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'Enter/Exit' offers a doorway into photographer's artistry

In a world where every phone is a camera, photographer Duane L. Paulson is decidedly "old school." Working with large format cameras, some dating to the 1920s, Paulson offers "Enter/Exit," a new show of his silver

contact prints at Ripple River Gallery. The exhibit, which focuses on doorways and architecture, is open through May 15 at the Bay Lake area gallery.

For as long as he can remember, Paulson's eye has

been searching for compositions. Since 1965 he has documented those compositions using black and white film in 8 x 10, 5 x 7 and 4 x 5 format cameras. "Through the years

of photographing nature and buildings, I have always been attracted to old buildings," Paulson said. "When you approach an old building you automatically go to the door.

Some doors will open and some are locked or permanently barred. Are you better off not knowing what is on the other side?"

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Duane L. Paulson uses large format cameras to capture images of architecture and nature.

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Two Brainerd teams place in the top 10 at State Knowledge Bowl meet

Brainerd High School's Knowledge Bowl teams both placed in the top 10 in the AA division of the 2022 Minnesota Service Cooperative's state Knowledge Bowl meet

at Cragun's Resort on April 7-8, 2022.

Brainerd Blue received medals for a sixth-place finish and Brainerd White earned ninth-place, only trailing four

points behind their teammates. The sixth-place finish is the highest finish for any BHS team.

Pine River-Backus and Bertha-Hewitt, both of which participated in the A division, finished 20th and 24th respectively.

Knowledge Bowl engages nearly 1,000 teams across the state of Minnesota in academic competitions designed for students in 7-12 grade. During the contest, teams of students compete in written and oral rounds by answering questions related to all areas of learning.

Questions test students' recall, problem solving, and critical thinking skills related to the following curriculum areas: National and World Affairs, Government, American History, Health and Psychol-

ogy, Art and Music Literature, Biology, Math, Current Events, Minnesota History, Earth Science, Physical Science, Economics and Law, World History, English, World Languages and Geography.

The Minnesota Service

Cooperatives organization has facilitated this senior high state competition since 1979. Teams are selected from within the Minnesota Service Cooperative's 11 regions, bringing together the top 48 teams - 24 in AA division,

and 24 in the A division - for the state meet. Divisions of the two tiers is based on high school population size.

URL : <http://news.sourcewell-mn.gov/two-brainerd-teams-place-in-the-top-10-at-state-knowledge-bowl-meet/>



Students from Brainerd High School's Knowledge Bowl teams pose with Coach David Borash following both teams' top-10 finish at state competition last week in Brainerd.

Business Highway 371 roadwork



Park Road will become an all-way stop.

MnDOT will improve four miles of Business Highway 371, which includes the following work:

- Resurface (mill and overlay) from 70th Avenue to Greenwood Street (2.5 miles)
- Reconstruct from Greenwood Street and Joseph Street in Brainerd (1.5 miles)
- Replace city storm sewer and curb/gutters
- Install center left-turn lanes at the intersections of 70th Avenue, St. Mathias Road/County Road 21 and Greenwood Street
- Upgrade the signal system at Buffalo Hills Lane and Industrial Park Road
- Add pedestrian sidewalks and approaches between Industrial Park Road and Joseph Street

When complete in October, travelers will benefit from a smoother road surface, updated drainage, and improved access and safety.

MnDOT invites and encourages participation by all. If you need an ASL, foreign language interpreter or other reasonable accommodation, or need documents in an alternative format (such as braille or large print), please email your request at ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us or call 651-366-4720.

Clue coming to Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids Players announce their fall 2022 production, a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery, **Clue: On Stage!** opening September 30 for six shows in two weekends on the Ives Theatre stage in their home at the Reif Center.

"This selection was brought to the board for consideration and was quickly agreed upon," said President John Schroeder, "knowing that this is exactly what our community needs! Comedic mayhem, mystery, and a little audience participation, **Clue: On Stage!** promises an opportunity to temporarily leave your worries behind."

Grand Rapids Players is currently inviting letters of

interest for artistic director. The role of director begins with auditions, set for August 8,9. Perusal copies of the script are available on request. Rehearsals will begin shortly after that date. Performance dates are September 30, Oct. 1,2,7-9.

The artistic director will receive a stipend, as well as support, from the organization. The fun in directing and building a supportive community does outweigh the workload that comes with it.

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, **Clue: On Stage!** begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble

for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth - the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. It's the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out... WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

More info is on the grplayers.com website. Questions and letters of interest along with a short resume' can be sent to info@grplayers.com or P.O. Box 28.

The public is invited to attend an open house to learn about the upcoming roadwork on Business Highway 371 from Barrows to Brainerd, Crow Wing County.

