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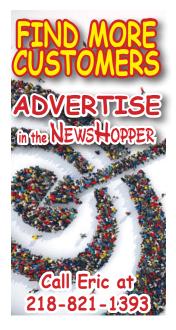
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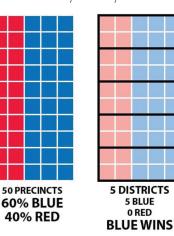
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Minnesota Senator Mary Kiffmeyer The community is invited to attend the next Rosenmeier Forum, which focuses on legislative redistricting, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22 in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Speaking will be Minnesota Senator Mary Kiffmeyer.



Kiffmeyer, a Pierz native, represents Senate District 30. She is currently serving as chair of the State Government Finance and Policy and Elections Committee, vice chair of the Redistricting Committee, and as a member of the Finance Committee, Transportation Finance and Policy Committee, and the Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee.

Steve Wenzel, Executive Director of the Rosenmeier Center for State and Local Government, said "Senator Kiffmeyer brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the key issue of legislative redistricting. We know that she will greatly inform the community of the 'why and how' decisions made by the

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Minnesota Judicial Panel on redistricting that was handed down on February 15." and the decision handed down by the judicial panel on February 15 pitted many

Legislative redistricting is the process that both begins and ends legislative careers and the decision handed down by the judicial panel on February 15 pitted many incumbent legislators, both House and Senate, into the same district and created unusual district boundaries. Kiffmeyer served as Minnesota's Secretary of State from 1999 to 2007, Minnesota ranked No. 1 in voter turnout for all eight years of her term.

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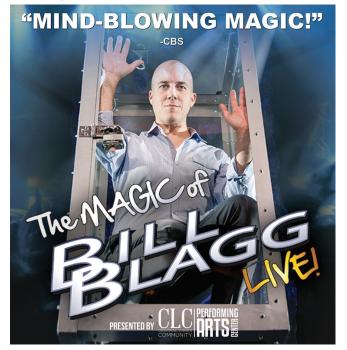
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Magic and illusions of Bill Blagg Live hits the Gichi-ziibi stage on April 1



Audiences will be left amazed at what they see (or don't see) when The Magic of Bill Blagg Live hits the Gichi-ziibi stage on April 1. The 7 p.m. show of large-scale magic and illusions is part of the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center's Cultural Arts Series.

Tickets for The Magic of Bill Blagg are available through the CLC Box Office (218) 855-8199 and online at www. clcperformingarts.com A family package is also available.

Center Director Patrick Spradlin says the date chosen for the performance was no accident. "What better April Fool's gift can we give?" he asked. "We've not presented a talent like Bill. This will be a one-of-a-kind event for our audiences."

Blagg is described by Spradlin as a personable, magnetic showman. "I've met him on several occasions at performing arts conferences around the country. He is incredibly engaging in real life, and his stage persona really mirrors that."

Blagg formed his interest in magic began with a gift from his great-grandfather: a professional book of magic. As he studied the different effects in the book, he began constructing magic props with his dad.

He chose to put his skills to the test in 1998 by entering the adult stage competition at the Abbott Magic Get Together in Colon, MI, which is also hailed as the magic capital of the world. Magic had been Bill's life for over twelve years. He had performed hundreds of shows, and it all hinged on a single five-minute routine: his dancing handkerchief. He had just turned eighteen, barely old enough to enter the competition, and he was about to make magic history by becoming the youngest contestant to ever win the prestigious event. Following his win, Bill never looked back.

Today, Bill is one of the nation's top touring illusionists. His theatrical brand of magic thrills thousands of people every single year. Bill's live performances leave people in complete disbelief as he creates the impossible in a way only he can do.

Bill prides himself in performing new, never-before-seen illusions such as the world's only rideable hoverboard. He is also known for instantly teleporting across theaters, squishing his body from 6 feet to 6 inches tall, passing through the blades of

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n an industrial fan, and more! Audience restrictions lifted The Central Lakes Com-

munity Performing Arts Center announces the lifting of audience size restrictions for

its remaining events. There is now availability of tickets for upcoming events previously listed as sold out. All events will remain general admission seating. Patrons wanting

tickets or information can go to the Center's website at www.clcperformingarts.com or contact the CLC box office at (218) 855-8199.

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Upcoming classes at Crossing Arts



The Crossing Arts Alliance located at 711 Laurel Street, Brainerd offers arts workshops to the community in a variety of mediums.

