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# Smiles for Jake hosts author, speaker and filmmaker Kevin Hines

Kevin Hines will be visiting the Brainerd Lakes Area and making several "Be Here Tomorrow" presentations from May 1 through May 4. Hines is a storyteller, best-selling author, global public speaker, and award-winning filmmaker. In the year 2000, he attempted to take his life by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge. During these presentations, Hines will share his story of



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hope, healing, and recovery while teaching people of all ages the art of wellness and the ability to survive pain

with true resilience. "We are thrilled to be hosting Kevin in May," said Kristi Westbrook for Jake Board of Directors President. "His message of hope will be sure to inspire our youth and the entire community. We desperately need more tools

for coping with today's pressures and continuing to find reasons to smile." Besides presentations at area middle and high schools, there will also be three sessions that are open to the public:  
 • Tuesday, May 2 at 8 a.m. for business/nonprofit leaders and 5:30 p.m. for general public (Gather on 3 Event Center, Merrifield)  
 • Wednesday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m. for general public (Chalberg Theatre, CLC Cam-

pus, Brainerd) There is no cost to attend any of the public sessions, but RSVPing would be appreciated. For more details and to reserve a seat visit: [www.smilesforjake.org/kevin](http://www.smilesforjake.org/kevin). According to the World Health Organization, the global prevalence of anxiety and depression increased by 25 percent in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cites suicide as the second leading

cause of death for youth and young adults, ages 10-24. One in five adults in the United States experience a mental health illness. These facts, combined with a rise in suicide interventions at local schools and demand for more mental health services at area medical facilities, have prompted Smiles for Jake to invite a nationally recognized speaker to provide inspiration and information to local youth and adults.

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time and clean up.

Youth (ages 8-15) classes will be held at the Northland Arboretum each Wednesday starting June 7 through August 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. As well as harvest time and clean up, which is to be determined.

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# OBITUARIES

## ROSEANN NENTL



RoseAnn Nentl, 90, of Aitkin, died peacefully surrounded by her children and oldest grandson and his wife on Monday, April 17, 2023 in Aitkin.

Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father Mike Patullo officiating. Burial was in Saint Thomas Cemetery, Aitkin.

She was born July 31, 1932, at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud to Ignatius and Hedwig (Polarski) Namyst. She was raised in Holdingford and graduated from Holdingford High School. RoseAnn was united in marriage to Alois Nentl on June 16, 1952 in Holdingford. A devoted wife and mother, she worked as a bookkeeper for the family's businesses, Aitkin Dairy and Clover Leaf Creamery. RoseAnn loved helping others and volunteered for many community activities. She loved her family and loved being Busha (grandma)! She often welcomed others to the table and always made everyone feel a part of her family. She loved traveling to Breezy Point with her sisters; visiting Hawaii, Mazatlán, Acapulco, Arizona, and Sanibel Island with friends and family; and walks on Cedar Lake's Maple

Island. A steward of the earth, RoseAnn believed in recycling before it became a common environmental practice. She loved telling stories about her childhood growing up on the farm. She liked making ceramics with her girlfriends and bingo, bowling, rummage sales, puzzles, and embroidering. She enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune, the Minnesota Twins, and Minnesota Vikings.

RoseAnn is survived by her children: Mary Kay Christensen and Everett of Hawley, Keith Nentl of Aitkin, Michael Nentl of Aitkin, Joyce DeGrote and Bruce of Sauk Rapids, and Ann Rivas Vatsndal and Brian of Wadena; grandchildren: Paul Mayavski and Stacey of Glenwood, Angie DeGrote and Cole Bauer of St. Cloud, Jodi and Pete Atterberg of Fargo, ND; Brian DeGrote and Casey Zins of St. Michael and Daniel Rivas and Brenton Boise of Chicago, IL; four great-grandchildren; Sister Dorraine Czech; sisters-in-law: Betty Namyst, Bernice Namyst, and Donna Nentl; daughter-in law Tonya (Nentl) Butler; and many other special relatives and friends.

RoseAnn was preceded in death by her parents; husband Alois; son Kevin; and many loved family members.

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. Go to [www.srffuneral.com](http://www.srffuneral.com) to leave a message of condolence.

