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#### Nesika Bellville named regional spelling bee champion You are what you can spell

- and there's no doubt Nesika Bellville is c-h-a-r-i-s-m-a-

The Pine River-Backus eighth grader was the last student standing at the 2022

Regional Spelling Bee, hosted by Sourcewell, on March 23.

Bellville moves on to the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. where she will compete in the semifinals June 1, which

determine the top students to advance to finals on June 2. The finals will be broadcast live on ION, both June 1-2,

Sat., April 2, 2022

Following the successful

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Pine River-Backus eighth grader Nesika Bellville responds to her spelling word as Pequot Lakes sixth grader Brekkin Glazier looks on from the stage. Bellville won the Regional Spelling Bee with Glazier taking the runner-up spot.

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## One-fish walleye limit set on Mille Lacs Lake for spring, fall fishing

Mille Lacs Lake walleye anglers will have two potential opportunities for harvest during the 2022 open water

A one-fish limit will allow Mille Lacs anglers to harvest one walleye 21-23 inches or one longer than 28 inches from Saturday, May 14 through Monday, May 30. After a summer of catch-andrelease fishing with an early July closure to reduce hooking mortality, the one-fish limit is expected to return on Thursday, Sept. 1.

"We must continue to manage state harvest very carefully on Mille Lacs so we can provide as much angling opportunity as prudent while protecting the opportunities for the future," said Brad Parsons, fisheries section manager for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "Two recent year classes show below average numbers of walleye, which means we need to factor in that fewer fish than normal will mature into spawning adults during the next few years."

While the drops in fall walleye catch rates for the 2018 and 2019 year classes aren't as dramatic as previous levels that closed walleye harvest on Mille Lacs, they do signal that more conservative walleye harvest regulations may be needed in coming years.

"Our goal for Mille Lacs fishing regulations now and in the future is to offer fishing opportunities while also maintaining the long-term

sustainability of the lake's fish to 135,000 pounds in 2022, populations," Parsons said.

After opening weekend (when fishing is allowed 24 hours a day) fishing hours on Mille Lacs Lake will be 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. for all species. Beginning Saturday, June 4, muskellunge and northern pike anglers using artificial lures or sucker minnows longer than 8 inches can fish after 10 p.m.

Walleye fishing will be catch-and-release from Wednesday, June 1 through Thursday, June 30. A twoweek closure – implemented to reduce hooking mortality — will be in place from Friday, July 1 through Friday, July 15. Catch-and-release walleye fishing will resume on Saturday, July 16 and continue through Wednesday, Aug. 31.

The one-fish walleye limit is scheduled to resume Thursday, Sept. 1 through Wednesday, Nov. 30. During this period, anglers may fish from 6 a.m. to midnight.

#### Season structure depends on many factors

"Our projections make me confident we'll have fall harvest," Parsons said. "But predicting fishing pressure, catch rates and weather involves some uncertainty, so we want people to recognize that the fall harvest will depend on how much of the state's walleye harvest total remains as we approach September."

The state and the eight Ojibwe bands that have treaty fishing rights have agreed that Mille Lacs Lake can sustain a total walleye harvest of up

with state anglers harvesting up to 80,300 pounds and a maximum tribal harvest of 54,700 pounds.

The drop from last year's levels of 87,800 pounds for state anglers and 62,200 pounds for tribal harvest was necessary to account for below-average catches of the 2018 and 2019 year classes in the fall walleye population survey

"Factors can change so we'll reassess the walleye population come fall," Parsons said. "Fish in those year classes in question are important for replacing the current mature walleye that are lost to both fishing and natural mortality."

Mille Lacs Lake has been in a state of change since the 1990s, when the water clarity started to improve. Since then, there has also been warmer water temperatures and the introduction of invasive species such as zebra mussel and spiny water flea.

"The changing lake conditions impact fish populations and we will continue to monitor the lake to determine how these changes will influence fishing opportunities in the future," Parsons said.

This year's winter walleye harvest was about 6,800 pounds, less than half of what was expected. Lower catch rates for anglers and poor ice

conditions in the early season were responsible. That drop in winter walleye take gave the DNR more flexibility to implement less restrictive open water regulations for 2022.