Please pre-register for the following classes at https:// www.crossingarts.org/workshops, or call 218-833-0416 to reserve your spot.

Sterling Silver Pendant class with artist Jim Reed, on Saturday, March 26, from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Students will roll sterling silver through the rolling mill and make an impression on the silver, shape the piece and solder a little cabochon stone to the pendant. We will be using a rolling mill, a small drill and other equipment to complete the piece.

Jim Reed has been making custom, sterling silver jewelry for a 4+ years. You can often see his work to purchase in the Crossing Arts gift shop. Jim teaches 7th grade technology at Forestview Middle School. In the summer, he mines gems and minerals in the Colorado mountains. He enjoys making things and watching others experience their creation come to life.

Classroom instruction will take place at Jim Reeds Workshop. Upon registration a confirmation email will be sent disclosing directions of class location.

This class is \$140. Limited to three students. 16+ years of age. Crossing Arts members, as a benefit of membership, will receive a \$5 gift card when attending the class.

Beehive Pincushion with Lisa Jordan on Saturday, April 2 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is a great class for beginning needle-felters ages 10 and up. Using a specially barbed needle and fluffy wool, students will create an adorable and functional pincushion with a tiny beetopped pin. Your completed



pincushion will be about 3 inches tall. Students will be provided with all the wool and tools they need to complete the project, and will keep their mats, needles, and leftover supplies after the class. \$30 per person (Crossing Arts members, as a benefit of membership, will receive a \$5 gift card when attending the class). Masks are recommended. Class size is limited to 6.

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House Democrats on Monday blocked a second effort to allow a floor vote on bipartisan Senate legislation that would prevent a significant unemployment payroll tax increase. They blocked the latest effort one day before the automatic payroll tax increases would begin, despite having a historic multi-billion dollar state surplus.

State Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, indicated the issue centers around the DFL House majority's refusal to make whole the state's unemployment insurance trust fund. Lueck said the trust fund was depleted when, "Gov. Tim Walz shuttered Main Street businesses across the state during a lengthy and relentless exercise of emergency powers."

The state borrowed billions of dollars from the federal government to allow unemployment checks to continue to flow during the governor's forced shutdown. The shutdown created an unprecedented demand on the unemployment trust fund.

Lueck said two things are needed to fix this. (1) Pay back the federal loan and stop the huge interest payments on the loan, which are estimated to be about \$50,000 per day. (2) Restore the trust fund operating balance to pre-covid levels to stop the automatic payroll tax increases.

"The House majority has had a senate bill in their possession for a month that fixes this problem," Lueck said."The bill passed the senate on a bipartisan veto-proof 55/11 vote. It repays the loan and restores the trust fund balance to a level that prevents the automatic unemployment payroll tax increases required to restore the trust fund's fiscal integrity.

"This is politics at its worst. Today we have skyrocketing inflation eating up every family's weekly paycheck. Now is not the time to impose additional unemployment payroll taxes on our main street employers, that only fuels more runaway inflation, increasing the cost of food, fuel and other necessary items."

Walz, House Republicans, Senate Republicans, and most Senate Democrats support a clean bill to fully replenish the trust fund.

"The House DFL continues to hold that bill hostage and the March 15th deadline has now passed," Lueck said. "Their bill, which the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development testified would result in six years of increased unemployment related payroll taxes, has been sitting stagnant in a house committee since early February."

The agency has raised significant concerns about the consequence of not enacting unemployment insurance trust fund legislation by the March 15 deadline. DEED Commissioner Steve Grove recently told members of the House Workforce Committee that time is critical. "As of (Tuesday) this gets a lot harder to unwind, and time is of the essence on this piece," Grove said.

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"One of the excuses the House majority members use justifying the delay in preventing higher unemployment payroll taxes is it would benefit big box stores, like the Walmarts, Targets and the Amazons of the world." Lueck said. "I got news for them, we have 17 small cities in House District 10B, the closest thing we have to a big box store is a few Dollar General and Family Dollar stores."

READER RIBBETS Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

City of Aitkin officials recently presented a proposal to the House Property Tax Division asking to place the question of adding a one percent local option sales tax question before the voters of the city next fall.

The state law allows cities under certain situations to add up to a one percent of sales tax on all taxable items sold within the city. Each cities' proposal is reviewed by both the House and Senate tax committees and may be included in a larger tax bill that must pass both bodies of the legislature and be signed by the governor.