The event will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church (downstairs Fellowship Hall) at 1420 South Sixth Street in Brainerd, on Tuesday, April 26 from 4 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Guests can come when convenient as a formal presentation will not be given.

Guests will have the opportunity to visit with project staff, ask questions, view layouts, and learn work and

detour details. For those unable to make the open house, information is provided on the project webpage at <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/d3/brd/>.

Detour, work begins in mid-May

Business Highway 371 will close in mid-May between Joseph Street and Buffalo Hills Lane/Industrial Park Road in Brainerd. Motorists are to follow a signed detour along Willow Street, 13th Avenue and Industrial Park Road. Access will be maintained to area residents, businesses and healthcare clinics; however, expect changes. The Business Highway 371 intersection at Buffalo Hills Lane and Industrial



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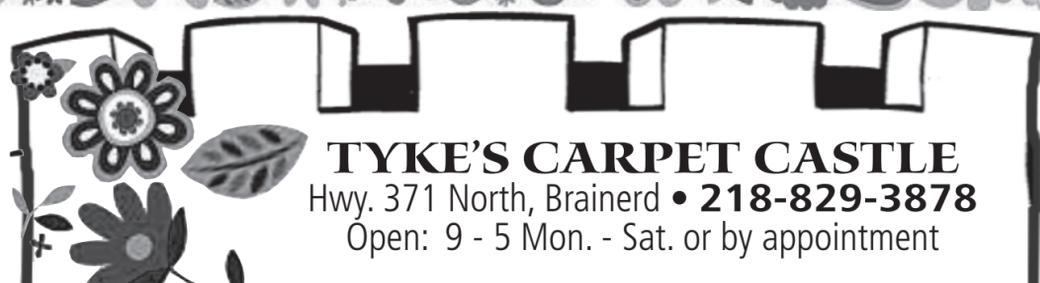
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

April

- 23rd - The Crossing Arts Alliance Sterling Silver Spinner Rings workshop with Jim Reed, 12- 3:30 pm, to enroll call TCAA at 218-833-0416.
- 26th - The Office Shop will host Business After Hours 4:30-6pm at their location in downtown Brainerd. Attendees are also encouraged to bring door prizes. As a courtesy to the host, advanced registration is recommended. To make your reservation, click on the 'Register' button above right or call (218) 829-2838. If you're not able to attend, join us on Facebook for a live video interview with the host at 5:20p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/BrainerdLakesChamber>
- 28th - The Crow Wing County Genealogy Society will meet at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd. This meeting is for Research and as a social gathering open to the public. Several members will be present to assist you in your Research. Anyone interested in Genealogy is welcome to attend. Research and Social hours will be from 6 to 8pm. Any questions call: 218-828-0365.
- 29th - St. John's Lutheran Church Carry Out Chicken Dinner, 5-6 pm. Menu: Chicken Breast, Mashed potatoes and Gravy, Dressing, vegetable, and dessert. Pre-orders are preferred by calling 218-927-3170 between 10am-4pm on Monday, April 25 to Friday, April 29. Pick up from 5-6pm. Adults--\$12 for adults, 6-12 are \$6 and 5 years and under are free. located at 324 3rd St. NW Aitkin.
- 30th - Northland Arboretum Arbor Day Celebration 11am - 2 pm. 5K and 1 miles hikes begin at 10 am. Register upon entry to win a kayak! There will be a petting zoo, falcon presentation, free seedlings, silent auction, live music, firetruck, police cars and helicopter onsite, giveaways, face painting, informational booths refreshments, planting project tree planting ceremony, demonstrations, bug catching ID. 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd. 218-829-8770.
- 30th - The Crossing Arts Alliance Turquoise Nugget Ringswork shop with Jim Reed, 12- 3:30 pm, to enroll call TCAA at 218-833-0416.
- 30th - ATV Safety Field Day in Fifty Lakes, 12:30-4pm. To pre-register or for questions contact Cindy Thompson at 763-592-9330 or email cindythompson0203@gmail.com. Requirements: Must be 10 years of age before class start date listed above and have taken the ATVCourse.com in order to be eligible to take this class.

May

- 4th, 7th, 11th, 18th, 21st, and 28th - Northland Arboretum Spring Bird Hikes, 8am, Learn more about birds, \$5 gate fee for non-members. Sponsored by Brainerd Lakes Area Audubon Society and Northland Arboretum, 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd, 218-829-8770.
- 7th - The Crossing Arts Alliance Maggie Nest workshop with Lisa Jordan 9am-12pm and 2-5pm, this class is suitable for beginning or intermediate needle-felters ages 10 and up. To enroll call TCAA at 218-833-0416.
- 8th - The Garrison Bay Lake Area Lions and Deerwood American Legion Post #557 All-You-Can-Eat Mother's Day Breakfast, 8 am-noon at the Walter Scott Erickson Deerwood American Legion, 23659 Forest Rd, Deerwood. \$15.00 for adults and \$10 for children 12 to 6, children 5 and under free for a variety of egg bakes, scrambled eggs to order, sausage links bacon, cinnamon rolls, toast and fresh fruit cups with coffee, orange juice, water or milk. Profits benefit the Lions Scholarship Fund.

