion. Since last fall, Minnesota has collected an additional \$1.5 billion of tax revenue over and above authorized spending.

Now is the time to correct this chronic over-taxation. Minnesota's lowest state income tax rate is higher than the top income tax rates in 17 states.

We are rapidly approaching March 15th, when Minnesota businesses will be hit with a

massive unemployment insurance tax increase if House Democrats continues to delay paying back the federal loan and replenishing the state's depleted unemployment insurance (UI) trust fund.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed a comprehensive UI fix two weeks ago. Gov. Walz, House Republicans, Senate Republicans, and Senate Democrats support that effort. The majority party in the House has possession of the bill but they continue to drag this out.

This is reckless behavior on the part of my colleagues across the aisle. There is no rationale reason to hold up the UI fix. We are experiencing soaring inflation across our entire economy. We should not add to the current level of inflation by unnecessarily increasing the cost for businesses to employ our people.

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

Rep. Josh Heintzeman legislative update

We received word last week that Minnesota's already historic budget surplus, has grown to nearly \$9.3 billion—up from the \$7.75 billion surplus projected in December. This is the largest budget surplus on record and proves conclusively that Minnesota government is overtaxing the hardworking people of our state.

Many Minnesotans are struggling with the impacts of the Biden/Walz economy that has resulted in massive inflation and soaring energy prices. This reality makes it even more unacceptable that state government is sitting on more than \$9 billion of taxpayers' dollars.

Moving forward, I am committed to providing meaningful, permanent tax relief for Minnesotans.

There are a lot of ways we could do this. One approach would be eliminating state taxes on Social Security. Eliminating state taxes from social security would help our seniors, especially those on fixed incomes. Others have suggested cutting income taxes across the board.

No matter the approach, it's clear that Minnesotans are overtaxed, and you deserve your money back.

Additionally, the budget surplus means that we should not delay repaying the state's Unemployment Insurance (UI) trust fund. Legislation to refill the depleted UI account needs to be on the Governor's desk by March 14th, otherwise, businesses across Minnesota will be facing significant tax increases.

After being forced to close their doors because of Governor Walz's heavy-handed pandemic restrictions, businesses cannot afford to be strapped with a massive, new tax. We have the resources to do the right thing, refill this account, and stop businesses from being punished. I will do everything I can to get it done.

Anyone paying attention to the news knows that there's been an explosion of violent crime in the Twin Cities as crime rates have surged astronomically over the past 24 months. To stem the growing tide of crime, House Republicans unveiled a package of proposals to make sure that Minnesotans are safe and secure in their homes and neighborhoods.

Our proposal focuses on three key areas; crime prevention and accountability for criminals; police recruitment

and retention and holding the criminal justice system accountable.

Some key components of the package include stronger sentences for repeat offenders, requiring prosecutors to file charges for felonies when probable cause is present, electronic home monitoring when no bail is set for defendants accused of violent crimes, and establishing carjacking as a criminal offense.

There are many more policies included in our proposal, and I look forward to advocating for this package as it continues to move through the legislature.

While some of my colleagues in the DFL push defund the police and minimize the work of our brave men and women in law enforcement, I will always stand with them and remain steadfast in my support.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. It would be great to chat with you. I can be reached at 651-296-4333 or via email at rep.josh.heintzeman@house.mn.

**Representative
Josh Heintzeman
Minnesota House
District 10A**

Tip the hand of power back

It appears the Sheriff's office has a second individual who is ready, willing, and able to abuse their power and position.

The second in command at the Sheriff's office also believes he is untouchable; power is his drug of choice too. The second in command has taken two months off, to step away from the heat of their own actions or the results of the recent anonymous employee survey, where the Sheriff's office was destroyed internally.

Goddard victimized the entire county, the second in command victimized vulnerable employees and innocent people in the public and it's all hush hush.

It has been written, if you wish to test the character of a person, give them power, the county has a couple of real characters on its hands.

