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Garfield Elementary

Main Level

Garfield Elementary project finished from referendum funds

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Principal Jodi Kennedy in the old gym that has finally lost its stage. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Principal Jodi Kennedy of Garfield Elementary in Brainerd loves her job and it shows. She enthusiastically led the NewsHopper on a tour of additional and remodeled spaces at the Northeast school.

The Garfield renovation and remodel was one of numerous schools in the Brainerd School District that were improved from the results of

a 2018 voter referendum. This spring, the community celebrated moving into many of these new or spruced-up

Attending Garfield in the 60s and 70s, it was an L-shaped structure anchored by the kindergarten room to the northeast and a gym with a stage and a galley lunchroom. Everything was done in the gym: gym class, eating, playing, watching

movies, holding programs... The small kitchen sufficed for years with barely enough room for the lunch line to go through.

Garfield was built in 1955 and has since had an addition to the north a 25-foot piece that included a second gym.

The \$11.8 million project is just now completed and includes some minor building additions as well as refurbishing.

"We got all new paint, hallway tile, carpeting and new blue lockers," enthused Kennedy. The school has settled at about 325 students in grades k-4 with three sections in each grade. A recent redrawing of boundaries led some students away to other schools in the district. There are about 62 staff. Class sizes are 21-26 students.

As much as possible, the grades are grouped together. Highlights of the remodel include an expanded kitchen and getting rid of the stage in the old gym, a multi-use space, music room, STEAM science lab, better special ed

spaces and bright classrooms. The playground has gradually improved as well, with two play spaces on the south and open spaces on the east.

Compare that to the 60s, when there was still a house on the southwest corner of the block. The playground was huge, wrapping around the school and the paved area included a swingset, teeter

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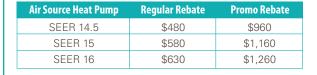
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First Congregational Church Celebrating 150 Years in Brainerd



First Congregational United Church of Christ is one of Brainerd's first churches. It was dedicated on January 22, 1873 and destroyed by fire on January 7, 1881.

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Waste Ordinance proposed for

amendment are: Section 1.0

(License Required) and add

any law enforcement, health

and human services, and en-

mary; a full text version is

available for public review at

the Aitkin County Planning

and Zoning Office and the Ait-

kin County Auditor's Office in

the Aitkin County Courthouse

during regular business hours.

A copy of the proposed ordi-

nance amendments can also

be viewed in its entirety on the

Aitkin County website at www.

can be submitted in writing to

the Aitkin County Planning and

Zoning Office: 307 2nd St NW,

Rm 219, Aitkin, MN 56431, by

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AITKIN COUNTY

ENVIRONMENTAL

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HEARING

ning Commission will hold a

public hearing on the adop-

tion of amendments to the

Aitkin County Solid Waste

Ordinance allowing for local

law enforcement, Health and

Human Services, and Environ-

mental Services Staff to pull

garbage for inspection and

public safety concerns. The

hearing will be conducted on

June 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in

the Aitkin County Board Room

at the Government Center.

The Planning Commission will

make a recommendation on

the proposed ordinance and

ordinance amendments to the

County Board of Commission-

ers for final review at a regu-

larly scheduled board meeting

The Aitkin County Plan-

First Congregational United Church of Christ in Brainerd is excited to announce their 150th Anniversary "Summer of Celebration" with several special events. The entire Brainerd community is invited to join the celebration at one or all of these events.

• Sunday, June 19, 3:00 p.m. — "Pipe Organ Concert and Stories in Stained Glass". This event will feature organists Laura Raedeke and Grace Forbord. A presentation about the church's historic sanctuary and stained-glass windows and an extensive silent auction are also part of the afternoon's events. Arrive early for a self-guided tour.

• Saturday, June 25th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. "All Church Reunion". All First Congregational current and former

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CITY OF TROMMALD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

HEARING

CERN: Notice is hereby given

that the Trommald Planning

Commission will convene

for their regularly scheduled

meeting on Wednesday, June

29th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City

Hall to conduct the following

application CU01-22 to allow

the construction of a guest

cottage in the Rural Residen-

tial, Shoreland zoning district.

Conditional Use Permit

public hearing:

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and families are invited to attend. Enjoy the Hors d' oeuvre Buffet, catch up with old friends, watch a history video that includes many people from the church's long history. The silent auction will still be available with items from many local businesses.