READER RIBBETS

Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

From April 11th through the 18th the legislature is not in session in observance of the Easter and the Passover season. The legislature resumes regular sessions, Tuesday April 19 and will adjourn on or before May 23.

During the slightly more than four weeks of the remaining regular session the House and Senate will decide many important issues, here is just a sampling:

- \$9 billion-plus projected excess tax collections – tax cuts and/or new spending?
- Restore the Unemployment Insurance Trust fund to pre-COVID levels – or add a huge long-term increase to Minnesota employer payroll taxes?
- Keep or repeal the state income tax on elder's social security retirement pensions?
- The state's credit card – how large should this year's capital investment (bonding) bill be?
- How do we support law

enforcement and hold criminals accountable? Send tax dollars to unproven and unaccountable non-profit or fund law enforcement and tighten up the revolving door judicial system?

On another subject, it is a rare day that Gov. Walz and his agency commissioners surprise me by what they are up to – but this one truly did:

The Department of Corrections is planning to open a tattoo artist's training academy within our state prison system. They are seeking to hire a Senior Project Consultant –Tattoo Supervisor. The position would pay from \$28.25 to \$41.63/hourly; or \$58,986 to \$86,923/annually.

The new hire “will lead a pilot project for the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) establishing a tattoo/body art studio within Minnesota correctional facilities. You will serve as the expert technical resource for other project and agency staff involved in

the design and implementation of the body art pilot project so that a licensed body art studio is established and incarcerated men and women are trained and supervised in the art of tattooing.”

I believe in forgiveness and redemption. When it's necessary to incarcerate an individual, we should do our best to ensure when that individual's freedom is restored, they are able to become a productive member of society. It's the right thing to do for both the individual and our society.

However, I can think of many other skill sets that would benefit both the individual and our society than what the governor is doing here. Using taxpayer dollars to set up an academy to train and license tattoo artists within our state prison system is not on that list.

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

Attempts to silence free speech

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's office appears to be in full damage control mode. They are blocking individuals right of free speech to post on the public website. The county needs to be concerned with the actions of Deputy Chief Galles and Sheriff Goddard. Blocking posts could hamper any future investigation into the issue and protecting their jobs has become the number one priority of the Sheriff and his deputy chief. Goddard and Galles are more worried about destroying deputies careers than they are serving our county.

Goddard routinely abuses his power, believes things are “ironed out”, his blatant absence from the office since

his election, has allowed the Sheriff's office to deteriorate to the point our deputies shared their concerns on the annual employee engagement survey. The Sheriff's office results were the worst in years, the mass exodus of deputies have some referring to the office as a “joke”.

Police reform begins with removing Goddard and Galles for the behavior they have exhibited. The abuse of power is their only concern, they believe and act as they do not answer to anyone, they answer to us. We the People hold the power if we chose to exercise it. It takes our voices to demand Galles be fired, Goddard resign, it's as simple as that.

You may not agree, that's acceptable. Waiting until injustice happens to you, your family, a friend is not when action must occur. It must occur when it becomes the normal behavior of people. We must trust act in untrustworthy manners. Exhibiting possible predatory behavior, instigating and participating in intimate affairs with subordinates, instead of cooperating with local PD's they choose to embarrass, discredit, and demoralize them. Call your county commissioners, county administrator, demand an investigation and demand Goddard resign.

**Kelly Avelsgard,
Deerwood**

Thoughts from smarter people

Thoughts at large from people way smarter than me.

Plato: “An empty vessel makes the loudest sound, so they that have the least wit are the greatest babblers”.

Twain: “It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to

open it and remove all doubt”.

Voltaire: “The more often stupidity is repeated, the more it has the appearance of wisdom”.

Lincoln: “What kills a skunk is the publicity it gives itself”.

