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## Noah Janzen continues pursuit of family auction legacy



Four generations of Janzen family members have graduated auctioneering school. Noah (left) on October 20, his grandfather Bob (center) holds a framed photo of his graduating class of 150 students in 1971, father Jeremy (right) graduated in 2008 and great-grandfather (the late) Barney Janzen graduated in 1936.

Local teen graduates auction school. Noah Janzen, 16, of Aitkin just returned from Des Moines, IA where he graduated from the World Wide College of Auctioneering on October 20.

Noah is the son of Jeremy and Kellie Janzen and he is the fourth generation of Janzen Auctioneers. Noah has wanted to be an Auctioneer since he was eight years old and he wanted to go to Auction School since

he was 12. His opportunity finally came this year.

Joe Reisch started the American Auction College in 1933 and Noah's great-grandfather Barney Janzen attended the school in 1936. American Auction College evolved into Worldwide College of Auctioneers where Noah's grandfather Bob Janzen graduated in 1971, his father Jeremy in 2008 and now Noah in 2023. That's four generations in less than 100 years.

Noah experienced intense training over the eight-day period by some of the best auction instructors in the world.

Classes covered during the course included auctioning real estate, estates, antiques, heavy equipment, purebred and market livestock, automobiles, and fundraising events.

Students were taught the rapid-fire chant of the auc-

ioneer, how to contract auctions, ethics, auction bookkeeping, auction laws, auction technology and the importance of the internet in today's auction world. Students were instructed by and interacted with some of the world's most successful auctioneers including past presidents of the National Auctioneers Association, state associations and past international, world and state champion auctioneers.

World Wide College of Auctioneering has graduated over 40,000 auctioneers

since 1933. They conduct classes three times a year.

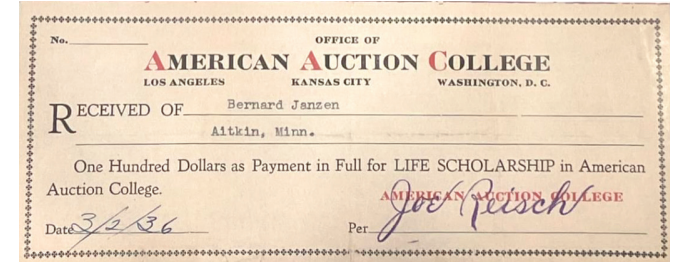


When he isn't continuing the family auction legacy, Noah, loves to hunt and fish. He also works in agriculture with tractors and combines.

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Receipt from the auction college that (the late) Barney Janzen attended in 1936.

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# Lakes Area ReStore opens to over 1,000 customers on the first day



The Lakes Area ReStore located at the East Brainerd Mall is open from Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
Lakes Area ReStore opened to a huge crowd last week. It is located in what longtime area residents will remember as JC Penney's in the East Brainerd Mall.

The ReStore takes donations of used furniture, appliances and building mate-

rials and sells them to make money to build Habitat for Humanity homes.

There was a festive atmosphere on Tuesday, October 17, as over 1,000 people came in to see the new store. Kevin Pelkey, executive director of Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity, greeted everyone

at the door and handed out maps to help shoppers find their way around.

The store was bright and full of color and organized with a functional flow. The checkout line snaked around as customers stood with their purchases, many holding lamps or other large items. Scott Hall, ReStore manager,

said it was their best sales day in 18 years.

Departments include furniture, cabinets, sinks, appliances, hardware, vanities, plumbing, windows and doors and lumber and trim. Pick up and drop off are at the back, north entry, where there is a warehouse area.

The store is open from Tues-

day to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Julie Nelson from Lake Lillian, Minnesota, was shopping for light fixtures, bathroom countertops and microwaves. "We are moving to a different home so we have lots of projects."

Gary Whiteman, a longtime volunteer from Brainerd, helped her. He's been a volunteer since Habitat started

in Brainerd. "I love the size of the new ReStore. The people are so fun to work for," he said. "We are anxious to get the rest of it finished and there are rooms we haven't opened yet."

