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Talk Saves Lives: prevent the heartache and stigma of suicide

Suicide Data: Minnesota

Suicide is a public health problem and leading cause of death in the United States. Suicide can also be prevented – more investment in suicide prevention, education, and research will prevent the untimely deaths of thousands of Americans each year. Unless otherwise noted, this fact sheet reports 2020 data from the CDC, the most current verified data available at time of publication (March 2022).



12th leading cause of death in Minnesota

2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-24

2nd leading cause of death for ages 25-34

4th leading cause of death for ages 35-44

6th leading cause of death for ages 45-54

9th leading cause of death for ages 55-64

18th leading cause of death for ages 65+

66.55% of communities did not have enough mental health providers to serve residents in 2021, according to federal guidelines.

Almost **ten times** as many people died by suicide in 2019 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.

The total deaths to suicide reflected a total of **15,532 years** of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.

69% of firearm deaths were suicides.

47% of all suicides were by firearms.

Suicide Death Rates

See full list of citations at afsp.org/statistics.

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Minnesota	758	13.08	39
Nationally	45,979	13.48	

Arlene Selander is a social worker with six children and one who still attends school in Aitkin. She has completed much training to be able to engage the community in addressing the tough topics of mental illness and suicide. She will host a presentation

on Wednesday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Aitkin Public Library.

"On June 22, I will be hosting a community presentation on mental health and suicide awareness. This will include an introduction to Make It Ok and a Talk Saves Lives presentation.

Talk Saves Lives is an introduction to suicide awareness and prevention. There will be conversation on what our community members would like to see. This will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. to allow those working individuals to have the opportunity to attend.

"My husband, Erik, and I have six children between us. My children have all gone through the Aitkin Schools – my son has graduated, one daughter just graduated and another is in seventh grade.

"I have always had a passion for children and mental health. With the tragedies that have affected our community in the past several years, the pandemic, and everything else that is going on in our world, awareness is needed. It is everyone's job to make our community, schools, employers, neighbors, friends, and family safe; safe to talk about mental health and suicide. It is important to educate and bring awareness on mental health and suicide. We all need to know how to talk about these uncomfortable subjects, how to listen to others, and what to do if ever in a position that we, ourselves, or we suspect someone else, is thinking about suicide. Every

single person is affected by mental health struggles in one way or another; every single one of us know someone who struggles with their mental health. Suicide has affected us all in some way or another; I often compare it to throwing a rock in the water and the ripple effects. Let's stop the stigma!

"After several months of collaboration with several individuals who share my passion, I am ready to reach out and ask for support to start educating our community and county – and anywhere else that I can reach."

She said that the June 22 evening is a chance to begin community planning for suicide prevention. Aitkin County now has a committee for the prevention of suicide

"I know in this graduating class of 2022 that there were two students who died from suicide – one last summer and

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Bruce Archer

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AutoSmith opens in Aitkin

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Stacy Powers enthusiastically greets new customers at AutoSmith in Aitkin.



Stacy Powers now has four shops – Ironton, McGregor, Motley and Aitkin. They also have a fleet of tow trucks (the former Dennis' Towing of Glen) and KeySmith, a mobile locksmith unit

Dustin and Julie Smith of Ironton are the owners. Dustin grew up in McGregor. Powers is the service/shop manager in Aitkin, along with Aron Broker, mechanic; and Wayne Anderson and Cameron Wood, tow truck drivers. And Wood also works as a lube technician in Aitkin.

"We are able to do almost anything – oil changes, tires,

tire repairs, brakes, air conditioning, engines, transmissions and all sorts of repairs on cars and light trucks."

In the repair shop, Broker and Adam Conklin, Conk, showed the various machines used to balance and align tires and do other work. They use mostly NAPA parts and were busy stocking new batteries.

The garage opens to a view

of the nearby woods and the mosquitos, they joked.

For their grand opening on June 13, tow trucks and lights lured customers to the new shop, where they served a lunch of hotdogs and smoothies.

"We are very pleased with the turnout today," said Powers.



The AutoSmith family, Julie and Dustin, and sons from the tallest: Oliver, Wyatt and Owen. Ann Schwartz photos

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suicide in Aitkin."

She said the presentation would work best for people aged 12 and older but "Please come even if you need to bring a younger child."

"At this stage in my life I can devote more time to education about mental illness. I have struggled with my mental health for many years. I think it is very important to normalize mental health and education on suicide prevention and awareness."

"Parents can't fathom losing their children. They want to prevent the heartache and stigma of suicide and mental health crises. Normalize it. If not me who is going to do it? It is a very heavy subject and hard to talk about. We can easily talk about our physical health but not our anxiety. Staying healthy is so important."