## PEGGY ROUBINEK



Peggy Louise Roubinek, 64, of Ironton died at her home on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

A Visitation was held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial was in the Lake-wood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born in Crosby on March 16, 1959 to Leonard and Irene (Parsons) Laughton. Peggy married Micheal James Roubinek on May 13, 1986 in Brainerd.

Peggy is survived by her husband Micheal; son, Michael (Rosie) Roubinek of Bay Lake; daughter, Ashley Roubinek of Deerwood; brother, Bill (Kathy) Laughton of Cuyuna; three sisters: Rosie Isler of Crosby, Patsy Thomas of Ironton and Susie (Sonny) Vukelich of Deerwood; and four grandchildren.

Preceding Peggy in death are her parents; son, Steven Roubinek and brother, Allen Parsons.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to [www.koopfuneralhome.com](http://www.koopfuneralhome.com).

## THOMAS BRANDT



Thomas R. Brandt, 83, of Deerwood, formerly of Northfield, died on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the Church of St. Dominic, 104 Linden Street North, Northfield. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Northfield. A celebration of life service for Tom will be held in the Deerwood area at a later date.

He was born on April 17, 1940 in Brainerd to Robert and Margaret (Cody) Brandt. When he was eight years old his family moved from Crosby to the family farm in the Northfield/Dundas area. An avid athlete, Tom graduated from Northfield High School in 1958. He attended Mankato State College where he was a member of the baseball team. Immediately after graduation, Tom was drafted into the Army. He served two years, one of those in Vietnam. On September 30, 1967 he married Ellen Driscoll in LeSueur. Tom was employed at Northfield Foundry & Machine Co. and later Sheldahl Flexible Technologies, Inc.

until his retirement. When his sons were younger, he coached their youth baseball teams and later in life, he could be found in his favorite recliner watching and critiquing the Minnesota Twins. Wanting to share his profound thoughts with Twins management, he sent off a letter suggesting the team would win more games if the players were clean shaven. Unfortunately, the Twins never saw the wisdom in his advice. When Tom wasn't woodworking, reading a book or watching baseball, he could be found caring for the lawn. He prided himself in the fact very few people on earth mowed their lawn more frequently than he did. Over the years, he perfected the art of cutting the grass to resemble a baseball outfield pattern.

Tom is survived by his wife, Ellen; children, Stephen of Columbia Heights, Thomas (Julie) of Bloomington, Greg of Northfield, Peter (Nicole) of Northfield; nine grandchildren: Mara, Becca, Amelia, Wyatt, Grace, Josie, Ayla, Ellie, Emma; sister, Judy Roettger of Florida; sister-in-law, Lois Brandt of Florida.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Rob; three brothers-in-law: Roger Roettger, Joe Driscoll and Kenny Dull.

Arrangements are with Bierman Funeral Home & Crematory. [www.biermanfuneralhome.com](http://www.biermanfuneralhome.com)

## SHAWN SONDROL

Shawn Sondrol, 29, of Breezy Point, died on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at his home.

Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 28, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes. Visitation was one hour prior to the service. Burial was in Our Savior's Cemetery.

He was born October 20, 1993, in Breckenridge to Dale and Diane Sondrol. Shawn enjoyed

computers and fixing things, especially cars. He enjoyed helping people in any way he could.

Shawn is survived by his parents, Dale and Diane Sondrol; siblings: Trista Sondrol (Chris Ferriero), Chad Sondrol, Heather Gizinski (Dave); nieces and nephews: Taylor Sondrol, Dawson Ferriero, William Gizinski, Joslyn Gizinski and Rachel Gizinski.

## JIMMIE BENJAMIN

Jimmie "Jim" R. Benjamin, 81, of Brainerd, died peacefully on Monday, April 17, 2023, surrounded by family.

Services were held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Baxter. Interment was in Garrison City Cemetery.

Jim was born on November 19, 1941, to Llyod and Alta (Dinwittie) Benjamin in Garrison. He married Bernice Miers on May 5, 1975, in Hibbing. They moved to the Brainerd Lakes area and Jim worked at potlatch paper mill. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and truly respected the outdoors. Spending time with family was of

the upmost importance to Jim. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Jim is survived by Bernice, his wife of 48 years; children: Jim, Chris (Debbie), Gary, and Cindy (Bob); eight grandchildren: Scott (Cathy), Amy, Val, Alissa, Matthew, Monique (Tony), Kristi (Adam), and Alexis; 10 great-grandchildren; and sister, Bonnie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Alta Benjamin; siblings: Vernon Benjamin, Mervin (Bud) Benjamin, Duane (Buzz) Benjamin, and Dee (Sis); and son, John Acosta.

