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More than one way to serve the Lord a non-profit mechanic's garage

By ANN SCHWARTZ
The former auto sales and service building run by the late Roger Wright, on Hwy. 210 in Aitkin, sat empty for many years.

Nick Dinger, meanwhile, was helping those with needs by fixing their vehicles. "We took referrals from Aitkin's Hope, Bridges of Hope, Aitkin County Human Services and other agencies," he explained in a recent interview. "It started out as a night-and-weekend thing."

Dinger and his partner Glen Browning bought the building. "It was in pretty

rough shape. The shop just had a dirt floor," Dinger pointed out.

The building was completely refabricated. It now has two garage doors and several work bays, with an office and bathroom carved out of the space. It is named Brothers in Christ under the umbrella of the Sowing Seeds for God non-profit.

"We'll be getting our second hoist any day now. We work on any make and model of vehicle for basic maintenance and repair: brakes, exhaust, tune ups. I also do a lot of work for antique car

owners."

Justin O'Neil, Dinger's son, also works there. "Justin will go out on service calls for farmers or helping people who are broken down -

during business hours anyway. It's just me and my son working so we try not to overschedule. We just want to stay busy. And our customers seem to be happy."

They opened to the public eight months ago. Nick Dinger at B.I.C. Repair can be reached at 218-429-1881 or stop in at 42209 State Hwy. 210, Aitkin, MN.

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Justin O'Neil and Nick Dinger, son and father team, operate BIC Repair, a new mechanic's shop on Hwy. 210 west of Aitkin. Ann Schwartz photo

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Marijuana arrest in Aitkin County

The Aitkin County Sheriff's office reported on Tuesday, August 22, at approximately 4:44 p.m. a 37 year old male from Coleraine was arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana.

While on routine patrol on State Hwy. 65 in Spalding Township an Aitkin County Deputy observed a vehicle driving slower than the post-

ed speed limit. The Deputy then observed the driver of the vehicle swerving, over-correcting, and crossing the fog and center line multiple times. The Deputy conducted a traffic stop and noticed that the driver's pupils were constricted and he was fidgeting and unable to remain still. Upon further investigation, the driver admitted to having

a medical marijuana card and having marijuana in the vehicle. After failing field sobriety tests, the driver was placed under arrest and has been charged with Third Degree Driving under the Influence of a controlled substance, driving after revocation, no proof of insurance, and possession of an open package of cannabis in a motor vehicle.

READER RIBBETS

Aitkin Public Schools planning input

Aitkin Public Schools is in the initial stage of developing a strategic plan. The school board is working with the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) to provide guidance and assist with the planning.

The school board is seeking input from school district residents and staff to help in identifying the school district's strengths and areas for improvement. School district residents and staff can give the school board feedback by completing a survey or attending a community forum scheduled for September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The information gathered from the survey and community forum will be analyzed by the MSBA and used to help identify school district strategic priorities.

You can provide input by

filling out the online version of the Strategic Planning Survey. Just go to <https://home.isd1.org/>, and click on the Make Your Voice Heard survey link before 11:59 p.m. on September 11, 2023.

If you do not have access to the internet you can do one of the following so you can participate in the survey.

• You can stop by the Aitkin Public Schools District Office at 306 2nd Street NW, or any school building to pick up a copy and fill it out. Completed surveys should be returned by 4:00 p.m. on September 8, to the district office at the above address;

• Or, you can either call Jeanne Ince at 218-927-2115 ext. 3427 to request a copy to be sent to your home, or request a copy of the survey via email

by contacting jince@isd1.org;

• Or, you can attend the community forum scheduled for September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in The High School Auditorium.

The survey will be open until 11:59 p.m. on September 11.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated by the Aitkin School Board. If you have any questions about the survey or strategic planning process, please contact MSBA's Gail Gillman at 507-934-2450, or by email at ggilman@mnmsba.org.

We look forward to teaming up with you as we build our Strategic Plan to help guide our school districts' future.