For more information, she can be reached at Arlene K. Selander, Selander Coaching and Consulting, 218-820-2813.

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OBITUARIES

KELLY AVELSGARD



Kelly Gene Avelsgard, 62 ,of Deerwood died Sunday, May 22, 2022 and died at the St. Cloud Hospital, as of a result of a motorcycle accident. A Memorial Gathering will be held at the Myrin-James American Legion Post in Ironton on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Military honors will be presented at 1:30 p.m. He was born in Crosby on April 1, 1960 to Frank and Nellie (Adams) Avelsgard. He was a US Army veteran, serving from 1978 to 1989 as trainer. He attended the University of Louisville from 1986-1989. He became licensed in real estate in 1991 and led his own brokerages



CHARLES FRENCH



Charles LaMar French, 86, died on Saturday, December 18, 2021 in Eagle, ID at the home of his daughter Michelle Despain. There will be a memorial gathering on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the Emily City Hall at 1:00 p.m. He was born July 27, 1934 to Charles Thomas French and Thora Hall Belnap in Roberts, ID. He was the oldest of five children. He married Marilyn Jeanette Simmons of Outing on June 2, 1954 in the Idaho Falls Temple, ID. LaMar attended Ricks College for three years and received the Freshman All-Around Athlete of the year and also was awarded the Trophy for All Around Athlete in his Junior year. To this day he still has many outstanding athletic records and he played in many out-of-state events. He then transferred to the University of Minnesota in his senior year where he graduated with a B.S. in teaching. He taught schools for 30 years in Backus, Brandon, and then finished teaching at Northland High in Remer. His love of sports allowed him to coach for many years in basketball, football, baseball, and track. He also taught Drivers Education and

for 10 years. He was a staff member with Pro-Source from 2000-2011, serving as the manager of pre-licensing material. Kelly founded and was the CEO of Tailored Educational Services beginning in 2011. Kelly had a passion to train, while teaching and developing his own material to make learning fun. Kelly also enjoyed fishing, writing, riding his motorcycle, hanging with his dog Tuff, and spending time with family. Kelly is survived by his significant other, Tracey Wilson of Brainerd; son, Gideon (Brandi) Avelsgard of Crosby; mother, Nellie Avelsgard of Deerwood; grandchild, Rayne Anseeuw; and three siblings. Kelly is preceded in death by his father. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

swimming for the Red Cross to many local area towns in the summer. His favorite hobbies were hunting, fishing, outdoor sports and basketball scrimmages with the locals at the Emily gym. He also served as President of the Emily Cooperative Telephone Company for a term. LaMar was a life member in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and held many positions including Branch President in Aitkin for five years. Four sons and 11 of the grandchildren have each served two-year missions around the world for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. LaMar and Marilyn parented foster children for over 33 years in Crow Wing County. He is survived by his wife of 67 years; eight children: Dylan (Debra) French, Martene (Richard) Carleton, Tyler French, Michelle (Ron) Despain, Jase (Carmen) French, Shara (Ed) Martineau, and Javin (Brooke) French; 30 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and brothers: Robert French, Gene French, and Reynold French. He was preceded in death by his infant son, Jarrin French and sister, Marlene Rasmussen. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

DELLA DEER



Della Jeanette (Jung) Deer, 98, a longtime resident of Aitkin died on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Golden Horizon Assisted Living Center. A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church, Aitkin with Pastor David Becker officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. There will be a committal service in Bancroft, Nebraska at a later date. Della was born April 3, 1924 to Edwin and Gertrude (Stier) Jung. Della was the eldest of six children, Della, Donna, Dean, Dorothy, Dennis, and Darlys. She was raised on a farm near Madison, SD. After graduating from Madison High School she went to work at the Air Base in Sioux Falls. She worked in the payroll division and later in the telegraph office. She would prepare and deliver telegrams to the appropriate offices and people. This is where she met a young airman in training, Kenneth Deer. Ken served in the World War II in the Pacific where he was a radio engineer on a B29 bomber. After working at the base, Della attended Sioux Falls College, in Sioux Falls, SD. When the war ended, Ken moved to California and took a job with General Western Telephone Co. Della flew there to marry him on Dec. 16, 1946 in Santa Rosa, CA, where she worked in food service at a Catholic school. Kathryn and Kenneth were born during their time in California. They later returned to Madison, SD where Carolyn was born. They purchased a small telephone company in Winfred, SD, and later a bigger telephone company in Hills, MN. In 1954, they moved to Bancroft, NE where they bought the Bancroft Telephone Company. During this time, Ken was the manager and lineman and Della was the