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# READER RIBBETS

## Our observations of New Zealand

New Zealanders are a very friendly and helpful people. Even though they are very outgoing, they are not as loud as Americans. You don't hear honking horns and things seem more peaceful. People drive the actual speed limit and with very little road rage.

They are in better shape than us, engaging in biking, hiking, swimming, surfing and any outdoor activities imaginable. It transcends all ages. They love being outdoors.

New Zealand has about the same amount of people as

Minnesota and about the same amount of golf courses as Minnesota! And 26 million sheep. Almost everyone walks on the golf courses. Power carts are very rare. (What does that say about us?)

The country is very eco-friendly. Recycling is done everywhere and efficiently.

Gas prices are higher than the U.S. and so is the cost of real estate. Food prices are a touch less expensive.

Tipping is not part of New Zealand culture. People make a livable wage and have health

benefits. Nice concept.

New Zealand is dealing with inflation and a shortage of workers, the same as our country. The problem is worldwide and not the fault of one person.

New Zealanders are nicknamed Kiwis. But that is also the fruit and a native bird. Minced meat pies are the hamburger of N.Z. and are delicious.

All in all, we loved our time in New Zealand and it is a great place to live. But then again, so is Minnesota.

Dave & Marc Carr, Deerwood

## Critique of City of Crosby's crew

If the select couple of City of Crosby's public works employees devoted as much time in the recent couple weeks to working as they have filing grievances, complaining about a council member who dares state the obvious and even publically throwing out rants about threatening to strike, maybe responsibilities such as our cemetery would be restored after three months of neglect, etc.

This department's cancerous couple of employees claims of not being respected and how they are again the victims of

harassment is getting as old as the constant excuses as for why things aren't getting done.

Maybe its time the council overrides the mayor's obvious coddling of this department by letting these disgruntled workers find an easier work environment elsewhere and take the appropriate steps to hire trained, competent help who want to work instead of consistently dealing with those who make it a practice of wasting taxpayers resources. This pair of employees appear to need each others companionship while wasting

a good part of each day driving around in city trucks. At this rate the city will need to offer counseling to get them through their work day as well. Crosby would be so far ahead if they eliminate these couple of laborer positions, then stepped up to the plate by creating and hiring a working supervisor position that not only assigns daily job responsibilities, but works aside them to assure the duties get finished as it is clear that neither our city administrator or public works foreman can get the job done. Chris Ryan, Crosby

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

### April

29th - Northland Arboretum Arbor Day Celebration, FREE outdoor community event, 11am-2pm, 14250 Conservation Dr, Baxter. There will be free bug kits, free seedlings, and swag bags for the first 500 visitors. There will also be live music, a bouncy house, medallion hunt, demonstrations, a petting zoo, live reptiles, giveaways and so much more.

30th - Northland Arboretum Birding 101, 1:30-3pm, 14250 Conservation Dr, Baxter. Class includes indoor presentation with techniques, tips and tools to help you become a better birder, plus a brief trail walk (weather dependent) to test out your newly learned skills. Class is designed for adults and youth ages 12-16 when accompanied by an adult. Door Prizes and Free Use of Binoculars. Call 218-829-8770.

### May

2nd - The Raider Concert Winds & Raider Jazz Collective present their spring concert, "Balance" at 7:30 p.m. in the Chalberg Theatre. Cost is \$5 for adults; Students and children 14 and under are free.

4th - Aitkin Lions Spring Luncheon at the Forty Club Convention Center in Aitkin. Cost is \$12 per person. Door prizes will be available for 6 chances for \$5.00. Everyone welcome.

6th - Creation vs Darwin at Aitkin Public Library 11am-noon. A special program investigating origins with Creation Science speaker Helmut Welke. Free and open to the public.

## Brainerd Elks Annual Fishing Fling

The Brainerd Elks Fishing Fling is returning to the Brainerd National Guard Armory on Wednesday, May 10. The Fishing Fling event is an annual fundraiser to provide area high school students with thousands of dollars in scholarships.