If you have items that you don't want to throw away and someone could use, or you are looking for building materials or just that perfect décor item, check out the ReStore.



Kevin Pelkey, Lakes Area Habitat for humanity executive director, greets customers as they enter the store and hands them a store map to help them in their shopping.



Julie Nelson of Lake Lillian, Minnesota, left, is assisted in the lighting department by Volunteer Gary Whiteman.

## Meth seized and arrest

On October 17, the Aitkin-Itasca-Mille Lacs Violent Crimes Enforcement Team (AIM VCET) executed search warrants in the City of Aitkin pertaining to the trafficking of methamphetamine.

Through investigative measures, AIM VCET had identified Lucas Peifer, 44 of Sauk Centre as a source of methamphetamine to several Northern Minnesota

communities in Aitkin, Itasca and St. Louis Counties. Over two pounds of methamphetamine were seized along with \$7,000 in cash.

Peifer was taken into custody without incident and is being held in the Aitkin County Jail on charges of 1st Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and 1st Degree Sales of a Controlled Substance.



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**Nature Notes:**

- Look for buck scrapes and rubs as they announce their presence and mark their territory.
  - A rub is created when a buck rubs its antlers on saplings, brush, small trees, and even fence posts. In doing this, the bark or surface of the object is peeled away to expose the fresh wood underneath.
  - A scrape is made when a buck paws the ground with its hooves to expose a bare patch of dirt. As he does so, he deposits secretions from the scent glands located between the toes of each hoof.

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

- **Oct. 30:** Moon near the Pleiades Star Cluster, rising in the ENE at 8 pm.
- **Nov. 2:** Jupiter at opposition, when the planet is best seen from Earth. Jupiter rises at sunset, and is visible all night. If you have binoculars see if you can detect Jupiter's four Galilean moons lined up on either side of the planet.
- **Nov. 5:** Last quarter moon. Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour tonight.

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## Secretary Simon stands in support

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison announced [Oct. 20] that his office has intervened in two cases at the Minnesota Court of Appeals in support of writs of prohibition against Mille Lacs County District Court Judge Matthew M. Quinn. In a total of at least six cases, Judge Quinn has sentenced people convicted of felonies to probation — then has issued an order that declares Minnesota's new Restore the Vote law unconstitutional and bars them from exercising their legal right to vote. This flies in the face of the new law (Minn. Stat. §201.014, subd. 2A (2023)), which clearly says a person with a felony conviction "has the civil right to vote restored during any period when the individual is not incarcerated for the offense."

"Judicial restraint and respect for the separation of powers are essential principles of our justice system. When either of those principles is violated, Minnesotans lose trust in the system — and Judge Quinn has violated both principles," Attorney General Ellison said. "I support a writ of prohibition as the best option for quickly keeping Judge Quinn from further violating our justice system and Minnesotans' trust."

Attorney General Ellison continued, "It took two decades to pass a law to restore the right to vote to people who are longer incarcerated, and the new law that restores that right is fully constitutional. Minnesotans should know Judge Quinn's illegal orders have no effect on their voting rights. I strongly encourage all eligible Minnesotans — especially those no longer incarcerated — to fully exercise their right to register to vote and to vote. The health of our democracy depends on the full participation of every eligible voter — no exceptions."

At the same time, Secretary of State Steve Simon stood with Attorney General Ellison to offer support for these legal efforts as well as to defend the right to vote for all eligible Minnesotans.

"We cannot allow for any distortion of the rules for voter eligibility in Minnesota. Local elections in communities across Minnesota will take place in just 18 days — on November 7. And voting in Minnesota's 2024 presidential nominating primary starts just 13 weeks from today — on January 19," Secretary Simon said. "Minnesota has a proud tradition of showing up at the polls in nation-leading numbers, and I know that will continue."

Two of the individuals that Judge Quinn has unlawfully prohibited from exercising their legal right to vote have filed for a writ of prohibition at the Court of Appeals. A writ of prohibition is appropriate when a district court exceeds its authority and causes an injury for which there is no other speedy or adequate remedy. Writs of prohibition serve as a check on the improper exercise of judicial power and are warranted to prevent a district court from violating separation-of-powers principles.