There's no way to undo the damage Goddard and his second in command inflicted upon the county and the individual victims. Holding them accountable is best, demanding their resignations is the fastest, cheapest, and safest way to bring a stop to the abuse. They are not going to change on their own, they face zero consequences for what they have done. More information will be forthcoming, readers will not be asked to trust anything without evidence.

There will be people involved that will be embarrassed by the information, they must understand the purpose of disclosure is to bring an end to the abuse of power, every precaution to minimize impact not to harm or embarrass innocent people will be taken. Goddard's attempt to embarrass the Deerwood, Ironton, and Brainerd Police Departments should have been enough to rally Crow Wing County to demand resignations, it appears more evidence is needed, so more will be provided. We must tip the hand of power back to the people.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

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OBITUARIES

DONNA CHAMBERS



Donna Rae Chambers, 72, of Aitkin died peacefully at home on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. A Celebration of Donna's life will be Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 1-4p.m. at the Aitkin American Legion Lee Post

#86. The burial will be this spring in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Preston, MN.

Donna was born November 11, 1949, to Ray and Darlene Streff in Le Mars, IA. She grew up in Slayton and graduated from Slayton High School in 1967.

Donna moved to Minneapolis where she met her soul mate, Loren, through a mutual friend and

they married September 26, 1992. Together they blended their families: son, Shane (Jenny) Roy; daughter, Taydem (Scott) Wall; stepdaughters: Angie (Dustin) Moulds and Tanya (Keith) Bruncheon; eight grandchildren: Brennen, Owen, Sydney, Liam, Kylee, Landen, Lexi and Jackson.

Donna and Loren moved to Aitkin in 2001 where they enjoyed life on Hanging Kettle Lake. She worked as the Aitkin City Clerk until her retirement. Donna, our social butterfly, enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, time at home, playing cards, gardening, and also an occasional margarita or two.

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

JUDITH BROWN



Judith "Judy" Brown, 78, of Brainerd, died Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Good Samaritan Village - Woodland Campus.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 11, 2022, at First Baptist Church in Baxter. Family and friends were welcomed to gather one hour prior to services and stay for a luncheon that followed. Interment was in Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Brainerd.

Judy was born May 29, 1943, in Wayzata, the daughter of Vern and Gladys (Engel) Lamb. After high school, she married James Brown. The couple raised their family in Brainerd. Judy was

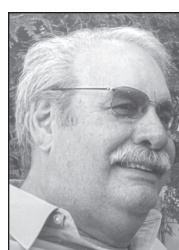
active at the Brainerd Public Library where she served on the Board of Directors. Her passion for books and reading also led to her volunteering many hours with Friends of the Library. In addition, she spent more than 20 years helping in various capacities at Oak Lawn Township. Judy loved birds - watching them and caring for them. At one point, she had 13 cockateels in her home.

She is survived by her children: Jim (Lynn) Brown, Bob (Karla) Brown, Sue (Jesse) Bell, Bill (Stacy) Brown, and Tom (Katie) Brown; 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother, Thomas Lamb; and many extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

For more info, call 218-829-4755.

LUTHER WESTMAN



Luther Michael Westman, 76, of Aitkin, died Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at his home.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 2 p.m. in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

He was born May 31, 1945 in Minneapolis to Clarence and Mildred (Bengston) Westman. Luther graduated from High School in Minneapolis and went on to Plumbing Trade School in Minneapolis. Luther was united in marriage to Jeanette Erickson on February 13, 1975 in

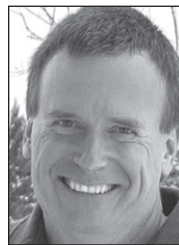
Minneapolis. He was a member of PHCC as well as Lions. Luther enjoyed making maple syrup, playing bingo, snowmobiling and his pets.

Luther is survived by his children: Michael (Sallianne) Westman, Angela Westman and Daniel Westman; five grandchildren: Jazmine, Jonathan, Emily and Christina Westman and Amanda Pancratz; one great-grandchild, Isaiah and his three dogs: Louie, Rosie and Mama.

Luther is preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette and his parents.

