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News Lopper

Fabricator TNT believes northern workforce is dynamite



Manager Chad Olson (center) is flanked by owners Ken (left) and Carla (right) Tibboel. Ann Schwartz photos



Noel Taylor of Crosby is a press brake operator with over 30 years of manufacturing experience. The machine he operates bends metal parts for Polaris Ranger doors.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Sat., February 11, 2023

When you pull open the door to pop into your Polaris Ranger power sports vehicle, the parts that allow that door to operate may have been fabricated in Deerwood, Minnesota.

TNT Industries opened in the former Parker factory building in Deerwood, right on Hwy. 210, in June of 2022. They consolidated their operations from Milaca and Iowa.



Metal parts after fabrication. These parts start out as flat sheets of metal.

"We fabricate metal components, lasered steel and formed parts for the power sports industry: Polaris, Arctic Cat and Honda recreational vehicles," explained Chad Olson, general manager.

Ken and Carla Tibboel are the owners. Ken, the CEO, started TNT Industries as a contract engineering company in 2005. He has over 30 years of experience in the metal fabricating business.



TNT Industries consolidated its metal fabrication business and opened in Deerwood in June 2022.

"We are recognized as a highly responsive, aggressive company that will do what it takes to get your job done quickly and with high quality," according to company literature. "As we are a family-owned business, TNT Industries can offer a more personal relationship with anyone we do work with."

They now have 38 employees who work either Monday through Thursday or Friday through Sunday - day shift.

"We are ready to grow and expand," noted Olson.

If you have welding, fabricating, laser operating and programming, press brake operator, engineering, machining or similar skills, Ol-

son would love to speak to you about working in Deerwood.



Kevan of Crosby with dog Jax, a Jack Russel terrier mix. Jax is the mascot of TNT Industries, a pet-friendly employer.

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Governor Walz signs bill to move to 100 percent Clean Energy by 2040

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, Governor Tim Walz signed into law legislation establishing a Minnesota carbon-free electricity standard. With Senate File 4, Minnesota will take steps to lower greenhouse gas emissions, combat the climate crisis, and create new clean energy jobs. The new law ensures Minnesotans will continue to have reliable, affordable, and safe energy resources. Governor Walz signed the bill alongside legislators, labor, and environmental advocates at the St. Paul Regional Labor Center.

"Climate change impacts lives and livelihoods in every corner of our state," said Governor Walz. "Minnesota will continue to lead the way on combatting climate change and we'll create clean energy jobs in the process. This bill is an essential investment in our future that will continue to pay off for generations to come."

"We are excited for Minnesota to continue to lead the clean energy transition with its new goal to provide 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040," said Chris Clark,

president of Xcel Energy – Minnesota. "This legislation will provide opportunities to innovate, create jobs, incorporate new technologies into the grid and work closely with the communities that are home to our employees and power plants on a successful transition."

The bill establishes a standard for utilities to supply Minnesota customers with electricity generated or procured from carbon-free resources, beginning at an amount equal to 80% of retail sales for public utility customers in Minnesota in 2030 and increasing every 5 years to reach 100% for all electric utilities by 2040. The bill also requires that, by 2035, an amount equal to at least 55% of an electric utility's total retail electric sales to customers in Minnesota must be generated or procured from eligible energy technologies.

The bill encourages utilities to locate new energy generating facilities in communities where fossil-fuel-generating plants have been retired or are scheduled for retirement

and prioritize projects that maximize local employment, including employment of workers from communities where generation has been retired.

The bill also expands the benefits that the PUC is to consider when implementing this energy standard to include:

- The creation of high-quality jobs in Minnesota paying wages that support families
- Recognition of the rights of workers to organize and unionize
- Ensuring that workers have the necessary tools, opportunities, and economic assistance to adapt successfully during the energy transition, particularly in environmental justice areas
- Ensuring that all Minnesotans share the benefits of clean and renewable energy and the opportunity to participate fully in the clean economy
- Ensuring that statewide air emissions are reduced, particularly in environmental justice areas
- The provision of affordable electric service to

Minnesotans, particularly to low-income consumers.

Over \$315 Million to Improve Minnesota's Roads

Governor Tim Walz also signed into law legislation to unlock \$315.5 million in federally appropriated funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to improve Minnesota's roads. The funding provided in Chapter 6 HF 26 will be used for state road construction and improvement on Minnesota's trunk highway system.

The \$315.5 million to improve Minnesota's roads was allocated to Minnesota in 2022 under the IIJA. Because a transportation bill did not pass last session, MnDOT did not receive the budget authority to spend these federally allocated dollars. This bill, passed unanimously by the House and Senate, gives MnDOT the authority to use the IIJA funds for construction projects across the state.