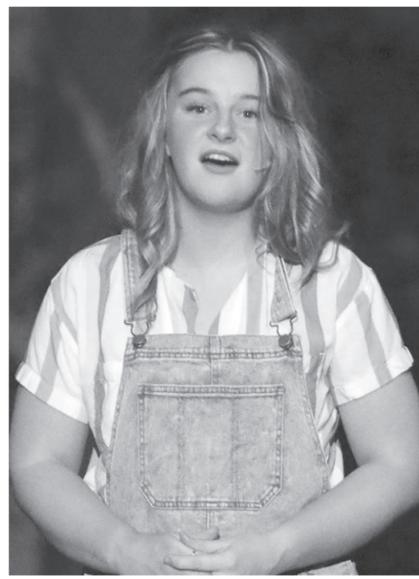
We all know people who fall into these categories. The more

they talk, the less we listen. The more they talk, the less they have to say. It is great to discuss social and political views but only when we can respect both sides and all reasonable viewpoints.

**Dave Karr
Deerwood Township**

Correction: Musical at Aitkin High School

In the April 16, 2022 issue of the NewsHopper, a photograph (below) of Alex Brucker was incorrectly identified as Alaina Hagestuen. Brucker played Rosie in the Aitkin High Musical *Mama Mia*. Alaina Hagestuen (right) played Sophie the bride in the performance. The NewsHopper staff regrets the error and would like to thank those that brought the error to our attention.



Relief for Minnesota's job creators

The first-quarter unemployment insurance deadline is only 11 days away and Representative Ron Kresha, R-Little Falls, is calling on House Democrats to fulfill their promise and actually provide relief for Minnesota's job creators.

The Minnesota Senate passed a bill to refill the UI trust fund on February 14 on a broadly bipartisan 55-11 vote. Replenishing the UI Trust Fund enjoys broad support from Gov. Walz, House Republicans, Senate Republicans, and Senate Democrats, but has been stalled thanks to inaction by the House

Democrat majority — it's been 69 days since the bill last received a hearing, and Democrats have excluded UI repayment from their budget targets released this week.

“What we are seeing is more of the same— Democrats doing nothing but causing more financial pain for Minnesotans,” Kresha said. “They waved off the original deadline, and they not making any effort to bring much-needed relief to our businesses.”

With a more than \$9.25 billion surplus, Minnesota can more than afford to fill the Unemployment Trust Fund to solvency, reverse the

tax increases on employers, and stop Minnesota from having to borrow \$50,000 a day from the federal government. House Speaker Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park, downplayed the original March 15 deadline, insisting that lawmakers had until April 30 when tax bills were due to take action.

“Believing a Democrat's promise in this state is proving to be a huge mistake. Our job creators must navigate inflation, supply chain issues, workforce challenges and now, unemployment payments that could have been avoided,” Kresha concluded

OBITUARIES

DR. JON WEFALD



Dr. Jon Michael Wefald, 84, of Bay Lake, the former President of Kansas State University, died Saturday, April 16, 2022.

The funeral will be held at All Faiths Chapel on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan, KS, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2022. The family requests no flowers, but memorials may be sent to Kansas State University for the Marching Band, or to Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall in memory of Jon Wefald. Contributions may be sent in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com

Jon was born in Minneapolis on November 24, 1937. He graduated from Minot, North Dakota High School in 1955. Jon loved to recall how one of his high school teachers told him not to think about attending college because he wasn't smart enough. Never one to back down, Jon went to college anyway. He attended Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland, WA, and graduated Cum Laude in history. He then attended Washington State University in Pullman, WA, where he received a Master's Degree in American History. Jon then attended the University of Michigan, where he received his Ph.D. in American History. In June of 1963, Jon and Ruth Ann Joynt were united in marriage. This year would have been their 59th wedding anniversary. Jon's first full-time job after completing his doctoral degree

was at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter starting in the fall of 1965. In 1970, Jon was appointed Commissioner of Agriculture by Wendell R. Anderson. In 1977, Jon was selected as President of Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. In 1980, Jon Wefald was chosen to be the Chancellor of Minnesota's seven State Universities with an enrollment of over 50,000 students. In 1986, the Kansas Board of Regents selected Jon Wefald to be the 12th President of Kansas State University. He was the President of K-State for 23 years from 1986 to 2009. He thoroughly transformed Kansas State University, with enrollments as well as helping lift the athletic programs to unheard of heights. Jon's memory at Kansas State University will live on through Wefald Hall, a splendid \$80-million-dollar residence hall, named after Jon Wefald in 2017. He completed a book entitled *The Transformative Years At Kansas State: The Years of President Jon Wefald from 1986 to 2009*, about his 23 years as President at Kansas State University. In retirement, Jon and Ruth Ann made a decision to move permanently to their beloved lake home on Bay Lake.

Jon is survived by his loving wife, Ruth Ann; sons: Skipp and Andrew; daughter-in-law Fani; seven grandchildren: Mikaela, Cassandra, Halle, Jonathan, Kayla, Carson, and Emma; brothers and sisters-in-law: Knut and Joan Wefald and Bob and Susan Wefald, and their children.

