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Seventh grader has comportment of a champion at spelling bee



Royalton seventh grader William Rausch took first place honors in the 2023 Regional Spelling Bee March 22 at Sourcewell in Staples.

William Rausch certainly displayed the comportment of a spelling champion.

The Royalton School seventh grader took top honors at the 2023 Regional Spelling Bee, hosted by Sourcewell, on March 22.

Following Rausch's successful spelling of 'comportment' and being declared by judges as the winner, Sourcewell Student Aca-

demics Coordinator Phillip Olsen approached the stage to congratulate Rausch and asked how he studied and prepared for the spelling bee.

"I just did it in my living room with my mom," he said before the crowd, pointing to his mom in the audience.

The top three regional finishers were:



Greta Alajoki, eighth grade, Menahga, was the 2023 Runner-up. Last year Greta finished as Second Runner-up.

• Champion - William Rausch, seventh grade, Royalton

• Runner-up - Greta Alajoki, eighth grade, Menahga

• Second Runner-up - Karly Haverkamp, eighth grade, Wadena-Deer Creek

Each year, Sourcewell hosts the Regional Spelling Bee for third through eighth graders of member schools in the five-county service area of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties.

"We were able to witness 17 of the area's best spellers in action," Olsen said. "These students - ranging in age from third grade to eighth - showed incredible talent and poise. This event is always a



Karly Haverkamp, eighth grade, Wadena-Deer Creek, Second Runner-up.

wonderful way to showcase the skills of our students. In the end, William was able to outlast some strong competition and earned the top spot in the twelfth round."

Each participant was a finalist or champion in their respective district. The representation formula is one speller per 1,000 students based on K-12 enrollment, which also includes private and parochial schools within the geographical boundaries of a district.

Congratulations to all regional spelling bee participants:

Zach Prethish, fifth grade, Aitkin; Annika Kalis, seventh grade, Aitkin; Mariana Hansel, eighth grade, Bertha-Hewitt; Gracie Uecker, sixth grade, Crosslake; Greta Alajoki, eighth grade, Menahga; Drake Bowers, eighth



grade, Pequot Lakes; Jacob Harrison, seventh grade, Pequot Lakes; Zedrick Fleck, fifth grade, Pierz; Nathan Millner, third grade, Pierz; Gabe Stangl, eighth grade, Pierz; Leigham Markley, seventh grade, Pine River-Backus; William Rausch, seventh grade, Royalton; Hudson Nelson, seventh grade, Sebeke; Maggie Grunewald, fifth grade, Staples-Motley; Milo Hutchins, seventh grade, Swanville; Miley Hess, seventh grade, Verndale; Karly Haverkamp, eighth grade, Wadena-Deer Creek;

Music for Her Majesty

The Great River Strings Orchestra, under the baton of Musical Director Richard Aulie, will present their 2023 Spring Concert at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at Cascade United Methodist Church in Deerwood. The concert will be repeated at

3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 16, at the Ripple Center located in the Butler Building, 301 Minnesota Avenue N., in Aitkin. These concerts are made available through generous contributions from Mille Lacs Electric, the Aitkin

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EASTER WEEKEND FUN [AT] RUTTGER'S. SATURDAY, APRIL 8. 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt! weather permitting outside. 1:00-3:00pm Arts & Crafts*. 3:30pm Bingo Ruttger's Style. SUNDAY, APRIL 9. 10:00am-2:00pm Easter Brunch in Ruby's Dining Room

Folk-singing mom to play concert

Kelley Smith, a musical mother of four, is the next Grassroots Concerts artist who will take the Nisswa stage Friday, April 14.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. at the Live Well Nightclub and Coffee Bar in the Journey Church. Admission is still \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12 with listening attention when accompanied by an adult.

The venue is located at 5459 Lakers Lane, Nisswa, next to the school. Doors open at 6:30, where seating is first-come, first-served.

In a short while, Smith has become a regionally recognized folk artist, sharing stages with Minnesota greats like Charlie Parr, Dave Simonett of Trampled by Turtles, Wild Horses, and Drew Peterson.

Smith recently released her first record, "Moon Child," just after her 40th birthday.

Raised in the woods by musicians, she always had music in her bones, but it wasn't until her late 30s that she attached to her guitar and began songwriting. She did so as a practice in freeing herself from social anxiety.

