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## Pisarek team chasing walleyes takes fifth in pro circuit

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
Travis Pisarek took fifth place in Pierre, South Dakota, for the 2023 Masters Walleye Circuit World Walleye Championship. He and his teammate went home with \$7,500 in cash and prizes after fishing the Missouri River at Lake Sharpe recently. "We placed fifth on the first day, stumbled on day two and on day three we were able to fight our way back to fifth place."

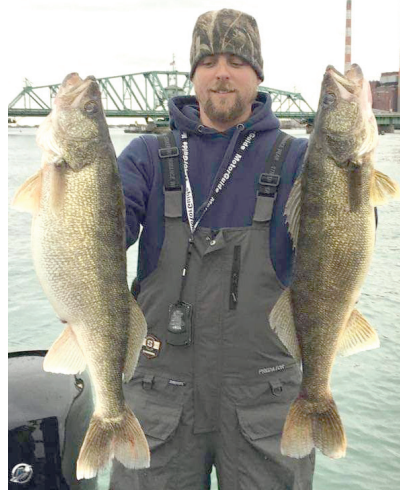
Pisarek, 34, grew up fishing on the lakes around Aitkin, graduating from Aitkin High School in 2007.

The son of Brian and Merriellen: "I spent all my free time on the lake, fishing for bass and crappies."

And like his dad Brian, Aitkin's fire chief and wildland firefighter, Travis doesn't sit around.

After graduating from Aitkin High School, Travis traveled around as a lineman, working throughout the Midwest. Later, finding himself a family man, he decided to settle down in Eau Claire, Wisconsin,

about three hours southeast of Aitkin. First, he took a lineman job for Xcel Energy in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and then was promoted to operations manager for the Eau Claire area, which includes Menomonie, Durand, Chippewa Falls and the Lake Pepin area. "When I worked as a lineman, I was on call a lot and did 1,000 hours of overtime a year." He and wife Emilee, a real estate office professional, are raising three daughters, Sydnee 10; Masey, 6 and Brook, 2. Wife Emilee is the daughter of Jim and Lorna White of Malmo. They love living in the



Pisarek displays 12.5 lb. and 9 lb. walleyes while prefishing for the Lake Erie tournament.



Travis Pisarek (far left), his wife, Emilee (far right) with their girls Masey, Sydnee and Brook.

country and devote family time to fishing or riding their four-wheeler. "We love the rural area. The nearest town is Eleva, a tiny town 10 miles

away. We enjoy the beautiful bluff country." Weekends from March to October are spent on the walleye circuit. And, to top that off, Travis also

designs and builds his own lures in his basement. Wow! **From Aitkin to the Great Lakes**

"The Master's Walleye Circuit is the top echelon of team tournaments for walleyes," Pisarek explained in an interview. "We travel throughout North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. We do four tournaments we draw throughout the year."

He started out the 2023 season in Illinois on the river, in March. "It was cold," he admitted.



Pisarek and fishing partner Kevin Dahl won the Dakota Lithium Come-Back award at the 2023 World Walleye Tournament.

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**Pisarek team chases walleyes | Continued from Page 1**



Anticipation mounts as Pisarek waits among line of boats waiting to launch for the tournament.

They fish the Great Lakes and various rivers, and much strategy and fishing finesse is needed to reel in those lunkers.

He and his fishing partner Kevin Dahl, also a cheesehead (Wisconsin resident) attempt to determine the best walleye pattern, fishing dynamics and bait change with each location.

News from the tourney: "5th Place: Kevin Dahl and Travis Pisarek with 28-08 lbs., \$2,750 cash.

The Dakota Lithium Come-Back award celebrated the 5th place team of Kevin Dahl and Travis Pisarek, who moved up on the final day with a weight change of 9-11 lbs. This achievement garnered them three (3) Dakota Lithium 135ah deep cycle/marine starting/trolling motor batteries along with chargers, valued at \$4,296," according to a press release about the Pierre tourney.

Travis explained that his boat is a Nitro Zv 21 with a Mercury 350 motor. It is a



Pisarek with a 11.5 lb walleye on Bay of Greenbay caught by casting custom painted Bones Baits Rapala Rippin' Rap.

multi-species boat. He started out with a sponsor but now sponsors himself with his bait business, Bones Baits. That is the custom-painted trolling lures that he designs and builds in his "spare" time.

Fishing tourney days are hard, with a full day on the water, therefore, they don't eat or drink. The Great Lakes are windy with huge waves. On Erie and Huron he trolls with crankbaits.