Expanding Attorney General's Capacity to Prosecute Violent Crime

In addition, Governor Walz signed into law legislation providing funding for Attorney General Keith Ellison's Office to hire up to seven additional criminal prosecutors. Senate File 33 will more than triple the capacity of the Attorney General's Office to prosecute violent crime and bring justice to victims of crime.

"Ensuring public safety and delivering criminal justice requires partnership and coordination across state, county, and local levels," said Governor Walz. "This bill provides the critical resources necessary to bolster the state's ability to fight violent crime, bring justice to victims, and support communities across Minnesota. We will continue to work with counties to make neighborhoods across the state safer for everyone."

"The final passage of this bill is a long time coming. It is a yes to county attorneys, communities, and victims who need justice and closure. It's a yes to the people of Minnesota," said Attorney General Ellison. "I'm very grateful to Governor Walz for his steadfast support of this request for the last four years, to the bill authors and legislative leaders, and above all to county attorneys for the trust they place in us and the partnership we've built together. With these resources, I'm looking forward to greatly expanding our partnership and helping them bring more justice to our communities."

The bill provides \$269,000 in 2023 and \$2 million each year after to expand the Attorney General's Office criminal enforcement team. The additional funds will be used to hire seven additional full-time criminal prosecutors and two legal assistants who will provide needed legal services to rural county attorneys to prosecute serious violent crimes.



One for the Road

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Come to Aitkin's Moose Lodge on Friday, Feb.24, for a lasagna dinner and a light rock performance by *One for* the Road, a Twin Cities Band.

Serving of the lasagna dinner begins at 4:30 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale at the Aitkin United Methodist Church in Aitkin, Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door with free admission for children under 5.

Or, just come to the Moose for the free concert at 6 p.m. There will be no cover

charge, but the hat will be passed for Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity. Proceeds will help repair and build affordable housing in Aitkin County.

One for the Road are friends of Pastor Dawn Hauser of Aitkin's United Methodist Church. They have something for everyone in their repertoire: classic and light rock, jazz and gospel. They feature music by James Taylor and Carole King.

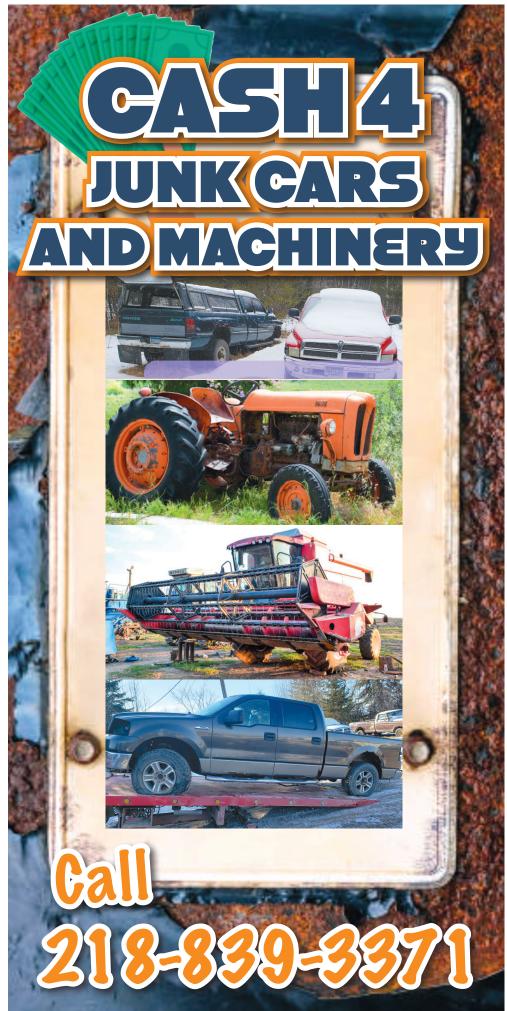
If you miss a Valentine's night out, grab a friend and have a nice night out on the town.





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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY ALLEN



Dorothy Ann Allen, 88, of Crosslake, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A Celebration of Life Service for Dorothy will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at Crosslake Lutheran Church. Family and friends

are invited to gather one hour prior to services and stay for a reception to follow. Interment will take place at Pinewood Cemetery in Crosslake. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are preferred to Parkinson's Foundation.