Daniel J. Stifter
Superintendent - Aitkin Public Schools
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

September

- 1st & 2nd - Aitkin Lions Palisade Colorado Peach Preordered pick up at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds, Friday 7am-6pm and Saturday 8am-noon. The twenty pound lugs are preordered and paid. We will have a few lugs available for late comers.
- 2nd - Emily Wesleyan Church Community Market in the church parking lot from 9 am- 2 pm.
- 2nd - Pig Roast, 1pm. Tickets are \$10 and includes a pulled pork sandwich, beans, cole slaw, chips and a pickle. A beer special is also offered. The Garrison VFW Post 1816 is located at 27234 Monroe Street in Garrison. Call 320-692-4414 for more information.
- 4th - Deadline to sign up 4-Wheelin' for Kids with Cancer Fund-raiser Ride. Register at centrallakesatvclub.com.
- 9th - Smoke on the Range Rib Cook-off and Side Dish Competition at the Deerstand in Deerwood. Deerwood Fire Department's meat raffle starts at 2 pm. SunRide Band performs, 6-10 pm. Call 218-534-9253 for details or to sign-up to be grill master.
- 9th - Annual Ladies Only Ride hosted by the Over The Hills Gang ATV Club. Reserve tickets on Eventbrite Web site.
- 15th - Armed Forces Tribute event take place at Crow Wing County Historic Court House, All Veterans Memorial at 1 pm & Guest Speakers & Festival take place after program East Side Parking lot of CWC Jail. POW MIA HOT AIR BALLOON ON Display Open to public Free.
- 16th - Emily Wesleyan Church Community Market in the church parking lot from 9 am-2 pm.
- 16th - 4-Wheelin' for Kids with Cancer Fund-raiser Ride. Guided trail rides, lunch, presentation and more. Cost: \$20 per machine; ride starts at 10 a.m. on Miller-Black Bear trail system near Trommald. Register at centrallakesatvclub.com by Sept. 4. All proceeds benefit the Zachary Johnson Kids with Cancer Fund

Send Us Your Photos and Community Events!



Got an interesting photo and story to share? Just send it to hopper@crosbyiron.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!

DNR seeks comments on proposed regulation for pike on Gull Lake chain

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resource will hold an open house on Thursday, Sept. 7, to collect public comments and share information about a proposed northern pike regulation change for the Gull Lake chain, including Gull Lake and connected Upper Gull, Margaret, Ray, Love, Nisswa, Roy, and Round lakes in Cass and Crow Wing Counties.

The purpose of the proposed regulation is to provide better protection for large northern pike in the Gull Lake chain and reduce enforcement complexities by applying the same regulation to all connected waters. If adopted, the regulation will require all northern pike from 30 to 40 inches to be immediately released and will change the possession limit to two, with only one over 40 inches allowed in possession on the Gull Lake chain. The proposed regulation would be evaluated for effectiveness after 10 years, in 2034. If adopted, the regulation would be in effect for the fishing season that begins May 11, 2024.

The open house will take

place from 6-8 p.m. on Sept. 7 at the Brainerd DNR office's lower-level conference room. The office is located at 1601 Minnesota Drive in Brainerd. Attendees should enter through the main entrance door facing the guest parking lot.

Additionally, there will be an open house in the Twin Cities metro area to accept comments on this proposal and other special and experimental regulation proposals statewide. That open house is DNR seeks comments on proposed regulation for pike on Gull Lake chain 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the DNR

Central Office, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul. Comments about regulation changes being proposed can also be submitted online by visiting the Minnesota DNR Web site at: mndnr.gov/fishregs and taking the on-line survey. In addition, comments about the proposal for the Gull Lake chain can be directed to the Brainerd area fisheries office by calling 218-203-4301, emailing brainerd.fisheries@state.mn.us or mailing to Brainerd Area Fisheries, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN, 56401. Comments will be accepted through Friday, Oct. 20.

CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 4-10, 2023

TAKE THE SEPTEMBER NO HEAT OR AC CHALLENGE!

September is one of the only months where we all could potentially go heat or AC free! Not only will this save you lots of money, it's kind of fun. If you are up to the challenge, here are some tips:

- On chilly days, shut your windows, open your curtains and let the sun provide the heat.
- Put on a cozy sweatshirt and cuddle under an extra blanket.
- On warm days, close your curtains, open your windows - especially at night - and enjoy the peace of crickets chirping. This is prime sleeping weather!
- On really warm days, a box fan is more than enough to keep it cool.