When they set out on the Illinois River last March it was cold and icy. They did vertical jigging with 3/8th ounce jigs and minnows, also using a three-way rigs with an 8-ounce weight, stick baits and Rapala

floaters and handlining. They pull upstream, slowly, using steel wire handlines with one-pound weights mounted to a reel that is in turn mounted to the boat. They hold the wire in their hands, dragging the bottom, and pulling up the fish hand-over-hand.

In the Green Bay of Lake Michigan it is glide baits, spoons and hairjigs, using Lowrance Active Target. "The Great Lakes are very busy with big waves and long runs. We will do a 120-mile round trip in the boat."

The pro season is over for this year, but you can find out more at <https://www.master-swalleyecircuit.com>.

## Highway 169 north of Hassman reopens

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is excited to announce Highway 169 north of Hassman, Aitkin County, is open to all travelers, and the detour is lifted through Palisade.

The highway has been closed between Highway 210 in Hassman and the Mississippi River, south of County Road 21 (Great River Road), since July. Crews re-constructed the road surface with a stronger, concrete overlay material; widened the shoulders; and replaced drainage infrastructure.

The work was part of a larger two-year, \$36.2 million project that will reconstruct 11 miles of Highway 169 between Aitkin and the Missis-

issippi River, north of Hassman.

Motorists may encounter periodic lane or shoulder closures with flaggers as crews wrap up work on the project. Watch for workers and equipment, and be prepared to stop or slow down.

MnDOT thanks the public for their patience during the first year of the project.

Crews will return for the 2024 construction season in full force. Work and detours will occur on Highway 169/210 between the Ripple River in Aitkin and Highway 210 in Hassman. For more information and to sign up for email updates, visit the project webpage: [www.mndot.gov/d3/projects/aitkin-hassman/](http://www.mndot.gov/d3/projects/aitkin-hassman/).

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## Final days to order delicious hearty pasties

Orders are now being taken for the Annual Pasty Project sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby on Wednesday, Oct. 18 and 25.

The pasties sell for \$8 each

and are made following a recipe for the pastry-enfolded meat and vegetable meal. Each pasty is large enough to serve as a full meal for one or two people. Gravy is available (12 oz.) for \$2. A reduced number of pasties will

be made each week. Please call Kay early to reserve your pasties at 218-232-2312. If necessary, leave a message — your call will be returned.

Pasties are picked up on the Wednesday they are baked.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church is located at 617 Poplar Street in Crosby.

## Hunting for the Holidays Nov. 18

The Deerwood American Legion Auxiliary Unit #557 is hosting its 9th Annual Hunting for the Holidays Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Deerwood American Legion located at 23659 Forest Road in Deerwood.

A sloppy joe lunch is available for \$5.

The Deerwood American

Legion Walter Scott Erickson Post 557 Ladies Auxiliary is raising funds for scholarships for local youth.

Vendors are still needed.

## Book sale in Aitkin

Friends of the Aitkin Public Library are hosting their fall book sale on Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Books, DVDs, and CDs are available for

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## ARABELLA BAUER

Arabella Lianne Bauer, a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 15 ozs., was born Oct. 5, 2023, in Aitkin, to Benilda and Leonard Bauer of Aitkin.

# OBITUARIES

## RICHARD HORSMAN



Richard Charles Horsman, 85, of Jacobson, peacefully died Sunday, September 10, 2023 with his son and daughter holding his hands and singing over him, "Thou Art Worthy, Oh Lord".

A Celebration of Richard's Life was Sunday September 24, 2023 at the Jacobson Community Church in Jacobson.



He was born September 8, 1938 in Chatfield to Ronald and Marjorie (Petersdorf) Horsman. He graduated high school and entered the U.S. Army in March of 1954 and was honorably discharged in November 1962. Richard was united in marriage to Lynda Leibold on June 6, 1964 in Winona. He was a self employed farmer and logger, owned and operated a sawmill, did road construction, was a machinist

and Jack of all trades. Richard along with his wife and two children started "Families For Jesus" and continued that ministry from 1983-2019. He was a member of the Jacobson Community Church. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Richard is survived by his two children and son-in-law: Darcy and Chris Magnan and Thomas Horsman; three grandchildren: Kayla (Taylor) Amiot, Benjamin Magnan and Daniel Magnan; great-grandchild: Oliver Amiot; siblings: Gary Horsman, Clair Horsman, Phyllis Hebig, John Horsman, their spouses, and many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lynda on December 26, 2020; two brothers: Alan and Ronnie Horsman, and his parents Ronald and Marjorie.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## KENNETH WASSERZIEHER



Kenneth Melvin Wasserzieher, 90, of Bay Lake died on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 in the Brainerd hospital with his loving wife of 44 years, Sharon, by his side.

Ken requested there be no funeral. Per his wishes his body was donated to the University of Minnesota Anatomy Bequest Program.

