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13-year-old wins pickup in ice fishing tourney and other fun

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By ANN SCHWARTZ

Zac Padrnos, 13, of Hutchinson, won a Ford pickup truck from Mills Motors in the 2023 Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza.

About 12,000 anglers were out on Gull Lake the last Saturday in January, seeking those elusive fish and raffle prizes. Contestants came from across the country, including New York, California, Tennessee. A few contestants even flew from Australia and France in order to be a part of the event.

As the sun came up, an-

glers began to arrive, claiming their spots on the ice. A record was set the day before the contest, with one hundred volunteers drilling 14,300 holes in two hours. Chairman Tad Johnson states,

Around 12:04 p.m. the first lucky angler entered crowd of excited onlookers.

"Our team is so excited to see thousands of our best friends on ice. We are so thankful to our sponsors and volunteers that helped make this event run smoothly this year!"

the weigh-in tent amongst a At about 1:53 p.m, Padrnos was fishing in about 50 ft. is entirely run and organized of water with his tungsten jig and 3 pound test line when he felt a hit of what he thought was a tullibee, but in the end with adrenaline running he ended up reeling in a fish of a lifetime, a walleye and winning him a Ford F150 truck courtesy of Mills Automotive Group. In 100th place, Logan Le-Clair caught a.76 Walleye and will be bringing home an Ice Castle Lake of the Woods at the end of his trip to the

Brainerd Lakes area. There are two notable char-

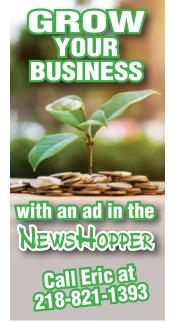
by volunteers, and 100% of the proceeds are donated to charities. The Brainerd Jaycees invest nearly 25,000 volunteer hours in the yearlong planning of the contest. Amongst the 350 volunteers was this year's chairperson, Tad Johnson. He states "I am honored to be a part of such a great organization that has the ability to have such a large community impact." The largest beneficiary is Confidence Learning Center, an outdoor education facility for individuals with acteristics about this event – it cognitive and developmental

disabilities. The Brainerd lavcees have donated over \$4.3 million to more than 75 different charities since the first Extravaganza in 1991. On the raffle side of the roster, Esther Johnson won the Ice Castle Trophy Hunter Fish House.

For a complete list of the fish leaderboard and raffle winners, log onto https:// icefishing.org/raffle-winners/. **Tamarack Sno-Flyers Vintage**

Meanwhile, in Eastern Aitkin County, vintage snowmobile enthusiasts hit the trails from Tamarack to the

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to 3 p.m. on Serpent Lake in

Entry tickets are \$10 each hole for up to two holes and include the chance to win one of five raffle prizes as well as prizes for top three biggest fish and additional prize for smallest fish. Food will be avail-

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Hundreds of Scorpion fans will also attend the Scorpion Homecoming on that day, brought to you by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce and the Sno Serpent Snowmobile Club.

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(you need not be present to win) and patronizing the concessionaires. All Scorpions, as well as Scorpion manufac tured brands are welcome, including Trail-A-Sled, Sno-Ro, Sears, Sno-Craft, Brut and Massey-Ferguson. (Machines need not run to be displayed.)

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For Scorpion Homecoming history and details visit: www.trailasled.com.

Contact the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at info@ cuyunalakes.com or call 218-546-8131 for more information.

Artist work featured at **Brainerd Public Library** through March

A new exhibit of artwork by DJ Dano is on display at the Brainerd Public Library, 416 S Fifth Street, Brainerd through March 2023. The exhibit includes 20 pieces of pencil drawings and acrylic

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Jan. 28, Feb. 4, and Feb. 11, 2023)

LIBBY TOWNSHIP **BOARD MEETING**

The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14 to discuss matters that may come before the board. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Please contact Jane Jewett, clerk, to request the Zoom link: jane@janesfarm. org or 218-670-0066.

Dated this 18th day of January 2023 JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT, Clerk Libby Township

paintings. Dano began drawing when she was a teenager and is a self-described "professional amateur."

