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# Pisarek team chasing walleyes takes fifth in pro circuit

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."

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**BV ANN SCHWARTZ** 

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

The son of Brian and Meriellen: "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 fam-

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



ily man, he decided Pisarek displays 12.5 lb. and 9 lb. to settle down in Eau walleyes while prefishing for the Lake Claire, Wisconsin, 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

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



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

designs and builds his own away. We enjoy the beautiful 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.

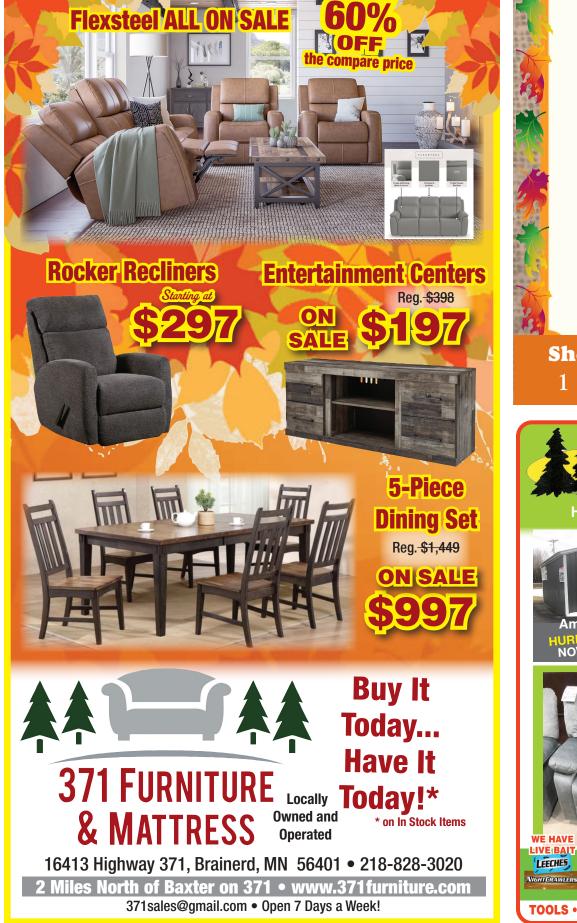
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#### Pisarek team chases walleyes | Continued from Page 1



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

# 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 reconstructed 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 Mississippi 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/.



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

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floaters and handlining. They pull upstream, slowly, using steel wire handlines with onepound 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.masterswalleyecircuit.com.

# 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.

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 re-

at the Deerwood American Legion Walter Scott Erickson Legion located at 23659 Forest Road in Deerwood.

A sloppy joe lunch is available for \$5.

The Deerwood American

Post 557 Ladies Auxiliary is raising funds for scholarships for local youth.

Vendors are still needed.

### 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 duced number of pasties will

## **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

\$.50-\$1.00. There is a bag sale all day Saturday, you can fill a bag for only \$3.00. Location of the sale is in the community room attached to the library at 110 1st Ave NE in Aitkin.



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.

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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.

# BITUARIES

#### **RICHARD 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

Richard Charles Horsman, 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.

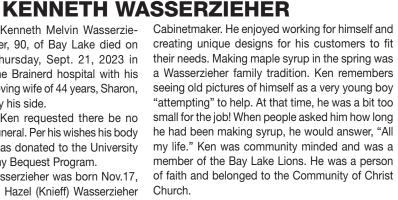
Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

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 Ruttger'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



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

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

animals.

MARY GULDEN 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: Brvnn and Marren Slinger.

#### 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 Methoidst Church Annual Pumpking 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 Llving 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 Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort ruttgers.com On Friday, Oct. 20, Arts and Crafts Fair noon-5 pm, picknik 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. picknik 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 Arrowwood Lodge in Baxter 9am-4pm.
- 21st Outing Area Chamber's Biggest Meat Raffle in the World held at the Log Cabin in Emily.
- 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.

