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Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District photo winners receive a 12"x16" canvas of the photo on it. Yearly SWCD invites pho-



First-place winner, Blue Vervain with Dragonfly submitted by Courtney Neifert.

As the weather turns frigid we are treated to snapshots of warmer days.

The Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has announced the winners of their 10th annual 2022 Native Plant and Tree Photo Contest.

The first-place winner, Blue

Vervain with Dragonfly by Courtney Neifert, will receive a 20"x16" canvas of the photo. The second-place winner, Blazing Star with bees by Rick Meyer, will receive an 12"x16" canvas of the photo; and the third-place winner, common Yarrow with Monarch by Jennifer Quam, will

tographers of all ages and abilities to submit their photos for the contest, which are due in October.

"Thank you to all the photographers who submitted the photos," said Tasha Lauer Crow Wing SWCD Office/ Grants Manager in a press release. "It was a tough decision with a lot of great pollinator shots. The images demonstrate the incredible beauty of native plants in the Brainerd Lakes Area."

Other photo contest entries can be viewed at www.cwswcd.org/photo-contest.

SWCD is currently featuring 2020 photo contest winners in

Third-place winner, common Yarrow with Monarch submitted by Jennifer Quam. Other photo contest entries can be viewed at www.cwswcd.org/photo-contest.

the 2021 Crow Wing County Plat Books, and plan to give a canvas away at the county fair or other event.

Currently SWCD staff is

working on the 2023 Plat Book, and the 2022 Photo Contest Winners will be featured in that book.

Plat book sales will begin in April of 2023.

Lauer also reminds area residents to stay tuned for the 2023 Tree and Plant sale where you can create your pollinator oasis in your own backyard as a perfect place to snap next year's winning photo. Ordering will be available from January 1 to February 25, 2023 or until trees are sold out at www.cwswcd.org/ shop. Pick up of the order will be at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds May 11-12, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Second-place winner, Blazing Star with bees by Rick Meyer.

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Northland Foundation and 12 AGE to age launch programming



Northeastern Minnesota includes seven counties covering 18,185 square miles with 325,803 total residents, or just 18 people per square mile. The population is 20% 18 and under and 36% over age 55. Overall, 15% live in poverty with some areas as high as 30%.

The Northland Foundation was recently awarded an American Rescue Act/ARP AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Demonstration grant of \$500,000 over two years to support intergenerational programming in northeast

Minnesota, leveraging the Foundation's well-established AGE to age: bringing generations together network of sites across the region.

Engaging older adults with children and youth is a winning combination. Twelve

AGE to age communities have launched innovative programming that will tap the skills and experience of 500 older adult volunteers to support children and youth in tutoring, out-of-school time, and summer enrichment activities. Examples of activities include reading programs, homework help, art clubs, sewing projects, fitness activities, holiday gatherings, and much more.

"AGE to age sites are in a perfect position to use this new federal funding to build on their existing programs and continue to reduce social isolation across generations." Tony Sertich, President.

The new grant is made possible by the historic \$1 billion investment in Ameri-Corps through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide immediate relief from the pandemic, with a specific focus on support for underserved and disproportionately impacted communities.

AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers stay healthy and active through service, improving their own lives as they improve the lives of others. A growing body of research affirms the numerous mental and physical health benefits of volunteering, including lower mortality rates, decreased rates of depression, and increased strength and energy.

"The covid 19 pandemic has caused separation from school and community and contributed to learning loss and increased the need for social-emotional supports for students. We are excited about ramping up our programming to ensure students get the help they need with the support of caring older adult volunteers so they can thrive in and out of school," stated Cheryl Meld, AGE to age coordinator in Mc-Gregor.