Nature Notes:

- Ragweed continues to shed pollen into the air.
- Wonderful Warbler watching time! It is peak migration time for these small birds and there are more than a dozen different species for the keen observer to note.
- The monarchs migrating through now are headed for Mexico. They depend on aster, goldenrod, sunflower, and autumn joy sedum nectar.
- Many snapping turtle eggs laid in June, hatch in September.

STARGAZING NOTES, provided by the Minnesota Astronomical Society
What's happening in the starry sky this week?

- We're entering the prime season for observing Saturn and Jupiter. Saturn rises in the ESE around 10 pm, and Jupiter rises in the ENE around midnight. They'll rise earlier each evening throughout fall.
- Last quarter moon is on September 6.
- On the night of September 7 the moon rises next to Jupiter, a striking sight. Look ENE after midnight.

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As part of its ongoing mission to educate the public about wise use of natural resources, Long Lake's team of Environmental Educators will share simple, everyday Conservation Tips that everyone, including kids, can do. Everyone makes the effort to conserve resources more wisely, we can help ensure a brighter future for the planet and make life better TODAY!

JANZEN AUCTIONEERS

AITKIN/DEERWOOD AREA AUCTION

Saturday, September 9 • 10:00 a.m.
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GRANT & LAURA WATERS PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

VEHICLES: 2004 Ford Mustang 40th anniversary edition, V6 manual 5 speed w/86,000 miles, 2004 Saturn VUE, four door V6 AWD w/197,000 miles **LAWN & GARDEN RELATED:** John Deere 420 riding lawn tractor complete window kit & doors (no broken glass) w/ front mounted snow blower, Cub cadet full style lawn tractor garden tiller 8HP 4x8 Utility trailer w/sides, Older Simplicity Airrens & Gilson walk behind snow blowers Troybilt 4HP walk behind sickle mower w/electric start, Agrifab 38 in. lawn sweep w/ bagger, Front tine tiller 5HP **SHOP TOOLS & RELATED:** Walker Turner wood lathe, Belsaw industrial surface planer, Delta model 10 contractors table saw, Older delta floor model drill press, Craftsman table saw, Sears Craftsman 2 HP 12.5 in. surface planer Walker Turner industrial band saw, Metal cutting band saw, (2) Shaper/molders on stands Homecraft drill press, Shopmaster scroll saw & other scroll saw, Craftsman 10 in. drill press 1/2 HP, (2) Craftsman radial arm saws, Craftsman 10 in. band saw bench model, 2 HP air compressor on wheels, Ryobi dual wheel bench grinder & other dual wheel bench grinder, Numerous metal bar wood clamps, Homecraft table saw, Corded hand power tools & mechanic/carpenter hand tools, Collectible block planes, Wood lathe tools Variety of hardware & hardware organizers, **BOATING RELATED,** Alumacraft TS14 14 FT aluminum boat, Homebuilt boat trailer, Mercury, Chrysler & older Johnson OB motors Boat oars **SPORTING GOODS:** JC Higgins model 583 shotgun, Variety of reloading supplies, shotgun reloaders, powder, dies & more, Onieda aero force compound bow in case, Cross country ski's & snow boards, (2) Mountain bikes, Camping supplies, sleeping bags, cookware, propane cook stove, coolers & more **HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS & RELATED:** Large oak entertainment center, Oak roll top desk, (2) Upholstered claw foot dining room chairs, (2) Sets of china and other normal kitchenware's, Twin bunk bed set custom made, Bissell carpet cleaner, Matching dresser w/ mirror chest of drawers, nightstand & double bed, Smaller drop leaf kitchen table, Coffee table, Smaller ice cream freezer w/top sliding door, Waterbed frame w/mattress, Card table & 4 chairs, (2) Marble style matching lamps smaller treadmill, Sewing machine in wooden cabinet, Items of Interest, 1972 Coit 295 snowmobile, Early 1990's star wars figurines most still in the box, Large variety of Louis Lamour books, Cast Iron fry pans, Fruit masher & fruit press, Tongue & groove pine boards & other lumber material, Wooden collectible skis, Nintendo & Atari w/games, Scuba diving gear, Metal runner wooden toboggans, Large reptile aquarium & smaller fish aquarium, Cream can, Beer & Wine making supplies, Large drafting table, Variety of canes & walking sticks, some diamond willow

