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Minnesotans to receive up to \$1,300 through September



Governor Tim Walz announced on Wednesday that one-time tax rebate payments of up to \$1,300 per family will start going out.

"As Minnesotans plan for back-to-school, we know that the excitement families are feeling is mixed with the stress that comes with buying books, backpacks, and clothes," said Governor Walz. "We're going to help with that - both with payments of up to \$1,300 per family and universal free breakfast and lunch. I am

grateful for the Department of Revenue's work to deliver these payments to Minnesotans as soon as possible."

"We know that these payments will take a weight off millions of Minnesotans' shoulders this fall - especially with the start of the new school year," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. "These direct payments are a crucial way to put money in the pockets of Minnesotans who need it and empower families across the state to meet their needs on their terms."

The legislation, signed by the Governor in May, provides payments to eligible Minnesotans of:

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- \$520 for married couples filing a joint 2021 income or property tax return with adjusted gross income of \$150,000 or less.
- \$260 for all other individuals with 2021 adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less.

Another \$260 for each dependent, up to three dependents.

 Direct deposit payments will go out first, followed by paper checks in the mail. The department expects the nearly 2.1 million rebate payments to be initiated by the end of September.

"This tax rebate was proposed and passed to help ease the pain of the COVID-19 pandemic and inflation," said Revenue Commissioner Paul Marquart. "Governor Walz and Revenue staff prioritized the implementation of this rebate program this summer knowing how important the payments are to Minnesotans to help pay for everyday expenses."

Direct deposit rebate recipients

Recipients who chose direct deposit when they filed their 2021 taxes or updated their bank information with the department earlier this summer should see their payments in their bank accounts starting this week, through the end of August. The payment will appear as "State of Minnesota 2021 Tax Rebate Program" on their bank statement.

Paper check rebate recipients

Recipients receiving a paper check should start seeing their checks in 2-3 weeks, with checks being mailed through September. Paper checks will appear in a plain white envelope. These checks are protected by standard banking safeguards that help detect and deter fraud.

I chose direct deposit, why did I get a paper check?

If a direct deposit is returned due to a banking error or incorrect bank account information, then a paper check will be mailed.

If you elected to have tax preparation fees deducted from your 2021 tax refund, a paper check will be issued to avoid the rebate being deposited into an erroneous bank account.

Can I track the status of my rebate payment?

No. This rebate payment is being processed outside the usual tax refund processing system so it will not show up in the Where's My Refund?

What if I didn't get my rebate payment?

If you think you are eligible for the rebate but did not receive it by October, review the eligibility requirements on the Department of Revenue website at https:// www.revenue.state.mn.us/ direct-tax-rebate-2021. If you are eligible for a payment, a customer assistance representative can look into your situation. Call 651-565-6595 or email mntaxrebate@ submittable.com.

Where can Minnesotans find more information on other tax-related legislation?

Revenue is reviewing other legislation recently signed into law and is working to update the state tax filing systems to reflect changes made to Minnesota's tax laws. For more information on other tax law changes, visit the Tax Law Changes page on DOR's website at https://www.revenue.state. mn.us/tax-law-changes.

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Summer Twilight Festival lights up Brainerd with spectacular music lineup



The charismatic twin brothers of B2wins from Brazil harness their violins in a blend of rock, dance, and soul.

Get ready for a sensational three-day musical extravaganza as the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center proudly presents the Summer Twilight Music Festival from Wednesday, to Friday, Aug. 23 to 25. This not-to-be-missed event will take place at the West Side

Tent of the Central Lakes College campus in Brainerd.

The diverse lineup includes artists from across the world and music to thrill all ages.

Kicking off the festival on Wednesday, Aug. 23 are the electrifying B2wins. Hailing from Brazil, the charismatic twin brothers deliver an unforgettable high-energy show that fuses various genres into a mesmerizing blend of rock, dance, and soul. Pronounced "B-Twins," their captivating renditions of crowd favorites and engaging live performance are set to create an enchanting experience that is part rock concert, part dance party, and a true vacation for the soul.