The artwork on display at the library includes a pencil drawing of the outside of the Brainerd Public Library, which hangs behind the check-out desk. There are pencil drawings of other local sights, as well as acrylic paintings of eagles, wolves, tigers, and a lion.

Dano has previously taught art at Our Place in Brainerd.

Benefit in Garrison



A Spaghetti Feed Benefit will be held for Emily Mettling on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Garrison VFW Post 1876 from 3 to 7

The cost for the dinner

is \$15 per plate. There are also plans for a silent auction, raffles and live music.

Mettling was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer in November. She is now in the middle of chemotherapy treatments and is in much need of support.

Please join her friends and family for the spaghetti feed benefit.

If you would like to be a part of this benefit but are unable to attend please contact the Deerwood Bank of Garrison at 320-692-4336 and ask how to make a donation to Emily.

Rabbit Lake Contest

The Ice Fishing Contest on Rabbit Lake is Saturday, Feb. 18 from noon to 3 p.m.

Fishing is allowed on East or West Rabbit Lake. All entrants must have a valid fishing license.

Entry fee is \$10. Four species of fish will be weighed in: walleye, northern, panfish and bass. Fish must be live to be registered in the contest. The weigh-in station is at the Rabbit Lake Landing off County Road 31 north of Cuyuna. Northerns must be within the allowed slot limit—24-to-36-inch northerns must be thrown back.

Winners will be announced at the Woodtick following the contest at approximately 4 p.m.

The Cuyuna Fire Department is selling raffle tickets License #02163 during Rabbit Lake Fishing Contest.

All prizes are cash for Cuyuna Fire Department raffle: grand prize is \$1,000; first and second place, \$750 each; third and fourth place, \$500 each; fifth and sixth place, \$300 each; and seventh and eighth place, \$200 each. Tickets are \$5 each and you need not be present to win. Drawings held after the fishing contest on Feb. 18.

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Blue Moose on Round Lake (the former Horseshoe Lake Inn.)

The winners of the Tamarack Sno-Flyers 33rd Annual Vintage Run were Rob Glover of Grand Rapids winning most original on his 1972 Columbia Trail Master, Kelley Andreasen of White Bear winning best restored for a 1979 Yamaha SRX, Aaron Anderson of Oak Grove winning most unique for a1969 Arctic Cat Panther Mod 317, the oldest sled honors went to Dean Floen of Silverbay for his 1967 Johnson Skee Horse, best of show and peoples's choice went to Melody Deer of Elko for her 1970 Arctic Cat Pink Panther, Brett Anderson of Duluth won 80s/90s vintage sled honors with his 1982 Kawasaki Interceptor 550, and oldest rider went to Butch Salem of Duluth and his 1992 Yamaha Venture.

Gala dance light up cold nights

Parents, neighbors and grandparents hardly recognized local high school students as they donned formalwear for winter snow daze balls.

Aitkin's Snoball was held on Saturday, January 28, at the Butler Building.

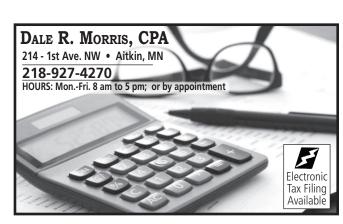
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OBITUARIES

GREGORY WOOD



Gregory Wood, 64, of Verona, WI died on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, following a brave, year-plus battle with pancreatic cancer.

A memorial service was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - West Campus, 7291 County Highway

PD, Verona, at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023. Greg was born in Brainerd on June 8, 1958. He graduated from Brainerd High School, where he often talked about his choir trip to Europe where they sang a Bach Motet in German, and the audience cried. He received a B.S. in Marketing and Business from Bemidji State University, where he played college football. He completed a successful 30-plus year career with Federated Insurance before retiring in 2013, and eventually moved onto a second career at Exact Sciences, before resigning due to his illness. He was a kind, loving spouse to Val, and a devoted father to his son, Sam. As a supportive and very proud dad, he coached everyone of Sam's youth sports football, basketball, baseball, and lacrosse. Greg had a passion for helping others. He provided and served meals to the homeless through the Loaves and Fishes program at the Luke House Madison. Plus, the entire family volunteered for supportive services to help families step out of homelessness. He found solace in the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, camping, fishing, biking and snowshoeing. On their first trip together in 1996 to Alaska, Woody told their guide he knew Val was the one after she caught the first salmon. Ironically, a highlight from their last family trip together in 2019 was salmon fishing

Greg is survived by his wife, Valerie; son, Sam-

He was preceded in death by his father, James Wood; stepfather, Charles Fjelstad; and stepsister, Jan Wendt (Paul).