bookkeeper and switchboard operator. As an operator, Della was responsible for the noon and six o'clock whistle for Bancroft. When fire calls came in she sounded the fire whistle and gave directions to each of the volunteer firemen as they called in. In 1958, they replaced the switchboard with dial telephones. Della was active in the Bancroft community and the Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, gardening, fishing, water skiing and camping. In 1967, they sold the phone company and moved to Omaha, NE. After selling the phone company, they traveled and pursued many hobbies. In Omaha, Della enjoyed being a docent at the Joslyn Art Museum, giving tours to school children for many years. She made afghans for over 50 of her nieces, nephews and grandkids. In 2000, they moved to Aitkin. She enjoyed volunteering at the Jacques Art Center and Riverwood Hospital, recycling greeting cards, and loved being a grand friend to many fourth graders at Rippleside Elementary. While in Aitkin, she continued traveling and enjoyed many new friendships. She also continued to take college courses, mostly online courses towards her AA degree. She is survived by her daughter, Kathryn (Kathy) Deer, Chapala, Mexico; son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Judy (Macklin) Deer, Murfreesboro, TN; daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Gene Pagels, Aitkin; six grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; brother, Dennis Jung and sister, Dorothy Heitzman. Della was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Mark Deer who died in 2000; two sisters, Donna Walker and Darlys Weeldreyer and brother, Dean Jung. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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- 18th - Aitkin County Rivers and Lakes Fair at Long Lake Conservation Center 28952 438th Lane, Palisade, 9am-2pm. For more information, or a complete listing of programs, call the Aitkin County SWCD at (218) 927-7284.
- 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 the Legion at 218 534-3215
- 19th - First Congregational United Church of Christ in Brainerd 150th Anniversary Summer of Celebration Pipe Organ Concert and Stories in Stained Glassat, 3 pm 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-guided tour.
- 22nd - Suicide Prevention and Awareness presentation and discussion, 6:30pm-8pm, 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 Selandar with any questions 218-820-2813 or selandarcoachingandconsulting@gmail.com. MakeltOk.com RSVP is not required
- 23rd - The Crow Wing County Genealogy Society 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 6-8pm. Any questions call: 218-828-0365.
- 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.

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

Vision keeps Aitkin City Park on track

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Confluence, a consultant from the Twin Cities, was hired through a grant to keep improvements rolling at the Aitkin City Park. Amanda Lowe of the park committee explained that with costs being so high, only the hockey rink is in place now. That came in over budget and local fundraising and the city of Aitkin paid for it. Now, they need about another half million to build a field house, which would be a community park center with bathrooms, meeting rooms,

concessions, skate warming house and other areas. State funding is sought and the park committee awaits a response. “We want the field house to be a multi-generational, year around facility,” explained Lowe. Confluence staff spent time in Aitkin and helped city staff and park committee members to determine priorities. Lowe said improvements to the playground and highlighting the river kayak access are key points. If you would like to share your opinion on what you

feel is important to our parks please visit the Aitkin Library where you will find a large display with images and topics for our city park. Please feel free to rank those items with your top three. Community members will also have the opportunity to visit our booth at the Aitkin County Fair. “We have had a great relationship with the community,” said Lowe. “Over \$450,000 was raised by the community for the hockey rink. We just came up short for the field house.”



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THOMAS DEMENGES



Thomas Winfield Demenge, 68, of Tamarack, died Sunday, June 5, 2022 at his home.

Services were held Sunday, June 12, 2022 in McGregor Funeral Home, McGregor with Pastor Joel Seibel officiating. Interment was in Lansford Cemetery, McGregor.

He was born December 18, 1953 in Aitkin to Winfield and Lillian (Horner) Demenge. Thomas was a trucker for Tony Nistler Trucking of McGregor. Most recently, Thomas was a volunteer driver for Arrowhead Transit. Thomas's true love however, was farming. He enjoyed hunting, ice fishing, visiting with friends and especially spending time with his grandkids.

Thomas is survived by his significant other, Kathy Sellers of Tamarack; children: Thomas (Trish) Demenge, Anthony Sellers of Tamarack, Patrick (Bethany) Sellers of McGregor, Dana Demenge of Duluth and Sally Seybold of McGregor; 11 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; siblings: Timothy (Sue) Demenge of Osceola, WI; Cindy (Jeff) Hauser, Wendy (Ed) Hamilton, Sam (Cheryl) Demenge and Leighanne Campbell, all of McGregor; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends; fur babies: Andy, Julia, Greta and Puppy.

Thomas is preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Carrie Ann; granddaughter, Lola and daughter-in-law, Jessica.

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

COLETTE THOMAS

Colette Lenore Thomas, 61, of Pine City, died Wednesday, June 8, 2022, in Aitkin with family by her side.