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Deadlines are Mondays at Noon Send your photos, stories and community events to hopper@crosbyironton.net

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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@janesfarm.com to request the Zoom link.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2023 Jane Grimsbo Jewett Clerk, Libby Township 2.53

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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,

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Aitkin. To leave a message of condolence, go to 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.

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**ANNE GEORGE** 

# **OBITUARIES**

Anne (Nelson) George, 64, of Palisade, died peacefully with her family lovingly by her side at 10:46 p.m. on September 27, 2023 after a courageous battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

A Celebration of Life was held on Thursday, October, 12

at Northwoods Church in Aitkin. At a later date, a memorial reception will be held in the Twin Cities. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Hope Lodge in Minneapolis or the American Cancer Society. You may also volunteer at a local school, mentoring a child, or reading with a child in Anne's memory. Anne loved nothing more than teaching and helping children realize their potential.

Anne was born on November 6, 1958 to Scott and Marjorie Nelson in Mankato. After Anne graduated from Mankato West High School in 1977, she went on to study Hotel Restaurant Management at UW Stout where she met her loving husband, Tom. In 1979, Tom and Anne were married in Mankato. T After her children were all in Elementary school, Anne returned to school to earn her Bachelor's Degree at St. Cloud State University. She went on to earn her Master's Degree in Education at Saint Mary's University, and later earned her administrative license. Anne worked as an elementary school teacher and instructional coach for more than 15 years in the Anoka Hennepin School District. She had a very strong passion for education and made a tremendous impact on her students and

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peers. In 2004 Anne and Tom completed their dream - their log home in the lot next to Anne's parents on Round Lake - where Anne spent nearly every summer growing up. They loved and cherished their time at the lake and made that their permanent home in 2020. In 2018 Anne retired from a long career in education and took many wonderful trips to Alaska, Nova Scotia, Italy, Anna Maria Island in Florida, Maine, and Arizona. Anne loved to golf, play pickleball, cook amazing meals, plan trips and events, attend bible study, lounge on the dock, take pontoon rides, and especially spend time with her family and friends. Her spirit was infectious. She was a numbers person, often counting the number of things (m&ms, cards, etc.) to fit into what made sense. We believe she chose 10:46 to embody 10 grandchildren, 4 children, and 6 people in her family.

She is survived by her husband, Tom; sons: Chris (Alicia) and Ryan (Jessica; daughters: Alyssa Meier (Peter) and Megan Follick (Brian); nine grandchildren: Conner, Claire, Adeline, Emma, Ava, Owen, Jace, Finley, and Jude and one on the way; siblings: Julie Eldridge (Ron), Dave Nelson (Jane), Amy Brisson (Jeremy), nieces and nephews.

Anne was preceded in death by her parents; mother and father-in-law, Marion and John George; brother-in-law, Bruce; sister-in-law, Trudy and nieces: Justine and Hannah Nelson.

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one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in Diamond Lake Cemetery. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers.

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She was born August 9, 1926 in Fowler, Indiana the daughter of Meddie and Delcine Deno and later was raised by William and Eva Lenoue. Fern was united in marriage to George Ince on August 31, 1946 in Appleton, Minnesota. Together they owned and operated Diamond Lake Resort near Aitkin from 1960 to 1975. She worked at Butlers in downtown Aitkin for 25 years and a homemaker. Fern and George enjoyed traveling together and after Georged died Fern continued to travel. She enjoyed feeding and watching the birds, doing embroidery, needle work and ceramics. Fern was a member the local bowling league, Ladies Aid, American Legion Auxiliary, Riverwood Auxiliary, Riverboat Lioness, neighborhood card club, Maria Chapel Ladies Aide and Saint James Catholic Church.

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FERN INCE



Crosby died on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at the Cuvuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby She was born on March 15, 1952 in Crosby to Martin and Jean (Stockard) Kertzman.