Anyone in the following areas aged 55+ interested in becoming an AGE to age/AmeriCorps Seniors volunteer is encouraged to contact the local program coordinator:

- Aitkin Lara Parkin lparkin@isd1.org 218-927-7736
- Barnum Roxy Olsen-Hurst rolsen@isd91.org 218-389-0108
- Bigfork Sandra LeBlanc-Boland sleblanc-boland@bigforkvalley.org 218-743-4home356
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- North Shore Area Colleen Wallin cowallin@gmail.com 218-226-3418
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The AGE to age program was originally created by the Northland Foundation in 2008. Since then, the program has provided new opportunities to bring generations together in participating communities across the region. AGE to age has received numerous state and national awards includ-

ing being recognized as a Program of Distinction by the Washington D.C.-based Generations United.

The Northland Foundation is a publicly supported foundation serving the northeast Minnesota counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis and all or parts of five Tribal Nations in the region: the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Through grantmaking, small business assistance, KIDS PLUS Program, Maada'ookiing, and special initiatives.

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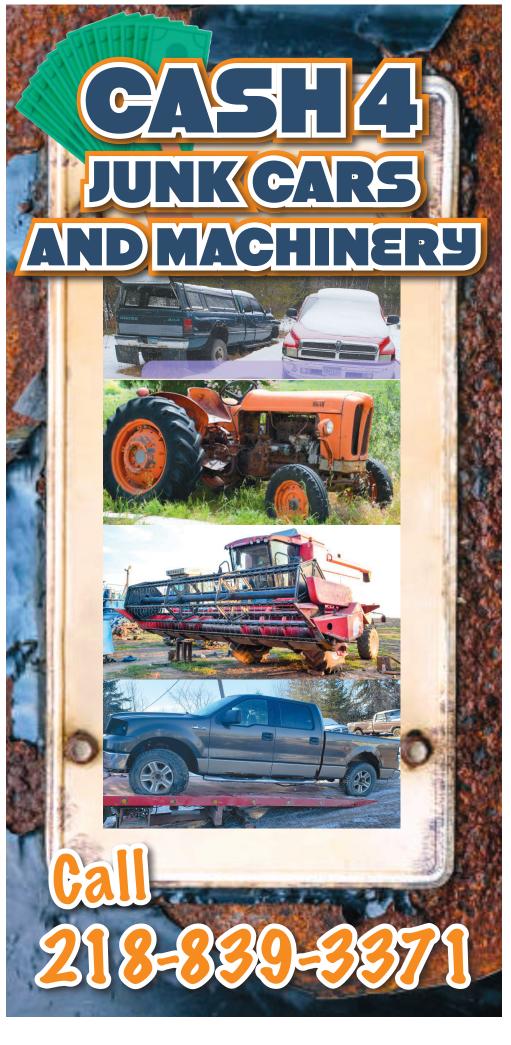
The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office would like the public to be aware of a scam that they have seen before, but has been used again in recent days.

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iTunes cards to be accepted as payment.

Scams using legitimate law enforcement agencies and real phone numbers are not new, and unfortunately, are still be used across the country. The Sheriff's Office or other law enforcement agencies do not call community members seeking payment for anything.

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OBITUARIES

JACK THOMPSON



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Jack LaVon Thompson, 82, of Aitkin, formerly of Garrison, died Monday, Nov. 21, 2022 in St. Cloud V.A. Hospital, St.

Services were held Friday, December 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in Sorensen-Root-Thompson Fu-

neral Home, Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Military Honors will be provided by Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin V.F.W. Post

He was born July 29, 1940 in Spirit Lake, IA to LaVon and Irene (Johnson) Thompson. Jack graduated from Bradley High School in South Dakota. After graduating, Jack joined the United States Navy and served during Vietnam from 1960-1969. Jack then worked at Northwestern Bell from 1969-1981 and logged from 1981-1984. After logging, Jack owned and operated Jack's Twin Bay Resort on Mille Lacs Lake from 1985-1993. After selling the resort, Jack worked for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Housing Department from 1993 until his retirement in 2010. Jack enjoyed riding motorcycle, fishing and ice fishing. He loved to build, create and tinker and was always helping people with projects and chores. Jack loved good food and believed that a sandwich always tasted better when someone

Jack is survived by his children: Lee Thompson of Garrison and Jacqueline Myers of Tennessee; daughter-in-law, Judy Thompson of Aitkin; eight grandchildren: Thomas Thompson, Cheryl Pojanowski; Stephen (Victoria) Schueller, Randy Thompson, Mary Thompson, Darrell (Jillian) Thompson, Amanda Geisthardt and Mindy (Ben) DeCoursey; ten great-grandchildren: Bella, Artie, Andrea, Lindley, Abel, Natalie, Adeline, John, Olivia and Alex; great-great-grandchild, Ella; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Jack is preceded in death by his wife, Frances; parents; son, Wayne Thompson; granddaughter, Andrea Schueller; siblings: Connie Olson and Tom Thompson.