On Thursday, Aug. 24, brace yourselves for the magic of Creedence Revived, a tribute band that has taken the world by storm. Known for their sold-out shows and breathtaking performances for audiences upwards of 30,000, Creedence Revived promises to transport festi- mensely talented musicians, val-goers back in time with their authentic rendition of classic hits. This group of im-



Joey Yow, Director of the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center

each a master in their own right, pays homage to the legendary Creedence Clearwater Revival, promising a night of musical nostalgia.

The festival's grand finale on Friday, Aug. 25 brings a remarkable collaboration of talent to the stage. Ken Waldman, a seasoned Alaskan artist, will join forces with Kyle Orla and Kelley Smith to deliver a unique performance that combines Appalachian-style string-band music with original poetry and folk tunes. The trio's blend of artistry promises to take the audience on an emotive journey through music and

storytelling, evoking a sense of connection and wonder.

"We are thrilled to present the Summer Twilight Festival, an event that showcases the power of music to unite our community and uplift our spirits," said Joey Yow, Director of the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center. "This week will be a farewell celebration of an incredible summer and a welcome to the students returning to Central Lakes College for the upcoming semester. With a diverse lineup and performances that span genres and generations, we invite everyone to join us for a week of pure musical joy."

Big Tom's Diner 50s-era themed restaurant open for breakfast and lunch



Big Tom's Diner, a 50s-era themed restaurant with poodle skirts, jukebox and milkshakes, opened in early June. It is in the former Birchwood Café location on Minnesota Avenue in downtown Aitkin.

By ANN SCHWARTZ The ghost image of the old Birchwood Café, long a staple

in downtown Aitkin, is hidden there in Big Tom's Diner. The new, refurbished

50s-era diner opened in early June. "It's been good," said Owner Cory Eken, who also owns eateries in the McGregor and Palisade areas.

The refresh includes new flooring, teal paint, a jukebox, cheerful red and white booths and much memorabilia.

The menu is typical diner fare. Breakfast is served all day and you may switch to lunch if you want. They are open from 7-3 seven days a week.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, hubby and I loved our chocolate malts and our chicken fried steak was crispy and seasoned well. The hashbrowns were crunchy and the biscuit, flaky.

Local high school student Annika Kahn is one of the waiters who work in bright poodle skirts.

With a merry décor and food to please, Big Tom's Diner is worthy of a stop for



Corv Eken (left) is the owner and Darlene Jakowski (right) manager of Big Tom's Diner in Aitkin.



In the kitchen, Paige Packard is a prep cook.

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LOLA JOHNSON



Lola M. Johnson, 95, McGregor, died Sunday, August 13, 2023 at Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin

Services were held Friday, August 18, 2023 at 11 a.m. in Our Saviors Lutheran Church, McGregor with Pastor John Thomson officiating. Visitation

was one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at a later date in Sheriff Lake Cemetery, Spalding Township.

She was born on July 18, 1928 to Lester and Ann Bailey and graduated from McGregor in 1946. Lola was united in marriage to Walter Johnson on August 2, 1947. He was the love of her life and they were married for almost 65 years. They were active members of Our Saviors Lutheran Church and enjoyed bowling and golfing together. Lola enjoyed decorating her home for all of the holidays and loved spending time with her family and spoiling her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Randy (Elaine) Johnson, Kathie (Bill) Bolt, and Tami (Mark) Hawkinson; daughter-in-law, Darla Johnson; seven grandchildren: Leah (Donnie) Koerber, Angie Johnson, Katie Jacobson, Ryan Johnson, Emma Hawkinson, Tanya (Fred) Whitesides and Adam Hawkinson; two great-grandchildren: Ashlyn Biessel and Carrick Whitesides; sister, Leslie Hietalati; brother, David Bailey and many other relatives and friends.