Kenneth Melvin Wasserzieher was born Nov.17, 1932 to Edward and Hazel (Knieff) Wasserzieher in the Brainerd hospital. He began his early years in Deerwood with his parents, who established a small resort, Sunset Cabins, on Bay Lake, next to Rutger's Resort. Ken attended school in Deerwood with his brothers Harlo and Gilbert. In 1951, he graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School. Having enjoyed his time in shop class in high school, Ken continued to educate himself and became a Master

Cabinetmaker. He enjoyed working for himself and creating unique designs for his customers to fit their needs. Making maple syrup in the spring was a Wasserzieher family tradition. Ken remembers seeing old pictures of himself as a very young boy "attempting" to help. At that time, he was a bit too small for the job! When people asked him how long he had been making syrup, he would answer, "All my life." Ken was community minded and was a member of the Bay Lake Lions. He was a person of faith and belonged to the Community of Christ Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon (Wolfe) Wasserzieher; sons and daughters-in-law: Steve and Patti, Ken and Becky and Brian and Lyn Wasserzieher; eight grandchildren: Amber, Jared, Lindsay, Dylan, B.J., Kate, Karma and Keith; 24 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers: Harlo and Gilbert Wasserzieher.

## MARY GULDEN



Mary Margaret Gulden of New Ulm died on Sunday, October 8, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of love for nature and animals.

The family will have a celebration of Mary's life at a later date.

Born on October 29, 1941, Mary Gulden was a true child of nature. Her connection with the outdoors began at an early age, as she developed a friendship with a crow as a child. Raised in Springfield, Mary Gulden developed a deep appreciation for the local flora and fauna, which became a lifelong passion as she tended beautiful flower gardens throughout the New Ulm Community.

Mary was often found immersed in the beauty of the great outdoors. She enjoyed riding horses,

walking dogs, feeding birds, and soaking in the bounties of nature. Mary instilled a sense of wonder in her daughters, teaching us all to appreciate the natural world that surrounds us.

Mary Gulden's nurturing spirit extended to many pets: including dogs, cats, horses, birds, and any other animal or insect that passed her way.

Mary is survived by her daughters: Jody (Randy) Slinger and Kathy (Chris) Hakes-Fastner of Aitkin; five grandchildren: Matthew (Bridgette) Slinger of Fairbault, Tim Slinger of Aitkin, Bryan Slinger of Brainerd, Cora Fastner of Detroit Lakes, and Kady Fastner of Durango, CO; two great granddaughters: Brynn and Marren Slinger.

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Aitkin. To leave a message of condolence, go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com)

## MARGARET CEKALLA



Margaret June Cekalla, 86, of White Bear Lake died on Saturday, July 22, 2023, and joined her husband Donald Leroy Cekalla on her final journey home.

Please join her family on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 2 p.m. for Margaret's Celebration

of Life at Croft Kitchen in Crosby.

Margaret was proud of her involvement with volunteering in Crow Wing County area. She enjoyed giving of herself and taking care of others.

She leaves behind her two children Donald John Cekalla (Julie) and Lori Cekalla; two grandchildren Brittany (Erik) and Nicholas (Greta) along with four great-grandchildren that were the light of her life.