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Sunday, September 10 • 10:00 a.m.
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VEHICLES: 2004 Ford F-150 lariat extended cab w/5.4 triton V8 and smaller receiver hitch plow & tonneau cover 130,000 miles, 2003 Ford F150 crew cab 4WD w/matching top, new rear brakes, 154,000 miles, 1997 Jeep Cherokee 4WD w/187,500 miles, Trailers, Classic 5x9 enclosed trailer V-Nose w/side door & drop down rear door, 8x12 Sled Bed snowmobile trailer w/V-Nose, 4x8 Utility trailer w/sides **BOATING PACKAGE:** 1997 Alumacraft 14.5 ft. Lunker V14 LTD boat on good trailer w/Yamaha 25 HP OB & Minnkota trolling motor, ATV, 2007 Arctic Cat 650 TRV 4WD two seat w/3500 miles **FIREARMS & RELATED:** Winchester model 70 bolt action .300 win mag w/ Nikon monarch scope 3.5-10, Winchester model 70 bolt action 7MM Mag w/bushnell scope, Marlin model 336RC lever action 30-30, Remington model 1100 magnum semi auto 12 GA 3" Remington model 1100 semi auto 20 GA, Ithaca model 51 pump 12 GA magnum 3" ser. Winchester model twelve 12 GA, Ruger single six .22 Mag stainless revolver like new Ruger MK1 semi auto .22 LR handgun, Variety of shotgun & rifle ammunition, Barnett whitetail hunter crossbow like new **SHOP TOOLS:** Grizzly model G1066 drum sander 5 HP 220V single phase, Grizzly dust collector, Dewalt 13 in. surface planer on table model DW735, Dewalt compound miter saw on stand model DW708, Delta 10 in. contractors table saw, Delta planer/jointer, Duracraft heavy duty band saw, Porter Cable router on stand, Porter Cable router in box like new, Craftsman 15.5 in. drill press floor model, Craftsman 10 in. radial arm saw, Husky 5HP 26 gallon upright air compressor like new, Portable acetylene tanks & torch, Craftsman 2 wheel band saw 1/3 HP, Cal-Hawk combination belt/disc sander, Craftsman whole shop sawdust collection kit in box, Robin RGV 4100 generator & other smaller generator, Variety of mechanics & carpenter hand tools, Milwaukee super sawzall, Variety of air powered hand tools, Wood pipe clamps, 100,000 BTU propane redy heater, Dual drill bits wheel bench grinder **SPORTING GOODS & RELATED:** Minnkota trolling motors, Winter & summer ice fishing poles, Double buddy heaters, Variety of fishing tackle, Gas ice auger, Single & double propane cookers for deep frying, Large bear rug, Northern pike mount, Modern carved wood loon & duck decoys, Archery bag targets **LAWN & GARDEN:** Craftsman riding lawn tractor w/bagger 25 HP 46 in. cut (used very little), Honda HRX 217 self propelled trimming mower w/bagger, Honda power boss pressure washer 3000 PSI, Toro 518ZE snow blower w/electric start, Toro CCR PowerLite-E snow blower, Brinkmann grill king deluxe gas grill, Brinkmann smoker, **ITEMS OF INTEREST,** Large quantity of lumber mostly oak, Stoneware 3 & 12 gallon crocks, Quilting table, Variety of electronics stereo, speakers & related

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OBITUARIES

RICHARD NORTHBURG



Richard William "Rich" Northburg, 58, of Deerwood died unexpectedly on Friday, August 25, 2023 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

He was born in Crosby on November 7, 1964 to Darrel and Patsy (Isensee) Northburg. Rich married Nancy Boyd on April 26, 2008 in Bennetville. He was a retired operator with International Union of Operating Engineers and was a member of the Local 49 B with 37 years of service. Rich was an avid fisherman. He was a man of his word who was fun-loving and generous, always ready to help

friends and strangers alike. He loved collecting antique automobiles and was always convincing Nancy about his latest, greatest scheme or project. More than anything, Rich loved his family, especially attending the grandkids' events & activities. Above all, Nancy was the center of his life.

Rich is survived by his wife, Nancy; mother, Pasty Northburg of Crosby; step son, Christopher (Germaine) Burgwald of Sioux Falls, SD; step daughters: Jenny (Eric) Thommes of Rice and Beth (Jonathan) Hachey of Crosby; sister, Lynnette (Rick) Grady of Ironton; 10 step-grandchildren: Elena, Bradley, Nathan, Karl, Noelle, Samantha, Alexi, Annika, Mercedes and Simon.