Dorothy was born Feb. 11, 1934, in Brainerd, the daughter of Clifford and Pearl (Bowman) Bahma. By the tender age of 18, she had earned both her high school diploma from Washington High School (Brainerd), received her teacher's training certificate (Little Falls) and was running a one room school house in Ideal Corners. She later taught in Merrifield and finally, Crosslake where she met Robert "Bob" Allen. They married on the opening of deer hunting season and enjoyed a reception hall full of camouflage, after the day's hunt. In 1955, the newlyweds built Allen's Turkey Farm on Crosslake and for 40 years she diligently

balanced the books to the penny. Dorothy loved to dance. She and Bob could be seen doing the Lindy or the jitterbug in all the local dance halls. As well as serving as an election judge for many years, Dorothy did stints of service on the American National Bank Board and the board of the Crosslake Telephone Company. Cindy and Larry were impressed to see her on "The TV" pregnant in pink arguing the referendum for the new Pequot Lakes High School District. Dorothy was a skilled walleye fisherperson and put guides to shame reeling in fish after fish with her patience and light touch - even until the age of 85. Dorothy and Bob's shared passion for travel brought them to water across the globe where Dorothy usually out fished everyone in the boat.

She is survived by her children: Cindy (John) Lueth, Larry (Kathy) Allen, and Nancy Allen Lundy; grandchildren: Samantha (Tyler Carraway; Madeline), Rachel (Jordan Lelwica), Hannah, Jennifer (Mark Willette; Milo, Linus, Felix), Marit (Mike Davis; Magnus) Kati Lueth, and Jackson Lundy; brother, Jerry (Colleen) Bahma; sister-inlaw, Karen Bahma; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; parents; and brother, Raymond.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

February

11th - Pine Lake Chapel Souper Bowl Saturday, 11am-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 pm. 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 for more info.

13th - Unlimited Learning at 1:30 p.m. in the Forum Room at Crosby-Ironton High School, to hear from Chato Gonzales, an Ojibwe language expert and leader in the movement to revitalize the Ojibwe language. The session is free to Unlimited Learning members and \$5 for non-members. For more info call 218-829-2544.

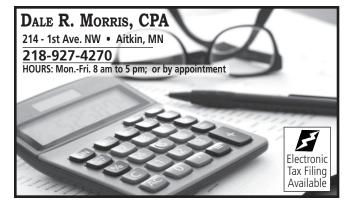
18th - Rabbit Lake Ice Fishing Contest noon-3 p.m. Entry fee is \$10. Anglers will compete to catch walleye, northern, panfish and bass. Winners will be announced at the Woodtick Inn following the contest at approximately 4 p.m. The Cuyuna Fire Department is selling \$5 raffle tickets and you need not be present to win. For more information and to register call 218-772-0252.

18th - Long Lake Conservation Center, near Palisade, first annual Frozen Forest 5K and Fish Fry. The race begins at 3 pm. followed by a walleye feast at 5 p.m. Race entrance and walleye dinner is \$65 for adults, and \$55 for children 17 and under. The Walleye Feast only is \$30 per adult and \$20 per child. The Zero-K Bonfire Sit with the Walleye Feast is \$40 per adult and \$30 per child. For more information and to register, go to longlakecc.org/forest5k or call 218-768-4653.

21st - Aitkin Lions membership meeting at 6pm at the Aitkin Forty Club. All are welcome to attend.

24th - Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity fundraiser at the Moose Lodge in Aitkin. Lasagna dinner begins at 4:30 pm. Advance tickets are on sale at the Aitkin United Methodist Church in Aitkin, Tuesday through Thursday, 10am-2 pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door with free admission for children under 5. Free-will light rock performance by *One for the Road*, a Twin Cities Band at 6 pm. Proceeds will help repair and build affordable housing in Aitkin County.

25th - Grad Blast fundraiser at noon at The Hudson in Ironton for an afternoon of sign painting with Lakes Area Custom guiding you to complete your sign. All supplies will be provided for you. Signs are \$40 with \$10 donated to the Grad Blast Committee. Drinks and food available.



LEGAL NOTICE

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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 2.8

DAVID POTTER



David A. Potter, 82, of Baxter, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at Essentia Health - St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at St. Francis Catholic Church in

Brainerd. Private Interment was at Baxter City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the family.

David was born December 13, 1940, in Brainerd, the son of William and Laila (Johnson) Potter. After graduating from high school, David accepted a position at the State Hospital. For 43 years, he worked there as Program Director. In 1961, David married Therese Horigan. After retiring,

he helped his good friend - Jim Kirzeder - with a variety of construction projects, including many trips to Haiti to help build clinics and schools. He enjoyed wood-working and fishing. David was a member of the Sons of the American Legion. He was a truly happy man who enjoyed telling an abundance of bad dad jokes and laughing with his friends at the 371 Diner on Wednesday mornings. And he made the best stove top popcorn EVER!

