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Aitkin's WinterWonderama February thaw finishes "Chili"



Time on the ice during at the city park. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Blue skies, warm winds and plenty of snow made Aitkin's WinterWonderama a great family day to enjoy the outdoors.

The Aitkin Chamber and city sponsored a day on Feb. 11 so families could see what the City Park has to offer.



Jacob and Marla, naturalists from Long Lake Conservation Center, brought snowshoes for everyone to try and led some excursions.

From snowshoeing to snowman-building, scavenger hunt, hotdogs, hot chocolate and marshmallows, bonfires and skating, children of all ages had a great day away from their screens and out in the snow.

Later, folks moseyed over to the Moose Lodge for a Chili Cookoff to end the day. Patrick, with white chili, representing

the 40 Club, won the People's Choice Award for the Best Chili. As one who sampled many recipes, I'd say it was very hard to pick a winner.

WinterWonderama was what we all needed to pick up our spirits, get us outside and make us believe that spring is real and it is coming soon.

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Isabella from Aitkin tried a hot dog.



Leighton loved a day outside with his dad and brother.



Taylor Erickson (right) of the Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce presents the People's Choice Award to Patrick from the 40 Club for his winning White Chili entry.

Ice Fishing Contest on East or West Rabbit Lake today

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

Entry fee is \$10. Four species of fish will be weighed in: walleye, northern, panfish and bass.

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

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Deerwood Civic & Commerce seeking Board Members and Coordinator

Deerwood Civic & Commerce is currently seeking Board Members and an Event Coordinator. Event committee leaders and supporting committee members are always welcome, at any time throughout the year. Event Committees include: Sales/

Sponsorships, Activities, Raffle/Auction, Vendors, Marketing and Logistics - Summerfest and the Outdoor & Gun Show. Annual events have been successful thanks not only to the support of many businesses and organizations, but also through the efforts of conscientious community volunteers.

For more information please visit www.deerwoodcommerce.org, check out <https://www.facebook.com/DW-SummerFest> and <https://www.facebook.com/DeerwoodOutdoorShow>, call and leave a message at 218-534-2936 or e-mail info@deerwoodcommerce.org.

Chartered in the 1940's, Deerwood Civic and Commerce exists to meet the diverse and ever-changing needs of its membership and to promote the growth and economic prosperity of the greater Deerwood area.

Over only the past seven years, this organization has donated and provided over \$80,000 to benefit area civic and non-profit groups.

Notable and visible recent projects in the City of Deerwood include City Park Splash Pad, Elmer Park annual Christ-

mas lights, last summer's Train Station building and landscape beautification, Traffic control, pedestrian and street banners, as well as the Deerwood's Sesquicentennial. The group also delivered significant monetary support for the Cuyuna Range Food Shelf during the COVID pandemic.

Other area community and local non-profits supported (some receiving donations for many years) include: Deer-

wood Civic League, Garrison Bay Lake Lions - for Christmas with Santa and Scholarships, Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids, Deerwood Fire Relief, Local Girl and Boy Scout Troops, Cuyuna Range Youth Center, Aitkin & C-I Grad Blast and other C-I School activities, Cuyuna Range Lions, Crosby Fire Dept. for 4th of July fireworks, Crow Wing County Child Protection and The Pohl Children's Foundation.

Teen airlifted after snowmobile accident

Crow Wing County Sheriff Eric Klang reported on Sunday, Feb. 12 at approximately 12:09 p.m., the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office responded to a snowmobile accident involving injuries on Bay Lake, Bay Lake Township.

It was reported a crash had occurred and the victim's leg was caught in the snowmobile. Upon arrival, deputies learned the victim, a 15-year-old female from Bloomington, was the passenger on the snowmobile that was pulling a sled. The driver, a 15-year-old female from Eden Prairie, lost control of the snowmobile due to slush on the lake and as the snowmobile was

stopping, the victim's leg became caught in the track of the snowmobile.