The Fishing Fling is as much a sign of spring as the first robin or budding tree. This event is open to the public and there will be many opportunities to win from an

incredible array of prizes. Some of the prizes include a thousand dollars from Cub Foods, a Gophers Weekend, VIP Passes to Lakes Jam, A Gull Lake Dinner Cruise, Cragun's Resort certificates and countless rods, reels tackle and so much more.

Social hour begins at 5 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. and a program and prizes to follow. Choice of dinner is Prime Rib or Chicken and the featured guest speaker is Dick

Jonckowski, voice of the Gophers of over 30 years. Tickets are now available from any Elks members or at the Elks Lodge in Brainerd for \$75. Call the Elks at 218-829-2643 after 3 p.m. to reserve tickets.

Look for more information and updates on Facebook and at the Elks Website: [www.BrainerdElks615.org](http://www.BrainerdElks615.org)

The proceeds benefit the Elks Youth Activities Fund that provides scholarships to area high school students.

## Send Us Your Photos and Community Events!



Got an interesting photo and story to share? Just send it to [hopper@crossbyironton.net](mailto:hopper@crossbyironton.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 NewsHopper!



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# OBITUARIES

## CLAUDE GILMER



Claude Joseph Gilmer, 94, of Aitkin formerly of Crosby died at Aitkin Health Service on Saturday, April 8, 2023.



A Memorial service was on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood with military honors presented by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion, Deerwood. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

He was born on August 31, 1928 to William and Marie "Mary" Gilmer in Swan Lake Manitoba Canada. The family moved to Brainerd, he lost his mother at the age of two and was raised by his Aunt Mary. As a teenager, his father moved him and his brother to several farms. After he served in the U.S. Army in the Tank Corps during the Korean War, he worked for Hanna Mining and was a logger most of his life. On June 6, 1964 he married to Marlene Wood, she passed away at the age of 40. They had three children. He then married Renee Stirewalt

on May 29, 1998. Claude was a giant of a man, honorable and decent. If life is measured in respect and by the people who cared about him, Claude had a rich colorful life. He played accordion, guitar, picked at the piano, sang karaoke and was an awesome dancer. He loved working at his sawmill and constructing his outbuildings. He was a member of the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557 of Deerwood and the Snow Serpents. Fishing was one of his favorite pastimes along with anything he could do outdoors.

Claude is survived by his wife ,Renee of Aitkin; children:, Claudia (Craig) Kron of Crosby, Bradley (Teresa) Gilmer of Crosby, Brian Gilmer of Crosslake, Michael (Jami) Boodle of Crosby, Sheryl (Dan) Lindberg of Aitkin and Tamie (Kurt) Mueller of Minneapolis, along with multiple grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Preceding Claude in death are his mother, father and his brother, Gerald (Lil) Gilmer.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to [www.koopfuneralhome.com](http://www.koopfuneralhome.com).

## DOUGLAS WINTERS

Douglas Dale Winters, 69, of Ironton died on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Essentia St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

A Gathering with friends will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at the Lum Park starting 2:30 p.m. If you would like, bring a dish to share.

He was born on December 30, 1953 in Montevideo to Richard and Vivian (Doring) Winters. Doug enjoyed going fishing, camping, have BBQ's and visiting with friends, watching movies and taking

walks with his dog, Samantha.

Doug is survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceding Doug in death are his parents; and three sisters: Lola Pyles, Diane Smith and Lori Winters.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to [www.koopfuneralhome.com](http://www.koopfuneralhome.com).

## DWAINE BOUCHER



Dwaine E. Boucher, 87, of Aitkin died Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at Aitkin Health Services.

Services are being planned for a later date this summer. Burial will be in Saron Cemetery.

He was born August 30, 1935 in Robbinsdale to Edmund and Dorothy (O'Borsky) Boucher. He attended North High School in Minneapolis. He was a very good baseball player, playing semi-pro baseball and fast pitch softball. He worked in the Twin Cities in construction as a backhoe operator and also in the insurance and real estate industry. Dwaine was united in marriage to Marilyn D. (Johnson) on November 30, 1985 in Aitkin. They lived on a farm where Dwaine enjoyed working the land with his backhoe to make food plots and digging ponds for the different wildlife. He was an avid deer hunter and fisherman and would travel to Canada to go duck and goose hunting. He enjoyed

watching all sports, was a member of the MN Deer Hunters Association and Ducks unlimited.