Lola was preceded in death by her husband, Walt in 2012; son, Kevin in 2020 and three of her siblings: Verton "Toke" Bailey, June Olson and Betty Manchester.

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

MONA BENGTSON



Mona Lee Bengtson, 63, of Aitkin/Palisade died on Friday, August 11, 2023, due to a tragic car accident in Faribault.

There will be no arranged funeral service or visitation, but a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

She was born January 19, 1960 in Iowa Falls. IA to Donald and Virginia (Wilson) Dass of Jewell, IA. She graduated from South Hamilton High school, and BSBA (Computer Information)/MBA (General Business) from Drake University. She retired from Northwest Airlines/ Delta as IT Manager in 2010 and worked at Land

O'Lakes as a Manager, Application Support until 2015, Mona then chose to retire fulltime to Fleming Lake home located south of Palisade. Mona was united in marriage to Rodney Bengtson in Maui, HI on Feb 27, 2007. Mona enjoyed her goldendoodle "Sophie", quilting, knitting, traveling and socializing with friends and family. Mona was outgoing, had a great sense of humor and always willing to help others.

Mona is survived by her husband. Rodnev: mother, Virginia of Story City, IA; brother and sister-inlaw, Steve and Carol Dass of Colorado Springs, CO; numerous aunts/uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

CAROLYN KUBESH



Carolyn "Shorty" Francis Kubesh, 67, of Brainerd died on Sunday, August 6, 2023.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday August 12, 2023, at at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Baxter. In Lieu of Flowers and Memorials, donations can be made to the

National Kidney Foundation in memory of Carolyn.

She was born on April 1, 1956, in Redwood Falls, the daughter of Roland and Francis Violet (Mertens) Serbus. She attended Morton school, graduating as an Honor student. She worked various jobs in the medical field and in-home foster care. She was united in marriage to Doug Kubesh on June 3, 1983. Their family started off on the farm outside of Olivia. In 1984, the family moved to Brainerd. She always did a lot of canning, she loved to cook, bake, and she enjoyed deer hunting season to have family

and friends come to the farm so she could cook and bake for everyone. She loved making her bean soup for all to enjoy. She loved taking care of everyone coming to the farm, whether they were family or friends. She enjoyed playing cards and games. She especially loved making Christmas cookies and holiday treats. Her faith was strong. She was grateful for having shared her life with her husband, Doug, their three sons Jason (Becky), Jeremy (Shannon), and Joel (Katria) all of Brainerd, her 8 grandchildren, 2 great granddaughters, siblings Tom (Linda) Serbus of Waconia, MN, Dennis (Barb) Serbus of Eagle Bend, MN, Deb Herdina (special friend Wes) of Mendota Heights, MN, Curt (Kristi) Serbus of Zimmerman, MN, Lisa (John) Grant of Burnsville, MN, and Penny (Jeff) Krueger of Brainerd, MN.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Dale; grandparents, Ted and Mayme Serbus and grandmother, Cleo Mertens.

GAYLIN SMITH



OBITUARIES

Gaylin Jon Smith, 61, of Nisswa, died suddenly at his home on Thursday, August 3, 2023. The Celebration of Gaylin's Life was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

Gaylin was the son of Karl and Marlene Smith. He married the love of his life, llene

Gangestad. The couple enjoyed their life together and raising their beloved pups, Lewie, Ollie, and the most beautiful dog in the world, Charlie. If you knew Gaylin, you knew he loved fishing.

He will be dearly missed by his wife Ilene; parents; siblings: Rob (Heavenly) Smith, Gina (Todd) Smith, and Scott (Shiela) Smith and families; in-laws, Brenda (Bob) Peterson, Cynthia (Brian) Bachman, Dudley (Kathy) Gangestad, Emma Rademacher, Felix Gangestad, Greg Gangestad, Holly (Terry) Wendland, Julie (Jeff) Hardy, Kendra (Brian) Roberts; brother-in-law, Bob Rakow; and many friends. He was preceded in death by sisters-in-law, Alisa Rakow and Tammy Gangestad, brother-in-law, Mike

Rademacher, and grandparents.