The Deerwood Fire Department was able to free the victim from the snowmobile. The victim was airlifted to the Children's Hospital of Minnesota in Minneapolis, her condition is unknown at this time.

The incident is currently under investigation by the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Deerwood Fire Department, Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Ambulance and North Memorial Aircare.

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The Three Amigos chili booth represented the Moose Lodge. Ann Schwartz photos



Leslie Goble won the bucket full of chili raffle goodies.



Glenda Theis lit up the night with her chili pepper adornments.



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Habitat for Humanity fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 24 at the Aitkin Moose Lodge.

The evening begins at 4:30 p.m. with a lasagna dinner and continues with a light rock performance by *One for the Road*, a Twin Cities Band.

Tickets for the dinner are \$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.



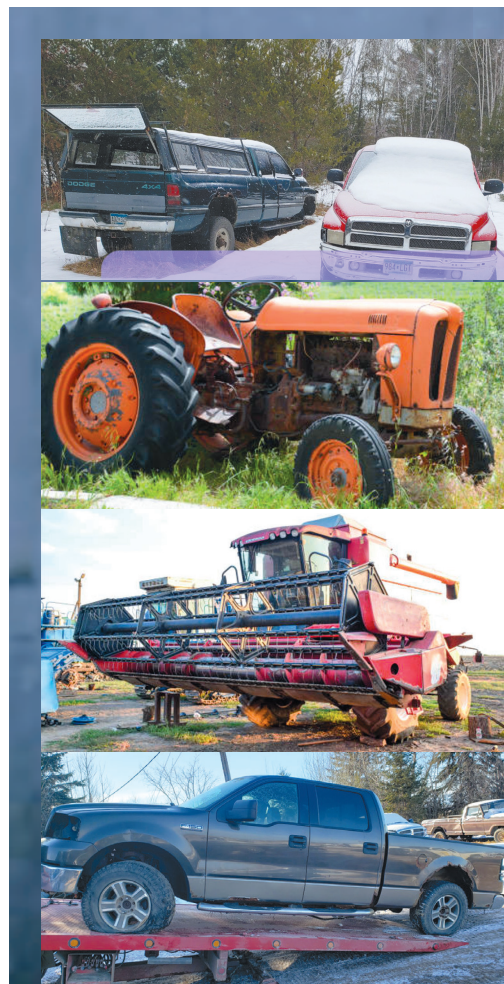
One for the Road are friends of Pastor Dawn Hauser of Aitkin's United Methodist Church. They have something for everyone in their repertoire: classic and light rock, jazz and gospel. They feature music by James Taylor and Carole King.

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DFL Party launches the Wellstone Academy organizing training program

The program represents an investment of over \$500,000 in building political organizing capacity

On February 15, the Minnesota DFL Party announced the launch of the Wellstone Academy, a paid fellowship that will train the next cohort of Minnesota political orga-

nizers. The Wellstone Academy represents an investment of over \$500,000 in building organizing capacity throughout 2023.

"I am extremely proud to

be launching the Wellstone Academy and doubling down on the DFL Party's commitment to grassroots organizing," said DFL Party Chairman Ken Martin. "I learned from

Senator Paul Wellstone that the best way to win elections is door-to-door and neighbor-to-neighbor, and that holds true to this day. The DFL Party is launching this organizing training program to equip the next cohort of political organizers with the skills needed to expand on our historic victories and maintain our trifecta in the next election."

The DFL Party will be recruiting a diverse group of 25 individuals to serve as Wellstone Fellows. During the 32-week program, Wellstone Fellows will learn how to plan and execute direct voter

contact events, how to recruit, train, and retain volunteers, how to use political data and digital organizing tools, and much more.

To learn more about the program and apply, visit dfl.org/wellstone.

"My dad taught me that organizing is how we turn our values into votes," said Paul Wellstone's son, Dave Wellstone. "When he ran for the Senate, he was a college professor with big ideas and a beat-up bus running against a powerful, well-funded incumbent. He won because he had a team of fantastic organizers who engaged their friends,

neighbors, and communities. My dad gave us a blueprint for how to win even the most difficult campaigns, and I am thrilled the Wellstone Academy will be using that blueprint to train a new and diverse group of organizers to fight for our values."