He is survived by his children: John (Michelle) Potter, Steve (Debbie) Potter, Sue (Mike) Forland, Tom (Karolyn) Potter, Carrie Potter, and Kristin (Johnny) Zanosko; sister-in-law, Kay Nelson; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Therese; parents; step-mother, Earnibelle; infant brother, Ronald; and his step-siblings.

SUSIE BAILLIF



Susan Ann Baillif, 74, of Brainerd, died, Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023 at her home.

A Celebration of Susie's Life was held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at Living Word North in Brainerd. Interment will be at a later date at Minnesota State Veterans

Cemetery near Camp Ripley. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Mounted Eagles (www.mountedeagles.com).

She was born April 19, 1948, in St. Paul, the daughter of Ted and Anne Michaud. After graduating from Mounds View High School, Susie did attend St. Cloud State University for a short time before she and her best friend took a road trip to California. Several years later, she found her niche as a CNA and activities assistant for Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby. She was there for more than 30 years. In addition, Susie's passion for helping people and love of horses led

her to found Mounted Eagles - horsemanship therapy program to people with disabilities. She was instrumental in its operation and success for the last 30 years.

Susie's love for God was always at the forefront of her decisions. She was kind, generous, and had the biggest heart in the world. She was exactly what you needed when you needed it whether offering a hug, words or encouragement or constructive criticism. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, and kayaking. Susie was never idle and could always find something to do and someone she loved to do it with.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Harold; children, Kymberlee (Carlos) Haynes and Jim (Kari) Baillif; grandchildren, Cory (Bridget), Jared, Kaitlyn, Caleb (Morgan), Rachel, Grace, Dominick, and Kristina; great-grandchildren, Cruz, Tilly, and Hannah; sister, Faye Schuett; and many extended family members, friends, and a horse or two.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

CARLOS WAYNE



Carlos Wayne Lind, 95, died on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023 at Edgewood assisted living.

He has been cremated and a memorial service is being planned for a later date. Carlos was born in Brainerd,

June 7, 1927 to Gust and Margre Lind. He was the 8th of ten children. Carlos married Inez Potz in June, 1957. They lived a good life in the home they built

in Baxter. They attended Lakewood Evangelical Free Church most of their lives. Carlos proudly served his country in the Merchant Marines and the Army National Guard. He worked briefly at the county courthouse, where he met Inez, but his career was an accountant for 29 years at Potlatch Paper Mill. Carlos was good at building, maintaining and updating his home. He liked to fish and hunt, go snowmobiling, play his trombone and sing. He made a profession of belief in God's saving grace for our sins, through Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his children: Deanna, (John) Vogel, Randy Lind, Karen, (Bruce) Rugloski and Kim Herrmann; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and youngest sister, Mary.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Inez; brothers: Theodore, Lester, Earl, James and sisters: Marguerite, Maybelle, Dorothy (2 mo. old) and Betty. **More obituaries on Page 4**



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GREGORY CONNER



Gregory Hall Conner, 71 of Aitkin, died peacefully on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023 at Rivers Edge Assisted Living in Aitkin.

A private service will be held at a later date with burial in Lakeview Cemetery, Aitkin.

He was born October 31,

1951 in Eveleth the son of William Lloyd and Dorothy Kathleen (Strand) Conner. He grew up in Aitkin and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1970. Greg worked in the lumber industry in Montana, as a welder at Aitkin Iron Works, attended Harley Davidson School to be a mechanic, living and working in Florida, Arizona and Noumea, New Caledonia, moving back to Minnesota, attending school to be a truck driver. He enjoyed motorcycling, traveling, learning re-loading, collecting guns and coins.

Greg is survived by his siblings and their spouses: Michael (Edee) Conner, Randy (Merna) Conner, Bonnie (Mike) Landy, Kathy (John) Gallatin; sisterin-law Pam Conner; special friend Frances Allard, and many special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Dorothy Conner; brother, Kevin Conner and nephew, Paul Conner.

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

COLLEEN LANGE



Colleen Evelyn Lange, 86, of Little Falls, formerly of Crosby died on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at her home.

A Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 10, 2023 at the Bible Baptist Church in Crosby.

Burial was at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls on Friday at 3:00 p.m. A visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

She was born in Balaton, MN on March 2, 1936 to Henry and Florence (Semans) Girard. Colleen was a former attender at the Bible Baptist Church in Crosby; a former bartender and waitress at the Ironton Legion and was the former cleaning service at the Crosby City Hall.