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

READER RIBBETS

Cuyuna Lakes Pickleball Center

Here are some of my reflections on the successful pickleball court project that happened over the last year.

The new Six Court Cuyuna Lakes Pickleball Center in Ironton became a reality on July 1, 2022. As I reflect on the last year and the success in turning an idea into a new physical activity center on the Cuyuna Range, I am still scratching my head as to how we got it done.

A small group of players from our area assembled this time last year and created a loose plan to build a permanent pickleball facility on in our area. We focused on Ironton as we felt this old mining town needed a modern day boost to embellish the park system and attract more visitors to the west side of the Cuyuna Lakes area.

There were many who contributed to the fundraising of \$150,000 needed to build the center. Individual players, local businesses, and charitable organizations all contributed to help us reach our goal. The City of Ironton and the elected officials were all instrumental in sharing our concept and approving the design and location of the pickleball center as part of their park system.

No one was more important to this effort than Rose Stromberg. As a local city council member, she understood the potential benefits early on and helped us cut through red tape eventuating in the success of

the project. We all appreciate Rose for her vision and assistance on this important addition to the many healthy activities available in our area.

Finally, kudos to certain members of the Cuyuna Lakes Pickleball Association as a fledgling and committed 501c3 organization. Nate Schultz, Dean Sodahl, Kathy Johnson, Brad Hanes, Jon Williams, Brenda Schwob, Bruce Butler and Lisa Miller - all contributed mightily to making it all happen.

Tax Free donations are still being accepted for future improvements!

Brad Miller

President Cuyuna Lakes Pickleball Association cuyunapickleball.org

DOROTHY RUTTGER



Dorothy Jean Charlotte Ruttger (Fridlund) lived for 100 years and 60 days before passing into the arms of Jesus on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022.

Services were held at Lakewood Evangelical Free Church in Baxter on Monday,

Nov. 28, 2022

She was born in Willmar to Victor and Florence Fridlund on September 18, 1922, Dorothy graduated from Willmar High School in 1940 and from Hamline University in 1944. She began her career with the 3M Company, serving as the personal secretary to President, William McNight, for five years. While vacationing with three friends at Ruttger's Sherwood Forest Lodge in the summer of 1945, she met her future husband Ray, who was home on leave from the Navy. They were married March of 1947 and moved to Brainerd in 1949. In 1952 Dorothy was struck with polio, losing the use of one of her legs for her remaining 70 years. Her Sister Kenny "sticks" became her constant companions as she continued to live life as normal as possible. Polio never stopped her in her younger years from all of the activities that her family loved to do, including numerous trips to the boundary waters. Dorothy was known as a prayer warrior with a heart for lifting up the needs of others, even as she suffered the loss of her husband Ray in 1988. As her eyesight declined, she became a voracious memorizer of scripture. Her favorite scripture and life verse became Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Dorothy was a member of First Presbyterian Church for many years, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, Deacon and senior high youth group leader. Their home on Gull Lake was always open and shared with many young people for swimming and water skiing.

She is survived by daughter, Nancy (John) Lauer; son, Jim (Merilee) Ruttger; five grandchildren: Louis Lauer, Chris Lauer, Ryan (Kelsey) Ruttger, Thomas (Natalie) Ruttger, and Taryn (Sam) Feyder; 10 great-grandchildren: Sunnie, Charlie, Harvey, Ana, Harper, Pippa, Tenley, Colbie, Rory and Mila; sister-in-law. Dee Ruttger and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ray; brother, Jerry Fridlund; brother-in-laws: David Ruttger and Sam Bates; and sister-in-laws: Irene Fridlund and Shirley Bates.

