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Kat Perkins added as lineup shuffles for Nature Rocks GB Leighton forced to cancel due to health issues



Long Lake Conservation Center's Nature Rocks – Concert for Conservation will be held Saturday, July 22 from 3-10 p.m. at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds. This year's event will be headlined by *The Cactus Blossoms*, and *New Salty Dog*, with *King's Ransom*, *Aurora Baer* and *Bruce Archer*. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 on the day of the show. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to longlakecc.org/nature-rocks

Originally, *GB Leighton* was scheduled in the lineup. However *GB* is canceling all events through the end of the

year due to health issues. Instead, Minneapolis-based singer *Kat Perkins* has agreed to join the ticket as a replacement.

Perkins was a finalist on



Kat Perkins has agreed to perform.

season 6 of NBC's *The Voice*, and has performed with *Kidd Rock*, *Bon Jovi* and others. She is known as a tremendous, energetic performer with a huge, powerful voice. "Though we are sad that *GB* will be unable to perform, Nature Rocks will rock on!" Long Lake Manager Dave McMillan said. "Long Lake is thrilled to have someone of her talent and character join the event."

Long Lake will provide refunds to people who have already purchased tickets, if desired. People can request a refund via email at dave@longlakecc.org.

The festival has a decidedly homegrown flair with all the bands hailing from the Land of 10,000 Lakes. This includes a rare Central-Minnesota performance from Minneap-

olis-based, national touring band *The Cactus Blossoms* an indie, alternative country band featuring Jack Torrey and Page Burkum. *New Salty Dog* is a rock/funk band from Duluth whose grooving music is drawing attention far and wide. *King's Ransom* is a classic rock cover band from Brainerd, singer/songwriter *Aurora Baer* is the pride of

Aitkin, and *Bruce Archer* is a blues slide guitar virtuoso from Brainerd.

"Last year's inaugural Nature Rocks was so much fun, we decided to grow it into a full-day festival because if a little of something is good, a lot is even better," McMillan said. "If you're a music fan, you'll find lots to love at Nature Rocks."



New Salty Dog is a rock/funk band from Duluth.



The Cactus Blossoms features Jack Torrey and Page Burkum.

Motorcycle crash in Irondale

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office reported that a 54-year-old Aitkin man was injured after crashing his motorcycle Thursday, July 13, in Irondale Township at about 1:45 p.m.

The driver, Jason Pierce, was driving east on County

Highway 12 when he lost control of the motorcycle and crashed at the intersection of Wood Land Road.

Pierce was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash and suffered various injuries, including a head injury. He was transported to

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OBITUARIES

ERNIE MILLER



Ernie Miller, 82, of Emily died at his home on Wednesday, July 12, 2023.

A Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2023 at the Hilltop Chapel in Palisade. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. It was Ernie's wish for no flowers but rather a donation in his name to a charity of your own choice.

He was born in Granite Falls Township, MN on April 16, 1941 to Allen and Lorena (Kruse) Miller. Ernie wore many hats during his lifetime and whether it was overseeing an office rebuild, building Shaker reproduction furniture, managing a hydroponics greenhouse or pulling irrigation pipe for strawberries, he sank his heart and soul into each project. All of those enterprises paled in comparison to Cross

the World, a ministry started in 2011 by Ernie, his wife JoAn, and three other friends. Small wooden crosses were made from scrap wood and given away at no cost to those wanting to know about their God and His love for them. After 13 years, 500K crosses encompassed the world with Ernie's touch on every one of them. His dedication and commitment to this ministry was tireless.

He is survived by his loving wife, JoAn; son, Todd Miller; daughter, Tracy Miller and their families; stepmom, Delores Miller; sister, Joyce (Jimmie) Lecy; sister-in-law, Debbie Miller, brother Terry Miller and their families; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Schoneman, along with many, many friends.

Preceding Ernie in death were his parents; two brothers, and a sister.

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

FRANK OSTRONSKI



Frank Delano "Dell" Ostronski, 82, of Aitkin, died Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at Essentia-St. Joseph's Hospital, Brainerd with loved ones by his side.

A celebration of life was held Thursday, July 20, 2023 at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmø with Reverend Dennis Plack officiating. Military Honors were provided by Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin V.F.W. Post #1727.

He was born August 31, 1940 in Duluth to Edmund and Leona (Brandt) Ostronski. He was united in marriage to Linda Liljenquist on December 4, 2000. Through the years he served in The United States Marine Corps, worked in the entertainment

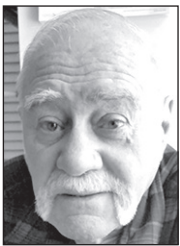
business, recorded with likes of Conway Twitty. He was a radio show host, carpenter, Rabbi and founder of Trumpet America. He enjoyed traveling, studying and teaching the bible, maintaining his lawn, spoiling his dog, Zippy and life in general.

Frank is survived by his loving wife, Linda Liljenquist; children: Frank Ostronski, Jr., Katina Forrest and Jerri Ismdahl, Mary Kindgren, Debbie Hickey and Becky Lundberg; siblings: Janice (Gary) Nelson, Marshall (Julie) Ostronski, Beverly Ostronski and Dorothy Miller; grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other close relatives and friends.

Frank is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Mike, Nick and Delores "Dori".

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

DANIEL KRINOVICH



Daniel Michael Krinovich, 85, of Fruitland Park, FL died on November 22, 2022.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2023 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

He was born in Crosby on November 19, 1937 to George and Katherine (Katalanich) Krinovich. Dan was employed with the Iron Ore Mines in Crosby,

Aurora Hoyt Lakes area, Liberia Africa and the Southern Peru Copper Mines and was a retired employee of the Arizona Eastern Railroad.

Dan is survived by his wife, Katherine; son, Darin Krinovich of River Falls, WI; daughters, Danette Lamke of Tucson, AZ and DeAnn (Butch) Lamke of Palisade; sister, Rose Strom of Ironton; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Preceding Dan in death are his parents; first wife, Darlene; sisters: Mayme Martin, Ann Larson, Mary Stone and Kata Scull.

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- 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 have 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.
- 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.on2023.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 - Malmø 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. Malmø 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

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