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Matt Doucette and his sons picked up Lions peaches last year.

Matt Doucette photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Matt Doucette, pharmacist at GuidePoint Pharmacy in Aitkin, and a Lions member, went on a mission. He wanted to find homegrown,

so-ripe-the-juice-runs-down your-chin, peaches to sell in the Aitkin/Crosby areas.

After some research, he found C and R Farms in Palisade, Colorado. Last year,

the Aitkin Lions took preorders for peaches and Matt and his two oldest sons [still little guys]_drove all the way to Colorado to bring back peaches.

Juicy, ripe peaches will benefit families and communities

"They come in a lug, a large box, which weighs at least 18 pounds and each lug costs \$42.50," said Doucette in an interview.

Order peaches by August 11 at Aitkin's GuidePoint next to the Rialto Theater or call Carroll and Joy Janzen at 218-927-6119. They can also be ordered through the Aitkin Lions Facebook page and order and pay online.

"Our first year, our biggest obstacle was not selling the peaches," explained Dou-

cette. "They sell themselves.

It was transportation that was the issue."

"My two oldest sons and I drove all the way out to Colorado to pick up the peaches. We enjoyed a couple of days in the mountains and returned with a pickup trailer full of pallets of peaches.

C and R Farms in Palisade, Colorado, is a family-run operation. The reason the peaches are so great is that they are picked by hand when ripe and carefully wrapped for distribution. "They are never handled by machinery nor put on a conveyer belt. It shows when you take a bite in one. You will be addicted."

The farmland has a river running through it and the right amount of moisture and sunshine to produce these wonderful peaches.

"We are selling the best grade you can get. And transportation is solved for this year. A grandson of a Lions members owns a trucking company in Brainerd and he agreed to pick them up."

The tentative date to distribute peaches is Sept. 1 at the Aitkin Fairgrounds Food Building.

"I guarantee, people will love these peaches," enthused Doucette. "And the proceeds will used for programs that benefit our community. I know a whole lug sounds like a lot of peaches, but once you start eating them you can't stop. Our family went through three lugs last summer."





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The Cascade Ladies of Cascade United Methodist Church invite all to attend their Sellebrate Rhubarb event on Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church located on Highway 6 and 210 west of Deerwood. Rhubarb desserts will be served with coffee for \$5.00. Other items for sale will include baked goods, jams, kitchen and miscellaneous crafts, garden art and plants. Pictured above are front row: (left to right) Deb Weide and Pam Hallin; second row: Cheryl Taylor, Sherry Black, Kimber Verkuilen, Carol Mills and Tom Black; third row: Terry Mevissen, Brad Akers, Mark Hallin, Mike Hawks, Mike Bender, Gary Taylor and Cary Klingner.

Husband charged in wife's death



A Fort Ripley man is now charged with killing his wife after they left a party last month in Crow Wing County.

Prosecutors have charged 47-year-old Tony James Mc-Clelland with second-de-

gree murder, first-degree manslaughter and two counts of criminal vehicular homicide for the death of his wife, 49-year-old Angela Marie McClelland.

Her body was found along a frontage road on the west side of Highway 371 in Fort Ripley Township, around 15 miles southwest of Brainerd, early on Sunday morning of June 25, near the intersection of Legend Road and Killian Road.

Charging documents filed Wednesday morning state that her body had "significant trauma" consistent with behind hit by a vehicle.

Investigators have been working on the case and putting the pieces together of the fatal events leading up to the death of the victim. Both the husband and victim lived together in their Fort Ripley home.

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Investigators from the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office, BCA and the State Patrol began developing leads and worked throughout the last two weeks following up on interviews and gathering pieces of evidence.

On Monday, July 10 at 8:30 p.m. Crow Wing County Deputies arrested McClelland and he was transported to the Crow Wing County Jail.

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Artist work featured at Brainerd Public Library



A new exhibit of artwork by Gust Akkanen is on display at the Brainerd Public Library, 416 S Fifth Street, Brainerd, through September 2023. The exhibit includes 14 acrylic

paintings depicting various nature scenes and wildlife.

The artwork on display at the library includes a mix of underwater scenes, sweeping landscapes, and forest wildlife. Akkanen is a self-described nature enthusiast and was a canoe guide in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). A love of the water and fishing inspired many of his earlier paintings and snorkeling the clear waters in Cozumel, Mexico and being eye to eye with the subjects of his paintings was for Akkanen, "a treat".