A Memorial service was held

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#### Fern Ince, 97, of Aitkin died (Bruce), Paulette Ince Anderson (James), Pam Ince Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Landgren (Pete), Peggy Ince Lundberg (Tom), Priscilla Funeral service was held at Ince Blom (Brian), Mike Ince (Dianna); grandchildren: 11 a.m. on Friday, October 13, Bryce Fisher (Sommer), Becky McNeill (Steven), Amie Coleman (Brian), Angela Ryan (Dan), Amanda's hus-2023 at Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father Mike band (Chris Meyer), Erin Melz (Scott), Adam Landgren Patullo officiating. Visitation was (Abbey), Katy Kressin (Brian), Kim Jones (Dan), Megan Mathis (David), Michael Boyer (Kelsey Schlagel), Bill Boyer (Tiia), Sam Boyer, Andrew Ince (Taylor), Brittney

Silgen (Andrew), Danielle Ince and Jakob Ince; 38 great-grandchildren: Byron, Brady, Seth, Audrey, Elle, Zoe, Sophia, Max, Finn, Sienna, Bryden, Makson, Joette, Marek, Mason, Alexys, Hannah, Noelan, Ben, Carson, Coleman, Gloria, Mercy, Parker, Riley, Waylon, Aiden, Greta, Josie, Emma, Brooks, Addison, Everly, Henry, Charlie, Louie, Lilyann and Victoria.

Fern is survived by her children: Pat Ince Fisher

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Ince; granddaughter, Amanda Anderson Meyer; brother, Cecil Deno; sisters: Margurite Lanie, Annabelle Lanie and Priscilla Wallpe; step-brothers: Russell, Fritz, Pete and Clifford Lanoue; parents, Meddie and Delcine Deno and William and Eva Lenoue.

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#### MARY GARCIA

Mary Judith Garcia, 71, of at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 13, 2023 at St. Emily's Catholic Church in Emily. Burial was at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Mary was a local cook working with the Emily Café, Camp Knutson and the Emily School.

Mary is survived by her two sons: Justin (Kayla) Garcia of St. Cloud and Felix (Julie) Garcia of Des

Moines, IA; three grandchildren; two brothers: David (Katy) Kertzmann of Emily and Tim Kertzman of Emily; and sister, Susan (John) Carrol of Seattle, WA.

Preceding Mary in death are her parents; husband, Justiliano Garcia; daughter, Gina Fletcher and sister, Patricia Dobbs.

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



\* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

#### 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

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- 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 Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa
- Brainerd Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-School following worship. Services also available on YouTube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 flcbrainerd.com
- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10, SS 9; 16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005 424 8th Street South, Brainerd Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church
- (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www. Grand Rapids - Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; 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.

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.

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- 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.

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 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. 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

Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastol Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting. 7 p.m.: 218-829-7536

2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 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

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-

Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.

- 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

May-Oct.

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Wed, BS 6:30 pm

- 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 The Log Church 9:30, Pastor Troy Nelson; 218-692-4141,37218 County Road 66, 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; Malmo · 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 KKIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am- 4pm.
- Aitkin St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10
- Baxter Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
- Baxter Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.princeofpeacelutheran.church
- Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — First Lutheran Church (ELCA) Pastors: Patty Bjorklund and Jordan Gades, Sunday worship 9, Sunday 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 Lutheran Church (ELCA) www.crosslakelutheran. com • 218-692-3682 Kristin Oltmann, Senior Pastor; Becky Swanson, Associate Pastor Labor Day-Mem. Day: Sun. 9:30am, Wed. 6:15pm; Mem. Day-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am
- 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 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

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- 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

Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St,

Aitkin\* - Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednes-

Crosby/Deerwood\* — Cascade, Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday

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each month at noon. Come & Eat Community dinner on

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

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

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

McGregor\* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45;

Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship

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10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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# Local author to discuss "Screw You Van Gogh" at Brainerd public library

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The Friends of the Brainerd continue in person in the large meeting room of the Brainerd Public Library on first Mondays at noon.

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

# **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-! 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



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."

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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.

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