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

TIMOTHY ANDERSON



Timothy "Tim" Robert Anderson, 58, of Aitkin peacefully at home on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 with his family by his side. He died after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer, diagnosed in April of 2021.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Monday, March 7, 2022 at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Interment was in Diamond Lake Cemetery.

He was born May 24, 1963 in Minneapolis to Luverne "Vern" and Elizabeth "Betty" Anderson. Tim grew up in Burnsville until his junior year in high school when his family moved back to Aitkin where his dad grew up. He graduated from Aitkin High School in 1981 and attended Brainerd Vo-Tech where he graduated with a two-year accounting degree. Tim lived for a time in Minneapolis and Las Vegas before moving back to Aitkin. He married Pauline Sticha from New Prague in 1992 and they made their home in Aitkin and never left. Tim worked for Grand Casino where he started as a blackjack dealer using his love of playing cards and later was head of the training department. He was currently working at Members Cooperative Credit Union as the Regional Bank Manager of Aitkin and McGregor where he loved his interactions with members and employees. Tim spent many hours outdoors doing all the things he loved

to do in Aitkin County including hunting, trapping, fishing, biking, camping, kayaking, cross country skiing or anything else he could talk someone into doing. His passion for the outdoors and nature was passed down to his kids and all those who knew him. No trail was ever too long to walk, paddle, bike or ski and he was NEVER lost...well maybe just once. Tim loved playing cards or games or anything competitive including "old man" basketball as he referred to it. What he loved most was watching his kids in all their high school activities and cheering them on. He was a proud Dad. And for the last 15 months his greatest joy has been his grandson, Kolbe.

Tim is survived by his wife of 29 years, Pauline; children: Alex Anderson of Kellogg, ID; Ryan (Lindsey) and grandson, Kolbe Anderson of Deerwood; Lisa (Parker) Nudell of Aitkin; mother, Betty; siblings: Tom (Dana) Anderson, Lori Anderson, Heidi (Chad) Larson and Eric (Amy) Anderson; brothers/sisters-in-law: George (Diane) Sticha, Norbert (Arlene) Sticha, Marilyn (Kevin) Phelps, Gilbert (Sue) Sticha, Glen (Amy) Sticha and Theresa Zimanske; many other special friends and relatives.

Tim is preceded in death by his father, Vern in August 2020; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Donn Zimanske and Francis and Bernie Nelson.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship in the church building 10:15 am & 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; hillcityyagchurh@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 10:30, thejourneynorth.com
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9 & 10:30, thejourneynorth.com
Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Stephens, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrairnerd.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 Wawer, 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.ihmstamilys.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 218-829-3834 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 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 Ingledale 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.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.goodshepherdfree-lutheran.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)
Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.m. Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9

Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake — (ELCA) www.crosslakelutheran.com • 218-692-3682 Kristin Oltmann, Pastor • Kurt Hagestuen, Pastor Labor Day-Mem. Day: Sun. 9:30am, Wed. 6:15pm Mem. Day-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am 14019 Daggett Pine Rd

Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship 9; Sunday School 9:15.

Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.

Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.

Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30 am 218-534-3069

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

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)

Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.

McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9.

Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30.

Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Rosburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.

Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.\

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Brainerd — Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984

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

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake - Pastor 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.

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

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

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

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

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

UNITED METHODIST
Aitkin* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10 am, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live.

Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.

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

Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9

Emily* — Pastors Luke and Bethany Nelson; Worship 8:30; fellowship follows.

Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.

Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10

OBITUARIES

DORIS WYNN



Doris Wynn, 93, of Pequot Lakes, died on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Shiloh Assisted Living, Pequot Lakes. Services will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, at Church of the Nazarene, Backus. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

She was born to Chester and Bessie Sorg on

January 22, 1929, in Brainerd.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Terry (Wynn) Bair (Chuck); sons: Jerry Wynn (Bonnie), Garey Wynn (Patty); sister, Ella Mae Campbell; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

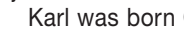
She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands: George Wynn and Earl Richards; son, Larry; grandson, Anthony; and siblings: Ione, Dorothy, Emery, Kenneth, Opal, Charlie and Joe.