DENNIS SMOLIK



Dennis Ronald Smolik, 76, of Brainerd died on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023 with his family by his side.

A Celebration of Dennis' Life was held on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at Riverside Union Church in Brainerd. Interment with Military Honors was in

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Camp Ripley. Dennis was born Nov.8, 1946,

in Little Falls to Ernest and Frances (Hayes) Smolik. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from Brainerd High School. In 1967, he was drafted by the U.S. Army and served for two years in Vietnam. Following his honorable discharge, he returned home and continued farming. In 1985, he decided to re-enlist in the National Guard and dedicated more than

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uel; mother, Sharon Fjelstad (Clarence Taatjes); sisters: Cynthia Gronning (Mark), Lisa Wood and Shari Chrovian (Dan); brothers: James Wood Jr. (Stacey) and Tom Webber; step-mother, Jodi Wood; step-brother, Jeff Fjelstad (Dinah DeNamur); and step-sisters: Jeanne Beebe and Julie Webber (Jeff).

20 years of service to his country. In addition, he worked for Larco (later, ATech) in Brainerd. Dennis had a green thumb and enjoyed gardening. He liked to hunt and fish. He was always willing to lend a hand and was a good neighbor. He was a member of the VFW and appreciated

their chicken wings on Wednesdays. He will be

missed - especially his sense of humor.

He is survived by his children: Dion Smolik of Pierz, Chad Smolik of Brainerd, Sonja (Greg) Miers of Taylor Falls, and Jesse (Asia) Smolik, of Leader; nine grandchildren: Caleb Miers, Eli Miers, Sophia Miers, Marcus Miers, Isaac Miers, Jesse Smolik, Jr., Jera Smolik, Sawyer and Isaiah; great-grandson, Hunter; siblings: Constance (Leon) Boser and Rosemary Schuster; and four nephews: Tim (Diane) Vadnais, Mike (Sonya) Bos-

er, Tom (Carrie) Boser, and Jason (Terrie) Boser. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Frances (Hayes) Smolik.

JANET OLSON Janet Cloy Olson, 87, died



Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023 at Diamond Willow Assisted Living in Baxter Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, February

3, 2023 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Baxter with a visitation starting one hour

prior to services. Interment followed at Baxter City Cemetery.

She was born August 22, 1935, to Wallace and Mabel (Knowles) Olson. She lived her entire life in Baxter, growing up with brothers Donald and Roger. She was proud to be a member of Brainerd Class of 1954. In her early years, she worked at the Baxter Store, Brainerd Dairy Bar and Service Drug. She met her future husband, Harold (also an Olson) at the Baxter Store when he was building a house on White Sand Lake. They married October 15, 1955, and had one daughter, Lynn Rae. Janet enjoyed socializing, cooking and baking, camping and so many other activities. She attended Bethany Covenant Church for decades, and then First Presbyterian Church. She and Harold wintered for many years in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Janet is survived by husband, Harold; daughter, Lynn Rae (Carrie); brother, Donald (Betty); many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews whom she adored.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Roger; and several beloved neighbors who lived by each other for over 60 years.

JOYCE JOHNSON



Joyce Johanna (Kortekaas) Johnson, 101, of Aitkin died Friday, Jan. 27, 2023.

Services are being planned for the spring / summer of 2023. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Aitkin.

She was born at home in Martin Spur - East of Hill

City on October 16, 1921 to Nick and Jenny (King) Kortekaas. She grew up near Hill City and attended Hill City Schools. Joyce was united in marriage to Oscar Johnson on July 29, 1942 in Remer. They were married for 50 years until Oscar's death in 1992. She worked at Gambles and First National (Bremer) Bank for many years. After her retirement she worked for the Chamber of Commerce and Green Thumb. She was one of Aitkin's Avon Ladies, earning many awards. In 1994 she was named Aitkin Riverboat Queen. She loved to bowl, read, do puzzles, play Bingo and go to the casino. She was a lifetime member of the VFW and American Legion and a past member of the Women of the Moose and she earned her College of Regents Cap & Gown.