• Sunday, June 26th, 10:00 a.m. — "Celebratory Service of Live Music" on the church lawn featuring local musicians. Root Beer Floats will be the summer time treat and attendees will have one more chance to bid on the silent auction.

• Tuesday, July 19, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. — "Party and Picnic in the Park". First Congregational is inviting the surrounding churches, neighborhood, and all interested to

written comments via email

to amanda.peterson@source-

well-mn.gov . A staff report is

made available typically one

week before the scheduled

Dated this 26th day of

May, 2022

attendees and their friends join us for free food, games, other fun activities, and a few surprises!

> • Sunday, August 14, 10:00 a.m. — "Rooted in Faith; Growing in Love" is the culminating service of the church's 150th Anniversary Celebration. The service will be filled with special music, feature a Mayoral Proclamation, and will be followed by a dessert buffet. The entire community is invited!

> First Congregational United Church of Christ is one of Brainerd's first churches. The land on which it still stands was granted in a transfer of ownership in 1872 by the Lake Superior and Puget

Sound Company to J Gregory Smith "as Trustee for the Congregational Church and Society in Brainerd, Minnesota."

Smith, a Congregationalist, was a trustee of the new church and not only donated the funds for the church building but was involved with the design and construction. An organ and pews were donated by Congregationalists in Vermont. The local congregation supplied the bell. The Church was officially organized on August 13, 1872, with 18 members. The cornerstone was laid on August 14, 1872, and dedicated on January 22, 1873.

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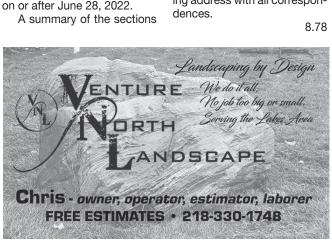








Amanda Peterson, Community Development



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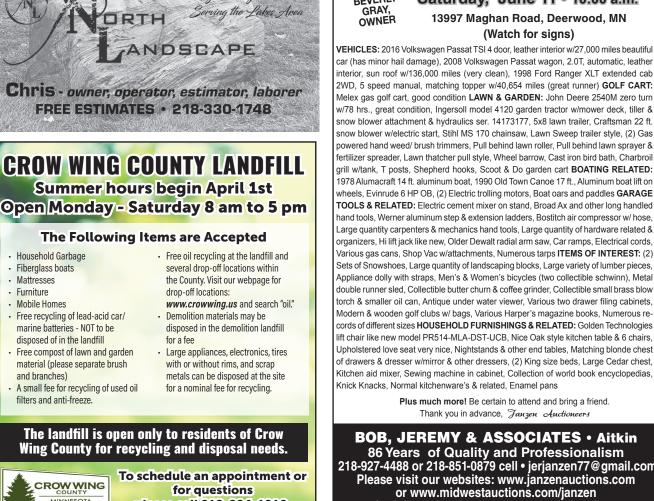


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4th - Pequot Lakes Cherry Car Show and Craft Fair, 9am- 4pm, Trailside Park, corner of Hwy. 371 and Co. Rd. 11, Registration 7 am with \$10 fee. For more info call 218-821-2496 6th - The Friends of the Brainerd Public Library Brown Bag Lunch Summer Author Series is back in person

in the large meeting room of the Brainerd Public Library on Mondays in June and July at noon. 8th - Free Health Care Fraud, Waste & Abuse Prevention Online Class choose between10am - 11:30 am session or 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Attendees will learn how to detect and report potential errors, fraud and abuse; review potential fraud and scams targeting older adults, how to read their Medicare Summary Notice, learn tips to help protect their Medicare beneficiary number, and how to protect-detect-report Medicare scams and fraud. It is offered online using the easy-to-use Microsoft Teams meeting platform. To register go to: www.arrowheadaging.org/classes-workshops-trainings or call the Senior LinkAge Line at 800-333-2433. We are committed to accessibility. If you have an accommodation request that will allow you to participate in the class more fully, please contact Lynelle at lhanson@ardc.org by June 3, 2022

8th - Crosslake Ideal Lions will meet 6pm at Crosslake Center Picnic Pavilion with social hour at 5:30. Interested persons are invited to attend and enjoy potluck.