A Celebration of Colette's Life was held at 2 p.m. on Friday June 17, 2022 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church 1000 South Jay Avenue, Rush City, MN, 55069. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church.

She was born July 24, 1960 in Mora to Russell Ernest and Leella Mae Thomas. Colette graduated from Pine City High School, class of 1978. Throughout the years she did factory work, but her heart was in caregiving. She had her own daycare for many years. When she moved on from daycare, she decided to pursue being a PCA. She absolutely loved the people she cared

for. Colette liked to fish, go camping, cook/bake, canning, crochet, knit, play Yahtzee (she was very good at it!), but most of all she loved spending time with friends and family. Her children and grandchildren were what she called "her life".

Colette is survived by her parents; daughter, Dalaena Baillargeon (Torrey Winger); two sons: Larry (Katrina) Mills and Calvin Jensen; five grandchildren; two sisters: Denise (Bruce) Pals, Gwen Thomas (Mike Baker).

She was preceded in death by her brother, Philip Thomas.

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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 Andrew Jergenson; 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; hillcityyagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662

Palisade — Pastor Charlie Bell; 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 p.m.

Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC
Aitkin* — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat 5 pm, Sun. 10. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm.

Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Gabriel 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. 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.ihmsternilys.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. Eli Gieske, 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, SS 9; 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 Konnect 6:30 pm

Malmö — 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



Robert Gene "Bob" Severson, 70, of Brainerd died on June 6, 2022 at his home.

A Memorial Gathering will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial will be at the Evergreen Memorial Garden in Brainerd.

He was born on April 18, 1952 in Austin, MN to Maurice and Geraldine (Anderson) Severson. Bob married Louise Stahl on June 30, 1996 in Brainerd. He was the owner and

operator of Bob Severson Mobil Lock, was a member of Business Networking International and a former member of the Sertoma Club in Brainerd.

Bob is survived by his wife, Louise; three sons: Dan (Larisa) Severson of Crosby, Darren Losos and Brian Losos both of Brainerd; two sisters: Charlotte (Donald) Timm of Rochester and Shari (Dennis) Mayer of Faribault; three grandchildren; and ten nieces and nephews.

Preceding Bob in death are his parents.

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

THOMAS SWENSEN



Thomas Marvin Swensen, 80, of Emily, died Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Care Center in Crosby surrounded by his family.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, June 19, 2022 from 2 to 5 p.m. with a smear

tournament starting at 3 p.m. at the Myrin-James American Legion in Ironton. Guests may wear plaid to honor the "plaid dad."

He was born July 15, 1941 in Willmar to Harriet and Charles "Phil" Swensen. He graduated from Swanville High School in 1959. He moved to Crosby in 1960 where he met his loving wife of 60+ years, Betty Moe. The couple married Aug. 4, 1961 and have four children. He worked as a linotype operator for the *Crosby-Ironton Courier* in Crosby. He became publisher of the weekly newspaper and operated it proudly for 48 years, until his health forced him into retirement. In his younger days, he was a paper boy for the Swanville news beginning his life-long passion for news/newspapers. He was featured in the *Minneapolis Sunday Tribune* in its "Picture Magazine" dated Oct. 11, 1959—the youngest editor of a weekly paper in Minnesota and perhaps the United States. He bought the *Swanville News* on a trial basis before moving to Crosby. He was also a columnist for the Crosby-Ironton High School sports teams for decades. He was dubbed the nickname of "Scoop" by the coaching staff. The Crosby-Ironton Sports

Boosters honored his sports writing career and inducted him into the C-I Athletic Hall of Fame. He was also recognized as a member of the Half-Century Club by the Minnesota Newspaper Association. He was very active in his community serving on the Ironton and Crosby Fire Departments, member and past president of the Crosby Chamber, member of the Outing Area Chamber of Commerce, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby, Cuyuna Range Lions, The Over The Hills ATV Club, The Iron Range Riders ATV Club, and many more civic groups. He served on the board of the Cuyuna Range Housing, the Cuyuna Range Conservation Club and the Croft Mine Historical Park. He was the Grand Marshal in 2011 for the Crosby Fourth of July parade. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed watching the Twins and Vikings. He loved The Celebrate Emily Day event was held on or near his birthday every year.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, two daughters and sons-in-law: Juliee and Clayton Johnson of North Mankato and Lori and Joseph LaBorde of Crosby; two sons and daughters-in-law: Thomas and Sarah Swensen of Little Falls and William and Amy Swensen of Deerwood; one sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Ed Tanquist of Alexandria, 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren with one on the way in August.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Trevor C. Johnson.

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

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 Irontale 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.; 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.

Cutter — 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 blks 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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