More obituaries on Page 4

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## October

- 14th - The Hudson Fall Artisan Market 10am-4pm at 208 Curtis Avenue in Ironton. Call 218- 772-0096 for more details.
- 14th - Cascade United Methodist Church Annual Pumping Giveaway, 11am-noon at the pavilion in front of Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby. Close up view of police car and firetruck. Free grab bags too!
- 14th The Babinski Foundation Fall Festival noon-4 pm at 2825 76th Street SW in Pequot Lakes. Admission is free but donations are appreciated. Events include hay rides, a petting zoo, pumpkin decorating, carnival games, food trucks, guided horse rides, hay maze, silent auction, face painting, bonfires and s'mores, farmers' market, apple pie baking contest, prize-filled corn pit, bounce house, kids hairstyling and live music by Eric Whitson.
- 14th - Hallett Community Center Chili Cook-Off from 1-3pm. Entry fee is \$100 which includes the beef. Cool Cash for the best chili. Admission to taste is \$5. Call 218-546-2616 for more info.
- 15th - Cuyuna Brewing Company Chili Cook-Off at noon. Free to enter and free to taste.
- 16th - Free Meals for Seniors, 11 am-noon at the Deerwood Auditorium
- 16th - Grief Support Group, 5 p.m. at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby
- 17th - Weight Loss Support Group ( Virtual), 6 p.m
- 18th - Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Walk with a Doc, 4:30 p.m. free at Hallett Community Center
- 19th - Cancer Support Group, 12-1 pm Cuyuna Regional Medical Center- Free
- 19th - 22nd -The Northland Arboretum Haunted Trail 7-9 pm with low scare, high scare and "insane high scare routes"! Concessions are available as well as free games and prizes for youth. Advance tickets are \$20; at the gate are \$25 and a fast pass is \$30. The Northland Arboretum is located at 14250 Conservation Drive in Brainerd.
- 20st-21nd - Oktoberfest at Rutger's Bay Lake Resort [rutgers.com](http://rutgers.com) On Friday, Oct. 20, Arts and Crafts Fair noon-5 pm, picnic noon-7 pm and the German Buffet 5-8 pm at Ruby's on the Lake. On Saturday, Oct. 21, the Arts and Crafts Fair 9 a.m. -5 p.m. picnic 9 am-5 pm, live music and entertainment 10:45 am-6 pm and the Oktoberfest Buffet 5-8 pm at Ruby's on the Lake. Call 218-678-2885 for more information
- 21st - All are welcome to the Fall Bazaar and Lefse-Bake Sale / Lunch, 9am -2pm at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, 1 mile north of Garrison on Highway 169.
- 21st - Lakes Area Writer Alliance (LAWA) Conference at the Arrow-wood Lodge in Baxter 9am-4pm.
- 21st - Outing Area Chamber's Biggest Meat Raffle in the World held at the Log Cabin in Emly.
- 23rd - The Log Church in Crosslake Celebration of All First Responders in the Crosslake Community, at 6:30 p.m. Each first responder will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, a gift basket and with their guest enjoy a dessert reception following the ceremony.
- 23rd - Grief Support Group, 5 p.m. at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby
- 24th - IOU Mental Health Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m., 6:30-8 p.m. at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby - Free
- 24th - Dementia Caregiver Support, 1 p.m. Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Super One Conference Room
- 25th - Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Walk with a Doc, 4:30 p.m.

# LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., October 14, 2023)  
**LIBBY TOWNSHIP NOTICE**

The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 to discuss matters that may come before the board. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Contact Jane Jewett, clerk, at [jane@janefarm.com](mailto:jane@janefarm.com) to request the Zoom link.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2023  
Jane Grimso Jewett  
Clerk, Libby Township  
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# Local author to discuss “Screw You Van Gogh” at Brainerd public library

The Friends of the Brainerd Public Library are happy to announce the Brown Bag Lunch Author Series will

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On Monday, Nov. 6, noon to 1:00 p.m., Brainerd area author Jeff Howard will discuss his novel, “Screw You

Van Gogh.” The novel is a powerful story of two unlikely friends brought together by change and an unworldly connection neither one can explain. Together they navigate teenage relationships, dysfunctional families, self discovery, the terrifying impact of teenage mental health, and, ultimately, the choice to live.

Becoming a writer was not on Jeff Howard’s radar as he grew up in the north country of Minnesota. But after studying in college under famed Minnesota author John Hassler, Howard found his writing voice and began his career as an outdoor writer. For several years he syndicated an outdoor newspaper column and was a feature writer in several sporting magazines, earning national and regional communications awards. Then after earning master’s degrees in



Author Jeff Howard

literature and school counseling, Howard worked for 18 years as an English teacher and high school counselor. After a series of student suicides, Howard believed that more needed to be done for emotionally fragile youth and wrote his first young adult novel “Screw You Van Gogh.”

“Certainly there are supports for kids today who suffer from emotional unwellness,”

said Howard. “But it is not enough as the number of kids with mental health disorders and suicide rates increase at a frightening rate. The reason I wrote this book is to show young readers that suicide is regretful, meaningless act, and that there is a better way.”

Today Howard has matched his book with a Language Arts curriculum through the Tommi Project and is making it available to high schools through their student support plans.

This presentation is sponsored by the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library through their volunteer and fundraising efforts. Attendees are free to bring a sack lunch or to just enjoy the light refreshments provided. No registration is required, and all are welcome.

For more information, contact the library at 218-829-5574.

# Crosby-Ironton football team battled hard but Aitkin hangs onto Stump



On a cold night at Veterans’ Field in Aitkin it took four overtimes until Aitkin beat the C-I Rangers on Oct. 6 to keep the Stump Trophy. It is Aitkin’s fifth victory in a row in the high school football border contest. On the fourth overtime Jacob Williams scored, leaving the margin of victory 42-36, Aitkin. Aitkin improves to a 5-1 record while C-I drops to 3-3. With just 36-nail-biting-seconds left in regulation time, the Aitkin Gobblers blocked the extra point kick that would have meant a C-I victory. Photo courtesy of Lexi Hills

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