Each of the local sales tax proposals that make it through the legislative process must then be submitted to residents of the city in the form of a voter referendum. If the voters pass the referendum, then the additional sales tax is included in all retail taxable goods and services sold within that city.

The Aitkin City Council is proposing to add a one percent local sales tax that would raise about \$8.3 million dollars to be used to construct a new government facility and make about \$1 million dollars of improvements to city parks and trails. The additional sales tax would be collected for up to 19 years or when the bonds funding the projects are paid for, whichever occurs first.

The city estimates the local sales tax will generate about \$500,000 in annual tax revenue. The legislature usually passes an annual tax bill toward the end of each legislative session, which ends the 3rd week in May. If the proposal is included in this year's final tax bill, then the city residents would be presented with the question on their November general election ballot

Minnesota's statewide current general sales tax is 6.875 percent. Several cities in Crow Wing County have local option sales taxes in place. For example, in Brainerd and Baxter in addition to the 6.875 percent general state sales tax, a .5 percent city local option sales tax and a .5 percent Crow Wing County special transportation sales tax apply for a total sales tax rate of 7.875 percent.

If the city voters approve the one percent increase then the sales tax rate in Aitkin would be equal to the current 7.875 percent sales tax rate in Brainerd and Baxter.

Representative Dale Lueck Minnesota House District 10B

Poor judgment massive risk

and/or kids race which takes place Saturday morning. Parade is at 2pm.

dren 12 and under, \$6). Take-out orders are welcome.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's office is driven by abuse of power, the epitome of poor judgment. An open display of how unimportant the residents and local police departments are to Goddard and his second-in-command. Abuse of power is a violation of the public trust—trust that's not easily restored. It damages departments, communities, and careers. Embarrassing the Brainerd, Ironton, and Deerwood police departments means Goddard embarrassed Crow Wing County residents, as well.

subordinates during their most vulnerable times. An employee at a coffee shop requests local police escort them home from work. This after the second-in-command followed them home unsolicited, instilling fear. The second-in-command took a family emergency 60 day leave of absence. Goddard has done nothing; he levies the harshest punishment on our deputies for much less but protects his second-in-command. A personal accusation of poor judgment is a breach of trust and results in a re-evaluation of how important that relationship is and whether it continues, it may cost us a friend. The actual poor judg-

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

26th - Crossing Arts Sterling Silver Pendant class with artist Jim Reed 12:00 - 3:00 pm. For more information contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416, info@crossingarts.org located in downtown Brainerd

1st - Aitkin American Legion color guard walleye dinner. Serve 5-6:30pm at Aitkin American Legion.

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ment exercised by Goddard and his second-in-command is a massive risk to the public. It must cost them their jobs.

In a nutshell, getting close to people, trusting people in power, in control, is an exercise in poor judgment, especially after they have shown they can't be trusted.

Goddard and his second-in-command must be held accountable, we must demand their resignations. The silence of our county commissioners and our silence is poor judgment, now is the time to exercise good judgment. If we don't, their behavior will certainly cost us all.

YVONNE GILBERTSON

Yvonne Gilbertson, 81, of Brainerd, died Friday, March 4, 2022, at Essentia Health -St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Yvonne was born June 9,

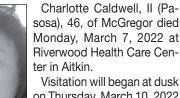
1940, in Superior, WI, the daughter of William and Marie (Willcox) Austin. She grew up in Duluth and she and her significant other moved throughout the Central United States. She began working at the Red Door on the north end of Mille Lacs, she worked at Grand Casino Mille Lacs, and later at the Isle of

Carpi in Biloxi, MS before retiring to the Brainerd Lakes Area.

Yvonne was a puzzle queen, card champion, and coloring master. She also liked to work with plastic canvas. She was a good person with a lot of spunk. She never got angry and was always willing to lend a hand. She loved being MeMa to all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Yvonne was the last of the Austin family and she will be missed dearly by her son, Jerry Hietala; foster son, Tracy Samways; daughters: Brenda Easley and Sherry (Gerald Pierzinski "Putz") Otterson; and son, Fred (Nancy) Johnson; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

CHARLOTTE CALDWELL, II the Menominee Nation. She was a loving mother

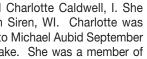


sosa), 46, of McGregor died Monday, March 7, 2022 at Riverwood Health Care Cen-

Visitation will began at dusk on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at the East Lake Ceremonial Building in East Lake - Mc-

Gregor. Tribal Rites began at 10 a.m. on Friday at the East Lake Ceremonial Building. Burial will be at the Rice Lake Refuge Burial Grounds in East Lake - McGregor.