Now retired from the paper industry, Akkanen has been able to refocus his time on his artwork. He is currently working on wildlife and landscape scenery. Having grown up in Babbitt, MN, Akkanen says, "living in this area is always an inspiration

for a new creation to draw or paint. Capturing the mood, brightness, realism, and color of the world I see, is my goal as an artist."



Summer farm festival celebrates things local

Celebrate all things local at the free Summer farm festival on Sunday, Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m at Clear Lake Gardens located at 31213 - 292nd St., Aitkin, in Glen Township. The venue is a historic farmstead, with an iconic red barn, near Glen

on beautiful Clear Lake, 10 miles north of Mille Lacs and 20 miles south of Aitkin, just 1 mile off Hwy 47 on 292nd Street.

Event organizers are Kelley Rajala and Judy Douglas. The two are hosting the festival, to bring together local farmers, food businesses, related organizations, education, art and music.

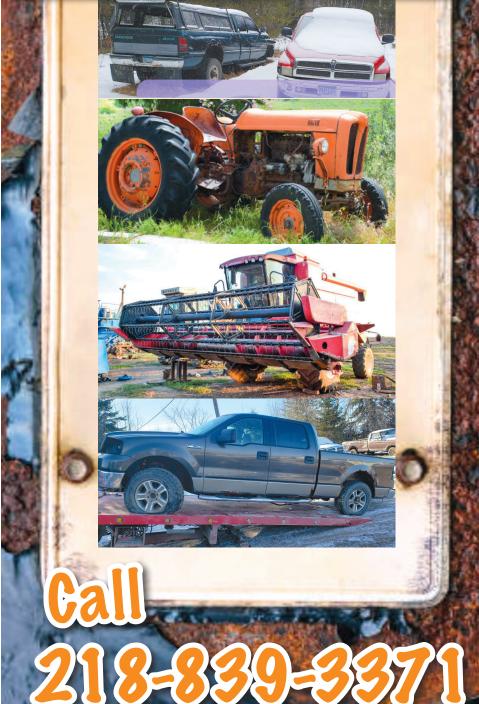
"Aitkin County has a lot of great local food, local products and local talent", said Rajala. "We see the Festival as an opportunity to showcase local businesses of Aitkin County."

Participants include the Aitkin Farmers Market, the Aitkin Food Hub, Block North Brewery, Glacial Lakes Brewers, Vangstad Creamery, local

farms, food producers, artists and organizations that share the values of local production, handcrafting, environmental stewardship and sustainability.

For more information contact Kelley Rajala at 707-331-6850 or email: clearlakegardens@gmail.com.The event website is clearlakegardens.org/events











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15th - Celebrate Emily Day. Parade, kids' games, pancake breakfast, beer garden, fireworks, raffle, live music, and Lakers Lions' Famous Pork Chop on-a-Stick.

15th - One Night Stand will put their twist on classic rock, blues, gospel and jazz , 6-8pm sponsored by Crosslake Ideal Lions at Crosslake Town Square. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music.

15th - Malmo Evangelical Free Church Outdoor Gospel Concerts, with the Song Masters - They are known as the longest continuously singing southern gospel group in the Midwest, at 7pm. Come as you are and bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the concert will be inside the air-conditioned church. A free-will offering will be taken to help pay for the concerts. Malmo church is located at 21927 - 322nd Ave., Isle (near the junction of Highways 47 and 18 on Highway 18 near the northeast corner of Lake Mille Lacs. 15th & 22nd - Aitkin County Historical Society will be accepting good/clean donations of items noon-

4pm at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds for their garage sale

16th - KC Pancake Breakfast Sunday at the St. Joseph's Church social hall in Crosby, 9am-noon. Come enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, beverages and great company! Gluten-free options available. Free will donation. Proceeds go for parish support. 18th & 19th - Pequot Lakes Bean Hole Days

20th - Flying Solo (Creating the New Life as a Single Person) will be held at Crosslake Lutheran Church 12:30-4pm. You are invited to participate in this class that looks at the grief experience and how to create the new life after loss of relationship. To sign up for the class, please call the church office at

21st - 23rd - Garrison Play Days. Music, food, parade and more.

22nd - Ironton Fire Department Day at the Ironton Fire Hall. Vendors 9am-2 pm; Cars, trucks, motorcycle show along Third Street in Ironton. Call 218-838-1822 for details.