Preceding Rich in death are his father; sister, Kimberly Olander and stepson, Cody Sullivan.

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

GERALD SOLNITZKY



Gerald Joseph Solnitzky, 76, of Wright, died Monday, August 21, 2023 at Essential Health St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.

A gathering of family and friends to celebrate Gerald's life will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Services of McGregor. Lunch and fellowship will follow at the Fireside Inn of McGregor.

He was born July 24, 1947 in Saint Paul to Joseph and Lillian (Marose) Solnitzky. He graduated in 1965 from Alexander Ramsey High School in Roseville. Gerald was united in marriage to LaDonna (Posterick) on June 10, 1989 in White Bear Lake. He worked in construction, most recently for

Julian Johnson Construction of Anoka, retiring in 2012. He enjoyed playing cribbage, woodworking, the Minnesota Twins, fishing and being at his lake home. Gerald also enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and was a retired member of the JFD's.

Gerald is survived by his wife, LaDonna Solnitzky of Wright; daughters: Wendy (Sara George) Solnitzky of Minneapolis and Ann (Sean) Silver of St. Micheal; two grand children: Anthony and Abby Silver; brother: David (Linda) Solnitzky of Little Canada; two nephews: Cory and Troy Solnitzky; and many other special friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and daughter in law Brett Campos.

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

ANNETTE KITCOCK



Annette Marie (Faue) Kitcock, 84, of Cross Lake, died peacefully Saturday, August 26, 2023.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. on September 1, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Crosby.

Visitation was one hour prior to services at the Church. Burial at Bay Lake Township Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee, OK and the Building Fund for St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Crosby.

Annette is survived by her husband, Alfred; sons:

Mark (Patricia) and Mitchell (Stacy); daughter, Michelle Johnson; four grandchildren: Philip, Riley, Claire, and Courtney; several nieces and nephews; brother-in-law Richard (Claudia) Kittock; sister-in-law, Monica Kittock-Sargent.

Preceding Annette in death are her parents, George R. and Josephine Faue; brothers, Reverend Mathias Faue, George E. Faue (Patricia), Robert Faue (Dorothy); sister, Rosella Fetter (Lawrence); brothers-in-law, Reverend Francis Kittock, Leonard Sargent; nephews, Larry Fetter, Joseph Faue, and niece Connie Murphy.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby, www.koopfuneralhome.com.

ALAN PREISINGER



Alan Edward Preisinger, 82, of Crosby died at his home on Saturday, August 26, 2023.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at the Bible Baptist Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township with military honors presented by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443.



He was born on June 21, 1941 in Crosby to Arthur and Lucille (Blackwood) Preisinger. Alan was a U.S. Army veteran. He is the retired owner of AP

Construction. Alan was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Crosby, the Gideon Aitkin Camp and worked with the jail ministry with Aitkin and Crow Wing County for 10 years.

Alan is survived by three sons: Clint (Aimee) Preisinger of Crosby, Clayton Preisinger of Little Falls, and Cal (Amber) Preisinger of Brainerd; two daughters: Andrea (David) Martin of Blackduck and Jody (Scott) Kretlow of Cottage Grove; brother, Roger (Carol) Preisinger of Brainerd; sister, Peggy (Roger) Velasco of Taylors Fall, WI; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Preceding Alan in death are his parents; two brothers: Thomas and Jim Preisinger and sister, Alice Stowell.

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD Aitkin — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10. Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 9 & 10:45 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, iamheritage.org Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30 Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45 Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662 Palisade — Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST Aitkin* — The Journey North, Pastor 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, the-journeynorth.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 Brezzy 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.

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 Wawer, 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: 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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362 Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10 COMMUNITY Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959

Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10, SS 9; 16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005 Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct. Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; 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 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 Connect 6:30 pm Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15 Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

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

LUTHERAN Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month. Aitkin — First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 99am (9am service also available via livestream on YouTube — First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KGIN 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.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 fbcbrainerd.com 424 8th Street South, Brainerd Brainerd* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052 Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.org) Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th St. Brainerd, Worship time September through May 8:15am & 10:30am; worship (June through August) 9 am. 218-829-5147. Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org. Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 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. 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 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) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Rev. James Muske: Sun. Worship 9am. Fellowship following Service. Communion every Sunday. McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11. McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9. McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10. McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Luke Lekander, Worship 9. Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), 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 each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210 Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December. Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9. Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.)

