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## United Way's mission takes spicy turn at Chili Cook-off



Good witches from Manhattan's in Crosslake are Cassidy Hurdlick and Crystal Glacier. They were ready to brew up fun at the United Way Chili Cook-off on Oct. 5.

Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
Brainerd's Westgate Mall was hopping as it hasn't been since before the pandemic. Over 30 businesses and organizations prepared chili and hot soup for the Lakes Area United Way Chili Cook-off held on October 5.

The spectacular setup included a table of judges and trophies, sound and music KB Sound, Hubbard Broadcasting live on the radio and a cast of characters who plied their skills into hot lunch for the masses.

Winners were the Pequot

Lakes School District Ugly Cheesecake Jr. Number 19;



Lucy Christiansen, United Way staff, keeps volunteers on their toes.

a conglomerate of Advantage, Neumann Construction, Smokestack and Gutter Cleaners; Brainerd Lions; Widseth; and Ugly Cheesecake returned as the People's Choice winner.

These 34 entrants hoped to raise over \$200,000 to boost 17 area non-profit agencies in Crow Wing, Cass and Aitkin counties. United Way's largest fundraiser is payroll dedication donations given

by workplace employees. "Our partner agencies serve those in need by providing meals to the hungry, shelter to the homeless, and the basic needs families re

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Cascade United Methodist Church Annual  
**Pumpkin Giveaway**  
Saturday, October 15th  
Pavilion in front of Hallett Library  
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Chili Cook-off | Continued from Page 1  
Keith Boilek of KB sound added musical "flavor" to the event.



Recipe for success—judges used serious deductive powers to pick winners.



Scott from NorSon had a great chili-themed apron.

quire to simply get by. We all have a stake in creating a healthy, prosperous community, and we are so proud to serve and partner with those in the Lakes Area," according to the United Way website.

"Helping people is at the center of all we do. Everything we have ever done or ever will do, will be centered on helping local individuals and families while addressing needs in our community.

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es, volunteers, and corporate partnerships to deliver transformative, measurable results."

The board includes Jessica Seibert, Kara Griffin, Lynn Severson, Kim Blank, Tyler Glynn, Don Ryan, Laura Goerges, Shane Riffle and Ben Linstrom.

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# OBITUARIES

## PAUL BAILEY



Paul F. Bailey, 86, of Malmo-McGrath area, died Thursday, August 18, 2022 at Aitkin Health Services.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Holden Lutheran Church rural Isle with Sue Lyback (S.A.M.) officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Malmo.

He was born June 8, 1936 in a log cabin in Shevlin to Fred G. and Karen J. (Sletten) Bailey. He grew up on a small dairy farm and family logging operation. Paul attended Lakeside Country School and graduated from McGrath High School in 1954. He then attended Brainerd Junior College, Bemidji State University and Maryville State in Missouri. Paul was united in marriage to Carol E. Freer on February 18, 1961 at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin. He worked in Edina for Glacier Gravel and later Model Stone. Paul then worked

for the Teamsters Union Local 221 for 26 years, retiring in 1998. While working he lived in Bloomington and South Minneapolis near Lake Nakomis. In the late 1990's, he moved back to the Bailey Homestead near McGrath. He was a member and very involved with Holden Lutheran Church and was elected Aitkin County Commissioner for two terms. In their later years, Paul and Carol traveled to Ireland and Norway to seek out their ancestors. He enjoyed hunting, especially fall deer season, and fishing. Most of all he enjoyed visiting with friends and fellow hunters and fishermen.

Paul is survived by his sons: Russell, Randall, and Philip; grandsons: Corey and Ted; nephew, Rob (Arlene); niece, Suzanne; and many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Carol in 2020, brother Warren, and sister Mary Helen.

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to leave a message of condolence.

## STANLEY GUSTIN



Stanley G. Gustin, 87, of Aitkin, died Sunday, October 2, 2022 at the Riverwood Health-care Center.

A Memorial Service was held Friday, October 14, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church at Rossburg with Lorelie Robinson officiating interment was in Saron Cemetery at Dam Lake.

Stan was born March 16, 1935 in Aitkin, the son of Tom and Marion (Harris) Gustin. He grew up and attended school in Aitkin, graduating in 1953. He married Joyce (Anderson) Reich on October 19, 1968 in Aitkin and adopted her four children. They lived in the Dam Lake area where they operated the Dam Lake Store for a number of years and built and operated Lone Spruce Turkey Farm until retiring in 2000. He also drove school bus for the Aitkin Public Schools and bartended at Buckhorn Bar in McGregor. Stan was a member of the Bethesda Lutheran Church of Rossburg and the Dam Lake Sportsman's

Club. He served on the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association Board and the Glen Township Board. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, and spending time with friends. He also golfed and shot trap for many years.