She was born October 6, 1975 in Minneapolis to Daryl Teller and Charlotte Caldwell, I. She attended school in Siren, WI. Charlotte was united in marriage to Michael Aubid September 29, 1996 in East Lake. She was a member of



friends Charlotte is survived by her husband, Michael Aubid; parents; four children: Jordan Buffalo,

Charlotte Caldwell, III, Julius Aubid, Animikence Aubid; eight stepchildren: Tina Morrison, Jean Martin, Michael Aubid, Jr.,

and always cared for and helped her family and

Yvonne Aubid, Charles Aubid, Ziibens Aubid, Anang Aubid, Ceewan Aubid; brothers and sisters: Cheyenne Caldwell, Daryl Teller, Jr. and Talon Bedeau; many special grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her 2 siblings: Leon Caldwell and Maybann Teller.

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

DIANE BRADLEY

Diane Leah Bradley, 77, died Tuesday, March 8, 2022 surrounded by family at home in Brainerd.

A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Baxter.

past 47 years of their 59-year marriage. Diane worked and retired in 2007 as a crane operator at Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. For her community and faith, she was member and served as Worthy Matron of the local Order of the Eastern Star Alpha Chapter #23 and MN Grand Officer 1992-93.

Diane is survived by her husband, Herman Bradley, Jr.; sons: Herman Bradley III (Dawn). Russell Bradley (Ilona) and Andrew Bradley (Christine); daughter, Kristen Bensing (Jim); grandchildren: 10 Ethan, Michael and Mason Bradley; Carissa Kleinschmidt (Ryan) and Alina Bradley; Nikole and Joe Bensing; Taylor Bradley (Jess), Kelsie and Haylie Bradley; and three great-grandchildren: Brailynn, Hadleigh and Rhett Kleinschmidt.

Goddard's second-in-command abuses his position and power, engaging in intimate relationships with multiple

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Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

She lived the past 11 years with heart complications, compounded with Alzheimer's disease that led to her passing. She was most lovingly cared for full-time at home throughout her struggles with this disease by her husband. She was born in Evansville, IN where she and her husband danced their way into each other's hearts and then married in 1963, having four children. In 1975, they moved to Brainerd, where they continued to live for the

DELORES A SCHULTZ

Delores A Schultz, 88, Baxter, Minn., died p.m., followed by a memorial service at 12:30 Sunday, March 13, in Baxter.

A visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30

Patricia Gail Meyer, 82, lovingly known as Nana, died on Friday, March 11, 2022, with family by her side.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, March 18, 2022 at Christ Lutheran Church, Baxter and will be held on-Saturday, March 19, 2022

at Bethany Lutheran College Chapel, Mankato. Services will be at 11:00 a.m. with visitation at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Princeton. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Bethany Lutheran

Born June 16, 1939, in Rochester, NY to

p.m., Saturday, March 19, at Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Baxter.

PATRICIA MEYER

Christian school in Lime Creek, IA before Pat and Marv married in June of 1960. They were blessed with two children. Together Pat and Marv owned and operated a family resort in central Minnesota for 15 years. Pat was also an integral part of the Bethany Lutheran College family; spearheading a campus beautification committee and welcoming guests and visitors into their home. Pat retired to Gull Lake in Brainerd, Minnesota in 2002 where she enjoyed boating, watching the sunset, growing geraniums, and feeding the hummingbirds. As the matriarch of the family, Pat found great happiness when surrounded by those she loved at the lake. Pat loved to travel, visiting over 20 countries and many regions of the United States. She also loved a good hand of Bridge.

Pat is survived by her loving husband, Marvin Meyer; children: Joel Meyer (Jane) and Crista Krosch (Mark); four grandchildren: Meredith Gunderson (Paul), Elise Ollrich (Nicklaus), Kjerstin Meyer (Riley), Nicholas Meyer (Noelle); six great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters.

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College - Music Department.

Marion and Francis Salomon, Pat was baptized and confirmed in her faith at Christ Lutheran Church. At an early age Pat developed a love for music and the "lake", spending time at their family cottage on Sodus Bay, Lake Ontario. In the fall of 1957, Pat arrived in Minnesota at the campus of Bethany Lutheran College to pursue a teaching degree. It was here that she met the love of her life, Marv. Pat taught in a one room



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Party later in life.

friends.