9th - Plant Sale, starting at noon, at the Northland Arboretum.

9th - Music in the Park at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 5 pm. Admission is free.

18th - Hog Roast Fun Day Fundraiser 10am Beer Garden, 11am - 2pm Bake Sale and Sloppy Joes, afternoon live music by Mike and Jan Cherry, with other activities being planned including a fundraising raffle with over \$4,000 in fabulous prizes. Raffle tickets are available now from all Legion Members and at the Deerwood Legion. Tickets are also available for a 50/50 Cash Drawing in advance and the day of the event. Pork Sandwich and all fixings for \$10 per plate will be served from 4pm - 7pm. Raffle and drawings will be held at 8:30pm. Live music Saturday evening by Yester daze Gone from 7pm - 11pm. The American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Post #557 will host this event at the Walter Scott Erickson Legion, on Forest Road in Deerwood. For more information call

19th - First Congregational United Church of Christ in Brainerd 150th Anniversary Summer of Celebration Pipe Organ Concert and Stories in Stained Glassat, 3pm featuring organists Laura Raedeke and Grace Forbord. A presentation about the church's historic sanctuary and stained-glass windows and an extensive silent auction are also part of the afternoon's events. Arrive early for a self-quided tour.

22nd - Suicide Prevention and Awareness presentation and discussion at the at the Aitkin Public Library (110-1st Ave NE, Aitkin, MN) Learn about suicide, warning signs, how to support someone in your life with thoughts of suicide, and local resources. There will also be discussion on what WE can do as a community to support mental health. Contact Arlene Selander with any questions 218-820-2813 or selandercoachingandconsulting@gmail.com. MakeltOk.com RSVP is not required

23rd - Music in the Park at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 5 pm. Admission is free. 25th - Dawson Strong Motorcycle Ride. Depart from the Moose Lodge in Aitkin at 11am. Cost is \$30 which

includes a pulled pork meal. Registration begins at 9 am. 25th - Annual Fifty Lakes Day Celebration beginning at 10 am until 11 pm in Fifty Lakes. The day includes live music, food booths, Fifty Lakes Fire Department pork roast, mega meat raffle, prize raffle, bingo,

crafters/vendors, beer gardens, Nifty the Bear, corn hole tournament, and fireworks at dusk! 25th - Crosslake Ideal Lions Music in the Park Town Square (35770 Allen Avenue) 6-8pm. Faith Boblett a Minneapolis based singer-songwriter with roots in northern Minnesota. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and find your spot in the sun or shade!

Send Your Photos, News and Community Events to hopper@crosbyironton.net

First Congregational Church Celebrating 150 Years | Continued from Page 2

The wooden structure was destroyed by fire on January 7, 1881, and was rebuilt with the funding coming once again from J. Gregory Smith. The current building was dedicated on September 30th, 1883. From that date, First Congregational United Church of Christ has been home to the oldest sanctuary in continuous use in the entire Brainerd area and remains a vibrant part of the Brainerd community.

Gregory Park, directly across the street from the church, is named for the church's founder, J. Gregory Smith, and he City of Brainerd is named for his wife's maid-

During the long history of the church, its congregations have been dedicated to helping the community beyond its doors with a message of service to others and one of inclusion and acceptance

The church warmly invites the entire Brainerd area community to celebrate their long history by attending one of their 150th Anniversary

Brainerd Tribune July 27, 1872, p 1/col 3

We are informed that the contract has already been let for the new Congregational church here and is to be located on the opposite corner from the public park—southwest. The church for this organization is to be built by Gov. J. Gregory Smith out of his own private funds, and he will also supply it with an organ, by contributions in the east. The congregation here are only required to seat and furnish the building

big hearted, and Christian hearted gentleman, Gov. Smith, and one that will be fully appreciated by our good citizens. There has been a new minister assigned to the Congregational charge here, who will at once become the resident minister. The Rev. Samuel Ingham is the gentleman, from Glenwood Mo.

The Baptist and Methodist denominations are also active in matters looking to the immediate construction of church buildings here, but we are not fully advised very liberal on the part of that as to how far along their respective

church enterprises have got as vet, but feel sure from what we do know that the snows of the next winter will find Brainerd blessed with five shapely and commodious church edifices. wherein regular services will be held. So much in this line for the gem city of the pines, yet less than two years old.