22nd - The Merrifield Lions Park-Fest and Car Show 10am-2 pm at the Merrifield Lions Park on County Road 3, six miles north of Brainerd. The Car Show will be held on the baseball field. Registration of \$10.00 begins at 8:30am. The Car Show is free to spectators. Pulled Pork, BBQ Rib and Hot Dog Dinners and Root Beer Floats will be for sale throughout the day. The Merrifield Craft Marketplace will also be held at the park that day. This annual fundraiser is to benefit the maintenance and improvements at the Merrifield Lions Park. A new playground is badly needed and funds of \$100,000 are now being raised to replace the current playground equipment.

22nd - Our Lady of the Cross Lutheran Church, which is next door to the VFW in Garrison, will having a Garage Sale, Bake Sale, Book Sale. Pie and Ice Cream, 9am-3pm.

22nd - Because of Brandon ATV Ride, 9 a.m. at the Miller Black Bear Cole's Lake Cabin Trailhead area. Contact Ken Irish at ironrider@comcast.net with questions.

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22nd - Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club Because of Brandon ATV Ride, a fund-raiser for juvenile diabetes education, with guided rides starting at 10am on the Miller Black Bear Trails. Directions to Cole's Lake Trailhead area: take County Road 30 (four miles north of Ironton) to the Manganese Road on the west side of County Road 30. Watch for banners. Lunch will be provided, sandwiches made by Crosby SuperOne. For more information contact Ken Irish at ironrider@comcast.net. Register at brand on 2023.givesmart.com

22nd- Dos Guys will perform 6-8pm at Crosslake Town Square. The two-man band perform favorite songs. Music in the Square is sponsored by the Crosslake Ideal Lions. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy.

22nd - Malmo Evangelical Free Church Outdoor Gospel Concerts, with the Northern Lights Revisited from east central MN, singing and playing gospel favorites, at 7pm. Come as you are and bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the concert will be inside the air-conditioned church. A free-will offering will be taken to help pay for the concerts. Malmo church is located at 21927 - 322nd Ave., Isle (near the junction of Highways 47 and 18 on Highway 18 near the northeast corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

27th - Newly formed hiking club needs members, meet at 9am at the Northland Arboretum, Brainerd. Register in advance by calling the front desk at 218-829-8770. It is a free hike, Organizers hope to do this once a month or more often

27th - Music in the Park at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 5-8pm. Hosted by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce

28th & 29th - Powerboat racing Serpent Lake at Crosby's Memorial Park, noon-4 pm, no admittance fee. Concessions will be available. For more information, visit cuyunalakes.com or call 218-546-8131. 29th - Malmo Evangelical Free Church Outdoor Gospel Concerts, with Higher Call - a Men's Gospel Quar-

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corner of Lake Mille Lacs. 29th - Erin's Wish at the Town Tavern in Ironton, benefit for the

Walkers wanted for new hiking club

newly forming hiking club. The first hike is scheduled

for Wednesday, July 27 at 9 a.m. at the Northland Arboretum in Brainerd.

Walkers will be accompanied by knowledgeable guides as they walk at a comfortable pace for a free one-hour walk on the arboretum's expansive trail system.

Participants are asked wear comfortable, supportgrass and can have uneven

Walkers are needed for a vive shoes as trails are dirt or 8770 to register in advance Well-behaved leashed dogs surfaces and to call 218-829- are welcome on the hike.

Donations wanted

Consider donating your gently used housewares, garden items, home décor, bedding and furniture (no electronics or exercise equipment) to St. Joseph's Youth Group Garage Sale, at 617 Poplar Street in Crosby.

Dates and times for the garage sale are Thurs., July 20 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fri., July 21 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sat., July 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. Call the parish office 218-546-6559 for more information.



KAYLEEANA TIBBETTS

Kayleeana Rose Tibbetts, a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 12 ozs., was born July 6, 2023, in Aitkin, to Alicia and Christopher Tibbetts of Aitkin.

LESTER DOSMANN



Lester "Les" J. Dosmann, 94, of Ironton died on Sunday, July 9, 2023 at St Cloud Veterans Medical Center. A Memorial Mass will be held

at 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Full military honors will be presented by the Myrin-James American Legion Post 443 of Ironton. Visitation will

be one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Les was born May 25, 1929 to Albert and Edith (Kroetsch) Dosmann on the family farm near Mt. Carmel. He grew up on the family farm then moved to Langdon in 1949. On November 9, 1952, Les was

united in marriage to Carol Dalbotten. They made

their home in Crystal and raised six children. Aside from raising their children, Les also worked as a Machinist for 48 years at Despatch Industrial Ovens.