KARL BALL



Karl James Ball, 79, of Brainerd, died Saturday, February 26, 2022 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth.

Interment will take place at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery - Little Falls, MN on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Following interment, a celebration of Karl's life and luncheon will be held at the Brainerd American Legion Post 255 from 1 p.m.



to 3 p.m. Family and friends are welcome to join both events. Karl was born October 1, 1942, in Decorah, IA to John Jay and Lyla Regina (Casey) Ball. He attended High School and Loras College in Dubuque, IA. Karl honorably served in the US Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. Karl met Mary Gwen (Olson), the love of his life

and best friend, in 1970; and they were married on November 11, 1972, in Dubuque, IA. Karl spent more than 40 years in the propane business and continued sharing his knowledge with those still in the industry. Karl was an avid weightlifter, winning many awards along the way. Throughout his years in the Brainerd Lakes Area, Karl built many relationships and treasured those friendships. One of his greatest joys was spending time with his grandchildren.

Karl is survived by his bride of 49 years, Mary Gwen; daughter, Erin Ann (Jeff) Beach; two sons: Jay W. (Jayme), and Kyle James (Rebecca); eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, lyla Ant; brothers: Jon Jay Ball (with 2 Js), and Dennis (Judy) Ball; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Karl in death are his parents; brother-in-law, Gunnar Ant; sister-in-law, Diane Ball; nephew, Michael Ball; and his best pal, Storm.

MISTY LAKIN



Misty Dawn Lakin, 44, died Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Brainerd Salvation Army Church. Interment will be at the Mission Cemetery at a later date. Memorials preferred.

She was born in St. Paul on May 6, 1977, to Bill and Becky Lakin. Misty's family moved

back to Brainerd in 1978. Misty lived most of her life in Brainerd and graduated from Brainerd High School in 1995. She gave birth to her daughter, Marissa Lakin in 1997. She attended church at The Brainerd Salvation Army.

Misty enjoyed life. She loved animals, nature and people. Her smile lit up a room and her quiet demeanor showed her caring compassionate spirit.

Misty is survived by her parents; brothers: Chad Lakin and Shawn Nelson; daughter, Marissa Lakin; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

JEAN THOMPSON



Jean (Veer) Thompson, 85, of Aitkin, died on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

A family service will be held later this summer. The family requests no gifts or flowers. Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 174, Aitkin, MN 56431.

Jean was born on January 8, 1937, to Jacob and Isabel Veer in Alsen, ND. She married Thomas Thompson on June 25, 1953 in Langdon, ND. After their marriage, they lived in small towns in northeast North Dakota until they moved to Roseau in 1965, where Tom farmed. In 1995, they moved to Aitkin where they resided until Jean woke up in the arms of her beloved Savior. She loved gardening and reading her Bible. She was generous, kind, thoughtful, hardworking and had a wonderful sense of humor. Her children were her greatest accomplishment. Her favorite way to say goodbye was always "moving forward, looking upward." The last Bible verse she shared with her children was Psalm 118:17 "I shall not die, but live and recount

the works of the Lord."

She is survived by her husband Tom, and eight children: Barbara (Gus Jacobson), Daryl Thompson, Sandra (Mark Milkey), Sharon (Jim Rosteck), Kevin (Laurie) Thompson, Timothy (Jennifer) Thompson, Dennis (Mary) Thompson, and Lonnie (Tabitha) Thompson; 19 grandchildren: Chad (Kendra), Sean, Emily, Ben, Sam (Tiffany), Jim (Isabel), J.C., Jake (Linda), Joe, Jeremy (Abby), Jenna (Levi), Erin, Kayla (Hunter), Emma, Sara, Graham, Josiah, Ethan and Megan; 15 great grandchildren: Lexie, Zach, Josh, Hailey, Melody, Matthew, Arianna, Israel, Avery, Desmond, Connor, Henry, Teddy, Joel, and Beau; sister, Vivian (Bob) Welsh; brother, Tom (Fern) Veer; sister-in-law Faye Veer; many nieces and nephews.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; brothers and sister-in-law: Leonard and Barbara Veer, and Larry Veer; son-in-law, Carson Strickling, and grandchild, Mary Rosteck.