He is survived by his children and spouses: Joseph Reich of Kaslof, AK; Cathy and Brian Anderson of Aitkin; Kristine Wagner of The Villages, FL; T.J. and Tiffany Gustin of Aitkin; Scott and Joy Gustin of St. Cloud; daughter-in-law: Kathy Reich; 21 grandchildren; many great grandchildren; sisters and brother-in-law: Lavonne Randa of Alexandria; Sharon Gustin and Carol (Mike) Ahonen of Aitkin; cousins; nieces; nephews; and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; son, Michael Reich; parents; and brother-in-law, Gene Randa.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## October

- 15th - St. John's Lutheran in Aitkin (behind the AHS) Bazaar and Bake Sale, 9am-2pm. Live demonstration on Lefse and Grandma's Attic Sale. No charge to enter. Open to the public.
- 15th - Community Alliance Church of Garrison Annual Fall Fest, 9am-2pm. Baked goods and hearty beef stew for sale. Vendors, crafters, and music.
- 15th - Kinship Coats for Kids distribution 9am-3pm at the Westgate Mall in Brainerd. All new and gently used coats, hats and mittens will be distributed to local youth. If you cannot make the trip for distribution contact Tyler Scull at the Crosby Kinship Office at 218-545-8002 or call his cell at 612-212-5772.
- 15th - Cascade United Methodist Church Annual Pumpkin Giveaway at the Pavilion in front of the Hallett Library in Crosby, 10:30 am - noon. Get a pumpkin and a free grab bag.
- 16th - Cuyuna Brewing of Crosby Annual Chili Cook-Off starting at 1 pm. Free to enter and free to taste! Prizes will be awarded to both the judges' choice and peoples' choice. For more info e-mail: [cuyunabrewing@gmail.com](mailto:cuyunabrewing@gmail.com).
- 17th & 24th - Elderquest Film Festival, 11am-3pm. Love movies? This Unlimited Learning opportunity is for you! Robert Yahnke will present two films, comparing production techniques, staging and plots with discussion to follow. On October 17, the film is "The Shop around the Corner," a 1940 black and white comedy about a closely-knit group of workers in a Budapest shop before WWII. The film is by Ernst Lubitch and stars Jimmy Stewart. The October 24 film is "Hud," a hard-hitting 1962 story of a Texas farm family starring Paul Newman, Melvyn Douglas and Patricia Neal. Elderquest attendees are invited to enjoy pizza at Rafferty's at 4 p.m. after the October 24 presentation. The October 17 and 24 films will be shown in the Forum Room at Crosby-Ironton High School. The charge to attend is \$20 for Unlimited Learning members and \$30 for non-members. The fee includes pizza at Rafferty's after the second film. For more information, call 218-829-2544.
- 18th - Aitkin Lions Membership meeting at Aitkin Forty Club at 6pm. Open to the public. Anyone can join.
- 19th - Paula Poundstone, known for her smart, observational humor and spontaneous wit, performs at the Gichi-zibi Center for the Arts. Paula Poundstone is recognized by Comedy Central as one of the Top 100 Comedians of All Time. Doors open at 6:30pm. Show at 7pm. Tickets starting at \$30. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.clcperformingarts.com](http://www.clcperformingarts.com)
- 20th - Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library Favorite Doll Tea 11am-1 pm. Bring your favorite doll and enjoy refreshments, crafts and friendship. Ages Kindergarten and up. Space is limited, call 218-546-8005 for reservations.
- 20th - Free Supper at Cascade United Methodist Church at 5:30pm at the church located on Highway 210/6 between Crosby and Deerwood. If you would like to attend, please call the church at 218- 534-3507 for reservations
- 21st - Aitkin Knights of Columbus Walleye Dinner at the Aitkin American Legion from 5-6:30pm. Meal includes: Walleye fillet, baked potato, salad, vegetable, bun, dessert and beverage for \$15 per person Public is welcome.
- 21st & 22nd - Oktoberfest at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort with craft fair starting at 10am accompanied by traditional German food and entertainment all weekend. Call 218-678-2885 for more details.
- 23rd - Singers wanted for ecumenical Christmas cantata practice, "Appalachian Winter" directed by Kevin Edstrom. Anyone who loves to sing is invited to join the cantata choir. Rehearsals begin Sunday, Oct. 23 at 3:30pm at Salem Lutheran Church, in Deerwood. Cantata performances will be Dec. 10 at 7pm and Dec. 11 at 9am.
- 23rd - Classic Accordion Show! ensembles and band 2pm. Bring your "Classic," Accordion to jam and to brag 3:30pm at the Harrington Arts Center, 1401 Belknap St 218-393-0245 Superior, WI 54880
- 25th -27th - Brainerd Community Theatre presents Neil Simon's classic coming-of-age comedy "Brighton Beach Memoirs" in the Chalberg Theatre. Doors open at 6:30pm. Show at 7pm. Tickets between \$10-\$15.
- 28th & 29th - Aitkin Friends of the Library Used Book Sale 9am-3pm at the Aitkin Public Library community room located at 110 1st Ave NE in Aitkin. Books and media will be sold for \$.50- 1.00.

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