He was preceded in death by his father, Olav, mother, Walma, and sister, Beatrice McKibben. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

JEFFREY LAUER



Jeffrey Jordon Lauer, 31, died on Friday, April 14, 2022 in Denver, CO.

There will be a visitation on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., with a service following from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Brenny Funeral Chapel, 7348 Excelsior Road in Baxter. Burial will be at the Greenwood Cemetery in Nisswa.

Jeffrey was known for his infectious smile, kind heart, and thirst for adventure. He was a daredevil when it came to riding his snowboard and skateboard, which led to a few trips to the ER. One of the most meaningful times in Jeff's life was when he was on the Warrior football team and was awarded “Scout Player of the Year”. He enjoyed the respect and friendship he felt from the team, and he experienced a sense of belonging in that season. His energy and the mischievous grin Jeff wore, often hid

the mental health challenges he faced. Though he was greatly loved, he struggled with fitting in and finding his place in this world. He gradually turned to drugs. Drugs took away his feelings of pain and rejection, and ultimately took his life. Some knew him better by his nicknames of Jeffy or Skittles in Brainerd, and Nomad in Colorado. Jeff had his own sense of humor and thought “South Park” and “The Trailer Park Boys” series were hilarious. He loved his family and always remembered birthdays. Jeff also loved animals, particularly cats, and was protective of children.

Jeffrey will be greatly missed by his mother, Vicky (Scot) Kinney father, Dave (Sue) Lauer; siblings” Allison (Matt) Straumann, Kayla Lauer, Travis Lauer, Daniel (Haley) Lauer, Mallia Lauer, Alexxander Kinney, Eric (Jana) Kinney, Gabe (Kaye) Kinney, Justin Lofquist, Carly Diede; grandparents: Arnold and JoAnn Johnson, Clyde and Ruth Lauer; nephew, Malik Lauer, niece, Leila Kinney; and aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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JEANNE DIXON



Jeanne Marie Dixon, 68, of McGregor, died Saturday, April 9, 2022 in Golden Horizons of Aitkin.

A celebration of Jeanne's life will be held at a later date.

She was born August 19, 1953 in New Brighton to Robert and Betty (LaRoche) Mulroy. Jeanne was united in marriage to Richard Dixon on December 22, 1978 in Las Vegas, NV. Jeanne loved to cook (lasagna was her specialty).

She also enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and her daughter, Tina's cat, Charlie.

Jeanne is survived by her daughter, Tina (Eugene Randa) Shimko; siblings: Sharon (Daniel) Greene, William Miulroy and Beth (Galen) Maurer and her many friends at the Pioneer Villa of McGregor.

Jeanne is preceded in death by her husband, Richard and her parents.

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

PHYLLIS GIFFIN



Phyllis I. Giffin, 94, of Crosby died on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. A visitation was at the church one hour prior to the service.

She was born on August 14, 1927 in Rock County, MN to Eddie and Pearl (Stickney) Marxen. Phyllis attended school in Pipestone, graduating from the Pipestone High School, class of 1945. She moved to Crosby-Ironton in 1957. She was employed with the Crosby-Ironton School District from 1969 to 1992. Phyllis was a member of the Crosby-Ironton Presbyterian Church in Crosby from 1957 until it closed in 2013. She was a Deacon and Elder during those years and

for many years taught Sunday School. She then became a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood; the Cuyuna Range Women's Club and past secretary; served as past Worthy Matron of the Evergreen Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 204; and current member of the Woodland Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Aitkin.

Phyllis is survived by her son, Barry of Waite Park; daughter, Shelley (Thomas) Schuenke of Bloomington; five grandchildren: Shannon, Leslie, Joshua, Kallie and Kari; 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Lois Voss of Maple Grove; son-in-law, Terry Nelson; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Phyllis in death are her parents; daughter, Wendy Nelson; brother, Harold Marxen and two sisters: Fern Rieger and Inez Lewis; and daughter-in-law, Joni Giffin.

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

PAUL RICHARDS



Paul L. Richards, 73, of Baxter died on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at Essential St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth due to septic shock and renal failure.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with military honors at 3:30 p.m. at the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443 in Ironton.

He was born on July 31, 1948 in Crosby to LuVerne and Clella (Henry) Richards. Paul graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1966. After graduation he joined the U.S. Navy, serving from 1966 to 1970, he was stationed in San Diego, CA and Hawaii. In 1985 he joined the U.S. Army National Guard, retiring in 2001. He was a 50 year member of the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443 in Ironton, where he enjoyed visiting with fellow veterans. Paul also enjoyed watching or listening to sports especially the Twins and Vikings; was

an avid news hound, reading the watching TV on things concerning to him and working outside in the garden and mowing the lawn. Paul and Pam liked traveling, enjoying trips to Hawaii, Las Vegas, California, North and South Dakota, Cancun and Laughlin Nevada.