"I was tired of being tongue-tied," she says. "I just wanted to paint little word pictures of what was in my head with



no pressure to be profound, or correct or catchy. Just me, my soul, coming out."

Adventures in Americana says "Her authentic, rootsy sound, falling somewhere between country, folk, bluegrass and old-time music, is a pitch-perfect vehicle for the themes she explores ..."

The Current's Radio Heartland included her album in their Best of 2022 list. It was nominated for Album of the Year by Blues and Roots Radio.

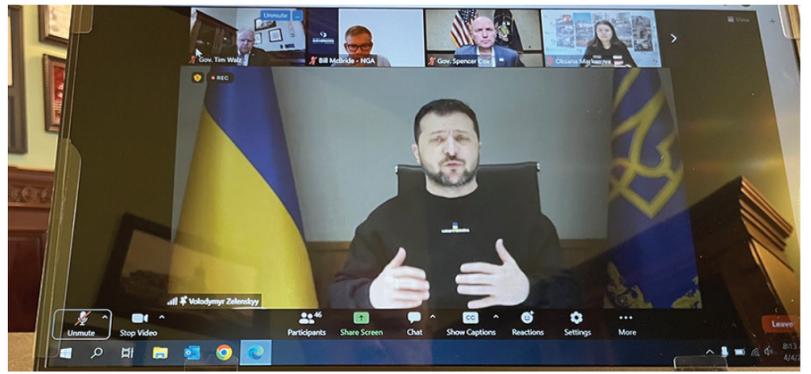
For more about the artist go to www.kelleysmithmusic.com.

Masks are recommended but not required. N-95 masks are available, as are sweet treats and coffee.

For updates on nonprofit

Grassroots Concerts, visit www.grassrootsconcerts.org or call 218-838-4266.

At each concert nonperishable food or cash donations are welcome and will go to a local food shelf.



Gov. Walz meets with Zelenskyy

On April 4, Governor Tim Walz joined a call with a bipartisan group of governors and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to express support for Ukraine and solidarity with the Ukrainian community in Minnesota. A photo from the call is attached.

"Minnesota stands with Ukraine," said Governor Walz. "It was an honor to hear from President Zelenskyy firsthand and offer him our unwavering support. Minnesota is a proud home to many Ukrainian families, and we will continue to welcome and support Ukrainian refugees in our state."

The call was facilitated by the National Governors Association.

CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

APRIL 10-16, 2023



EAT LOCAL!

The more local your food, the less energy it took to get there. According to Foodwise, food in the U.S. travels an average of 1,500 miles to get to your plate. Not only will it probably not be as fresh or tasty, (or last as long as something picked locally) but buying local will save so much energy and resources by not having to ship things around the country, often in refrigerated trucks. Supporting local, sustainable agriculture tends to use less resources than huge production farms, cutting back on pollution released into the environment. Buying local food also supports the local economy. Did you know you can use EBT at farmers markets? Buying locally does not necessarily mean it will be more expensive. Also being able to talk to the person that grows your food helps build connections and can give you cooking tips!

NATURE NOTES

- Listen for the barking calls of wood frogs and western chorus frogs.
- Wood ducks and mallards are beginning to lay eggs.
- This is the time when the first migrating chipping sparrows, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and Northern Flickers appear.
- This is the average time for ice out on area lakes. That's not going to be the case this year.

STARGAZING NOTES, provided by the Minnesota Astronomical Society

What is happening in the starry sky this week:

Mercury, never far from the sun, is a difficult planet to observe, and few people have ever seen it. But this week is the best opportunity all year to catch this elusive planet. You'll need clear skies and an unobstructed horizon. Look due west between 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. Venus will be blazing, about 30 degrees up in the west. Mercury, much dimmer and closer to the horizon, is below Venus and to the right. Try using binoculars. Good luck spotting the elusive planet Mercury.

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!



LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., April 8 & 15, 2023)

KIMBERLY TOWNSHIP IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

This may affect your 2024 property tax payments
The Board of Appeal & Equalization for the Township of Kimberly will meet on April 19, 2023 starting at 11:00 a.m. the Kimberly/Glen Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the

assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Dated: March 10, 2023
MIA RAPOPORT,
Kimberly Township Clerk
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- Free oil recycling at the landfill and several drop-off locations within the County. Visit our webpage for drop-off locations: www.crowwing.us and search "oil"
- Demolition materials may be disposed in the demolition landfill for a fee
- Large appliances, electronics, tires with or without rims, and scrap metals can be disposed at the site for a nominal fee for recycling.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

- April**
 13th - Business After Hours at Common Goods on Main Street in Crosby, 5-7pm. For more information contact the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218-546-8131.
 13th - Free movie night at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby at 5:30p Bring your own blanket for comfort. The movie will be *The Iron Giant*.
 14th - Verse Like Water poet program at Central Lakes College presents Romanian-American poet Maya C. Popa at noon on in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus. A book signing and craft talk will follow this free literary event.
 15th - Cuyuna Range Whitetails Deer Hunters 22nd Annual Banquet at the Hallett Community Center in Crosby at 5pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling Neil Dotzler at 218-429-1326 or Priscilla Blom at 218-851-7332.
 15th - Legacy Chorale performance at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood at 7pm. Tickets are offered at legacychorale.org.
 20th - Northland Arboretum presents Journaling, 14250 Conservation Dr., Baxter, 10am - noon. Learn how to use common ingredients from your kitchen to dye eggs naturally. All materials are provided. Participants should be 10 years of age or older. Class size is limited! Call 218-829-8770.
 21st - Because of Brandon, a juvenile diabetes fund-raiser, will be held at The Hudson in Ironton. To donate or for more information contact Jennifer Podosiadly at 218-545-4455.
 22nd - Jigsaw puzzle competition at Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby, 1pm. Eight teams to will complete the same 500-piece puzzle with a maximum of four on each team. Registration is required; sign-up at the library by providing the team name, contact name and number.
 22nd - Tree Pruning, 10am, at Northland Arboretum, 14250 Conservation Dr., Baxter, This class will cover basic pruning tools, proper pruning cuts, optimal season to prune common tree species. This class is led by ISA Certified Arborist Zack Clark, the founder of Environmental Advantage, a local tree service in the Brainerd Lakes. Open to the Public: Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Pre-Registration is required, deadline to register is April 18. Call 218-829-8770.
 24th & 25th - Bloodmobile noon- 6 pm at St. John's Lutheran in Aitkin. Aitkin Lions will be doing the registering and serve the canteen. To register call Red Cross for an appointment.
 28th - St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin Chicken Dinner Carry Out with pickup from 5-6 pm. Call 218-927-3170 to make reservations. Chicken, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, bread and dessert for \$12.

Send Us Your Photos and Community Events!
 Got an interesting photo and story to share? Just send it to hopper@crosbyironton.net, along with your name, city and a description of the photo. We also accept news and community events. And who knows, you may see your submission next week in the **NEWS HOPPER!**

READER RIBBETS

Crosby administrator's follow through

The City of Crosby Administrator's lack of follow through can once again be demonstrated with how the city sponsored bicycle committee's recommended downtown sidewalk ordinance our council approved are being handled.

There has yet to be an advertised public bicycle committee meeting, to obtain input from last year's riding season to determine if any changes need to be made or problems addressed. The second season of conditionally allowing bikes on the downtown sidewalks is approaching and not a single ordinance requirement has been followed. There are no informative signs posted, even though the city accepted a large grant towards their purchase. Nor have any steps been taken to assure single one lane bicycle traffic is followed, etc.

The whole process now appears to be nothing more than a ruse that ended up giving the bikers the freedom their business owner buddies and local spiritual leader so desperately desired and fought for. This administrator is the perfect tourism based business advocate, but in my opinion, a poor representative of our residents who expect and deserve better. If the city administrator doesn't bother to follow through on what ordinances the council enacts, than how can he possibly believe that our city's department heads and our other employees are going to respect and follow them as well? His continued lack of follow through has directly effected many areas of accountability, as we have clearly witnessed in departments such as public works. Our council needs to, as a whole, take a real hard look at if this administrator is providing our residents, not just tourism entities, true representation that's producing positive results for all the taxpayers or if he's just providing the council lip service so they move on and eventually forget about these issues.

Chris Ryan, Crosby

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA SAXUM



Patricia Luella Saxum, 89, died peacefully in her home in the early hours of February 15, 2023. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2023 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. A visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church.