Even with the drop in winter

harvest, a two-week closure during what's normally one of the hottest times of the summer is needed to remain within the state's harvest total. As water temperature increases, so does hooking mortality the tendency for fish to die after being caught and released. Protecting walleye during this vulnerable period can allow for many weeks of harvest during cooler times of the year.

**Additional details** 

The northern pike population on Mille Lacs Lake is healthy and harvest of fish under 30 inches is encouraged for anglers looking for another option to bring home a meal of fish.

To help avoid incidental catch of walleye during the two-week closure in July, fishing for any species with certain kinds of bait will be restricted. Anglers targeting northern pike and muskellunge can use sucker minnows longer than 8 inches. But anglers targeting other fish may not use live, dead, preserved or parts of minnows, night crawlers, worms, leeches or crayfish.

#### Regional spelling bee | Continued from Page 1

spelling of 'charismatic' and being declared by judges as the winner, Sourcewell Student Academics Coordinator Phillip Olsen approached the stage to congratulate Bellville and asked how she was feeling about her big win.

"I feel excited," she said humbly. "This is what I was actually hoping would happen, but that's probably what

everyone else thought, too." The top three regional fin-

· Champion – Nesika Bellville, eighth grade, Pine River-Backus

· Runner-up – Brekkin Glazier, sixth grade, Pequot Lakes

· 2nd Runner-up – Greta Alajoki, seventh grade, Men-

Each year, Sourcewell hosts the Regional Spelling Bee for third through eighth graders of member schools in the five-county service area of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties. The winner earns an all-expenses-paid trip to



Spelling Bee Champion was Nesika Bellville, eighth grade, Pine River-Backus

the national spelling bee for themselves and a parent/ guardian.

"The event was so much fun," Olsen said. "It's always great to be able to bring students back together for in-person competitions like this. We had 16 students attend and they went wordfor-word with each other until Nesika came out on top in round 11. It was an exciting and impressive afternoon."

Each participant was a finalist or champion in his or her respective district. The



Runner-up was Brekkin Glazier, sixth grade, Pequot Lakes

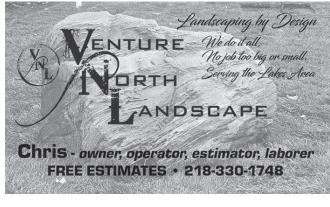
representation formula is one speller per 1,000 students based on K-12 enrollment. which also includes private and parochial schools within the geographical boundaries of a district.

Congratulations to all regional spelling bee participants: Matthew Prethish, sixth grade, Aitkin; Miette Hansel, eighth grade, Bertha-Hewitt; John Ahlin, eighth grade, Little Falls; Colin Schlangen, sixth grade, Little Falls; Greta Alajoki, seventh grade, Menahga;



2nd Runner-up - Greta Alajoki, seventh grade, Menahga

Brekkin Glazier, sixth grade, Pequot Lakes; William Craig, fifth grade, Pequot Lakes; Claire Lucking, fifth grade, Pierz; Adilyne Tomala, sixth grade, Pierz; Kylie Wentz, sixth grade, Pierz; Nesika Bellville, eighth grade, Pine River-Backus; Ashton Keith, seventh grade, Royalton; Hudson Nelson, sixth grade, Sebeka; John Schotzko, fifth grade, Staples-Motley; Beau Thieschafer, seventh grade, Swanville and Noah Drange, seventh grade, Wadena-Deer









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## **OBITUARIES**

#### ALICE PICKLES



Alice Ann Pickles, 75, of McGregor died Monday, March 21, 2022 at her home near McGregor.

Services were held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the Fireside Inn, McGregor with Wolfgang Sixl leading the service.

She was born April 9, 1946 in Brainerd to Custer Albert and Edna Louise (Kottke) Nelson. She grew up in Garrison and attended Brainerd High School. Alice was united in marriage to Howie Junior Pickles on May 12, 1962 in Aitkin. They lived in several places before settling in McGregor in 1969. It was there that they built their family home and raised their children. She loved living in the country, sewing, baking bread and gardening. She and her husband, Howie built the Fireside restaurant in McGregor in 1977. In

addition to helping at the restaurant, she managed the Galaxy Roller Rink that she and Howie built and operated for several years. She enjoyed roller skating and getting to know the area youth, remaining lifelong friends with many. They also opened the Country Meadows Inn which Alice managed. Again, making many friends among her employees and customers.