Dwaine is survived by his wife, Marilyn of Aitkin; son, Bradly (Barbara) Boucher of Tennessee; four stepchildren: Jeffrey (Laura) Schlagel of Aitkin, Steven (Susan) Schlagel of Texas, Kathy (Rodney) Sparks of Nisswa, and Wendy (Joel) Holden of Park Rapids; three grandchildren: Alex (Gina) Boucher of Plymouth, Andy (Andria) Boucher of Tennessee, and Adam (Natalee) Boucher of Tennessee; four great-grandchildren: Elijah, Asher, Theodore, and Winona; sisters: Caroline Anderson of Plymouth and Renee Gode of Ironton; many special step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends who mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Ron Anderson and nephew Steven Anderson.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## DORIS DOTY

Doris Doty, 98, of Palisade died Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Rivers Edge Assisted Living in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade with Pastor Steven Teff officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at

the church. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Palisade.

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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](http://newlifeaitkin.com) 218-927-2823.  
Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; [www.pointway.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Baxter — The Journey North, Pastor Jeremiah Rice, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9 & 10:30, [thejourneynorth.com](http://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](http://fbcbrainerd.com)  
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchontheviseroad.org](http://www.thechurchontheviseroad.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](http://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.ihmstemihs.org](http://www.ihmstemihs.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.

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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](mailto: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 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](http://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](http://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 [fcbraainerd.com](http://fcbraainerd.com) 424 8th Street South, Brainerd

Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at [www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church](http://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](http://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](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org). Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto:trinity@trinitybrainerd.org)

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9  
Brainerd - Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Steve Benson, Sunday Worship 9, Monday Worship 6 pm. Education hour Sunday 10:15 am. 220 N. 8th St. Brainerd. 218-829-4317. [www.zionbrainerd.com](http://www.zionbrainerd.com).

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

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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](http://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](http://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; handicapped accessible.

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

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Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Lake Superior — 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. 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.

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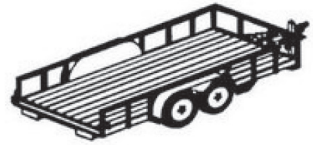
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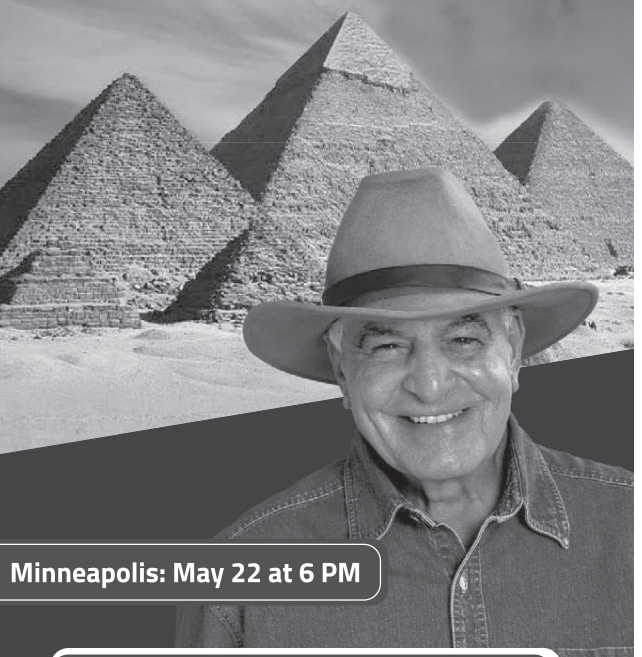
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# Collected Stories performed at Central Lakes College April 27-May 6



Collected Stories, a two-character play featuring Laura Busch as Ruth and Kryston Wiseley as Lisa, runs through May 6 at the Dryden Theatre, Central Lakes College in Brainerd. Maren Martin photo.

What would you do if someone decided to write and sell your story – your history, your past loves, your regrets - without your permission? How much of your story, particularly the details of your life that are out in public for everyone to see, is truly yours? This is one of the central questions in the play Collected Stories by Donald Margulies, produced by Brainerd Community Theatre

and presented by the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center.

Collected Stories runs each evening through Saturday, May 6 at the Dryden Theatre, Central Lakes College in Brainerd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts two hours with intermission. Tickets are available at www.clcperformingarts.com and at the box office 218-855-

8199.