Colleen is survived by four sons: Daniel (Esther) Lange of Doon, IA; John (Kathy) Lange and James (Kelly) Lange all of Little Falls and David (Kris) Lange of Minneapolis; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding Colleen in death are her parents; husband Jack Lange; son, Tom Lange; daughter, Cheryl Lange Buchite and two brothers: Robert and Kenneth Girard.

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

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GLORIA PAULBECK



OBITUARIES

Aitkin, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 at her home.

Memorial Services were held Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 at noon in St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin with Father Michael Patullo officiating. Visitation began at 10 a.m. at the church. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Aitkin.

She was born October 1, 1953 in Mayville, ND to Richard and Genevieve (Knudson) Nelson. Gloria lived in Clifford, Portland, Hatton, Erskine and St. Hilaire before finally moving to Aitkin in her sophomore vear. Gloria worked as a car hop at A&W in Aitkin during the summers of her Junior and Senior year. She went on to graduate from the Brainerd School of Cosmetology in 1972. Gloria then worked at Milady's and in Isle as a hair dresser. Gloria also spent many years working for the family grocery business. Gloria was a member of Mrs. JC's, JC Women, Women of Today, Church Women's Council, St. James Council for Catholic Women and was a Eucharistic Minister, Funeral Chair as well as being involved in Prayer Chain.

She was also part of Bible Study groups and

Gloria Jean Paulbeck, 69, of weekly Adoration. Gloria was member of Riverwood Hospital Auxiliary and was also a Classroom Aide as well as an Early Childhood board member and youth hockey board Secretary. Gloria belonged to multiple quilt clubs in the area and went on many Quilt Hops across the US and Minnesota. Gloria and her mother, Genevieve would also knit and crochet many prayer shawls together. Gloria made 14 Quilts of Valor for her 1971 classmates along with other classmates andfother Quilts of Valor for other servicemen and women. With faith as her guide and source of strength, she battled cancer courageously for 22 years.

Gloria is survived by her sons: Michael (Natasha) Paulbeck of Aitkin and Thomas (Stacey) Paulbeck of Pequot Lakes; six grandchildren, Macy, Drew, Levi, Tori, Evelyn and Joe Paulbeck; Gloria is also survived by the father of her children, Greg Paulbeck; two siblings: Rodger Nelson of Moorhead and David (Teri) Nelson of Little Canada; other relatives and many friends.

Gloria is preceded in death by her parents.

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

VERNON BACKSTROM



Vernon Dale Backstrom, 74, of Aitkin, died unexpectedly, Friday, Feb. 3, 2023 at his home. Visitation was held Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 5-7 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. in Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and will continue Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10 a.m. until the 11a.m. Service

in St. John's Lutheran Church, Aitkin with Pastor David Becker officiating. Military Honors will be

provided by Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin V.F.W. Post #1727. Interment will be at a later date in Bennettville Cemetery, Hazelton Twp.

He was born June 17, 1948 in Aitkin to Roy and Irene (Olson) Backstrom. Vernon graduated from Aitkin High School Class of 1966 and went on to St. Cloud Vocational School. Vernon was a veteran of The United States Navy and part of United States Naval Construction Battalion, better known as the

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Brainerd* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC),

424 8th Street South, Brainerd

Navy Seabees who served during the Vietnam War. Vernon was united in marriage to Diana Holm on August 30, 1969 in Aitkin. Vernon worked as a carpenter for Homes and Bridges in the Twin Cities. He was also a Security Guard at Grand Casino Mille Lacs for 18 years until his retirement. Vern enjoyed going to auctions and guns and reloading. He also enjoyed watching Minnesota sports.

Vernon is survived by his loving wife, Diana Backstrom of Aitkin; sons: Chad (Traci) Backstrom of Brainerd and Clark (Carla) Backstrom of Brainerd; five grandchildren: Riley, Logan, Jon, Justin and Hannah; siblings: Bev Bailey of Iowa, Ken Backstrom of Aitkin, Richard (Jeanne) Backstrom of Hugo, Bob (Debbie) Backstrom of Deerwood and Kris (Carl Berg) Backstrom of Aitkin; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Vernon is preceded in death by his parents.

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

CHURCH DIRECT

* 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

Sat. 3 pm.

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; Sunday 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

Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101. Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass Wed.

9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483

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

through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt. McGregor - Holy Family, Fr. 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

Seibel. McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160: Sun. 10: Wed. Bible Study. 7:30 pm.

church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel

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,

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, 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.

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

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every

- Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.org) Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (Fl CA) 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

 ${\it Crosslake-- (ELCA)\ www.crosslakelutheran.com} \bullet {\it Kristin}$ 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

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**

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

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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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

Emily — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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