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

HAZEL ZAUHAR



Hazel Zauhar, 99+, of Ironton, died on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

A Celebration of Hazel's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

She was born on May 16, 1922, to Hans and Olive Olsen. Hazel graduated from the Brainerd High School in 1940 and married Emil Zauhar, the love of her life, on October 20, 1945, in Edina. Their love and dedication to each other was truly a life lesson. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby and the Myrin-James American Legion Auxiliary of Ironton, serving as secretary for many years. Her interests included bowling, knitting, embroidering, sewing, reading, crossword and jigsaw puzzles. Scrabble, drinking tea with friends, and watching the Twins,

Vikings, and Lynx. She loved to cook and bake and was an expert at making merry at Christmas. Her 30 kinds of holiday cookies each year were enjoyed by many. Hazel was deeply committed to her family and making a house a home. She was extremely proud of her family and leaves behind a beautiful legacy.

She is survived by her children: Loretta (Dale) Rohwer of Plymouth; Sue (Bruce) Johnson of Lindstrom, Terry Zauhar (special friend Char Stender) of Hopkins; five grandchildren: Dana (Peter) Bolz, Jessica (Jared) Keller, Christopher (Jamie) Rohwer, Brett (Kaitlyn) Johnson, Troy (Tara) Zauhar; and great-grandchildren: Ryder and Greyson Keller, Violet and Jack Rohwer, Eleanor and Charlotte Bolz, and Juliet Hazel Johnson.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Emil; parents; siblings: Mabel, Gladys, Martin, Fred and Alice; other relatives, and many dear friends.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

March

12th - Crossing Arts Creativity Kit Giveaway 10am-noon. 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 a wooden mixed media bird project and a canvas painting/stamping project. Creativity Kits are free to the public. Kits are limited. First come, first served. For more information contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416, info@crossingarts.org. Located in the heart of downtown Brainerd at 711 Laurel Street.

12th - Ducks Unlimited Sportsman's Bingo at the Bridge Tavern, Crosby. Doors open at 5 pm, first game at 6 pm.

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 - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning topic Brainerd: Then and Now - and into the Future at 1:30 p.m. in the Forum Room at Crosby-Ironton High School. The fee is \$5.00 for non-members, and it's free for members.

18th - Knights of Columbus Walleye dinner serve from 5-6:30pm at Aitkin American Legion. Cost is \$14.00 which includes: Walleye Fillet, potato, salad, vegetable, dessert, beverage. Open to the public

18th - 27th -Grand Rapids Players production of *Sister Act* at the Reif Center in Grand Rapids. Ticket info at grplayers.com.

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

Long Lake extends programming

For nearly 60 years, students from public, private, Montessori and charter schools have sent students to Long Lake Conservation Center for immersive nature field trips. This year, another category will be added: homeschools.

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., March 12, 2022)

CITY OF TROMMALD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the Trommald Planning Commission will convene for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Trommald City Hall to conduct the following public hearing:

Ordinance Amendment 01-22 regarding temporary structures. The proposed amendment modifies Section 3 "Definitions" by updating the definition of temporary structures and Section 5 "Permitted Uses" and "Performance Standards" to prohibit temporary structures as a permitted use and set performance standards for unpermitted temporary structures in all zoning districts. Applicant: City of Trommald

All interested persons are invited to attend these hearings and be heard or send written comments to City Hall or via email at amanda.peterson@sourcewell-mn.gov. Copies of the proposed ordinance amendments and a staff report are available upon request.

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Amanda Peterson,
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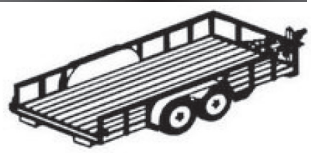
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Future City of Cuyuna campground expansion discussed

At the City of Cuyuna council meeting on Monday, a moment of silence was observed in honor of Alan Horner who unexpectedly died Friday, Feb. 11, 2022. Alan Horner was a member of the Cuyuna Fire Department.