NOTE: The other two churches were the Catholic church at S. oth and Laurel and St. Paul's Episcopal

Insects play big role in food web

By ROSS BRINK, Minnesota Green Corps Member at Crow Wing SWCD

Many of us in Central Minnesota are proud of our properties. Whether we're gardeners, farmers, or lakeshore owners, our land sustains us as we watch our living handiwork grow. But our land also plays another role: it's a place for birds, small mammals, and reptiles to live and grow. As the human population increases there becomes less room for wildlife, which makes our

living landscapes more important to preserving and sustain-

ing Minnesotan organismal diversity.

Living things rely on plants, either directly or indirectly, for food. Plants are the primary producers in the food web-the source of all en-

ergy—the first trophic level. Animals, including insects, are the consumers in the food web. Animals get their energy by eating the producers (plants) or other animals. The problem is most insects are extremely specialized; they're able to feed on just a couple native plants. And not all native plants are equally adapted to feeding insects. Oak trees and black cherry trees, for example, host more than 400 of species of insects through the year.

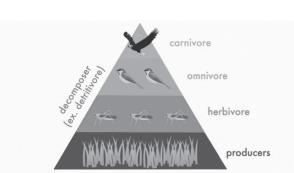
Now when a yard is full of non-native plants (like our manicured lawns) insects simply don't recognize those non-native plants as food. Minnesota's isects (generally) evolved to eat only a few types of plants, and it takes them thousands of years to adapt to a new food source. These insects are, in turn, a major source of food for Minnesota's birds and other

In fact, 96 percent of songbirds raise their young by stuffing them full of high-protein insects and spiders, so most yards, even with plenty of bird feeders, offer little to sustain birds. Even though seeds are a nutritious winter



staple, insects are best for feeding growing fledglings. A single pair of chickadees must find 6,000 to 9,000 caterpillars to raise one clutch of young, so properties filled with non-native plants don't have the insect population to sustain as many birds, and it's not just birds that rely on native insects. Frogs, bats, foxes, bears, and snakes all rely on insects, even if they don't consume insects themselves.

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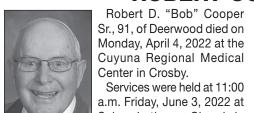
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ROBERT COOPER, SR.

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a.m. Friday, June 3, 2022 at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Visitation was

one hour prior to the service at the church. Military honors were presented by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion

Post #557, Deerwood. Burial will be at Fort SnellingNational Cemetery in Minneapolis on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Salem Lutheran Church, Salem Building Fund or Salem Outreach or Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Homecare/Hospice.

He was born on July 1, 1930 in Crosby to William and Ida (Papernfuss) Cooper. Robert graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1950. After high school he joined the U.S. Navy, he spent four years on the USS Midway. On August 17, 1957 he was united in marriage with Kay L. Austin in Hager City, WI. They lived in Roseville for 35 years before returning to Deerwood. Robert retired from Redmond Products Inc. as a Logistic Manager in 1992. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, rosemaling, maple syruping in the spring and spending time with family and grandchildren. Robert was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood, Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557, Deerwood and the Sons of Norway, Brainerd; a life time member of the Minnesota Dark House and Angling Association, Brainerd Chapter and the North American Fishing Club: a past member of the St. Paul Flytierers Club.

Robert is survived by his wife, Kay; sons: Robert Jr. (Erica) Cooper of Elk River and William (Laurie) Cooper of Danbury, WI; three grandchildren: Robert III (Kelsey) and Lauren Cooper of Elk River, William Cooper of Danbury, WI; great-grandson, Harrison Cooper; sister, Hazel Bruhn of Deerwood; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Robert in death are his parents, Willis and Ida Cooper Funk; step father, Joe Funk; sisters, Helen Bergeman and Nancy O'Brien; and brothers, William and Leonard Cooper.

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

TANYA NADEAU-BOYD

Tanya Nadeau-Boyd, of Onamia, died Wednesday, May 25, in Brainerd.

Visitation was held on Saturday, May 28, at Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Community Center in Mille Lacs Reservation in Minnesota. A funeral

was held on Sunday. May 29, at the community center with Nazhike officiating. Interment was in Woodland Burial Grounds.