Patricia was born on April 3, 1933 to Owen J. and Christine Swanson (Graff). She was educated in Pillager before transferring to Washington High School in Brainerd, where she became fast friends with Joan and Jean Hoeft, who would later become her roommates in Minneapolis. After graduating in 1951, she moved to the big city to work for Aetna-Life Insurance. On July 20, 1956, she began her 56 year marriage to Donald Saxum; together with whom she raised five children in Minneapolis while she also worked as a teacher's aide. They enjoyed a wonderful retirement together in the Brainerd Lakes area, where you would find them taking long boat rides at sunset or decorating the pontoon for the July 4th boat parades on Crooked-Portage Lakes. Growing up on the Crow Wing River, ingrained

in her a love for water; nobody appreciated the beauty of the lake more than Patricia. You could always talk her into swimming or going for a float on the water. Better known to her grandchildren as "Nana", she will be remembered by them for her generosity of candy, big hugs, love and support. Her friends will remember her as a charming lunch date and conversationalist. A highlight of her later years were her travels to Arizona and Alaska. Always a woman of discerning taste, she spent her final years sipping chocolate wine and cheering on the Twins.

Patricia is survived by her sons: Donald, Steven (Cathy), and Douglas (Charity); daughter, Terri; six grandchildren: Cassie, Tori (Kaley), David, Gunnar, Tianna (Braydon), and Goldie; two great-grandchildren: Braxton and Karsyn; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Many will be enjoying a Benny Goodman record and a rum and coke in her memory.

Patricia is preceded in death by her parents, Owen and Christine; husband, Donald; brother, Wayne; sister-in-law, Jean (Hoeft) Swanson; and son, David.

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

MARLA HARDY



Marla Hardy, 61, died on Friday, March 31, 2023.

A private celebration of life will be held at a future date.

She was born on May 28, 1961, to Loren and Fran Hardy. She is survived by two brothers, Mark Hardy

and Craig Hardy, four children: Aaron Stegner (Carrie), Ben Stegner, Cate Waidelich (Brad) and Alan Stegner (Dion); and eight grandchildren: Aidan, Zoe, Zeke, Sophie, Lauren, David, Arabella and Henry.

Marla Hardy was a kind and caring person who enjoyed spending time with friends and family. She was always willing to help a friend in need and there to lend a listening ear.

JAMES LAW, JR.



James Barton "Bart" Law, Jr., 60, died peacefully after a long battle with cancer with his daughters by his side on Thursday, March 30, 2023 in Aitkin.

A memorial celebration will be held in OKC at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your favorite charity.

He was born March 14, 1963 in Oklahoma City, OK. Bart worked in the oil and gas business his whole life. His favorite place to be was Cedar Farm in Aitkin. He developed the land and gave

many other families a chance to experience a piece of heaven. Bart loved playing golf, cooking, flying his plane and his many friends and family.

Bart is survived by his daughters: Kay Law and Kelly Law; sisters: Janell Flanery and Tricia Law and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his beloved son, JB and his parents James B. Law and Patricia Davis Cochran.

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

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LOOK WHOSE baby JUST ARRIVED

ROBERT DIDERICH

Robert Austin Diederich, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 9 ozs., was born Mar. 28, 2023, in Deerwood, to Nicole and Austin Diederich of Deerwood. Grandparents are Mark and Jenifer Geisler, St. Cloud and Robert and Leah Diederich, Sauk Rapids.

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- Nisswa Community Center - 25636 Main St, Nisswa
- Ideal Transfer Station - 33503 W Island Lake, Pequot Lakes

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT WOLTER



Robert Wolter, 83, died Sunday, April 2, 2023 at United Hospital in St. Paul.

As per Bob's request, no funeral service will be held at this time.

Bob was born June 27, 1939 at home in Granada, MN. Much to everyone's

surprise, he barreled into this world just minutes after his twin brother, Richard Wolter. Bob grew up in Granada where he attended school, excelled in athletics, and enjoyed many rascally adventures with his brother and friends. After graduating high school in 1957, Bob attended college at Mankato State University and graduated with a bachelor's, and later a master's, degree in education. He married his high school sweetheart, Connie (True) Wolter on August 26, 1961 at the Granada Congregational Church. Their nearly 62 years of marriage were full of love, respect, and an incredible friendship. Together they raised four children. He was the world's best dad untangling fishing line, playing all sorts of games, sledding, carving pumpkins, initiating croquet tournaments, drawing fat horses, buying candy cigarettes at Tootie's, and tucking kids in every night (except that one night he forgot). Bob spent most of his career teaching social studies, counseling, and coaching at the Granada-Huntley-East Chain school district. He made a lasting impact on so many of his students and athletes, many of whom have stayed in touch his entire life. Upon retirement, Bob and Connie moved to