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MMUNITY EVE

August

19th-Babinski Foundation Pet Adoption at The Hudson on Curtis Avenue in Ironton. Meet your new furry best friend! For more information call 218-772-0096.

19th - Emily Wesleyan Church Community Market in the church parking lot from 9 am-2 pm.

19th - Heritage Highland Games, 9am-2pm. Near the Serpent Statue in Crosby Memorial Park in Admission is free. Bring a lawn chair for this event.

19th - Heritage Days Arts & Crafts Show in Crosby Memorial Park in Crosby from 9am-3pm

19th - Heritage Days Car Show in the Crosby Memorial Park Ball Field, 10am-3pm. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Cuyuna Range Lions.

19th - Malmo Free Church Outdoor Gospel Concerts featuring Hawkinson & Friends - a local Country Gospel group that features steel guitar, lead guitar, rhythm guitar, bass guitar and drums, 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 near the junction of Highways 47 and 18 on highway 18 near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

20th - Manna for Malawi Fund-raiser at the Bridge Tavern in Crosby from 2-6 pm. Live music by Wyld Ryce. Free will offering pulled pork dinner at 3 pm. A raffle for A kayak, a portable gas fire pit with four patio chairs and three cash prizes will be raffled. There will also be a silent auction.

24th - Music in the Park at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake starts at 5pm featuring Amanda Standalone and Crooked County. Hosted by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

24th - Cuyuna Crusher Mountain Bike Race early registration closes at 8pm. Register at mnmtbseries. com or call the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce at 218- 546-8131.

25th - Mike Wilder Project New Hope Golf Event at Crosswoods Golf Course in Crosslake.

25th - Crushing on Curtis Avenue Street Dance with live music by Mason Dixon Line, food & beverages will be held on Friday 8pm-Midnight. Located on Curtis Ave. in Ironton between Taconite Canteen & The Hudson.

26th - Ironton Kids Fest at the Ironton City Hall, 11am-3pm with free food, firetruck viewing and games. Volunteers are still needed, please contact 218-546-5625.

26th - Malmo Free Church Outdoor Gospel Concerts featuring the Klassen Family - a family group from Worthington 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 near the junction of Highways 47 and 18 on Highway 18 near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

26th - Pizza Party Ride with the Over The Hills Gang ATV Club beginning and ending at the Log Cabin Bar in Emily.

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THOMAS SLADEK



Thomas Henry Sladek, 65, of McGregor, formerly of Kalispell,

County Area Vocational Institute where he earned a degree in Supermarket Management. He owned and operated Sladek's Food Pride, a grocery store in Princeton, along with Big Stop Foods, a convenience store in Minneapolis. He also owned and operated Tom Cat Sprinkler and Hydro-Seed, a landscaping and lawn services company in Kalispell. He loved making coffee in the morning as he read the Bible and Jesus Always. Thomas lived in Montana the past 17 years and just recently moved back to Minnesota to be closer to his brothers for hunting and fishing. He loved scuba diving in Hawaii and Mexico with his kids and son-in-law. He loved spending time at the end of his dock with his dog. That was his happy place that reminded him of "On Golden Pond." He named his dog Shnikes, which came from his favorite movie "Tommy Boy."

Thomas is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Amanda & Neil Clay of Tampa, FL; son, Brandon Sladek of Bozeman, MT; former spouse, Sherri Lyn (Overfield) Sladek of Tampa, FL; father and step-mother, Donald and Arlene Sladek of Buffalo; three brothers and sisters-in-law: Donald (Chavonne) Sladek of Rosamond, CA; Daniel (Judy) Sladek of Garrison; Scott (Connie) Sladek of Kalispell, MT; sister, Julie Clarke of Aurora, CO; step-brother and step-sister-in-law, David (Shelly) Calof of Buffalo; half-sister, Jeanne Alegria of Tucson, AZ and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sally (Peterson) Sladek.