Paul is survived and missed by the love of his life, Pamela "Pam" (Draheim) Richards; son, Justin (Henny) Richards of Oxnard, CA; two daughters: Angella (Wyatt) Ckella of Little Falls, Tricia (Jon) Hasch of Brainerd; seven grandchildren, Brianna and Brooke Richards, Tarrin and Ashlee Carter, Jill, Julie and Chelsey Richards; sister, Marcia (Harold) White of Crosby; brother, Clark (Ellen Dorey) Richards of Brooklyn Center; special niece, Brandi Stimac Maholwald and her children: Dylan (Lexi), Kaylee, Abby and Brady Maholwald; and his precious dog Belle, who he walked every day.

Preceding Paul in death are his parents; and brother, Burnell "Burnie" Richards; and two nieces.

Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

LAVONN REEVES



Lavonn J. Reeves, 89, of Wayzata, formerly of Bay Lake Township, died on Tuesday, March 21, 2022.

Memorial Service will be held on Saturday April 23, 2022 at noon at Salem Lutheran Church, 21276 Archibald Rd, Deerwood with visitation beginning at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be at the Bay Lake Township Cemetery.

Lavonn spent her early years growing up on a farm with her parents and younger sister before moving into town to attend high school. After graduating high school and while working as a telephone operator, Lavonn met and married the love of her life, Eldon. They raised their two children in the cities, then moved to their lake home to enjoy retirement. Her hobbies and interests included family, sewing, gardening, fishing, cooking, baking and square dancing. She also enjoyed the friendly competition of league bowling, league golf and playing Bridge. As a member

of Salem Lutheran Church, Lavonn volunteered both her time and her talent of sewing. Her generous spirit, sense of humor and passion for life will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Lavonn is survived by her son, Craig (Colleen) Reeves; daughter, Renee (Robert) Northway; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Leora (Sherwin) Cohrs; nieces and nephew, and their families.

Lavonn was preceded in death by her loving husband, Eldon, and her parents, George and Selma Spielman.

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ALLIANCE
Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship in the church building 10:15 am & 5:30 pm, check the website for the time of service NewLifeAitkin.com; youth group for 7th-12th graders Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.
Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin — Interim Pastor Mark Boone; Sunday Morning Service 10.
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; hillocityyagchurch@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
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 pm.
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC
Aitkin* — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm.
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Gabriel Waweru, Sat. 4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Michael Garry, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass: Tues. Noon, Thurs. 8, Sun 8:30 & 10:30
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.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 219-829-3834 and leave a message with email to receive a Zoom invitation.

EVANGELICAL FREE
Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Wednesday for all ages 6:30 pm.
Crosslake — Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake.net
Isle — Pastor Mark Lee; Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer 6:30 pm and Kids 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 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.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.lichurch.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 Stol; 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 Stol; 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 Luke Lekander, Worship 9.
Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes* — Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Rossburg* — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through 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
Baxter — Christ Alive, 12485 Forestview Drive, Baxter, MN 56425
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
McGregor* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 bids north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

WESLEYAN
Emily — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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Two arrested on multiple counts

On Wednesday, March 31, the Aitkin Police Department executed a search warrant on 8th Avenue NW in the city of Aitkin.

The warrant resulted in the arrest of Jennifer Marie Hansen, 38, of Aitkin and Angela Kathryn Bassett, 42, of Onamia.

Hansen has been charged with Count 1: Felony Controlled Substance Crime 3rd Degree – Possess Methamphetamine in a School Zone, Count 2: Felony Controlled Substance Crime 5th Degree- Possession, Count 3: Gross Misdemeanor or Controlled Substance 5th Degree Possession, Count 4: Misdemeanor Possession of Hypodermic Needle/Syringe and Count 5: Petty Misdemeanor Possession of



Jennifer Marie Hansen, 38, of Aitkin was arrested on March 31.

5th Degree- Possession, Count 3: Gross Misdemeanor or Dangerous Weapons – Metal Knuckles/Switch Blade.

This case is considered under investigation.



Angela Kathryn Bassett, 42, of Onamia was arrested on March 31.

Photographer's artistry at Ripple River Gallery| Continued from Page 1



"Gypsum Rose," photographed in Georgetown, CO by Duane L. Paulson.

many times every day, but always know what we will find on the other side. Most of the doors I photograph I will never know what I am missing."

While Paulson began his career in photography more than 50 years ago, printing in the darkroom still holds the magical appeal he discovered when he and his brother ordered a developing kit from the Sears and Roebuck catalog. "We developed 620 and 127 film and contact printed the negatives," he recalls. "I couldn't believe it, it had to be magic!"