Late [on Oct. 19], Attorney General Ellison's office filed notices to intervene in those cases and filed memorandums in support of the writs of prohibition. In the filings, Attorney General Ellison argues that Judge Quinn abused his authority in ruling the Restore the Vote law unconstitutional. Courts are supposed to be neutral decision-makers and decide the issues that parties raise. Courts are not supposed to independently raise and decide issues on their own. Judicial restraint is especially important when addressing the constitutionality of a statute. Statutes are presumed constitutional; it is a very high bar to hold otherwise. Moreover, when the constitutionality of a statute is challenged, the Attorney General must be notified and provided with an opportunity to defend the statute.

Judge Quinn, however, in the context simply of sentencing people convicted of felonies, ruled the law unconstitutional without prompting, without the question having been raised by either party, and with no

notice to the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, or other appropriate authorities. But a sentencing court has no discretion whatsoever over voting rights: only the Legislature decides when the right to vote may be restored, and the court plays no role. Voting rights are not up for debate in a criminal sentencing.

Attorney General Ellison additionally argues that Judge Quinn is wrong on the law and that the Restore the Vote law is in fact constitutional.

The Minnesota Constitution is clear: people with felony convictions cannot vote "unless otherwise restored to civil rights." The Minnesota Supreme Court has made it clear this phrase means the government can restore rights through legislation. The Supreme Court affirmed that principle just this year in an important case called *Schroeder v. Simon*.

For more than 150 years, the Minnesota Legislature has decided when and how to restore voting rights to people who have served their sentences for felony convictions. Every time in that the Legislature has revised the mechanism for restoring felon voting rights, it has expanded those rights. The Restore the Vote Act the Legislature passed this year is firmly in that long tradition and is entirely constitutional.

The four documents Attorney General Ellison's office has filed at the Court of Appeals are:

- Notice of Intervention in In Re April Sky Weyaus vs. State of Minnesota
- Memorandum Supporting Writ of Prohibition in In Re April Sky Weyaus
- Notice of Intervention in In Re Emilio Andres Trevino vs. State of Minnesota
- Memorandum Support Writ of Prohibition in In Re Emilio Andres Trevino vs. State of Minnesota

The Court of Appeals is expected to act quickly on the writs of prohibition.

*Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State*

## Good "Samaritan" replies

In regards to Maureen from Deerwood's good "Samaritan" I'm glad I could help out.

Sincerely,  
*Bill Linsmayer, Crosby*

## Losing skilled and hard worker

It is sad to see the city of Crosby will be losing one of its most skilled and hardest workers. In my opinion, he carried

the public works department many times due to their lack of real leadership. Clarence's many years of dedication and service

will long be remembered and appreciated. I wish him the best moving forward.

*Chris Ryan, Crosby*

## Undesirable immigrants flashback

As an historian, I frequently read old papers. Sometimes an article jumps out at me as this one did from the Grand Rapids, MN paper dated August 5, 1905. It struck me as coincidental to today.

It reads as such: UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS

Undesirable immigrants from all parts of Europe are pouring into this country at an increased rate, according to United States Commissioner Watchorn. About 48,000 immigrants arrived during July against 36,000 in the same period last year. The undesirable element is shown

by the increased number of deportations. More than 1,000 were sent back during July, as against 645 a year ago. The special boards of inquiry are working particularly hard in order to prevent the undesirable immigrants from landing.

*Brian Carlson, Grand Rapids*

## Rep. Davis legislative update

Republican legislators recently invited school staff, law enforcement and others to the Capitol for a meeting as we aim to fix a law that has left dozens of Minnesota schools without school resource officers.

The issue centers on a change in state law Democrats enacted last spring which limits how SROs are allowed to de-escalate aggressive or violent situations, taking away tools they can use to keep students and teachers safe. Concern and confusion ensued with the start of the new school year, causing dozens of law enforcement agencies to pull SROs from schools across Minnesota.

The issue has been further muddled by public officials offering contradictory opinions of what the new law means, including differing interpretations from Attorney General Keith Ellison and Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty.