Lorna Hills.

any of those events, you might have seen that

special twinkle in her eye as she told a story

or two. Did you hear about how she played

football in country school, met Augie in ninth

grade algebra class, was convinced she was

going to drown after tipping the canoe while

ricing, or how she was chased by a bull around

the one-room schoolhouse? She fed most Aitkin

folks at one time or another in the 80s and 90s

during the 17 years that she ran her own cater-

ing business. Sandy enjoyed 'cutting a rug' at

barn dances, square dancing above the Aitkin

Bakery and chair dancing to Funtime Polka

Sandy is survived by three children: Lisa (Ra-

chel Banasiak) Math, Sara (José Perera) Math

and Jason (Ann Blanchard) Math; honorary

adopted son, Greg Rufus (Missy) Boeser; three

grandchildren: Ken Math, Aydn Math and Oliver

Math; siblings: Linda Math and Thomas (Mary)

Klingelhofer; two grandkitties, SheRa and Floyd;

many cherished nephews, nieces, relatives and

Sandy is preceded in death by the love of her

life, August; parents; great-grandchild, August

Michael Miracle; two sisters: Twila Ecklund and

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SANDRA MATH

Aitkin, died Monday, March

7, 2022 in Cuyuna Regional

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March 19, 2019 from 11 a.m.

until the noon Celebration of

Life in the 40-Club Conven-

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Medical Center, Crosby.

als are preferred in lieu of flowers.

ship Clerk for 44 years.

She was born February 2, 1940 in Aitkin to

Gordon and Bernice (Davies) Klingelhofer.

Sandy graduated from Aitkin High School and

completed three years of college at St. Cloud

State. She marrried August Math on April 11,

1964 in Aitkin. Sandy was a bookkeeper and

receptionist for over 20 years, starting at Pyrofax

Propane Company (which eventually became

AmeriGas). She was also the Hazelton Town-

She enjoyed quilting, knitting, embroidery,

cooking, baking, fishing, gardening, playing

cribbage, playing guitar, bird watching doing

puzzles and especially spending time with her

family. Sandy was passionate about being a

great mom to her kids and a second mom to

anyone who needed love, advice, hugs or just

some good food. She loved to gather friends

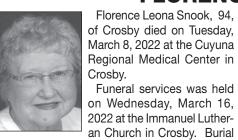
and family to honor traditions such as making

crocks of sauerkraut, preparing Easter baskets

to be hidden, throwing back yard Booyas and

teaching others how to bake bread, make lefse

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an Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born in Mountain Lake on February 17, 1928 to Eilert and Gerdena (Siefkes) Strenge. Florence married Donald Ray Snook on April 3, 1950 in Mountain Lake. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

Florence is survived by five daughters: Sandra (John) Taylor of Deerwood, Carol (Ken) Rood of Aitkin, Karen (John) Rosecrans of Deerwood, Patty (Jerry) Horazdovsky of Andover and Sherie (Art) Rogers of St. Paul; daughter-in-law, CeCe Snook of Crosby; 15 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Preceding Florence in death are her parents; husband, Donald; daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Harlan Johnson; son, Kenneth Snook; grandson, Matthew Snook; great-grandson, Jackson Taylor; six brothers: George, Dick, Calvin, Eilert, Lawrence and John Strenge and six sisters: Gretchen Huebsch, Dena Carlson, Josephine Penner, Evangeline Harder, Annabelle Olson and Margaret Rosenberg.

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

KEVIN CHRISTENSEN

FLORENCE SNOOK

Kevin Alan Christensen, 66, of Deerwood died on Sunday, March 13, 2022.

Florence Leona Snook, 94,

A Memorial Gathering was held Thursday, March 17, 2022 at the Koop Funeral Home. Burial was in the Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township.

He was born in Crosby on September 28, 1955 to William and Marilyn (Beddow) Christensen. Kevin graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1974. He was a member of the Boiler Makers Union Local 247 in Anoka.

Kevin is survived by two daughters: Monica

(Tim) McDonald of St. Cloud and Candace (Lucas Dvorak) Christensen of Deerwood;vbrother, Joe (Julie) Seavey, Jr. of Browerville; four grandchildren: Logan and Reese McDonald and Evan and Jack Dvorak; six sisters: Ruth Windorski of Grand Rapids, Tammy (John) Hawkinson of Deerwood, Carrie (Calvin) Larson of Shevlin, Greta Seavey of Breezy Point, Joella (Jeff) Bordwell of Deerwood and Mellisa (Mike) Hine of Andover.