December

3rd - Aitkin County Historical Society Cookie Sale at the Depot Museum located at 20 Pacific St. SW, Aitkin starting at 9am and continuing until sold out. Cookies will be pre-wrapped in 1, 2, 3 and 4 dozen.

3rd - Global Fat Bike Day Ride at Cuyuna Rec Area (Sagamore Unit), 10am meet; 10:30am depart - options for short and long rid. Sagamore Unit Trail Head parking area off Hwy. 59 (part of the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area) Ride participants will receive a coupon for a coffee and gingerbread cookie, to be redeemed between 3-4:30pm at the Hudson (208 Curtis Ave, Ironton). Then participate in a sunset ride to the Cuyuna Christmas events at Crosby Memorial Park. Bike lights/holiday decorations are encouraged. (There is no planned group return ride to the Hudson.)

3rd - Garrison Sportsman's Bingo to win hunting, fishing and outdoor gear, 5pm, at Garrison VFW Post 1816, 27234 Monroe St, Garrison. Entry is free. A 10 game bingo packet is \$50. Reserve your free tickets at ducksunlimited.myeventscenter.com/

3rd - Snow Many Smiles at Crosby Memorial Park, 2 -6pm: face painting, Candy Cane Lane crafts & games, hot cocoa, soup, and popcorn, "Santa's Stable" petting zoo, cookie decorating, hay rides, bonfires, maintained by the Crosby Fire Department; 2-5 pm: various entertainers including carolers, Just for Kix, a human snow globe, and fire dancers; 2:30 pm: Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive via firetruck; 3:45 pm: Tree of Love lighting; 4-6 pm: PopROCKS performance under the heated tent; 6 pm: fireworks over Serpent Lake by North Star Fireworks; sponsored by the Crosby Firemen's Relief Association. All activities are free and open to the public.

3rd - Heartland Symphony Orchestra Winter Concert: Holidays Around the World. Free for all ages, good will donations encouraged. Charles D. Martin Auditorium, Little Falls

4th - Heartland Symphony Orchestra Winter Concert: Holidays Around the World, 2:30 pm. Free for all ages, good will donations encouraged. Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts Brainerd

7th - Glory Baptist Women's Christmas Gathering at 1:30pm. Glory is located at 28053 360th Ave, Aitkin 7th -10th - Actors Repertory Theatre first production "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" performed in the Studio Stage at the Gichi-Ziibi Center for the Arts at 7pm. Tickets and information regarding the show and the Actors Repertory Theatre can be found on the company's web site, www.art4mn.org

10th - Cookie Walk at the Crosslake American Legion Auxiliary, 9am-3pm, featuring an assortment of cookies (buyers choice) for \$9 per pound. Other holiday baked goods will also be on sale. Proceeds go towards the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund. 35112 County Road 3, Crosslake

10th - Cuyuna Range Farmers' Market, 11am-3 pm at the Cuyuna Range Youth Center, 15 Third Avenue SW in Crosby. Minnesota Wild Rice Soup served 11am.-1 pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there noon -2 pm. 10th & 11th - "Appalachian Winter" ecumenical Christmas cantata directed by Kevin Edstrom performace at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood on Dec. 10 at 7pm and Dec. 11 at 9am.

13th - Jingle & Mingle during Business After Hours Holiday Extravaganza at Town Hall of Madden's Resort 4-7:30pm. Guests will enjoy mingling with 50+ area businesses and organizations, networking with old friends and new, savory appetizers, beverage samples, cash bar and chances to win prizes. This event costs \$5 to attend and is open to the public, Chamber members, their employees, and potential members. Register in advance by calling Sue Galligan at 218-822-7119.

Cold Hands Warm Heart concerts

LESLIE LOPEZ



Leslie Madeline (Parks) Lopez, Kwekii Gaabowiikwe, 58, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022 in Minneapolis.