NON-DENOMINATIONAL Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984 Brainerd—Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis, Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite 2, 218-829-2989.

PENTECOSTAL Baxter — Christ Alive, 12485 Forestview Drive, Baxter, MN 56425 Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939. Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN Crosslake - Pastor Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9; Fellowship 11. 14444 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org. McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11. REFORMED Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Aitkin — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 9:30, Bible Study 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933 Brainerd — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20, Bible Study 10; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St, Brainerd. Sunday worship at 10. Pastor; Leslie Moughty. Handicapped accessible.

UNITED METHODIST Aitkin* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live. Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with YouTube live streaming 10 am with fellowship to follow. Cascade Ladies meet on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Come & Eat Community dinner on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Please call the office to sign up: 218-534-3507. Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Worship 9, fellowship follows. Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9 Emily* — Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Facebook live streaming 8:30 with fellowship to follow. UWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Men's prayer breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month at 8. Bible Study 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 WESLEYAN Emily — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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OBITUARIES

PHILIP ERICKSON



Philip Lawrence Erickson, 40, of St. Charles, MS died on June 1, 2023. Philip was born December 21, 1982, at Hudson, WI, to Carl and Rosanne (Walhaug) Erickson.

A Celebration of Philip's Life will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at First Lutheran Church, Aitkin with Pastor Reggie Denton officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment with Military Honors provided by Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin V.F.W. Post #1727 will follow in Lakeview Cemetery, Aitkin.

Attending schools at Hudson and New Richmond, Phil excelled as a hockey player playing as a freshman on the New Richmond State Hockey Team. He made several WI Select Teams, played for the South St. Paul Steers and on the Anchorage, Alaska Junior Hockey team until he broke his collar bone. During the summers he looked forward to his favorite job as a Cook and Counselor at the Steve Jensen Heartland Hockey Camp. Phil was a proud Army Veteran (joined after 911 in 2002 and was Honorably Discharged February 16, 2010). He was based out of Fort Hood, TX, with the 926th Engineer

Group as a Diesel Mechanic-Gunner, during his two and half Iraq tours volunteered for many missions earning three commendations, injuring his back and crushed leg brought him back to the United States for many surgeries. He obtained a Master Degree in Business Administration from Benedictine University on December 31, 2013. With his degree he was employed by Wainwright Industries, Wentzville, MO, as a Supervisor and Bi State Rubber Company, Fenton, MO, as their Plant Manager. Philip felt fortunate traveling to many countries, the last was a business trip to Germany. Phil was an outdoor enthusiast with a deep love for hunting and fishing. He had great pride in bringing home meat for the family freezer.

Philip is survived by parents, Carl and Rosanne (Walhaug) Erickson; daughters: Lily Erickson and Hartley Erickson; aunts: Shelley Anderson (Bemidji, MN) and Daneeta Erickson (White Bear Lake, MN); uncles: Roy (Patty) Erickson (Roseville, MN) and Mark (Debbie) Erickson (White Bear Lake, MN) many other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Matthew; grandparents: Lloyd and Luella (Cronkwhite) Walhaug and Lawrence and Betty (Johnson) Erickson; uncles: John Erickson and Terry Anderson,

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

TERRANCE DESUTTER



Terrance "Terry" Joseph Desutter, 66, of Merrifield, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

A memorial service was held 11 a.m. on Friday, September 1, 2023 at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin with Father Mike Patullo officiating. Visitation began one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at a later date in St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery, Aitkin.

He was born March 30, 1957 in Londonderry, Northern Ireland to Patrick and Janell (Kestalo) DeSutter. Terry graduated from Aitkin High School. He went on to attend St. John's University and was a member of St. John's Men's Choir. Terry married

Richard "Rick" Stoltman on August 24, 2013 in Breezy Point. Terry enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, traveling, cooking and entertaining. Terry also enjoyed time with his dogs.

Terry is survived by his husband, Rick Stoltman; children: Mallory Branch, Jeffrey DeSutter and Katherine Gorton; grandchildren; step-mother, Mickie DeSutter; siblings: Tim (Amy) DeSutter and family and David (Gretchen) DeSutter and family; stepsisters: Connie Janzen, Deanna Janzen Heath and Jessica Janzen and families; stepbrother, Jeremy Janzen and family; other relatives and friends.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents; son, Andrew; brother, Thomas; sister, Denise Kutzke. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin.