their lake home outside of Aitkin. Their children and grandchildren have spent many wonderful summer days fishing on the pontoon, swimming in the lake, and getting "doodlebug" (ATV) rides from Grandpa. In his spare time, Bob loved hunting, fishing, playing sports, and spending time with family, friends, and his dogs. He was a life-long outdoorsman and especially enjoyed the fun and memories made at Wolter Deer Camp every fall in addition to numerous fishing and hunting trips with his family and friends. When not outdoors, Bob got a charge out of Saddle-Up Saturdays on TV, cooking, watching the Twins or Vikings, and playing cards or cribbage with anyone willing to take on the challenge. Bob was a well-liked, humble, and a kind man with a fun and cheerful wit. He enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Connie; daughters: Melanie (Dane) Goulson, Missy (Kevin) Klapperich and Sara (Kyle) Strege; identical twin brother, Richard Wolter; eight grandchildren: Libby (Seth) Johnson, Ben Klapperich, Katie, Tori, and Allie Strege, Grant, Ethan, and Emma Goulson, and great-grandson Lincoln Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Mabel (Chaffee) Wolter; siblings, Marian and James Wolter; son, Patrick Wolter; grand-daughter, Elise Strege; sister-in-law, Karen (Voyles) Wolter.

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

ROBERT MERRITT, JR.



Robert A. Merritt, Jr., 63, formerly of Tamarack, died, Thursday, March 30, 2023 in Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin.

A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held Sunday, April 23, at 11 a.m. at the McGregor Community Center with Loretta Robinson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at a later date in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Lamberton.

He was born August 15, 1959 in Minneapolis to Robert and Florence (Preston) Merritt, Sr. Bob was a spitting image of his father. Bob graduated from McGregor High School in 1978. Bob married the love of his life, Janice Nelson on April 27, 1979 after only three weeks of dating. Bob moved with his family to Fridley where he worked at Hoffman Engineering and Federal Cartridge before returning to the McGregor/Tamarack area. Through hard work and sacrifices, they purchase their family home in Tamarack. Robert worked at Camp New Hope for a few years before furthering his education at Lake Superior College where he graduated

the top in his class for Diesel Technicians. Bob then worked at McGregor ISD#4 for 20 years as a Bus Mechanic. After that, he worked with Curt Raveill (who was a high school friend) at Raveill Trucking until his untimely motorcycle accident in 2019. Robert and Janice were always helping with community projects. He had a love/hate relationship with fixing vehicles. Bob was known for his gruff attitude and his honesty. Even with that, the man had a soft spot for his loved ones. Bob enjoyed fishing, hunting, coffee, old cars, naps and especially spending time with his grandkids.

Bob is survived by his three children: Robert (Alicia) Merritt of Tamarack, Tabatha Peters of Aitkin and Adam (Amanda) Merritt; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; siblings: Barb Erdahal, Pat and David Stewart, Samantha and Ed Philips and Susan and Ted Ferguson; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife, Janice; parents; daughter-in-law, Sheila Merritt; brother-in-law, Lee Erdahal.

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

ROBERT ROSEBERG

Robert F. Roseberg of Isle - Malmo area died unexpectedly but peacefully at his farm on Friday, March 31, 2023.

A memorial service is being planned for later in April.

A full obituary and details of the service will be posted soon.

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Aitkin. www.srtfuneral.com

SUSAN ZGUTOWICZ

Susan Mary Zgutowicz, 78, of Deerwood died on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Essentia St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 10, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Visitation will be on Monday one hour prior to the Funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given the Cuyuna Range Food Shelf.

She was born on July 4, 1944 in Minneapolis to Robert and Mary (Carlin) Beam. She married Gary Zgutowicz on September 21, 1968 in Minneapolis. She was a member of St. Joseph's

Catholic Church in Crosby and volunteered at the Cuyuna Range Food Shelf.

Sue is survived by her husband Gary; son, Andrew (Nancy) Zgutowicz of Glen Ellyn, IL; daughter, Jennifer (Kurt) Schiller of Stafford, VA; six grandchildren: Jack, Caroline and Peter Zgutowicz and Liam, Katherine and Joseph Schiller; two sisters: Cheryl (Tom) Glisczinski of Eden Prairie and Linda Beam of Minneapolis.