Joyce is survived by her children: Dennis (Betty) Johnson of Aitkin, Barbara (Ray) Leetch

of Brainerd, Chris (Dave) Rehwinkle of Aitkin; grandchildren: Scott and Betty Jo Johnson, Terry (Steven) Croak, Steven, Jim (Jammie) Rehwinkle; 18 great-grandchildren: Amanda (Jesse) Uebe, Shawn Durham, Brittney (Cory) Naegeli, Mathew (Shyanne) Croak, Steven Croak, Micheala Bassett, Charli (Shawn) Norway, Christopher Peer, Steven (Hannah) Alexander, David Rehwinkle, Colin Farnsworth, Cedric (Alayna) Farnsworth, Dustin Smithson, Jimmy, Avril, Odin, Oscar and Earl Rehwinkle; eight great-great-grandchildren: Jordan Durham; Cabella and Lakelynn Bassett; Elizabeth and Steven Alexander: Estrella, Vallah and Thalia Norway; brother, Bert Kortekaas of Hill City and sister Julie (Johnny) Varner of Tennessee: many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, 3 grandchildren: David and Sue Ann Rehwinkle, and Randy Leetch, brothers: Nick, Marvin, Bob. John and Danny Kortekaas, sisters: Millie Golen, Adella Hill, Agatha, Margret, Norma Jean, and Jennie May Kortekaas.

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

February

- 4th Crosslake Firefighters Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30am at Crosslake Lutheran Church 35960 CR 3.
- 4th WinterFest Craft & Vendor Fair 10am-3pm at The Gathering 34212 CR 3, Crosslake
- 4th Palisade MidWinter Festival parade at noon, entertainment, marketplace, scavenger, hunt, medallion hunt, bonfire.
- 4th Snow Bowling at the Town Tavern in Ironton starting at noon. All proceeds benefit the C-I Special Olympics. Call 218-546-5997 to
- 4th Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Ice Fishing Contest on Serpent Lake in Crosby, noon to 3 p.m. Contact the chamber for more details at
- 4th Northland Arboretum Full Moon Snowshoe Hike, 7:30pm-8:30pm,14250 Conservation Dr, Baxter, Bring snowshoes and/or winter boots and plan for an hour hike. If it's cloudy, please bring a headlamp. Warm up after the hike together with hot chocolate. Call 218-829-8770.
- 7th Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Business After Hours at Cuyuna Outfitters located at 10 Third Avenue SW in
- Crosby, 5 -7 p.m. Bring a door prize drawing item and your business cards and be prepared to share a little about your business. R.S.V.P. by emailing info@cuyunalakes.com or register at www.cuyunalakes.com.
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- 8th 11th Valentine's Chocolate Extravaganza at the Mustard Seed in Deerwood. Sponsored by Salem' Lutheran Church Honduras Mission Team. Proceeds support "Kid Ark International Christian Camp in Honduras
- 11th Pine Lake Chapel Souper Bowl Saturday, 11 am-3 pm 43472 -240th Street, South Aitkin County. Free will offering. A food or monetary donation for the foods shelf is welcomed. Call 218-678-3344 for more information.
- 11th Spaghetti Feed Benefit for Emily Mettling at the Garrison VFW Post 1876 from 3-7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per plate. There will also be a silent auction, raffles and live music. Mettling was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer in November. Call 320-692-4336.

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OBITUARIES

CATHY-ANN BURKE

Cathy-Ann Burke (LaPlante), 62, of Farm Island Lake, Aitkin passed away Sunday, January 15, 2023 at her residence.

A Celebration of Cathy-Ann's Life will be at a later date.