The application process opens today and will run through March 17. On Tuesday, May 2, the Wellstone Academy will begin holding classes, which will run through December 12. Then, the Wellstone Academy will work to place Wellstone Fellows in a full-time paid organizing position.

READER RIBBETS

Minnesota kills another business

We had a double whammy of bad news for the northland this week. First, the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled against Huber Engineered Woods and their proposed \$440 million mill project in Cohasset. Yesterday Huber announced they were leaving Minnesota entirely, abandoning their \$450 million project.

I had a call with Huber early Thursday morning. They explained their decision was about much more than just the Court verdict. They also had concerns about the regulatory and political climate here and the prospect of prolonged litigation.

This BS has got to end. I don't blame Huber one bit for their decision, but Minnesota cannot continue to kill businesses and jobs time after time after time after time. Democrat leadership and this war on businesses are going to be the death of us if we don't change how we do things.

I had a few more things to say about the decision. You can read my full statement here: <https://www.mnstaterepublicans.com/eichorn-farn->

sworth-statements-on-huber-dropping-plans-for-osb-plant/ **NOW Democrats are interested in Nuclear power?**

Republicans have been staunch advocates for an energy future that is clean, reliable, AND affordable. When Democrats passed their blackout bill, we offered a number of amendments to protect Minnesota taxpayers. Many of those amendments emphasized the importance of nuclear energy in our future mix. They were all rejected.

This week, the Senate Environment Committee gave a hearing to a Republican nuclear energy bill. Senate File 1171 would require Minnesota to complete a study evaluating the potential costs, benefits, and impacts of advanced nuclear technology reactor power generation in Minnesota.

It is not much, but it is a step in the right direction. The question is whether or not Democrats conducted this hearing for show. Stay tuned.

Contact me

If you have any questions or comments about the issues we are working on, please contact

me anytime. My email is sen.justin.eichorn@senate.mn, or you can call me at 651-296-7079.

Don't forget to follow me on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SenatorJustinEichorn>.

It has been so nice to have constituents coming back to the Capitol. We have been able to meet with so many of you and hear your priorities. This week I had a virtual meeting with Cass County Officials, business owners from the district, and the President of Central Lakes College, Hara Charlier, came to visit.

I want to hear from you! If you are coming to Saint Paul, let's schedule a meeting. If you're having trouble with a state agency, reach out and my office will assist in any way we can. If there is an issue that is important to you, email me your thoughts! I am here to represent you and it is a privilege to serve you!

**Senator Justin D. Eichorn
Minnesota Senate, District 6**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

February

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.

25th - Free Matinee Movie *God's Not Dead* at 1:30pm at Hilltop Chapel, between Round and Esquagamah Lakes. Popcorn and beverages will be provided. Handicapped accessible.

25th - The Ironton Fire Department/Women's Auxiliary and the Ironton American Legion Post #443 are hosting a Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Fill the Boot, Gambling and Italian Buffet to benefit for John Juracek family after their house fire. The benefit is noon to 4 p.m. at the Ironton American Legion. The cost of the buffet is \$12.

LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Feb. 18 & 25, 2023)
BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Bay Lake Township, County of Crow Wing, and State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed until March 21, 2023.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

1 - Supervisor (3 year term) presently held by John Enright

1 -Treasurer (2 year term) presently held by Mindy Tix

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:30 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. Board of Canvass will convene after the annual meeting.