JUDY HAVISTO

Judy Elizabeth Havisto, 77, of Aitkin died Friday, August 25, 2023 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. on Friday, Septem-

ber 8, 2023 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Spencer Cemetery at a later date.

JAMES WARNEKE



James Peter Warneke, 93, of Aitkin, died Friday, August 18, 2023 at Moose Lake Village Assisted Living, Moose Lake.

Services will be Friday, September 8, 2023 at 11 a.m. in First Lutheran Church of Aitkin with Pastor Reggie Denton officiating. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers. Military Honors will be provided by Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin V.F.W. Post #1727. Jim's service will be live streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@FirstLutheranChurchofAitkin>

He was born March 5, 1930 in Freeport to Joseph and Elizabeth (Notch) Warneke. He was a graduate of Melrose High School and went on to attend St. Cloud Business College. During his college career, Jim was offered a position with Northern States Power Company where he would work for 39 years. Jim was a member of the US Air Force and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Jim and his wife Doris adopted a

daughter (Debbie) and later a son (Bill). He enjoyed hunting, fishing, card and board games, but most of all spending time with his kids. After retiring Jim moved to his home on Blue Lake in Aitkin. Jim was a member of First Lutheran Church where he served on the finance endowment and audit committees. He helped unload the monthly food shelf truck well into his eighties. Jim also helped to organize a First Lutheran backed singles group that he managed for many years. Jim also served on the Aitkin County Kinship board of directors. Jim was a proud member of his community in Aitkin and truly loved his lake.

Jim is survived by his siblings: Dan, Mabe, Bob and Joe; daughter, Debbie; son, Bill; three grandchildren: Adam (Jenna) Warneke, Danielle (Dillon) Lee, and Alicia (Anthony) Bautista; and five great-grandchildren: Kyra and Carter Lee, Eliza and Zinnia Bautista, and Jack Warneke.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Don and sister, Bernie.

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

THOMSON AMIDON III



Thomson Smith Amidon III, died on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at home with his loving family by his side.

Tom was laid to rest with full military honors in the Bennettville Cemetery on Thursday, August 31, 2023.

He was born April 6, 1937, at Eitel Hospital in Minneapolis to Thomson Smith Amidon Jr. and Elsiebeth Findley Amidon. He lived in Edina with his parents and

sister, Eleanor Amidon, frequently traveling to family property on Farm Island Lake where he pursued his love of fishing and hunting. Tom helped with his father's firewood business and Island View Resort.

In 1954, when Tom was 16, the family moved to the resort full-time. He bought a huge McCulloch, the first of many chain saws. In June of 1956, Tom graduated from Aitkin High School, joined the Navy in February 1957 as he didn't want to wait to be drafted. Logging was Tom's passion, he didn't want to work for anyone else, starting his own business

March 1961 and soon became well known for the quality of his work. Tom met his future wife, Sarah Maxine Amidon (Thompson), while clearing trees at her parents' resort. They married on October 31, 1962, and together they operated Amidon Forest Products until he retired in 1998. Tom loved dogs, tolerated cats, enjoyed tending their property, planting and gardening numerous apple, plum, cherry, grapes, blueberry, and raspberry plants. In 2019 Tom lived through a major hernia operation and moved in with his sister Eleanor back to the home they originally lived in back in 1954. Tom was the ultimate old-school lumberjack, known for his exceptional work ethic, commitment to quality, love of logging and pride in a job well done. His easy-going attitude and ready smile will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

Tom is survived by his sister, Eleanor Amidon; daughter, Julie Amidon-Conklin, and fur baby Darcy.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Thomson Smith Amidon, Jr. and Elsiebeth Findley Amidon, sister Betsy Amidon King, and wife, Sarah Maxine Amidon (Thompson).

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to leave a message of condolence.

LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, September 2, 2023)

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, September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cuyuna Fire Department to conduct the following public hearing:

Ordinance Amendment

01-2023 to amend the City of Cuyuna Zoning Ordinance No. 903.13 "General Requirements" Sub. 3, "Accessory Buildings." The proposed amendment allows one accessory structure to be placed or constructed on vacant lots without establishment of a principal use and establishes performance standards for accessory structures on lots that do not contain a principal use. Applicant: City of Cuyuna.