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

EZEKIEL ROBERTS



Ezekiel Ward "Zeke" Roberts, 42, of Hinckley formerly of Crosby died on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

No Services are being held. He was born in Tampa, FL on September 13, 1980 to Clarence and Sandra (Workman) Roberts.

Zeke is survived by his brother, Zoe Roberts of Brainerd; sister, Leiah Roberts of Crosby and three nieces and one nephew.

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

SUSAN BUSHARD



Susan Mary Bushard, 60, of Ironton died Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, August 24, 2023 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church. Memorial are preferred to the Immanuel Lutheran's Manna for Malawi Mission (Malawi Orphan Care Project) or Corner Fringe Ministries-India.

She was born in Buffalo, New York on February 20. 1963 to Ronald and Diana (Sommer) Engasser Sr. Susan married Michael James Bushard on August 1, 2009 in Crosby. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby and attended the Corner Fringe Ministries in Coon Rapids. Susan was a Realtor with Kurilla Realty Jim Christensen Marketing Team and was a former Executive Assistant for UPI in Brainerd.

Susan is survived by her husband, Michael; father, Ronald Engasser, Sr. of Buffalo, NY; mother, Diana LaCourse of Buffalo, NY; three daughters: Amanda (Christopher Knoll) Glass of St. James, MN; Erinn (James) Hoyt of Crosby and Emily (Jimmy) VanderArk of Jenkins, MN; two sons: Paul (Hanna) Bushard of Crosby and Jon Bushard of Carver, MN; 15 grandchildren; two brothers: Ronald (Cheryl Lynn) Engasser Jr. of Buffalo, NY and David (Mary) Engasser of Orlando, FL; two sisters: Kim (Bruce) Zehnder of Buffalo, NY and Linda Engasser of Melbourne, FL.

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

ANN EVANS



Ann M. Evans, 61, of Brainerd & formerly of Aitkin died Thursday, August 10, 2023 at Essentia Health St. Joseph's

at 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, 2023 at Woodland Good Samaritan Village Chapel - Buffalo

7th Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN. 55760.

She was born July 12, 1962 in Duluth to Noah "Shorty" and Esther Lucy (Mougin) Evans. She graduated from Aitkin High School and then earned her degree in Culinary Arts from Staples Technical College. She loved horses, motorcycles, snowmobiling and anything that would go fast. She enjoyed crocheting, needle work, knitting, cooking and made a "world famous" banana bread.

Ann is survived by her sisters: Mary (Al) Kerr, Patricia Jo (Junior) Reed, Sandra Kay Voigt (Marvin Kohout); brother, Thomas Robert Evans; sister-in-law, Betty Evans and many other relatives and friends.

Jean and brother, Ray.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister,

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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

Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa HIII CITY Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-

Palisade — Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10: Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST

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; Sunday 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: Thurs. and Fri. 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; 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; Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

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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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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

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 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.

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).

3rd Sun., 10:30.

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

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

YouTube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 flcbrainerd.com

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 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 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 10:30, (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. 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 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

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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, Wednes-

days 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 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; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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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California boy drowns in Star Lake

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The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office responded to the incident, reported at 8:14 p.m., at Pine Terrace Resort, 35101 Pine Terrace Road, in Ideal Township, west of Crosslake. According to the report, deputies responded to a report of a

seen paddleboarding on the lake.

According to witnesses, the boy, identified as Stanley Ryder Wilson of Encinitas, CA, never resurfaced after falling off the paddleboard and into the water.

Wilson was pulled from the water by individuals at the resort. Life-saving measures were attempted but

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was pronounced dead at the scene. Wilson and his family were staying at the resort.

Assisting at the scene were the Crosslake Police Department, Pequot Lakes Police Department, Breezy Point Police Department, Ideal Fire/First Responders, Crosslake Fire Department and North Memorial Health Ambulance and Air Care.



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