Paulson processes, prints and frames his work to archival standards. "The depth, luminosity and tonal quality of a contact print from a large format camera still cannot be matched by any other means," he says. "My work is more about design, the lines, shapes and forms of a subject

rather than the subject itself. Black and white allows me to emphasize the more abstract nature of a subject and to simplify the composition."

Since Paulson's first solo show of black and white work in the early 1970s, his work has been featured in galleries, and earned awards at group shows nationwide.

Ripple River Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. The gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail ripplegallery@gmail.com.

Office Shop Business After Hours

Join The Office Shop as they host Business After Hours on Tuesday, April 26, from 4:30-6 p.m. at their location in downtown Brainerd. Attendees will receive a Post It Note Paper cube as a thank you gift from The Office Shop.

In addition, those attending will receive a Post It note when they arrive and asked to write a short note explaining why they feel it is important to shop local and support local businesses in the Brainerd Lakes area.

Attendees will also enjoy appetizers provided by Cub

Foods: veggie tray, fruit tray, meat and cheese tray, chips and dip, and cookies. Guests will enjoy networking, Minute to Win games, and learning more about The Office Shop from Jodie and Scott Johnson, owners, during their interview with Matt Kilian, Brainerd Lakes Chamber President. Stay until the end for a chance to win awesome prizes provided by The Office Shop: desk lamp, printer and laptop/messenger bag.

Everyone is invited to learn more about the Chamber and gain exposure for their business by attending

this free event. Business After Hours attendees pass the microphone and introduce themselves to the group, so bring your business cards and get ready to network. Attendees are also encouraged to bring door prizes.

As a courtesy to the host, advanced registration is recommended. To make your reservation, click on the 'Register' button above right or call (218) 829-2838.

If you're not able to attend, join us on Facebook for a live video interview with the host at 5:20p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/BrainerdLakesChamber>

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Cuyuna Lakes Chamber BAH

The Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce recently hosted an extremely successful Business After Hours and Grand Opening on April 7 at Range Made located within the Crosby-Ironton High School. A tour is highly recommended – if you have not already. There were 182 attendees, co-hosted with CRMC and CI School District. Upcoming Cuyuna

Lakes Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours are scheduled for Thursday, May 19 from 5-7 p.m. at the Soo Line Museum in Crosby; Thursday, June 16 from 5-7 p.m. at Common Goods in Crosby; Thursday, September 15 from 5-7 p.m. at Cuyuna Rolling Hills cohosted with Deerwood Bank in Deerwood and Thursday, October 5 from 5-7 p.m. at Trailside

Tavern and Patio cohosted with Coldwell Banker Crown Realtors in Crosby.

If you are interested in hosting a Business After Hours, the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce have openings for July 21, August 18, and November 17.

Contact Courtney Condon, Chamber Director at 218-546-8131 or courtney@cuyunalakes.com

Cuyuna Lakes Chamber events

The Cuyuna Lakes Chamber is ready for a great, jam-packed summer. It has released sponsorship opportunities for the entire Summer of 2022, which is great if you are wanting to promote your business during or volunteer

at one of our upbeat events: Music in the Park: 2nd and 4th Thursday evening at Crosby Memorial Park from 5-8 p.m.

Chamber Annual Golf Tournament: Cuyuna Rolling Hills on Wednesday, July 13.

Cuyuna Crusher: Sunday, August 21 – registration is open for participants.

Contact Courtney Condon, Chamber Director at 218-546-8131 or courtney@cuyunalakes.com

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The Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2022 SLSSD Electric Generator Improvements Widseth Project No. 2022-10091

Notice is hereby given BID PROPOSALS for construction of the 2022 SLSSD ELECTRIC GENERATOR IMPROVEMENTS project will be received by the Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District at the District office located at 350 2nd St., Crosby, MN 56441, until 2:00 PM local time on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at which time all sealed bids will be due and will be opened and read aloud by the District Clerk (or Engineer). All responsive bids will be considered at the Board meeting to be held on May 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM. The Board will issue a Notice of Award to the selected lowest responsible bidder the week of May 16, 2022. The project consists of the following general construction items:

- Removal of four (4) existing electric generators and appurtenances at the District's four sanitary sewer lift station locations (Crosby, Cuyuna, Deerwood and Ironton).
- Installation of four (4) new electric generators and appurtenances provided by Owner at said locations and in accordance with all associated work as described in the bidding documents provided by the

District to interested bidders.

Each bid proposal must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a bid bond payable to Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into a contract with the District for the work described in the proposal. This deposit will be subject to forfeiture as provided by law.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District, 350 2nd St., Crosby, MN 56441. Prospective Bidders may obtain a copy of the bidding documents by calling (218) 545-1777 or emailing serpdist@yahoo.com.