She is survived by her husband; daughters: Holly Anderson of McGregor, Wendy Anderson (Greg) of Anchorage, AK; and Julie Keller (Tom Simonson) Key West, FL; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; brothers: Albert Nelson (Debbie) and Truman Roach (Marlene) and many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sisters: Virginia Worley and Joyce Eder.

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

#### TIMOTHY ADAMS



Timothy Michael Adams, 65, died Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at the Bigfork Valley Hospital in Bigfork surrounded by family and friends.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, May 28, 2022, Memorial Day weekend in Wirt, MN with a

four-wheeler ride to lay him to rest.

Tim was born March 23, 1956 in Kalispell, MT to Ulysses and Lollita Adams. Tim enjoyed being with family and was always there for them. If he could not be, he would always call. Tim was known for his Cowboy hats and boots along with singing. A couple of his favorite songs he would sing were I can't help falling in love with you- Elvis and Don't worry about me-Marty Robbins. Tim's hobbies were playing cards, singing karaoke, going to the casino, watching movies and talking on the phone with family and friends. When Tim was younger, he was always outdoors hunting, fishing, trapping, picking wild rice, making Christmas wreaths and singing in the mirror with his hair brush to Elvis's songs.

Tim is survived by his children: Jason (Donelle) Adams and George (Shannon) Adams; brother Lee Adams of Wirt; sisters: Candy (Tony) Mulholland of Dodge Center, MN, Shirley(Donald) Barrett Deer River, MN and Susan Adams Grand Rapids, MN; grandchildren: six Cassidy Lueck, Makaira Adams, Amber Adams, Merrick Adams, Victor Adams, Rogue Adams and one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Tim was proceeded in death by his daughter Brandi Adams: parents: brothers: Dave Adams. Pete Adams and George Adams.

Cremation Service were provided by Carroll Funeral Home of Deer River, MN.

#### MARLYCE GUSTAFSON

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Services for Marlyce will be held later this spring/summer 2022.

She was born September 11, 1927 in Aitkin to Alfred and Anna Sophia (Westerberg) Spute. She graduated from Aitkin High School and then attended and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Teachers Degree.

Marlyce June Gustafson, 94, of Aitkin died She was a teacher at Mora and Minneapolis

She is survived by her sister Carol Todd and other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Burton Gustafson and her parents.

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

#### JUDY DOTZLER

Judy Ann Dotzler, 69, of Aitkin, died unexpectedly, Monday, March 28, 2022 at her home.

Visitation will be Sunday, April 3, from 5-7 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 7 p.m. in Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin. Visitation will continue Monday, April 4, from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Memorial Mass in St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Interment will be at a later date in St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery, Aitkin.

She was born September 12, 1952 in Duluth to Arnold and Bonnie (Knaack) Stofferahn. Judy graduated from McGregor High School in 1970. Judy was united in marriage to Philip Dotzler on October 3, 1970 at Holy Family Catholic Church, McGregor. Judy worked in daycare for 30 years and considered many of the children her family. She was a member of Moose Lodge #1060 of Aitkin. Judy enjoyed photography, scrapbooking, playing cards and especially spending time

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with her family.

Judy is survived by her loving husband, Philip Dotzler of Aitkin; three sons: Christopher (Claudia) Dotzler of Aitkin, Neil Dotzler of Aitkin and Matthew (Michelle) Dotzler of Clarissa: six grandchildren: Kassandra Jo (Jason) Larson, Jessica Dotzler, Marissa, Alexis, Jacob and Allison Dotzler; siblings: Steve Stofferahn of Wyoming, Marty (Ruth) Stofferahn of Tamarack and Linda Dotzler of Aitkin; brother-in-law, Gary Smith of Coon Rapids; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Judy is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Peggy Smith; brothers-in-law, William Dotzler and Donald Dotzler.

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

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## Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

Springtime brings the annual wild bird migration north to nest and rear their young. Unfortunately, with that migration also comes the potential for highly pathogenetic avian flu which can be deadly to domestic poultry. The last major outbreak in Minnesota was in 2015. About 9 million domestic birds were lost in Minnesota before the outbreak subsided.

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However, the high-path strain of avian flu is typically fatal to domestic poultry flocks, large or small. Since 2015. the poultry industry, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, and the Minnesota Board of Animal Health have instituted significant biosecurity measures to prevent its introduction and rapidly contain any outbreak.