She was Born March 15, 1960 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada to Thomas and Margaret Burke. For over two decades, Cathy-Ann owned and managed the Summer Breeze Resort on Farm Island Lake, a place she held dear to her heart. She was an animal lover, and her beloved dogs and cats were her constant companions. Her warm and friendly nature earned her the nickname "Chatty Cathy", as she was always willing to connect with people through conversation. Cathy-Ann was married to her beloved husband of 18 years, TJ

(Thomas) LaPlante, for whom she worked hard to maintain the resort after his passing on November 16, 2009. They were married in Chicago, IL on August 30, 1991 and moved all over the United States until finally settling down in Aitkin. Cathy-Ann was a devoted mother who loved her children more than words can explain, and was always so proud of all of their accomplishments.

She is survived by her son, Colton; daughter, Cierra; mother, Margaret Ann Burke; brother and sister-in-law. Thomas and Rachel Burke and their four children: Spencer, Paige, Ryan, and Dane.

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

RICHARD LANDRUS



Richard "Dick" George Landrus, 60, of McGregor and Hill City died Monday, January 23, 2023 at his residence in McGregor.

A celebration of Dick's life will be 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, February 5, 2023 at Spang Townhall, Hill City.

He was born June 14, 1962 in Aitkin to Arnold D. and Dona M. (Tix) Landrus. He grew up in the Hill City area and graduated from Hill City High School in 1980. After school Dick worked many different jobs including one summer fighting Fires from a helicopter. He also worked construction, roofing, A/C manufacturing and for the past 20 years has been employed with Savanna Pallets of McGregor. Dick had a love for all animals especially for his cats. He enjoyed woodworking, camping, fishing and hunting. Dick was a great friend to many and was willing to help everyone.

Dick is survived by his parents: Arnold and Dona Landrus of Hill City; son, Logan Landrus (Michelle Hill) of Hill City; granddaughter, Clara; brother: Dale (Carmen) Landrus of Swatara; sister, Roxane (Steve) Jenkins of Hill City; and many other special relatives and friends who mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: George and Golda Landrus and George and Wilma Tix.

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

LOIS LAPAGE

Lois Ann LaPage Anderson, 89, of Brainerd, at Acrometal and A-Tek, retiring in 2001. Her died on Saturday, January 21, 2023

Services were on Monday, January 30, 2023 at St. Francis Catholic Church, Brainerd. Lois loved her home and yard, so in lieu of flowers or donations, the family suggests that those who wish to plant a tree in Lois's memory.

She was born on December 6, 1933, in Chicago, IL to Archie and Alice LaPage where she graduated high school and married. She and her husband moved to New Hope and later to Brainerd in 1971 where they finished raising their five sons. Lois worked for 16 years

Catholic faith was always central in Lois's life. and we take comfort in the knowledge that she is now with her Lord and Savior.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey, their son Larry, her brothers, Jack, Joe and Ed, her sister Jean, and her parents. Lois is survived by four sons: Jim (Sandy) and Doug (Janet) of Pillager, Ken of Brainerd, and Kevin (Sue) of Nisswa; brothers: Bob and Dave: sisters: Linda. Laura. Cathv. and Carmel; along with 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

BEATRICE LEMIRE



Beatrice Rose Lemire, 88, of Aitkin died with her family by her side on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. Funeral Mass began at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Febru-

ary 3, 2023 at Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father Mike Patullo officianting. Visitation will

begin at 10 a.m. at the church. Burial was be in Saint Thomas Cemetery. She was born March 6, 1934 in Watertown to

Herbert and Pauline (Gregory) Kocks. She grew up and attended school in Chaska. Beatrice was united in marriage to Oliver Lemire on July 3, 1954 in Victoria. She loved being with her family, playing cards, and her two dogs Missy and RooRoo. She was a member of Saint James Catholic Church of Aitkin. She was preceded in death by her husband Oliver on December 11, 2003, sister Adeline Schneider, brother Donald Kocks, and her parents Herbert and Pauline Kocks.

Beatrice is survived by her seven children: Roxanne (Randy) Walker of Aitkin, Becky (David) Henning of New Germany, Ron (Jean) Lemire of Osage, Romaine (Tim) Meek of Perham, Rodney (Julie) Lemire of Aitkin, Rae (Tim) Reinhardt of Glen, Roger (Bonnie) Lemire of Deerwood, 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; sister, Dolores Bloom of Hopkins; sister-in-law, Kathy Lemire and many other special relatives

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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; 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

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.

Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only

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

McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-

church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel

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 —Hilltop Chapel (Waukenabo Twp)*- service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; 49448 Osprey Avenue, Palisade,

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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

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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 - 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, Brain-

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

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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)

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 9 am Alternates with Zion of Crosby 218-534-3069 Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.

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

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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. Pastor; Leslie Moughty. Handicapped accessible. **UNITED METHODIST** Aitkin* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednes-

days at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live. 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

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10:30; fellowship follows. Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10

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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

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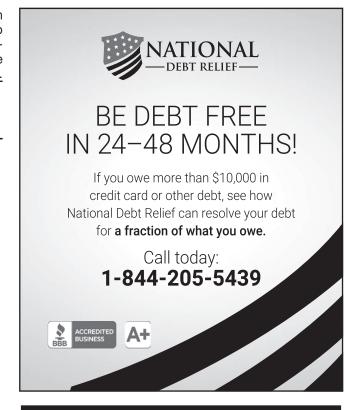
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Minerva of the North to be presented by Lakes Area Music Festival

Lakes Area Music Festival continues its Winter Series on Sunday, Feb. 5 with a program of baroque instrumental and vocal chamber music. The performance will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brainerd, beginning at 2 p.m. featuring long-time festival artists John Taylor Ward and Chloe Fedor, along with guests from around the country.



Violinist and LAMF artistic advisor Chloe Fedor.

Tickets may be reserved in advance online through the LAMF website. LAMF uses a name-your-price ticket model in order to make concerts widely accessible. For assistance, please call 218-831-0765. Tickets will also be available at the door beginning 45 minutes to each performance.

More information about the upcoming concert is available at: lakesareamusic. org/event/minerva-brainerd

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Scarlatti, Arcangelo Corelli, and Alessandro Stradella.

"I always enjoy returning to Brainerd throughout the year to perform. This time I'm particularly pleased to join Chloe [Fedor] in a co-curation that draws on our specialties as baroque artists and historical performance specialists," Ward, the organization's artistic director, said. "Italian music from this period was innovative and exciting. We look forward to bringing this music to our Brainerd audience, with a nod to its Scandinavian influence."

Ward and Fedor will be joined by cellist Caroline Nicolas from Philadelphia, PA; theorbo (a plucked, bass lute) player Brandon Acker from Chicago, IL; and harpsichordist Tami Morse from St. Paul, MN. Each of these musicians specialize in historical performance

practice— playing on instruments and in specialized styles to sound as close as possible to how this music would have sounded in the 17th and early 18th centuries. They have completed studies in baroque programs at the Juilliard School, Yale, and the Hochschule für Musik

in Cologne (Germany); and performing regularly with baroque ensembles worldwide.

LAMF co-founder and artistic director John Taylor Ward's performances have been praised for their "stylish abandon" by Alex Ross of the New Yorker, their "intense clarity and color" by the

New York Times, and by the Washington Post for their "finely calibrated precision and heart-rending expressivity." Recent stage highlights include the title role in Mozart's Don Giovanni with Heartbeat Opera, Nick Shadow in The Rake's Progress under the baton of Barbara Hannigan.

Free tax assistance appointments

The AARP Taxaide program for low to moderate income taxpayers will open by appointment only at the Aitkin Public Library beginning Thursday, Feb. 9 and be open every Thursday until Apr.13 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Those taxpayers who had their returns prepared by us last year will be called to set up an appointment. Other taxpayers may call 612-850-6060 and leave your name and phone number to be

called for an appointment. Taxes will be prepared in the same manner as last year so it is advisable to have a cell phone.

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You must bring Social Security cards for taxpayers and dependents, picture ID, all tax return information and last year's tax return. For married filing joint returns, both taxpayers must be present to sign the return. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are not trained in all areas of income taxes. You may be

advised to see a paid preparer if your return is out of scope. For more information call 218-845-2666.

Volunteers will also be available at the following times and locations:

McGregor Angels: Tuesday, Mar. 21 and Wednesday, Mar. 29. Call the Angels office for an appointment 218-768-2762

Waukenabo Community Center: Monday, Feb. 28 and Wednesday, Apr. 5 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