Tribal Rites will began at on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at the East Lake Ceremonial Building, East Lake-McGregor. Vincent Merrill led the

services. Burial was in the Rice Lake Wildlife Refuge Burial Grounds.

She was born January 29, 1964 in Aitkin to Stanley and Bernice (Moose) Parks. Following

high school, Leslie studied and worked in health care. She was a member of the Mille Lacs Band of Oiibwe.

She is survived by her children: Terri (Richie) O'Neil, Timothy (Jennifer Frank-) Lopez, Scott (Alicia) Lopez, and Grace Doffing; many grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl (Doug) Hietanen; Aunt Lorraine Farah; and many other special relatives and friends.

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

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Glory Women's Christmas gathering



Glory Baptist Church welcomes all women to their Christmas Gathering "The Sounds of Christmas" on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. They will be serving desserts and beverages.

Glory Baptist is located at 28053 360th Ave, Aitkin

(12 miles south of Aitkin off County Road 12). For questions, call Ardis at 218-927-3671 or Glory Baptist at 218-927-3678.

They hope you will enjoy an inspirational message from a special guest speaker and powerful vocalist, Jenni Thyng. Thyng is a passionate, 'live out loud' speaker and powerful vocalist. She is an identity crisis survivor who uses life lessons, humor, and most importantly scripture, to speak into the hearts of others. She is no stranger to mishaps, stumbling blocks, judgment, pride...and victory over it all in Jesus Christ.

Thyng has been singing since the age of 4. While growing up in the rural communities of Grasston and Braham, she was blessed with many opportunities to share her voice singing for numerous organizations, churches, in radio and television spots and for sports fans. View her website at www.joyinallseasons.com or contact her at jenni@joyinallseasons.com.

of Musical Director Richard Aulie, will present their 2022 Winter Concert at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, at Cascade United Methodist Church in Deerwood. The concert will be repeated at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Ripple Center located in the Butler Building in Aitkin,

Minnesota. Entitled "Cold Hands Warm Heart", this concert begins with classical music depicting winter in Russia. Niko-

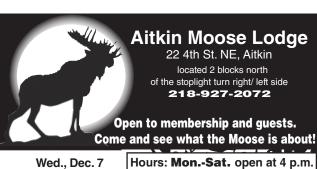
The Great River Strings lay Rimsky-Korsakoff, Sergei from four Minnesota counties-Tchaikovsky are among the composers featured in this part of the program. The orchestra will conclude their program with music from the heart, including the opera "Carmen" by George Bizet and the musical "West Side Story" by Leonard Berstein and Stephen Sondheim. The program will conclude with Seasons of Love from the Broadway musical "Rent."

Great River Strings members represent communities

Orchestra, under the baton Prokofiev, and Peter Iliych Crow Wing, Cass, Aitkin, and Mille Lacs. The orchestra is excited to be back together again and wishing you join them as they welcome and celebrate the coming of Winter.

These concerts are made available through generous contributions from Mille Lacs Electric, Aitkin Lions Club, and Cascade United Methodist Church. There will be no charge for admission to the concerts, but a free will offering will be taken at both events.

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Aitkin Moose Lodge Children's Christmas Party

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OBITUARIES

JEFFREY HERZENACH



Jeffrey Allen Herzenach, 53, former employee of the C-I Pub in Ironton, Crosof Ironton died on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at Essentia St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

A private service is being

Mary Lou (Daniels) Herzenach on January 8, 1969 in Minneapolis. Jeff was a

He was born to Allen and

by Bar and managed Barstock Liquor in Crosby. Jeff is survived by his mother, Mary Lou Herzenach of Ironton; brother, Stephen (Tambi) Her-

zenach of Ironton and sister, Audra Herzenach of Ironton; and nieces and nephews. Preceding Jeff in death is his father.

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

STEVEN NORDEAN



dean, 63, of Aitkin, died unexpectedly, Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022 at his home.

Services will be 11:00 a.m.on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the

service at the church.