The Project Engineer is: Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc. (Widseth), 7804 Industrial Park Road, Baxter, MN 56425. Bidder questions regarding the proposed improvements, plans and specifications may be directed to Adam Siemers, PE at (218) 316-3655 or adam.siemers@widseth.com.

The District reserves the right to hold all bids for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time set for receiving bids.

The District reserves the right to waive any informalities, to reject any or all bids and to award the Contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District
By: Michelle Muggli
Title: District Clerk
Date: April 5, 2022
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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., April 16 & 23, 2022)

WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION PLUS ROAD REVIEW NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Township of Wealthwood in Aitkin County, Minnesota, will meet at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said Township for the year 2022.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the Township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization.

The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

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Many nearby amenities to proposed Mississippi Overlook Park

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Abundant forest lands, hills and waterways are plentiful in 800 acres acquired by the city of Baxter. The city and consultants SPF of the Twin Cities are in the process of developing a Master Plan for the Mississippi River Overlook Park.



Thus far, presentations about the Master Plan were given to neighbors and a community open house was later held.

"We had a great turnout at both the neighbors' meeting and the open house," said Josh Doty, Baxter's Community Development Director. "The city received a lot of outstanding feedback from the meetings which SPF is

compiling. Input from the community will be part of the second open house to be held sometime in May."

Open water on the land includes Island Lake, the south end of another lake and wetlands.

Also, the Mighty Mississippi River weaves its way in a serpentine course in the

southeast corner of the property. One can imagine that there are many creeks and small rivers flowing as well.

There are slopes and wooded areas, which should lead to many ideas for low-impact uses.

Potential users and nearby recreation

This whole area of Baxter, Brainerd and Sylvan Township is packed with recreational opportunities.

There is the Northland Arboretum, Whipple Beach on Whipple Lake, Oscar Kristofferson Park on White Sand Lake, Forestview Middle School, Baxter Elementary and the Paul Bunyan State Trail. A proposed Veterans Trail is also in the works.

"The purpose of this project is to prepare a Master Plan for the Mississippi River Overlook Park and adjacent city properties," according to literature provided by the city.

Key components:

- Coordination with the proposed Camp Ripley Veterans State Trail
- Establishment of future road corridors
- Developing a community use policy for city officials to help guide public use
- Conduct a public process to get feedback for use on the

property prior to adoption of the plan

The timeline is nearly complete, with the Master Plan scheduled to be finished in June 2022. "The Baxter Parks and Trails Committee and the Baxter Long Range Planning Commission will review the Master Plan. They will look at options and pass on thoughts to the Baxter City Council," explained Doty.

"The plan is to gain as much feedback as possible with a goal of the city council hopefully approving a

Master Plan as we conclude the study," summed up Doty. The tentative adoption of the Master Plan is June 2022.

"The spirit of our intent is the land will remain open space. However, the purpose of having a Master Plan is to define the main uses for the land."

Doty explained that once the Master Plan process is complete the city of Baxter should have both the three main uses for the land identified, as well as a use policy in place govern the new park.

Indigenous individuals awarded grants

The Northland Foundation is pleased to announce the individuals and projects awarded Maada'ookiing grants.

Maada'ookiing ("the distribution" in Ojibwe) is a Northland Foundation program to strengthen relationships with Indigenous community, build partnerships with Native nations, and offer support for community members to expand capacity in north-eastern Minnesota. A grant opportunity is offered three times per year, awarding up to \$2,500 per grant for Tribal citizens, descendants, or those have kinship ties or affiliation to Indigenous communities within the Foundation's geographic service area. Grant

applications are accepted anytime on the online grant portal. The next application deadline is May 15, 2022.

The March 2022 grantees are:

- Sarah Agaton Howes: \$2,500 to create an updated edition of the Nookomis Obagijigan Moccasin Pattern Book which will be shared to teach the traditional practice of making moccasins.
- Sherelle Graves: \$2,500 to teach traditional quilt making practices along with how they are used in ceremony and with Ojibwe language.
- Emily Smith: \$2,500 to support the preservation and sharing of Ojibwe culture through Big Drum ceremonies

in the Sawyer area.

- Cheyanne Peet: \$2,500 to create opportunities for Anishinaabe women across generations to learn traditional quilt making and foster healing.
- Gerald White: \$2,400 to create a series of videos that share the history and techniques for making traditional Ojibwe style canoe paddles.
- Theodore DeFoe: \$2,500 to provide programming for youth to share knowledge on the gathering and use of birchbark and basswood in traditional ceremony and crafts.
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