Surviving Les are his wife, Carol; children: Sandy Ulrick (John) of Brooklyn Park, Sherry Ashton of Hibbing, Karen (Terry) Cook of Bloomington, Diane (Milt) Thompson of Ballston Spa, NY, Alan Dosmann of Deerwood, and Maureen (Rob) Payne of Crosby; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Lloyd (Jackie) Dosmann; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leon; sisters: Margaret Hell, Dorothy Zerr, Sharon Gross, and Corrine Clover.

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six step-grandchildren.

DAVID BOLEI loved to be in and with nature. His humility was a

David William Bolei, 80, of Crosby died on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at his home.

Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at the Crosslake American Legion from 1:00

He was born in Crosby on June 7, 1943 to Jess and Gertie (Jones) Bolei. David married Connie Jo Benjamin on July 20, 2008 in Crosby. He was a retired owner of D & J Machining in Brainerd and a member of the Cross Lake American Legion. David was an avid outdoorsman with several prize mounts in his home. David was a man of honor and integrity, whom

Preceding David in death are his parents and five

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lesson to many and his humor unique and infectious.

of Merrifield; daughter, Brenda Bolei of Tabernash,

CO; stepsons, Shawn Balis of Crosby and Jason

Catrett of Juneau, AL; and two grandchildren and

He is survived by his wife, Connie; on, Mike Bolei

RICHARD WILLETT

Richard W. "Dick" Willett, 94, of Crosby died on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A service is being planned for Saturday, July 29. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

ROGER NYBERG

Aitkin, died Saturday, July 8, 2023 at Golden Horizons in Aitkin. A private family service will

be held at a later date He was born on February

10, 1938 in Aitkin to Ed and Vivian (Carlson) Nyberg. He

graduated from Aitkin High School in 1955. Roger was united in marriage to Virginia (Ginger) Pierce on November 5, 1958 in Aitkin. He worked as an electrician and owned and operated Nyberg Electric in Aitkin for many years.

Roger is survived by his children: Geni (Dan) Patrick of Aitkin, Steven Nyberg of Hopkins; David

Roger Alvin Nyberg, 85, of (Karin) Nyberg of Farmington; Keith (Angie) Nyberg of Fargo, ND; Shannon (Michael) Carabajal of San Antonio, TX and Dustan Nyberg of Baxte; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Sharon (Frank) Shultz of Blaine; many special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

> He was preceded in death by his wife, Ginger; sister. Rosie Johnson: brothers: Edward. Clifford. Robert and Roy; sons: Roger (Buddy) and Jerry; infant grandson, Emmanuel Carabajal; numerous in-laws and his parents.

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LUELLA THIESSEN



OBITUARIES

Luella "Lu" Marie Thiessen, 81, of Aitkin, died Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin.

Services were held Monday, July 10, 2023 at 11 a.m. in Glory Baptist Church, Aitkin with Pastor Chris Meirose officiating. Interment was in Glory

Cemetery, Aitkin.

Lu was born on December 16, 1941 to Peter and Martha (Ortmann) Thiessen. She grew up on a farm in northern Minnesota near the town of Warroad. At the age of 11, she was born again into God's family at Sunday School convention in Alsen, ND in 1952, during a thunderstorm. The altar call was given by candlelight and Lu responded to the invitation to give her heart to Jesus who had died for her. Her grandfather, Helmuth Ortmann came to her side and prayed with her. Lu graduated from Warroad Public High School in 1959. She went on to attend college at Grace College of the Bible in Omaha, NE with a degree in Christian Education. While at Grace she earned money to pay tuition and room and board by working at St. Joseph Hospital in the medical supply department. One year she worked at J.C. Penny's in the supply department. In between her junior and senior year at Grace, she took a year off to work in the medical records department at St. Joseph Hospital in Grand Forks, ND. After graduating from Grace, she enrolled at the Minnesota University in

St. Cloud and graduated with a B.A. in elementary education in 1966. Her first teaching position became a permanent one and she taught at Rippleside Elementary School in Aitkin for 32 years in the fourth grade. After retiring from full time teaching in 1999, she worked as a children's leader in Bible Study Fellowship. She served as a Christian Education Director, on Mission Committees and as a Sunday School teacher. Her hobbies were gardening and quilting. Many of her quilts went to hospice patients. Lu traveled to many different countries. One of her favorites was traveling with a group of teachers for a grand tour of Europe in 1976. She made two trips to Norway and Sweden. She was also a traveling companion on a trip to Africa and visited Zaire (now known as the Democratic Republic of Congo), Liberia and Kenya. She made two trips to Israel. She also traveled to Egypt, saw the Pyramids and even rode a donkey in the desert. On a missions trip to Honduras in Central America she assisted in building a church for the deaf. In telling her stories of her adventures, she would tell of the many answered prayers and of God's wonderful care for her.