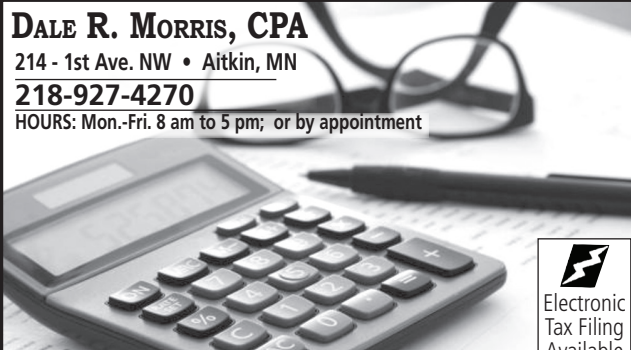
The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location:

Bay Lake Town Hall
13861 Co Rd 10
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If you would like to attend the Annual Meeting via Zoom, please contact John at: JohnEnright.BayLakeTownship@gmail.com. Those attending the meeting via Zoom will not have voting capabilities due to not being able to verify voting eligibility.

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JOHN LYSNE, JR.



John P. "Jack" Lysne, Jr., 79, of Outing died at his home on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, please check Meri's facebook page for more details.

He was born in Northfield on December 30, 1943 to John and Jane (McGuire) Lysne. He graduated from the White Bear High School, class of 1961. John has been a millwright with Local 548 for 48 years, retired for 22 of those years in Outing. He was employed with Lovegreen Industrial Services and subcontracted to work at 3M plants all over

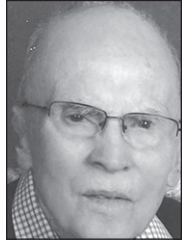
the United States during that time. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and had many trips over the years. John loved watching the deer and birds at his Lawrence Lake home.

John is survived by his wife of 49 years, Meri; sons: Jim of Emily, John (Heather) of Forest Lake and Mark of Forest Lake; daughters, Lori LeVasseur (Bob) of Stacy and Renee Lynse (Doug) of Forest Lake; brother, James of White Bear Lake; 22 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Preceding John in death are his parents; and daughter, Lanette.

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

DANIEL LONG



Daniel Gary Long, 91, of Pillager, passed away Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at Essentia Health - St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

Daniel's family will celebrate his life with a Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m., Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, at First Lutheran Church in Pillager. Family and friends are invited to gather one hour prior to services and to stay for Military Honors and a luncheon to follow. Interment will take place at Wildwood Cemetery at a later date.

Daniel was born June 26, 1931, in Minneapolis, the son of Daniel and Eleanor (Partch) Long. After high school, Daniel enlisted in the U.S. Air Force

and honorably served his country for more than 20 years before retiring as a Master Sergeant. When he settled in the Pillager area, he went to work for Potlatch and worked as a machine operator for 21 years. In addition, he also taught Firearm Safety for 12 years and spent countless hours volunteering at St. Joseph's Medical Center.

Conflict and Vietnam War, Daniel supported his local American Legions and was Past Commander of Post 100 in Pillager. He's been a member of First Lutheran Church of Pillager since 1947 and served many years on the Church Council. One of Daniel's most treasured pastimes was reading. He so enjoyed historical books and books on geography - and he wanted to pass his love of reading on to younger generations and donated many books to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the Pillager School Library.

BARBARA SPENCER



Barbara Ann (Mescher) Spencer, 85, of Big Sandy Lake, McGregor, died at home Monday, Feb. 13, 2023.

Barbara was born January 23, 1938 to Al and Jeannette Mescher in St. Paul. She attended Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School in Saint Paul, Osseo Senior High School in Osseo and The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth.

Visitation was held at 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial and lunch at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023 at Holy Family Catholic Church, McGregor with Father Michael Patullo officiating. Interment was in Woodland-Carr Cemetery, McGregor. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the St. Croix Hospice, Grand Rapids.

She felt the most fortunate day of her life was when she met her one true love, Thomas John Spencer. On a chance encounter in Duluth they shared a milkshake and began a love story that continued throughout their 62 year marriage. The devotion, respect, and dedication they shared

was a marvel to witness and set a wonderful example for their children to follow. Barbara worked in elementary schools throughout the years as well as volunteering in various PTA's, Band Boosters and teaching CCD. When Tom had the opportunity to explore the United States in the Honeywell Field Service Program, Barb was an enthusiastic and willing partner. They enjoyed living in California, Utah, South Carolina, Delaware and many other spots. Barbara adored children, animals, and her family and is leaving a huge void in all of our lives.