Preceding Kevin in death are his parents; sisters: Cheryl Weimer and Kelly Seavey and brother. Carl Seavev.

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* 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

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Brainerd* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www. goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St.

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.,

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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, 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.; fbcbrainerd.com
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- Deerwood* Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- McGregor Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
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- Merrifield Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
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- Tamarack Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

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- 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
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- McGrath Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
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- McGregor/Big Sandy Lake Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
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- Emily Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
- Ironton Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall*,
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Scammers target Minnesotans with calls about Energy Assistance Program

Scammers are targeting Minnesotans with fraudulent calls about Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program to trick consumers. The Minnesota Department of Commerce, which administers Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program, offers

these guidelines to flag calls as fraudulent:

No bank account or credit card information is required for a household to apply the Energy Assistance Program. If you are asked for that information or payments of any kind, hang up.

Fraudulent callers may claim to offer a refund for a utility bill overpayment, and then ask for credit card information. If you are asked for credit card information, hang up.

Scammers may spoof caller ID to display a number

Seasonal watercraft inspectors

Help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and share our vision of being Minnesota's favorite place. The County encourages those who enjoy working outdoors and educating others on the importance of protecting our natural resources, to apply for a seasonal watercraft inspector position. These positions conduct inspections of entering and exiting watercraft equipment at public water accesses and educate watercraft users about aquatic invasive species (AIS).

Starting pay is \$15 per hour and hours range from 18 to 40 hours per week. Crow Wing County is looking to fill positions to work from Fishing Opener in May until Labor Day weekend in September. Work is primarily Friday through Sunday with the possibility for some weekday shifts. "These positions provide important face-to-face contact with the public to increase awareness and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species to our waters," stated Nicole Erickson, Environmental Services Specialist.

Those interested in applying to be a seasonal watercraft inspector may view the full job description and apply online at www.crowwing.us/ careers or contact our Human Resources office at 218-822-7030.

The proposed 2022 AIS Prevention Plan includes funding for watercraft inspections at

44 boat landings throughout the Crow Wing County this summer. Watercraft inspections were identified by lake associations and stakeholders as a top priority for AIS prevention. For more information on Crow Wing County's AIS plan visit: www.crowwing. us/ais

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping our residents make wise decisions that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Land Services Office at (218) 824-1010 or landservices@crowwing.us to discuss AIS or other land use related activities.

from any utility company or Energy Assistance service provider at your local community assistance program. You can always hang up and call directly to your utility or local energy assistance service provider.

To avoid scammers trying to defraud consumers, Minnesotans can directly contact the Energy Assistance Program and Commerce is encouraging Minnesotans to apply. Energy Assistance funding is available for thousands more Minnesotans. The program is open for applications through May 31, 2022.

The Energy Assistance Program Dashboard published by Commerce shows over \$104 million has already been paid to almost 87,000 Minnesota households since October 2021. The dashboard, which is updated weekly, shows county-by-county info for household average energy costs and energy assistance for Minnesotans who have already applied and qualified for benefits.

This year, Commerce raised eligibility and benefits, paying up to \$3,200 to cover energy bills for income-eligible Minnesotans. The Energy Assistance Program helps people who own or rent their homes to pay for current and past-due bills for electricity, gas, oil, biofuel and propane, emergency fuel delivery, and repair/replacement of homeowners' broken heating systems, and could also cover water and sewer bills.

How to apply: To request an application or find your local service provider:

www.NewsHopper.net

Search online for "Minnesota energy assistance"

Go online: mn.gov/energvassistance

Call 800-657-3710 and press 1

With one application to the Energy Assistance Program, households may also qualify for water bill assistance and for the Weatherization Assistance Program, which can permanently reduce household energy costs. The Energy Assistance and Weatherization Assistance Programs are both federally funded, with Commerce as the administrator working with local service providers across the state to serve Minnesotans.

Habitat Toolin Tour revived May 22

Get your motor running: motorcycles, spiders, classic cars and trucks - it if can go down the highway you are in.

for Humanity is hosting our Toolin Tour ride on Sunday, May 22. While the exact route is still being mapped, we will start and end in Aitkin County Habitat Aitkin on Sunday afternoon.

Needed are riders, volunteers, door prizes and silent auction items.

Call 218-927-5656 or email aitkinhabitat@gmail. com for more info.







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