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RITA BILLSTROM



Rita Marie (St. Mane) Billstrom, 88, of Baxter, died peacefully on Friday, May 27,2022 in her home surrounded by family.

Services were held at Timberwood Church in Nisswa on Thursday, June 2, 2022 In lieu of flowers, the family requests

donations be made to the Christian Radio Station in the Brainerd Lakes area or the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, organizations Rita felt strongly about.

Rita was born on July 21, 1933 to Charles and Mildred St. Mane in Camden Park Minneapolis. Rita was raised in Camden Park and graduated from Patrick Henry High School. Rita met Emanuel (Will) Swan Billstrom on a double date that her sister Lee had set up. Emanuel and Rita were married February 12, 1955 and went on to adopt 4 children; Joan, Eric, Heidi and Aaron and were blessed to share 59 years of marriage together

before Emanuel's passing in 2014.

Rita worked at the post office in Anoka as a rural postal carrier for 23 years and was also city treasurer of Ham Lake for several years. Once Rita retired, she spent her time having coffee with friends, collecting dolls, quilting, playing cards, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her siblings: Milly Peterson, Joan Wisneski, and Teri (Dave) Tilly; children: Joan (Rick) Krantz, Eric Billstrom, Heidi Billstrom and Aaron (Tina) Billstrom: seven grandchildren: Ryan (Angela) Krantz, Raymon (Carissa) Krantz, Joel Billstrom, Jeremy (Melody) Krantz, Jessica Billstrom, Kyle Fugate, and Kristy (Derek) Imsande and seven great-grandchildren: Alivia, Layton, Gavyn, Charlotte, Landyn, Kirby, and Hayden.

Rita was preceded in death by her husband, Emanuel Billstrom; parents, Mildred and Charles brother, Charles St. Mane; sisters: Donna Norris and Lee Lundeen.

AUDREY BARATTO

Audrey Mae "Noni" Baratto, 86, longtime resident of Hill City died on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at her apartment in Crosslake.

Celebration of Audrey's life will be at Dougherty Funeral Home of Hibbing at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022 with Steve Tomberlin officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery of Hibbing, followed by food and refreshments at the funeral home.

She was born June 19, 1935 to William and Minnie M. (Almquist) Cuthbertson in Hibbing. After graduating from High School Audrey married Bernard Baratto on October 24, 1953 in Hibbing. They eventually moved to Hill City, where she and Ben resided for 58 years. Audrey was an Executive Secretary for the Blandin Corporation and a proud member of the Hill City city council. Audrey loved spending time in the outdoors. She and Ben enjoyed most of their days working together in their vegetable and flower gardens around their property. She also enjoyed traveling, knitting/sewing, reading, canning, playing cards, bird watching and spending time by the lake. Many will remember the countless hours she spent preparing meals for loved ones. What made Audrey the happiest was spending time with family and friends.

Audrey is survived by her two sons: James (DeAnna) Baratto, Breezy Point and Jerald (Lauri) Baratto, Crosslake; five grandchildren: Katie (Kendall) Sawyer, Brainerd; Ben (Amy) Baratto, Brainerd; Anna (Tory) George, Wrenshall; Renae (Matt) Balmer, Crosslake; and Jeanna Landon, Excelsior; great-grandchildren: 12 Adair Sawyer, Vincent Baratto, Reagan Baratto, Charlee Baratto, Bennett George, Maizy George, Estelle George, Sydney Balmer, Wyatt Balmer, Huck Balmer, Hudson Landon, and Vaida Landon; extended family: Rose (Chuck) Schwankl, Overland Park, KS; Eugene (Angela) Baratto, Somerset, WI; and Lucia Shoberg, Duluth; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard Baratto in 2016; parents, William and Minnie Cuthbertson; granddaughter, Suzanne Baratto; siblings: Faye Johnson, Adair McDermott, Gerry Gorman, Lowell Cuthbertson, Curtis Cuthbertson, and Gordy Cuthbertson, and brother-in-law Michael Shoberg.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* - New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship in the church building 10:15 am & 6:30 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

- Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS

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

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org

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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.

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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; Sun-

day 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and

Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m. Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass: M, Th and F

at 8:00 am; Tues at Noon, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30. Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession

Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.

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through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt. McGregor - Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am. Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362

Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

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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

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McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.