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.

Bill Bedard Clerk-Treasurer
City of Cuyuna
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LIBBY TOWNSHIP MEETING

The Libby Township Board will meet in person at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12 at the Palisade Community Center. The purpose of this meeting shall be to discuss and decide matters that may come before the board.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2023
JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT,
Clerk, Libby Township
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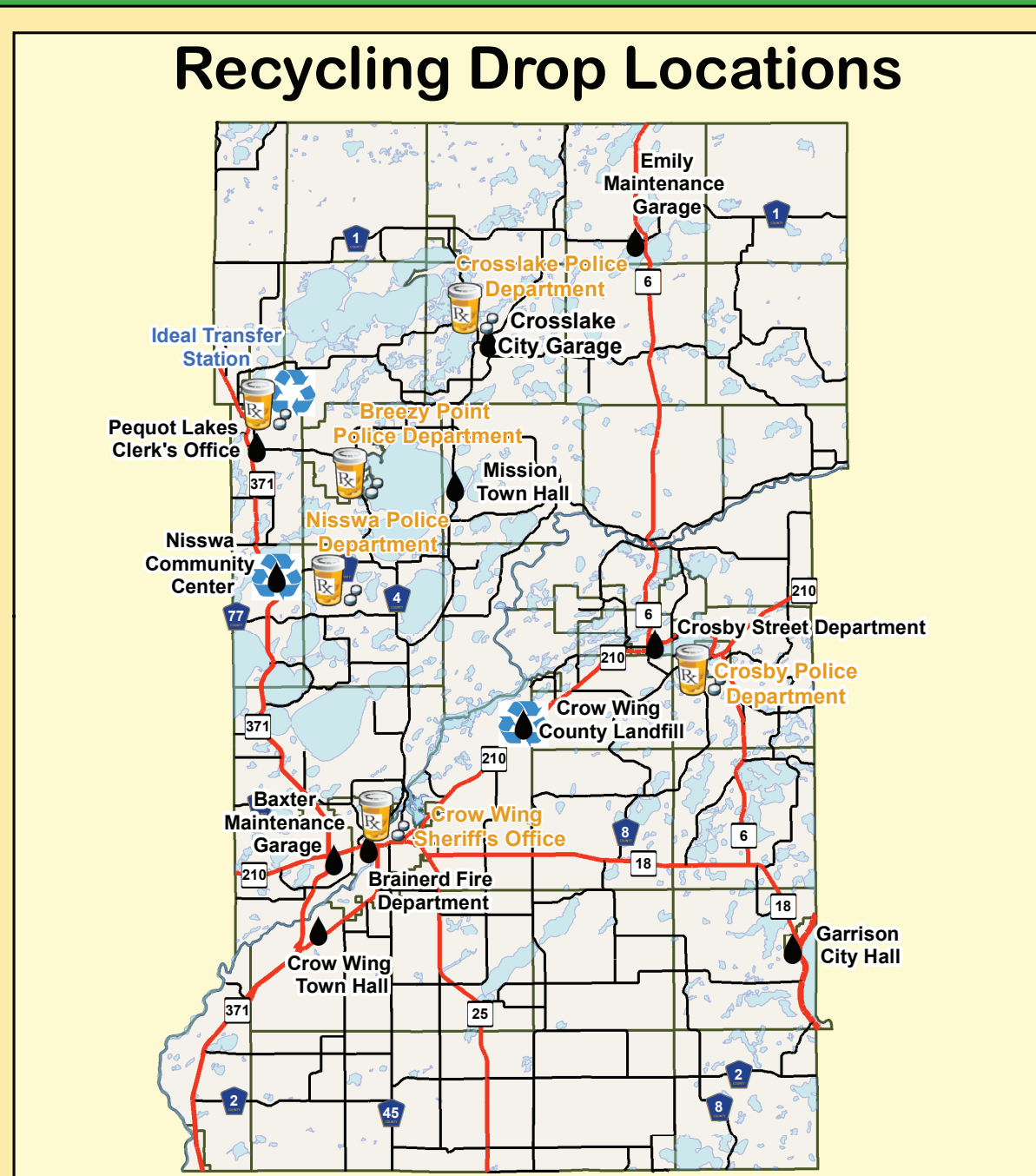
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