Joey Yow, Director of the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center, credits Collected Stories as being particularly relevant to our modern times. "How many of us have uploaded years of details about our personal lives to social media sites under the naive assumption that only our friends and family would take note or interest? As we've moved into the era of the mass repurposing of knowledge for the sake of fast reads and

entertainment, I find myself so much more protective of what information I share with the world about my family, my accomplishments, and my struggles. From regurgitated blog posts, analysis writers in media, homemade YouTube reaction videos, and AI-tools scrubbing the internet to create facsimile of human writing, it feels as if we are always having someone else's thoughts and creations repackaged to us (usually, without credit.) Collected Stories gets right at the heart of our modern conundrum – how much control do we have, or even should expect to have, of our own story,

particularly when the cultural expectation is that we freely share that story? How much of what is known about us in the world can be changed or manipulated, and can we ever regain the truth?"

This two-character play stars Laura Busch as Ruth, a celebrated author, and explores her six-year relationship with her protégé, Lisa, a talented yet naive writer played by Kryston Wiseley.

The play is directed by Corrine Johnson, a Theatre faculty member at Central Lakes College. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon and has also taught at St. Ambrose University,

Luther College, Augustana College, the University of Oregon and the University of Minnesota.

Collected Stories received its world premiere at South Coast Repertory in 1996, where it won the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Production of a Play and Best Original Play.

Donald Margulies is an American playwright and professor of English and Theater Studies at Yale University. He is celebrated for his ability to capture the complexity of human relationships and his insightful observations on contemporary life.

## Brainerd Elks Lodge scholarships

The Brainerd Elks Lodge #615 announced their annual Scholarships and Awards for the 2022-2023 academic year.

### National Most Valuable Student

The National Most Valuable Student is Carissa Andres of Pierz High School. She is advancing to national level of competition and will receive a minimum of a \$4,000 scholarship.

### Central Lakes College attendees

Central Lakes College attendees Madelyn Leyk of Pine

River – Backus High School received the Career and Technical Scholarship of \$1,400. and Hunter Haggberg of Isle High school received the Liberal Arts and Sciences scholarship of \$1,400.

### Local Most Valuable Student

Both Christopher Gratke of Pillager High School and Maci Martini of Pequot Lakes each received the Local Most Valuable Student scholarship.

### Student of the Month Award

The following students receive \$250 each as part of the Student of the Month Award:

Joseph Helmin of Aitkin High School, Elijah Hallgren of Brainerd High School, Olivia Rudolph of Crosby-Ironton High School, Nikole Thorson of Lake Region Christian High School, Micah Sullivan of Pequot Lakes High School, Aleigh Emerson of Pillager High School and Alexis Hathaway of Pine River-Backus High School.

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Scholarship Fund.

The event is at Deerwood Technologies, 21301 Archibald Road (at the corner of Archibald Road/Hwy 6 and Cross Drive) in Deer-

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### Drop off old Christmas lights for recycling free of charge.

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For more information: visit www.deertech.com/recycle or email events@deertech.com.

## LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, April 29, 2023)  
**CITY OF CUYUNA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given the Cuyuna City Council will convene for a public hearing meeting on Monday May 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cuyuna Fire Department to conduct the following public hearing:

Shoreland Ordinance Amendment 05-23 to amend the Cuyuna Shoreland Ordinance 905, Section 2.732 lot width definition. The proposed amendment is in accordance with the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resource standards.

All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing at the Cuyuna Fire Department, 24849 Minnesota Avenue, and be heard or send written comments to City of Cuyuna, PO Box 536, Deerwood, MN 56444 or via email at info@ci.cuyuna.mn.us. Information is available from the City typically one week before the scheduled meeting.

Bill Bedard Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Cuyuna 5.3

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**CITY OF CUYUNA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given the Cuyuna City Council will convene for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cuyuna Fire Department to conduct the following public hearing:

Rezoning Application RZ-01-23 to rezone parcel 19320536 from "Open Development/Extraction District, (Open)" to "Single and Two-Family Residential District (R-1)."

All interested persons are invited to attend these hearings at the Cuyuna Fire Department, 24849 Minnesota Avenue, and be heard or send written comments to City of Cuyuna, PO Box 536, Deerwood, MN 56444 or via email at brittney.cotner@sourcewell-mn.gov. A staff report is made available at the Cuyuna Fire Department typically one week before the scheduled meeting.

Brittney Cotner, Community Development Administrator  
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