This lack of clarity and differing interpretations underscores the importance of a legislative

risk, really hit home. Other testimony presented during the committee painted a picture of how the new law is compromising safety in schools. An official from the Riverbend Education District in South Central Minnesota said, "My staff is on a daily basis, having their classrooms completely destroyed by students. We have police officers in town going, 'Not our area, we don't get involved.'" A retired teacher indicated, "I can't imagine being a teacher when things get a little riled up. And there's not an SRO to calm that situation down."

Reports show 90 percent of students agree it is a good idea to have an SRO or police officer at their school. That speaks volumes regarding the service SROs provide and how much students appreciate them. The safety of our children is at stake here and we cannot afford for Democrats to continue burying their head in the sand on this issue, as if it will just go away on its own. In fact, this problem is not going to go away until SROs are fully restored in schools they'd been serving.

I attended the meeting and said he appreciated the insight testifiers provided. One person we heard from is the president of the National SRO Association and an assistant police chief for Golden Valley. For someone with those credentials to emphasize how this new law not only puts children, teachers and staff at risk, but also puts officers at

risk, really hit home.

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We need to fix this problem in a special session. We can't have Democrats drag this out any longer and continue causing our children's safety to be compromised.

*Minnesota State Rep. 6A, Ben Davis*

## LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., October 28, November 4 and 11, 2023)

### LIBBY TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 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 19th day of October, 2023  
Jane Grimso Jewett  
Clerk, Libby Township 2.66

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- October**
- 27th & 28th - Friends of the Aitkin Public Library Fall Book Sale 9am-3pm. Books, DVDs, and CDs are available for \$.50-\$1.00. There is a bag sale all day Sat - fill a bag for \$3.00. Location is the community room attached to the library at 110 1st Ave NE in Aitkin.
  - 28th - The Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library Halloween Craft Party, 11 a.m.
  - 28th - Keg and Costume Party at The Hudson in Ironton. Call 218-772-0096 for information.
  - 28th - Just For Kix K-6 dancers performance at Cuyuna Regional Care Center parking lot 1pm 29th - Fall Festival in Crosby Memorial Park 5-7pm, Come in costume and enjoy trunk-or-treating, face painting, WonderTrek Children's Museum, a pumpkin patch, food trucks and more! Call the chamber at 218-546-8131 for more info.
  - 30th - Grief Support Group, 5 p.m. at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby
  - 31st - Crow Wing County Sheriff's Trunk-or-Treat in the Crow Wing County Public Parking Lot on the corner of Laurel Street and South Fourth Street in Brainerd. Look for the flashing lights! 3:30-6:30pm
  - 31st - Trick-or-treat at the Deerwood Fire Hall located at 23786 Serpent Road West in Deerwood, 4-7 pm
  - 31st - Trick-or-treat at the Cuyuna Fire Hall 4-8 p.m.
  - 31st - Trick-or-treat at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Care Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
  - 31st - Candy distribution at Dellwood/ Edgewood located at 300 Third Avenue NE in Crosby, 5-7 p.m.
  - 31st - Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Care Center Trick-or-Treat Parade for ages 10 and, 5:30- 6:30 p.m.
  - 31st - Ironton Fire Department Scary Maze, 6-9 p.m. at 309 Third Street in Ironton.
- November**
- 1st - Walk with a Doc, 4:30 p.m. at Hallett Community Center - Free
  - 2nd - Books are Fun Fair, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center

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## Brainerd DFL office

The Crow Wing County DFL has opened an office in Brainerd! The Location is 223 Washington Street Brainerd, MN 56401. Office hours are typically Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We are hosting an Open House event on Saturday, November 18 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. We will have appetizers, drinks, and opportunities for fun and positive engagement. Regardless of


your political affiliation or party, the Crow Wing County DFL welcomes everyone!

Jen Schultz will be in attendance, she's running for CD8 US Congress in 2024. This is a great opportunity to meet her and our other great DFL staff and volunteers. A fundraising event for Jen Schultz will be held afterwards (location TBD), contact [cwcdfl@gmail.com](mailto:cwcdfl@gmail.com) for more details.