Barbara is survived by her husband Thomas Spencer, son Jack (Meg) Spencer, daughters Sharon (Kevin) Johnson, Mary (Jeff) Roerden, and Anita (Rob) Stofa Jr., as well as grandchildren Phyllis, Leigh, and Marian Spencer, Robbie and Jacqueline Stofa and many beloved nieces, nephews and step grandchildren.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters: Mildred Mescher, Marion Blackwell, Janice Bennett, and Gloria Kipp.

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

RONALD BEACH



Ronald Jesse Beach, 74, of Brainerd died on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023 at home surrounded by family.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 at Barrows town hall at 2 p.m. with luncheon to follow. He was born on November

17, 1948 to Harold and Viola (Turner) Beach. Ron lived in Brainerd his whole life where he met and married Sharon Colvin.

He is survived by his daughters: Tracy (Ray) Tester, Kathy (Bill) Roehl, Tina Beach, Nicole Norman; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; son, Butch Norman; sisters: Carol (Gary) Hines, Darlene Fuhrer, Brother Ken (Ingrid) Beach, and many nieces and nephews.

He is proceeded in death by his parents; wife Sharon; siblings: Mardell, Billy, Donna, Dick, Jerry, Vernon, Arvid, Daryl, Gayle; and son, James Ronald Beach.

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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
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
Palisade — Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST

Aitkin — The Journey North, Pastor 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 Wed. 7 pm
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 4-4:45 pm.
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Gabriel Waweru, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Michael Garry, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass: M, Th and F at 8; Tues at Noon, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstmjels.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. 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; Sacramento Mtg. 10

COMMUNITY

Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE.,

Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10, SS 9; 16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.

McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
Palisade —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 Connect 6:30 pm
Malmö — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC

Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
Aitkin — First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 99am (9am service also available via livestream on YouTube — First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KGIN 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 Ingledwood 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.princeofpeace.lutheran.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 fcbraierd.com
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Brainerd* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www.goodshepherdfree.lutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052

Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. — Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.lla.church.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

Crosslake — (ELCA) www.crosslakelutheran.com • 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. Lovas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.

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; handicap 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)

Malmö — 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 9; SS 9.

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. Sassi; 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.

Rosburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

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

Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm. \

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Brainerd — Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984
Brainerd — Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis, Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite 2, 218-829-2989.

PENTECOSTAL

Baxter — Christ Alive, 12485 Forestview Drive, Baxter, MN 56425
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at 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

1ST 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, Wednesdays 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 Thursdays 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; fellowship follows.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

WESLEYAN

Emily — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed.

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Governor Walz expands Minnesota's military partnership with Norway

Signing ceremony for State Partnership Program held in Trondheim, Norway



On February 15, Governor Tim Walz participated in the official State Partnership Program (SPP) signing ceremony in Trondheim, Norway, expanding the long-standing partnership between Minnesota and Norway's militaries. Governor Walz also celebrated the 50-year anniversary of the Norwegian Reciprocal Troop Exchange (NOREX), the longest-running military exchange partnership between any two nations, at the Archbishop's Palace. Prior to the ceremony and celebration, Governor Walz met with members of the

Minnesota National Guard and Norwegian Home Guard participating in the military exchange. Governor Walz was hosted by Her Majesty Queen Sonja of Norway and joined by United States Ambassador to Norway Marc Nathanson; Army Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau; Army Lt. Gen. Jon Jensen, Army National Guard Director; and Army Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke, Minnesota National Guard's Adjutant General. Photos from today's events are attached and linked here.

"It was my honor to meet with members of the Minnesota National Guard and Norwegian Home Guard and hear firsthand how critical this military exchange is to building trust, partnership, and mutual understanding with our Norwegian partners," said Governor Walz. "I am proud to make this historic partnership official and look forward to working together to advance our shared values and security interests."