Planning and Zoning

Amanda Peterson, Sourcewell Community Development Administrator approved one land use and SSTS permit for a single-family dwelling and attached garage. Property owners are Randy and Amy Stanfield, and the property is located on Foothills Drive.

The shoreland ordinance amendment will be ready for public hearing at the Tuesday, Apr. 12 council meeting.

Foley Street Violation — A violation letter was sent to both the owners and taxpayer, no response communication

was received by Peterson prior to the meeting. A May 1 deadline date was given for cleanup to be completed. There has been some communication with the MPCA, and no visible hazardous waste violations were found.

Police Chief Jesse Smith said he was just at the site and spoke with the owner. Smith said the owner acknowledged receiving the letter but did not intend to respond. He did say he was going to comply with the cleanup request after the snow melts. Councilman Mike Workman said the owner had removed one car and did some cleaning already.

Smith gave a activity report from January 28 through February 24 2022, included were 24 traffic warnings, one traffic citation, two agency assists,

eight calls including a report of a missing juvenile that was found and that case is under investigation. A report of a person kidnapped and money wanted on Main Street. Crow Wing County Sherriff deputies located the alleged victim in Cuyuna, and it was determined a phone scam.

Smith spoke about the Police Department and Fire Department embroidered patch fund raising efforts for Toys for Kids, the Cuyuna Food Shelf, Crosslake First Responders. There will be a Down Syndrome awareness patch to help sponsor the Special Olympics at the C-I High School.

Police trainee Patrick Martin is going through field training and will be ready to assume regular police duties. Smith recommended hiring

Jon Abear as a conditional part-time Cuyuna Police Officer. The council approved the conditional hiring.

As a member of the Minnesota Police Chief's Association Conference, Smith has decided to attend for the first time in eight years of being chief. He indicated he applied for and received a scholarship of about \$850 to help pay for most of the cost. The travel and food expense will be covered with Smith's own resources.

The Cuyuna Police Department just got a new radar and were able to sell their old one.

Smith and Deerwood Police Chief Mark Taylor will be attending Police week, May 9-15, in Washington DC

where former Officer Charlie Banks will be honored on the fallen officers wall there.

City Clerk Treasurer Bill Bedard said the 80 percent of the weekends at the City of Cuyuna campground are full already for this year. It was discussed that they have 40 acres and might need to expand the RV sites since the demand is so high. The tent sites don't rent as quickly. The City Engineer said there was some information about seeking historic restoration funds to do some work on city hall. There was a funding request submitted for the city water infrastructure project.

Bedard spoke about a cul-de-sac property on Fox Lane. He said a letter was sent to the property owner by the city

attorney and they waiting for a reply and legal description. Then the attorney will give the city a recommendation. Councilperson Joan Smith suggested adding a stop or yield sign at Getaway Circle. The council approved adding a stop sign. Council also approved a written recommendation from the City Engineer and Chief of Police. It was also approved to look into a sign at Foley and Chicago. The city tabled a request by an adjacent property owner to purchase a property currently owned by the city. The sale or abandonment by the city will be discussed after more research is done.

Council approved a resolution for mail in ballots only for the upcoming election.

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Many of Larsen's pieces incorporate imagery of various flowers, leaves, and other botanicals, as well as fish that have been found in the environment around her. Her work is visually organic, but also very minimalistic and peaceful in its beauty, offering a new perspective of these seemingly common objects.

Larsen has been creating nature prints since the late 1980's, after viewing the Smithsonian SITES traveling exhibition 'Pressed On Paper', which was organized in part by the Nature Printing Society. She has studied with two Japanese master fish printers, along with several american

nature printers, and was invited to participate in a Gyotaku (Fish Print) exhibition in Japan. She has led multiple nature printing workshops internationally for the Nature Printing Society, and edited the NPS newsletter for 10 years. Her artwork has been published in several books, and she edited the first published book for the Nature Printing Society, "The Art of Nature Printing".

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