*Kimberly Slipy, Crow Wing County DFL Chair*

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# OBITUARIES

## LEE UGLEM



Lee Uglem, 70, died Sunday, October 8, 2023 at home surrounded by his family, after a lengthy battle with advanced prostate cancer.

A Memorial service will be 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Visitation will be Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls at later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Serpent Lake Association.

He was born and raised in Robbinsdale, moving to Deerwood at age four with his parents, Eugene and Dorothy Uglem. Lee served in the US Navy and sold real estate with his dad at Uglem Realty. He worked as a clerk/carrier for the United States Postal Service

in Brainerd for over 30 years. Lee married Ellen Guy on September 30, 1978 in Big Sky, Montana. His pride and joy were his daughters, Kelly and Sarah, and his four grandchildren. Lee loved to hunt ducks, geese and deer, and he loved all kinds of fishing. Lee founded the Cuyuna Range Ducks Unlimited chapter in the early 1980's. He was a terrific golfer, and a life-long member of Cuyuna Country Club/ Cuyuna Rolling Hills. Lee served as president of the Serpent Lake Association, and worked diligently to improve the water quality of the lake and maintain the lake's buoys.

Lee is survived by his wife, Ellen; daughters: Kelly (Neal) Erickson; Sarah (Aaron) Jax; four grandchildren: Kate and Evan Jax, Lewis and Miles Erickson; brothers Dean (Jean) Uglem, Deerwood, and Wayne Uglem, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Roger and Steve, and sister-in-law, Linda Uglem. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to [www.koopfuneralhome.com](http://www.koopfuneralhome.com).

## DONNA RYAPPY



Donna Faye (Carlson) Ryappy, 78, of Crosby died on Monday, October 16, 2023.

A private service is being planned.

She was born in Aitkin on October 27, 1944 to Paul and Donna Carlson (Wynn). Donna married Gary Ryappy on July 28, 1962 in Crosby.

Donna is survived by her three sons and spouses:

es: Kurt Ryappy of Crosby, Todd (Tonya) Ryappy of Glenn, and Shawn (Amy) Ryappy of Pillager; brothers: Paul (Anne) Carlson of Collierville, Tennessee, and Mark Mason of Crosby. Hallie (Lydia) Mason of Brainerd; sisters: Kathy (Ray) Gruenhagen of Mountain Iron and Kelly (Jeff) Mason of Aitkin; many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Preceding Donna in death was her husband, Gary; parents; twin sister, Dolores (Gerald) Erickson, and son, Troy Ryappy.

## JACK MCCAULEY



Jack Robert McCauley, 84, of Aitkin and Saint Paul died Friday, October 20, 2023 at his home near Aitkin.

Services are pending. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers to your favorite charity

He was born April 23, 1939 in Saint Paul to Charles and Avis (Lietzow) McCauley. He graduated from Washington High School, Saint Paul. Jack was united in marriage to Carol (Chevette) on June 13, 1959 at Church of St. Bernard, Saint Paul. He worked for Northern Pacific Rail Road, AT&T, NCR Corp. and CompuType as a computer programmer.

Jack is survived by his wife of 64 years Carol Ann McCauley; daughters and sons-in-law: Rae and Steve Torning of Cold Spring, Gail & Ron Clausen of Shoreview, Heather & Bill Koonce of Cedar, and Brenda McCauley of Maplewood; grandchildren: Krista & Matt Gustafson, Nicole Koonce, Jessica Koonce, Brandi Clausen and Erica Clausen; great-grandchild, Leo Gustafson; brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Mary McCauley; sister, Joyce (McCauley) Reilly; and many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## GLORIA MCMULLEN



Gloria Ann McMullen, 83, of Crosby died Sunday, October 22, 2023.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 27, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on

Catholic Church in Crosby and the CCW. She was a retired Para Professional for the Crosby-Ironton School District for many years.