About the State Partnership Program

The State Partnership Program has made tremendous strides since its inception in 1993. The program has grown from a small number of partnerships with former Soviet and Warsaw Pact countries in Europe into a program that spans the globe in contributing to the security cooperation goals of the United States and its partners. All 54 State National Guards have at least one partnership. The Minnesota Guard has shared a partnership with Croatia for 27 years, and Norway will become another partner through this program.

About NOREX

In 1973, Norwegian Home Guard's Maj. Gen. Herluf Nygaard invited the Chief of the National Guard, Maj. Gen. Francis S. Green-

lief, to visit their Home Guard. The partnership was established that year and the following year, NOREX began and remains the longest-running military exchange partnership between any two nations. The first exchange occurred in 1974, with roughly 40 Minnesota National Guard members and Norwegian Home Guard Youth. Since 1985, the ex-

change has increased in size to include approximately 100 Minnesota National Guard citizen Soldiers and Airmen traveling to Norway, while the same number of Norwegian Home Guard Soldiers travel to Camp Ripley, Minnesota.

The events are part of the Governor's four-day visit to Norway to strengthen Minnesota and Norway's strong military and economic ties.

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where," Long Lake Manager Dave McMillan said. "Even if you're not a racer, a leisurely hike around the lake is well worth your time. Plus, it's for a great cause."

This fun run is perfect for those who like the scenery as much as the competition. The race winds through the woods surrounding Long Lake with bonfires and s'mores awaiting racers at the finish line. A social hour and walleye fish fry dinner cap the event.

Proceeds from the event will be earmarked for scholarships so that young people can attend nature school or summer camps at Long Lake, he said.

All racers will receive a Frozen Forest 5k stocking cap, post-race s'mores and refreshments, and admission into the walleye feast. Those not wishing to race can sign up for the walleye feast only, or take part in the "Zero-K Bonfire Sit" where instead of racing, participants head straight from the starting line to the finish line where they'll claim a stocking cap, and sit by the fire with a beverage of their choice, before enjoying the walleye feast.

The event is presented by the Long Lake Conservation Foundation, a 501(c)3 that exists to support Long Lake's mission of inspiring a deep appreciation of nature, promoting wise use of natural resources and fostering a lifelong stewardship of the environment.

"This might be the most picturesque 5K course any-

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.

CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 20-26, 2023

I'LL TRADE YA!

De-cluttering your space is a great way to have some more room physically and mentally. What doesn't get talked about that much is that just because you drop something off in a donation bag, doesn't mean it ends up in someone else's home. Millions of pounds of items and textiles end up in the landfills when they cannot be sold or recycled. One option for stuff you no longer need includes trading! Find someone who has something you want and swap. Clothing swaps are a fun way to get together with the community and leave with some treasures. Another option, if selling your items sounds like too much work, is to put it up online as free. If you were going to donate it anyway, this not only may help someone in need, but you know that someone who makes their way out to pick up that item is going to use it.

NATURE NOTES
We are no longer tiptoeing toward spring, but taking giant strides.

- American Goldfinches and House Finches are likely back in the area. Keep those feeders full.
- Keep an eye out for migratory birds like Canada Geese and Swans. Scouts will arrive first to check conditions.
- It's maple tapping season. Tap those trees

STARGAZING NOTES, provided by the Minnesota Astronomical Society
What is happening in the starry sky this week:
One of the most beautiful astronomical events of the year takes place this week, when the three brightest objects in the night sky-- the moon, Venus, and Jupiter-- gather in the western sky. On February 21, the slender crescent moon hangs below Venus and Jupiter. On February 22, the moon is right beside Jupiter. Best viewing is between 6:30 - 7:00 pm. As the sky gets darker look for earthshine on the moon, where the unlit portion of the moon is made visible by sunlight reflected off the Earth. Get your cameras ready!

As part of its ongoing mission to educate the public about wise use of natural resources, Long Lake's team of Environmental Educators will share simple, everyday Conservation Tips that everyone, including kids, can do. If everyone makes the effort to consume resources more wisely, we can help ensure a brighter future for the planet and make life better TODAY!

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