Preceding Sue in death are her parents and a brother, David Beam.

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

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

ALLIANCE
Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & Tyrel LaValle, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 6pm; youth group Wed. 6pm; 11-1st Street SW; newlifeaitkin.com 218-927-2823.
Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
Garrison* — Worship 10:30am
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.
Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 9 & 10:45 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, iamheritage.org
Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45
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.thechurchontheisewiseroad.org
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 11.
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor Jon Thorson; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study 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 Skogren; 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.ihmstempley.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; 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; 218-252-0711; 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
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 Ingewood 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.princeofpeacechurch.com
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 fbcbrainerd.com 424 8th Street South, Brainerd

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

Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.org)

Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th St. Brainerd, Worship time September through May 8:15am & 10:30am; worship (June through August) 9 am. 218-829-5147. Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org. Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake — (ELCA) www.crosslakelutheran.com • Kristin Oltmann, Pastor 218-692-3682 Labor Day-Mem. Day: Sun. 9:30am, Wed. 6:15pm Mem. 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 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)

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 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. 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.

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

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, 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; fellowship 10; 2 bks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 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. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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A director of the Cooperative shall among other things:

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- Possess the minimum knowledge and skills necessary to direct the affairs of a cooperative.
- Be willing to devote such time and effort to the duties of a director as may be necessary.

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Those interested in becoming a candidate for Little Pine Township District should contact Tremolo Communications CEO/General Manager, Josh Netland at jnetland@emilytel.com or at 218-763-3000.

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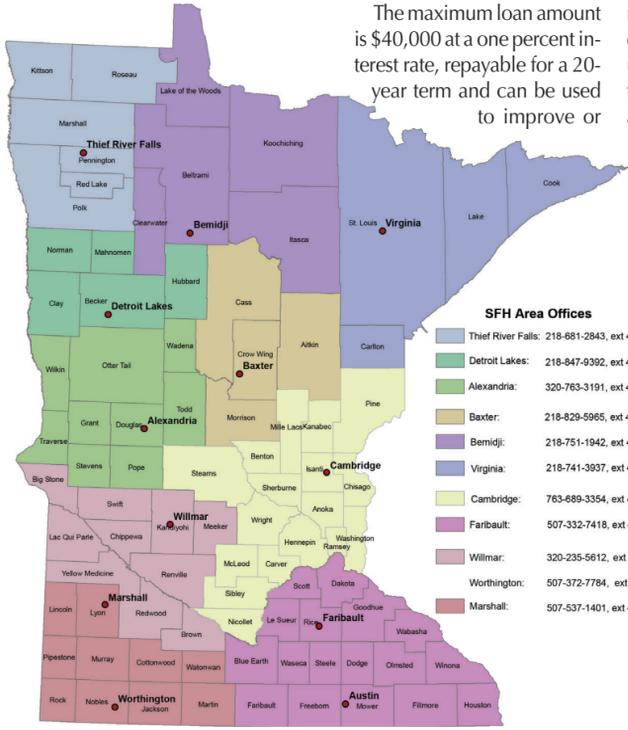
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Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist in your area, to see if you qualify.

Arrowhead area webinar
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USDA Representatives will discuss the key elements of the program and how it can assist home-

owners in your community. The program provides federal dollars to low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their home or provide grants to low-income older adult homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

For more information or to register for the webinar visit www.eventbrite.com/e/single-family-housing-repair-loans-and-grants-tickets-577516245637 or contact Gina at gmarsalla@arc.org or 218-722-5545. You may also visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

Music for Her Majesty Concerts
Lions Club, and Cascade United Methodist Church. There will be no charge for admission to the concerts, but a free will offering will be taken at both events.

Music for Her Majesty will be a musical celebration of the life of Queen Elizabeth II, featuring composers and music that were among her favorites. Many classical English composers are featured in this program. Some of them served at one time as court composers for the Royal family. Queen Elizabeth

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also enjoyed popular music, especially the *Beatles*. The orchestra will play a selection of *Beatles* songs arranged in a classical, Baroque style. Paddington the Bear also promises to make an appearance with Queen Elizabeth before the program concludes with Gustav Holst's arrangement of *I Vow to Thee My Country*, featuring *God Save the Queen*. Great River Strings members represent communities from four Minnesota counties- Crow Wing, Cass, Aitkin, and Mille Lacs.



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