Lu is survived by her sisters: Evelyn (Mike) Dreher, Caroline (Doug) Kneich and Dorothy (Larry) Friesen. Lu was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Vi Musser and brother-in-law, Wayne Musser; brother, John Thiessen: brother-in-law. Phil Regier.

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

RUTH JOHNSON



Ruth Johnson, 96, of Brooklyn Center and Aitkin died, Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at The Harbors Senior Living in Fridlev.

Funeral Service will be held at 11am on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at Hope Lutheran Church at 5200 Emerson Ave

N Minneapolis MN 55430. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Fleming Cemetery.

She was born March 9, 1927 in Thor to Emil and Helga (Peterson) Widstrom. Ruth was united in marriage to Donald Johnson on August 8, 1953 in Aitkin. Ruth was a wonderful mother and grandmother who will be missed by her family very much. Ruth is survived by husband, Donald; son, Lawrence "Larry" Johnson; daughter, Denise (Allen) Hoidal; three grandchildren: Veronica (Michael) Skomsovvog, Alavna Hoidal and Ava Hoidal: three great-grandchildren: Nolan, Beau, and Drew Skomsoyvog; sister-in-law: Lorraine "Dolly" Widstrom; and many other special relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Wendell Widstrom; brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Vernon and Wilma Johnson.

Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Aitkin assisted Ruth's family. To leave a message of condolence go to www. srtfuneral.com

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Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Tom Hoffman, 218-996-6369, 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 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 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. 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; Sun-

day 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30. Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat.

Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass: M, Th and F at 8; Tues at Noon, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30. Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.

ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm. Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Con-

fession 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; Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm

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

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

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

Merritieid — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pasto Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536. Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed.

Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean;

Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge

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

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EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Rev. Joyce A. Rush. In-person worship service at 10 am Sunday. Online at 5 pm Saturday. Call the church 219-829-3834 and leave a message with email to receive a Zoom invitation. **EVANGELICAL FREE**

Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Wednesday for all ages 6:30 pm.

Crosslake — Pastor Troy Nelson; 218-692-4141, check website for service times www.crosslakeefc.org Isle — Pastor Mark Lee; Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer

6:30 pm and Kids Konnect 6:30 pm Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10;

Wright - Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

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3rd Sun., 10:30.

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

LUTHERAN

Aitkin - Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

Aitkin - First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 99am (9am service also available via livestream on YouTube - First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am-4pm. Aitkin - St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker;

Worship Sun. 9, SS 10 Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS).

Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com. Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every

Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.princeofpeacelutheran.church Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st &

Brainerd — First Lutheran Church (ELCA) Pastors: Patty

Bjorklund and Jordan Gades, Sunday worship 9, Sunday

School following worship. Services also available on YouTube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 flcbrainerd.com 424 8th Street South, Brainerd Brainerd* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC),

Pastor David Franz, find service info at www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, 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

218-829-5147. Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org. Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James

8:15am & 10:30am; worship (June through August) 9 am.

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. 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 May 21-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am; Indoor: 35960 CR 66, Outdoor: 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), 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

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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) 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.

- 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), Pastor Steven Teff; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of 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

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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,

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Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Youtube live streaming 10 am with fellowship to follow. Cascade Ladies meet on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Come & Eat Community dinner on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Please call the office to sign up: 218-534-3507.

Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Worship 9, fellowship follows.

Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9 Emily* — Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Facebook live streaming 8:30 with fellowship to follow. UWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Men's prayer breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month at 8. Bible Study Thursday at 6 pm.

Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship

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

McGregor* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows. Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-

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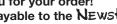
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New worlds emerge through abstract landscape paintings at gallery

Painter Steven McHugh can look at a forest clearing, at light refracted on a lake's surface or lichens on fallen trees and see composition and color. McHugh's mixed media abstract paintings will be featured at Ripple River Gallery July 12 through August 13. The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception on Saturday, July 15 from 2 to 5 p.m. The gallery is located between Aitkin and Deerwood near Bay Lake.