If you raise poultry, even if it's only a small flock, it's important to be aware of those biosecurity measures and the signs of this disease. For more info visit the Board of Animal Health website at: https://www. bah.state.mn.us/hpai/

Legislation championed by Sen. David Tomassoni (I-Chisholm) funding research to find a cure for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, has passed both bodies. The bill includes \$20 million for research and \$5 million for ALS-specific respite care. The bill passed the Senate 67-0 and the House 121-9.

It was a bittersweet moment to cast a vote for this legislation in support of my friend Sen. Tomassoni's effort to help others in the future, as he continues to wage a heroic battle against this fatal disease.

The legislature tends to be Minnesota-focused, however not everything is local. The House recently fast-tracked legislation that directs the State Board of Investment to divest from companies headquartered in Russia and Belarus. HF4165 passed 129-0 and is now in the Senate awaiting action.

I also co-authored a House Resolution "urging the President of the United States to consider the current geopolitical tensions and support policies and take measures to ensure America's long-term energy affordability, security, leadership and progress, including actions that result in the continued operation of existing oil and natural gas pipelines, the construction of new pipelines, and an end to restrictions on developing our nation's onshore and offshore oil and natural gas resources."

A reliable, domestically produced energy supply is fundamental to our nation's security in this time of major global instability.

Representative Dale Lueck Minnesota House District 10B

### Naïve and disconnected

As more and more citizens realize the gravity of the toxic environment at the Crow Wing County Sheriff's office, they respond to a formal complaint through the county administrator Tim Houle. Houle claims complaints are taken very seriously as he grouped the complaint in with the various nature of complaints the county receives. Houle misled the public with partial truths, the employee (Galles) is not on administrative leave, nor forced leave of absence. Galles placed himself on a 60 Day Family Emergency Leave. Houle may not have been able to disclose that, but he showed support indicating the Sheriff's office was not responsible for

his absence, proving they're doing nothing.

Goddard deliberately embarrassed the Brainerd, Ironton, Deerwood police departments with no valid reasons, it was about his power. He has an outof-control deputy chief who finds it appropriate to engage in intimate affairs with subordinates and creep on coffee shop employee's where they must request a police escort home from work. Goddard questions the newsworthiness of the complaint, even the validity of it, but not the behavior of Galles. Goddard insinuates predatory behavior of a high-ranking law enforcement official is not newsworthy. The intoxication of power will make one say,

and do, ridiculous things.

The mass exodus of deputies, the horrid county employee engagement survey where the Sheriff's office was obliterated by our deputies—unnewsworthy too? We are witnessing a massive lack of integrity, character, backbone, and concern for the residents of Crow Wing County. Our county commissioners, administrator, fail to act and remain silent. It's reasonable the county doesn't want to seem alarmed at the situation, showing how naïve, disconnected, and irresponsible our county commissioners and administrator are.

Goddard is the problem, and he needs to resign.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

7th - Central Lakes College's virtual Cultural Thursday presentation on the culture and resilience of the Ukrainian people. The event is at noon in the Chalberg Theatre or via Zoom. Pre-registration is required if attending via Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/56ejut53

7th - Aitkin Lions will be having a spaghetti dinner at the Aitkin American Legion serving from 4:30-6:30pm. Come and join us. Door Prizes and the proceeds go to the Riverwood Foundation for the Zach Johnson Children Cancer and the Reading program. Cost is \$10 and Kids under 5 are FREE.

7th - Ranger Made Open House, a new \$3.6 million state-of-the-art student managed manufacturing company located inside Crosby-Ironton High School, 5-7pm. The open house is a Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's Business After Hours Social hosted by C-I School District and Cuyuna Regional Medical Center and is open to the public. Guests are encouraged to bring business cards, network, and build relationships. Soda shoppe refreshments will be served, and door prizes awarded. There is no fee to attend, however, advance registration is requested by calling 218-546-8131 or sending a message to courtney@cuyunalakes.com. Those attending should use the school's north entrance and park their vehicle in the student parking lot.

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### **JO ANN LAINEN**



Jo Ann Lainen, 93, died peacefully on March 22, 2022 at her home on Round Lake. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Tamarack Christian Church. Visitation will be at

noon with a service at 1:00

p.m. A luncheon will follow

at the Sno-Flyers Club in Tamarack. She would be pleased by memorials to Tamarack Christian Church or to charity of choice. All correspondence may be mailed to her McGregor address.