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.

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

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Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40. Crosby —Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30;

SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible.

218-546-6910 Crosslake — (ELCA) www.crosslakelutheran.com • Kristin Oltmann, Pastor 218-692-3682, May 22 - Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am at 35960 CR 66, Outdoor 10am, at 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

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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. (Hand-

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30 am 218-534-3069 Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French;

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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

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10: Worship 11. - Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship McGrath -

& 3rd Sun.

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

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C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm

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

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

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ship 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

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Warm weather brings swarms of people outside



Amber Lynn and Avis from Pine River got



Mary and her dog Molly.

By ANN **SCHWARTZ** The first nice summer day of Memorial Day Weekend brought families out in droves to soak up summer.

At Lum Park in Brainerd, Minnesotans took part in everything the historic park had to offer.

A young mom left her toddler at home so daughters Amber Lynn and Avis from Pine River could take a quick swim.

Dog mom Mary of St. Cloud walked Molly, a rambunctious Springer spaniel pup, who was excited to play with the children.

Over at the fishing pier, Beckett of Baxter and his three younger siblings (and mom



Beckett fished on the pier.

and dad) were stringing their fishing poles for a family outing on the pier. And just east of the pier, Cheyenne and her friend from Brainerd launched their kayaks.

An older gentleman was taking a walk – just taking in the sights of sounds of the first real summery day of 2022. Needless to say the weather, since then, has had its ups and

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Mississippi Watershed

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The Mississippi River Brainerd has been selected by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for the One Watershed, One Plan program. This program allows counties to transition from county-based water management planning to watershed-based planning. Local professionals developing the plan are seeking input from the public and a Public Kick-Off Event has been scheduled.

The Public Kick-Off Event will be held on Monday, June 6 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Environmental Classroom, Building 11-1 (TACC) Camp Ripley, 15000 State Highway 115, Little Falls. Attendees will be able to visit and enjoy the Camp Ripley Environmental Classroom with hundreds of wildlife species on display, learn about the 1W1P process, take a virtual tour of the watershed, learn about the current state of the watershed, and provide valuable input that will help in the planning process and assist in prioritizing and targeting. A free light meal will be made available to all attendees.

Registration for the event is required. To register, please contact Lance at (320) 631-3556 or via email at lance. chisholm@morrisonswcd. org and let us know your name and how many other guests will be attending the event. Please remember to bring your official ID or driver's license to gain access to Camp Ripley.

If you are unable to attend the public kick-off event, we still would like to hear your concerns, opinions, and ideas regarding the watershed by completing the short survey located at https://arcg. is/0HW4zv.

The planning area for the Mississippi River Brainerd One Watershed, One Plan boundary begins in Aitkin County where the river flows through the cities of Aitkin, Brainerd/Baxter, and Little Falls. The watershed encompasses all or parts of Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, and Todd counties.

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The front entrance is welcoming with the office front and center, featuring the Brainerd B and secretary Jennifer Simota.

totters, a merry-go-round and monkey bars. There were no



New blue lockers in Brainerd school colors line the hallways of Garfield Elementary.

children hit the asphalt hard if they fell off any of the dated and unsafe equipment.

The front entrance on the northwest side has a new look and additional space. a nurse's room and a conference room and there is a nice sitting area.

Courtyard area was captured and classrooms added to allow for adding such spaces as STEAM and Special Ed.

"The library got a facelift and we are weeding out our collection to make room for more small group reading books and book collections that are of high interest for our students."

The community space is great for working on special projects, meetings, small presentations, author visits and the like.

A new roof used a huge part of the budget, but roughly \$7 million was spent on learning spaces, a secure front entrance, and classroom updates.

Garfield was a construction zone for the past two summers and this school year until just recently. "We started the summer of 2020 and went into 2021 and we just captured back the kitchen in November and the big gym area in March of this year. Our kids and teachers were tough this year, we had outside gym all year, and all PTO and school events have happened the last two months, it's been busy!"

Kennedy greeted her stu-

dents by name and talked about how the PTO helped with many items, including the playground improvements and the 3-d printers in the STEAM Room. It is obvious that Garfield Elementary is still a tight-knit community and a gathering place for the families of Northeast Brainerd.



Teacher Heather Larson in Garfield Elementary's music room.

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