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McHugh's "Forest View" began with intuitive marks and gestures, then layers of color to create texture. "First comes comes vibrant by crethe chaos, then some order and clarity." atively shaping what He wants the viewer to discover new we have to work with, elements and details in his paintings.

> in the moment," McHugh says. He believes that the tension between the artist's

boundaries imposed by the canvas are where the magic happens. "I want the eye of the viewer to finish the details of my paintings in their own mind."

Smooth, broad color fields, linear imagery and thick, textured surfaces built up with oil, charcoal and mixed media on canvas or paper are the elements that allow McHugh to create deeply layered paintings. "When it works, my art piques curiosity, stimulates discussion or meditation, delights or disturbs."

Driven by curiosity and fueled by imagination, McHugh says he never learned to color inside the lines. "I started creating art as a child on my mom's kitchen floor.

construction paper, crayons, scissors and paint. I spent my days creating."

McHugh's refuge was the woods and river near his home in Appleton, WI. In high school the art department was his sanctuary. He attended Layton School of Art in Milwaukee and Brooks Institute of Photography. In 2006, a creative project drew him to Madeline Island off Bayfield, WI, along the south shore of Lake Supe-

were large sheets of colored rior. "Getting on the ferry and gliding over pure blue waters, leaving the busy corporate world behind, I felt instantly at home. Three days later I bought a cabin nestled in the woods.

"I spent my first three decades creating advertising images," McHugh said. "I plan to spend my last decades creating soul-driven images. The act of painting, creating, is as essential to me as air and water."

Ripple River Gallery is

open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. The gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

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Midwest author at library

Wisconsin author Jenny Robertson will discuss her debut book "Hoist House: A Novella and Stories" in the large meeting room of the Brainerd Public Library on Monday, July 17 from noon to 1:00 p.m. Attendees are free to bring a sack lunch or to just enjoy the light refreshments provided. No registration is required and all are welcome.

The stories she tells are many and varied: Cher Bebe manages the dance floor and flogs patrons at a nightclub while his estranged father takes his last breaths back home; a man walks a moonlit trail through his ancestral lands on his way to abduct a child; a Michigan tornado spotter grieves the end of his marriage; Maggie Pancake returns to her Minnesota hometown, jilted by her fiancée, a professional clown; and the titular novella follows 14-year-old Sadie and her Finnish immigrant mining family in Iron Range Minnesota in the months leading up to the Milford Mining disaster of 1924. With power and compassion, Robertson weaves tales that explore the precarity of immigrant life, worker exploitation, the tensions and dangers inherent in growing up, and the ephemeral nature of the American Dream. Upcoming author visits in this series:

July 24: Allen Eskens, "The Stolen Hours"

July 31: Craig Bowron, "Man Overboard: A Medical Lifeline for the Aging

Nation's best emerging singers

Each year Lakes Area Music Festival (LAMF) invites young professional singers to apply to the Vocal Fellowship program. This year the organization received over 250 applicants from leading music conservatories in the nation. Through a competitive selection process, four fellows were selected: soprano Tori Tedeschi Adams from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music; mezzo-soprano Ori Marcu from the Eastman School of Music; baritone Marcus King, recent soloist with the Memphis Symphony; and baritone Joel Mathias who performs regularly with Minnesota Opera.

These singers spend three

weeks in central Minnesota to gain performance experience throughout the region while also participating in musical and career coaching activities from worldwide leaders of the music industry.

The first public performance of these star singers will be a musical theater cabaret presented Friday, July 21 at Aitkin's Ripple Center. Joined by singers from LAMF's 2023 opera production, attendees will enjoy a variety show featuring classic music theater.

On Sunday, July 23, the star singers will present a vocal recital program at 2 p.m. at Crosslake Lutheran Church and at 7:30 p.m. in Nisswa at

Lutheran Church of the Cross. After hearing Adams, Marcu, King, and Mathias in these performances, audiences will see them again on the mainstage performances of this year's Lakes Area Music Festival, performances at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts. They will be featured in a Night at the Opera with the LAMF symphony, performing familiar opera hits like the William Tell Overture and music from Carmen. They will also perform in the chorus for a full production of Gaetano Donizetti's operatic comedy Don Pasquale on August 11 and 13 featuring singers from the Metropolitan Opera.