She was born Jo Ann Park on January 11, 1929 in Redwood Falls the daughter of J. Samuel and Nellie (Doyle) Park. In 1939, the Park family moved from Redwood Falls to a farm north of Tamarack. She attended North Star School through 8th grade and graduated from McGregor High School in 1946. She was very active in the 4H Club, once winning a state competition in sewing. High school was followed by a 2-year Teaching Certificate from the University of Minnesota, Duluth in 1948. She taught 2nd grade at the Aitkin Elementary School for one year. She met her love, Bill Lainen, at church in Tamarack and were friends for many years before uniting in marriage on June 18, 1949. They were blessed with a marriage of over 72 years. They lived in Duluth following their marriage, raising their family, while Bill was employed as a teacher and elementary school principal with the Duluth School District for 32 years. She was actively involved with her church (United Baptist Christian Church), the church family, Christian Women's Club, bridge clubs (both women's and couples with Bill), neighborhood coffee clutches, and was a long time member of p.e.o Chapter CR in Duluth. She was a Girl Scout leader, a wonderful seamstress, cook, pianist and knitter. She knit a baby blanket for anyone she heard was having a baby. After she and Bill retired to Round Lake, she was involved in a variety of activities and organizations, often volunteering her time.

She is survived by her daughters: Karen Jarvi of Cloquet and Peggy Lainen Anderson of Duluth; five grandchildren: Matthew Jarvi (Melisa Davis) of Carlton, Nicholas Jarvi (Vicki) of Cloquet, Kyle Anderson of Tamarack, Kara Reimherr (Tim) of St. Paul, and Sathya Bush (Nathan) of California; three great-grandchildren: Kaden Anderson, Haileigh and Logan Jarvi, and Orion Bush; brother-in-law, Bruce Hanson (Marlys Dobis) of St. Joseph and nephew Sean Hanson (Heather) and their triplet daughters of North Carolina, sisterin-law Retta Park of Arizona, nephews Duncan Park (Debra) of Missouri and Dean Park (Sarah) of California, and her adored French AFS student daughter, Francoise "Fouf" Guillaume (Bernard) of Paris, France.

Jo Ann was preceded in death by her husband Bill, parents, daughter Nancy Lainen Keussen, brothers Robert Park and Donn (Retta) Park. sister Marcia (Bruce) Hanson and special Grandma Dovle.

Arrangements are with McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Services in McGregor. www.srtfuneral.com

#### **MARY WICKMAN**



of Aitkin, formerly of Plymouth died at her home on Thursday, March 24, 2022. Memorial services was hed Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. If desired memorials are pre-

ferred to the Special Olympics of Minnesota. She was born on November 23, 1942 in Milwaukee, WI to Francis and Evelyn (Weidert) Boehmer. Mary Lynn married Terry Wickman on October 24, 1964 in Milwaukee, Wl. She was a retired Special Education Teacher at the

Mary Lynn Wickman, 79. Hennepin Technical Center, District 287, Mary Lynn was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby; Aitkin Woman's Tennis Club; and the Armstrong Hockey Boosters.

Mary Lynn is survived by her husband, Terry; two sons, Jeff (Stacey) Wickman of Woodbury and Mike (Brenda) Wickman of Chandler, AZ; daughter, Terilynn (Peter) Cheser of Apple Valley; brother, Robert (Joanie) Boehmer of Denver, CO; and five grandchildren.

Preceding Mary Lynn in death are her par-

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

#### CATHERINE CARRIVEAU



Catherine Dianne Carriveau, 75, of Aitkin, died Monday, March 28, 2022 in Riverwood Health Care Center, Aitkin.

To honor Catherine's wishes, no services will be held. Catherine was born September 11, 1946 in Toledo,

OH to Jay and Joann (Hollie) Mault. Catherine graduated from Cook High School. She was united in marriage to Richard Francis Carriveau on October 23, 1964 in Chisholm. Catherine enjoyed shopping, "Lunching", watching Gun Smoke and John Wayne Movies.