He was born February 2, 1959 in Aitkin to Robert and Doris (Hanson) Nordean. While at Aitkin High School Rookie played football, basketball, and baseball, he graduated in 1977. He attended St. Cloud Vo-Tech and studied accounting. He was hired by Gravelle's Plumbing and Heating as their bookkeeper, but did not like being in the office stuck at a desk so in 1987 he attained his Journeyman Plumbers license. He worked for many local companies including Monse's, Fenner's, Larson's, Pike's,

Steven "Rookie" Paul Nor- Lundberg's, Northern Air, and Gravelle's Plumbing and Heating. Rookie recently retired from working as a plumber. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, Sons of the American Legion, and First Lutheran Church. He enjoyed hunting, trap shooting, playing softball, and being with friends. He was very proud of and loved his children and granddaughter very much. He was always a happy, kind, giving, gentle person with a smile that would light up a room and anyone that met him, loved him.

> Rookie is survived by his daughter, Bailey Nordean of Sherburn; son, Drew Nordean of Chandler, AZ; granddaughter, Navy Rae; many other special relatives and friends.

> He was preceded in death by his parents: Robert and Doris Nordean and brother, Dale Nordean. 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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MONICA PROVOST



reached the end of her 97year earthly journey on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022.

A Memorial Mass will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood

Cemetery in Crosby. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

She was born to Arthur and Genevieve Kenyon in Brainerd, March 19, 1925, the youngest of three girls. She graduated from the Brainerd High School. She migrated over to Crosby where she worked a couple of different jobs and was even named Miss C-I in 1948. She worked in an ammunition plant in Nebraska during the war, after which she returned to Minnesota to marry the love of her life, Merrill Provost. Together they would raise three children. When the mines began to close on the Cuyuna Range, they moved the family to Eagle Mountain, CA, remaining there until 1977 when Merrill retired. Following retirement, they moved to Indio, CA and became snowbirds between Crosby and Indio. Monica's magnificent life was based on her very strong

Monica Josephine Provost faith. She was very active with the CCW for many years and enjoyed serving and volunteering. Her focus in life was her family. She was a stay-at-home mom and had the type of house many kids would describe as the cool aide house because there were always baked good there for everyone. She was a very beautiful woman inside and out. She had a gentle smile that would light up a room, her beautiful blue eyes always sparkling. She never left without telling her family and friends that she loved them. She was always thankful for everything. There was not an activity that she would miss. Here grandchildren were her pride and joy. She would follow them everywhere, even in the middle of winter, and not a hair would be out of place.

Monica will be deeply missed by her son, David Provost and significant-other, Juanita Noble; daughter and son-in-law, Colleen and Mark Tauzell; five grandchildren: Alexie, Katjanna, Natalja Tauzell, Krista (Provost) Wood, Megan Noble; great-grandsons: Soren and Lachlan Wood.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Merrill; son, Joseph, and grandson, Joey Provost.

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

MILDRED WINTEROWD



Deerwood died at her home on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022.

A private family service was held. If desired memorials are preferred to St. Croix Hospice or the Garrison Animal Hospital Stray Animal Fund. She was born to Arthur and

Jessie (Adair) Johnson on January 17, 1927 in Brainerd. Mildred was a retired Crow Wing County Health Aid.

Mildred is survived by her three sons: Dennis (Betty Jo) Winterowd of Deerwood, Leon (Karen)

Mildred E. Winterowd, 95, of Winterowd of Pillager and Nathan Winterowd of Deerwood; five daughters: Sonja Crothers and Wanda Ball both of Aitkin, Hope Winterowd of Brainerd, Ione (Larry) Cline of Pengilly and Tammy (Mike) Calkins of Deerwood; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding Mildred in death are her parents: husband, Nelson; son, Nelson Winterowd Jr., three step children: Robert and Wally Winterowd and Lois Reckard; grandson, Christopher Stirewalt and seven siblings.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & Tyrel LaValle, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 6pm; youth group Wed. 6pm; 11-1st Street SW; newlifeaitkin.com 218-927-2823.

Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org

Garrison* — Worship 10:30am Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy, 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — 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

Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-

Palisade — Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Jeremiah Rice, 218-824-5617, Worship 10:30, thejourneynorth.com

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Jeremiah Rice, 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 9:30, SS 11. Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service

10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Deerwood* - 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. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10:30. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 and 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 Sunday 10:30. Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat.

Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass: M, Th and F

at 8; 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 Sat. 3 pm. Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Con-

fession 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. Mike Patullo, 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 Meet-

ing, 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 —Hilltop Chapel (Waukenabo Twp)*- service

10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; 49448 Osprey Avenue, Palisade. 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

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,

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Aitkin - Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship

9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month. Aitkin - First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 99am (9am service also available via livestream on YouTube - First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am-4pm.

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

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

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.princeofpeacelutheran.church Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st &

3rd Sun., 10:30. Brainerd — First Lutheran Church (ELCA) Pastors: Patty

Bjorklund and Jordan Gades, Sunday worship 9, Sunday School following worship. Services also available on YouTube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 flcbrainerd.com 424 8th Street South, Brainerd

Brainerd* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www. goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052

Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.org) Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th St. Brainerd, Worship time September through May 8:15am & 10:30am; worship (June through August) 9 am. 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 Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

 ${\it Crosslake-- (ELCA)\ www.crosslakelutheran.com \bullet Kristin}$ Oltmann, Pastor 218-692-3682 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 Amanda Kempthorne;

Worship: 9; Sunday School 9:50. 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. Caleb Worrel. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible

Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org. Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

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

10:30 am 218-534-3069 Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French;

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

Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible. Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30. Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship

9; Fellowship follows; SS 10:30; Adult Bible 10:30. 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 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Rev. James Muske: Sun. Worship 9am. Fellowship following Service. Communion

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

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

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwv 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, 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,

Emily — Corne one 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 Irondale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake - Pastor Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9; Fellowship 11. 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, Bible Study 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist. org; 423-805-0933

Brainerd - Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20, Bible Study 10; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676 **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**

1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St, Brainerd. Sunday worship at 10. Pastor; Leslie Moughty.

Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30

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Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Youtube live streaming 10 am with fellowship to follow. Cascade Ladies meet on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Come & Eat Community dinner on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Please call the office to sign up: 218-534-3507.

Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Worship 9, fellowship follows.

Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9 Emily* — Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Facebook live streaming 8:30 with fellowship to follow. UWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Men's prayer breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month at 8. Bible

Study Thursday at 6 pm. 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;

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Balmy weather for fishy fun at the Famous Fish House Parade in Aitkin



Crunch, the Timberwolves Basketball Team mascot, led the parade. He was sponsored by the Office Shop. Here he is with Zach Johnson, sports fan. Office Shop Photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ

It's one for the books. Aitkin's World Famous Fish House Parade weather shone warm and sunny. You read it right— warm and sunny.

The day included many events in the town, culminating with the 1 p.m. Fish House Parade down Minne-

sota Avenue. Fish House 5K winners

Forty-two runners ran in the race that kicked off Aitkin's World Famous Fish House Parade events.

Top athletes in the Fishhouse 5K were Megan Weaver, Kristen Kraimer and Abby Mies for women and Tyler Franke, Scott Nelson and Noland Dervetski for men.

Parade float winners

Aitkin All Starz/Deena's Dance company won Coolest Kids in Town, Aitkin Pet and Farm Supply won Fantastic Fishhouse and ASAP Towing was awarded Rock the Float.

Raffle winner largest prizes

Sharlyn Stevens won the \$250 Wildcraft Meats prize from Paulbeck's County Mar-

Don Carlson, Jackson Olson, Deb Weimer were the \$100 winners, sponsored by Data Comm, and Aitkin Eyecare Center.

The Friday after Thanksgiving is anything but black in Aitkin, as colorful ping-pong balls indicating discounts are shot out to eager deal-seeking shoppers. And the street is filled with floats and candy.



Left: Mille Lacs Energy's float entry was a keeper. Mille Lacs Energy photo

Right: Steve Johnson's children are all smiles as they were photographed with Santa. Marilyn Johnson photo





Santa and Mrs. Claus wave as the World Famous Fish House Parade route is lined with eager shoppers on Black Friday in Aitkin.





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