Catherine is survived by her significant other, Dennis Barrett of Aitkin; children: Wayne (Brenda) Carriveau of Rice, Mark Carriveau of Milaca, Cynthia (Randy) Gertken of Richmond and Georgette (Dan) Moe of Maple Grove; eight grandchildren: Gabrielle Gertken, Jordan Carriveau, Rebecca Gertken, Kristen Carriveau, Zoe Vonderhaar, Richard Carriveau, Maxwell Gertken and Jake Gertken; two great-grandchildren: Jackson Carriveau and Sawyer Carriveau; brothers: Jay Mault, Jr. of Ramsey and William Mault of Cook; other relatives and friends.

Catherine is preceded in death by her husband Richard and her parents.

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#### **ALLIANCE**

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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

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Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662

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

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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.

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#### **CATHOLIC**

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

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

Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat.

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Thurs. 8, Sun 8:30 & 10:30 Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession

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Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt. 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

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

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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

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.

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218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake.net Isle — Pastor Mark Lee; Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship

10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer 6:30 pm and Kids Konnect 6:30 pm Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10;

Worship 10:15 Wright - Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm. HEBREW/MESSIANIC

Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804 **LUTHERAN** 

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

Aitkin - (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 8am, and 10am (10am service also available via livestream on YouTube - First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM radio), Wed. 5:30pm with supper; Sun. school at 9am, take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am-4p

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

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

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

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

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.

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Day-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am14019 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 Sut-

ton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101. Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS). Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org. Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas;

Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert;

Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15. Hillman - Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 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.

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- Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship McGrath 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.

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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.\

ship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SF 11th Street Brainerd, 218-454-0984 Brainerd—Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis, Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite

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2, 218-829-2989.

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Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall\*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

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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

3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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Additionally, thousands of square feet of soil were exposed and not stabilized, thousands of linear feet of sediment control devices were missing, and numerous existing erosion and sediment control devices were in disrepair. In total, agency staff observed eight different violations of the MPCA's

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Aerial Truck

construction stormwater ties, the MPCA takes into permit on site.

For violating the permit, Fairview Township and Gladen Construction have each paid \$16,710 in civil penalties to the MPCA. The parties have also completed a series of corrective actions to recover sediment from the wetlands and stream, and installed and maintained erosion prevention and sediment control best management practices, as required by the permit.

MPCA rules and regulations are designed to protect human health and the environment by limiting pollution emissions and discharges from facilities. When companies do not fully comply with regulatory requirements, the resulting pollution can be harmful to people and the environment.

When calculating penal-

account how seriously the violations affected or could tal laws.

#### have affected the environment, and whether they were first-time or repeat violations. The agency also attempts to recover the economic benefit the company gained by failing to promptly comply with environmen-

**Crow Wing County Landfill summer hours** Beginning April 1, the Crow Wing County Landfill will move to its summer hours of operation. The landfill will be open Monday through Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm and is located at 15732 State Highway 210, just east of Brainerd. During these expanded hours the landfill is open to accept household garbage, fiberglass boats, mattresses, furniture, mobile homes, and other items for

proper disposal.

Customers utilizing the landfill must stop at the landfill office and speak with the attendant to discuss the items to be disposed of, pay any fees, and receive directions to the proper drop-off locations. All loads coming to the landfill must be covered, and uncovered loads are subject to a \$5 fee.

The following items can be recycled or properly disposed of in the landfill for FREE:

- Household Hazardous
- Lead-acid car/marine batteries \*Please keep batteries separated from other
- Oil, used oil filters, and anti-freeze is available at the landfill and several drop-off locations within the County.

Harbinger of warmer weather

- Residential recycling such as cardboard, paper, plastic, and glass
- For oil and recycling locations visit: Recycling | Crow Wing County, MN -Official Website

Residential compost,

lawn, and garden material \*Please separate brush and branches For a nominal fee the fol-

lowing items can be recycled or properly disposed of in the landfill:

- Demolition materials
- Large appliances

- Electronics
- Tires with or without rims

Ann Schwartz photos

Scrap metals

As winter still seems to have

hopeful sign of spring is gar-

dening. Simon, standing and

construction of a greenhouse

at Paulbeck's County Market

Twin Cities and work for Dan

and Jerry's Nursery. Dan and

in Aitkin. They are from the

Jerry's will also supply the

live products soon.

Jacob, kneeling begin the

a grip on the weather, one

Mattresses

For the full fee schedule please visit www.crowwing. us/727/Fee-Schedule

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 Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1010 or to visit http://www.crowwing.us and search for "Solid Waste" for more information.









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