She is survived by her five children and their spouses: Thomas (Nancy) McMullen, Mary (Rich) Aulie, Kimberly Coyle, Robin (Mike) Soderlund and Kelly McMullen; eight grandchildren: Michelle (Matt) Vogl, Steven (Allison) McMullen, Brandon Coyle, Robert (Bre) McMullen, Zachary Spehar, Jacob Spehar, Suntina Spehar, and Isaac Spehar; three great grandchildren: Ethnie and Emmett Vogl and Emry McMullen; sister, Kay Krupenny; sister-in-law, Jacqueline Bitterman; uncle, Bill Wudenich, and several extended family members and grandchildren.

Preceding Gloria in death are her parents; husband, Tom; four brothers: Daniel, Robert, James and Richard Bitterman; son-in-law, Michael Coyle and brother-in-law, Keith Krupenny.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to [www.koopfuneralhome.com](http://www.koopfuneralhome.com).

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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](http://newlifeaitkin.com) 218-927-2823.  
 Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; [www.pointway.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
 Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Jeremiah Rice, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9 & 10:30, [thejourneynorth.com](http://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](http://fbcbrainerd.com)  
 Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchontheiseroad.org](http://www.thechurchontheiseroad.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](http://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](http://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 Halfner 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 — The Log Church 9:30, Pastor Troy Nelson; 218-692-4141, 37218 County Road 66, [www.crosslakeefc.org](http://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 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 Ingelwood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. [www.christbaxter.com](http://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](http://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](http://fbcbrainerd.com) 424 8th Street South, Brainerd  
 Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at [www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church](http://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.lchurch.org](http://www.lchurch.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](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org). Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto: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](http://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 Lutheran Church (ELCA) [www.crosslakelutheran.com](http://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](http://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](http://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 Telf; 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; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Irontone 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](http://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](http://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](http://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. UJWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Mer'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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# Family-friendly Halloween costume contest: *The Mighty Trains* to judge



More than just your local backyard band, *The Mighty Trains Band* has cultivated a unique Americana rock sound through the combination of different experiences and music interests from its cohorts. The vision for *The Mighty Trains Band* is to keep the train rolling through the creation of all original music, with the inclusion of unique covers.

Get ready to show off your spooktacular creativity and join in the Halloween fun. The Ripple Center, in collaboration with the wildly popular local band, *The Mighty Trains*, is thrilled to host a Family-Friendly Halloween Contest in downtown Aitkin. This thrilling event will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28 at The Ripple Center, and promises to be a hair-raising

good time for participants of all ages.

The Halloween Costume Contest is designed to celebrate the spirit of the season while providing a safe and enjoyable environment for families and community members. Whether you're a little ghoul, a teen witch, or a grown-up vampire, everyone is invited to participate. It's a fantastic opportunity to

showcase your imaginative costumes and revel in the Halloween atmosphere.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., food and a bar will be available. Live music will be from 7-9 p.m. with contest winners being announced at intermission. The cost is \$15, if you arrive in costume and save \$5.

The highlight of the event is the esteemed panel of

judges, *The Mighty Trains*. Known for their creation of original music, this local band is one of the area's favorites. The band members, Greg "Slicksteen" Selisker, Bob Campbell, Larry Laske, Marcus Aulie and Kevin Larson, are excited to join in the festivities and will bring their unique style and charisma to the judging panel.

"The Mighty Trains are thrilled to be a part of this exciting Halloween event," said Greg Selisker. "We can't wait to see the incredible costumes our community has

in store for us. It's going to be a blast!"

Prizes will be awarded in various categories, including: Best Family/Group Costume, Best Couple Costume, Best Youth Costume, Best Female Costume, Best Male Costume and Best Overall. In addition to the costume contest, there will be live entertainment, including a special performance by *The Mighty Trains*. Food and full bar will be available on-site from Block North Brew Pub to satisfy your cravings.

"We wanted to create an

event that brings our community together for some wholesome Halloween fun," said Christine Bright. "With *The Mighty Trains* on board as judges, it's sure to be an unforgettable experience for all"

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to showcase your Halloween spirit and enjoy an evening of family-friendly entertainment. Whether you're competing or cheering for your favorite costumes, it will be an enchanting time for all.

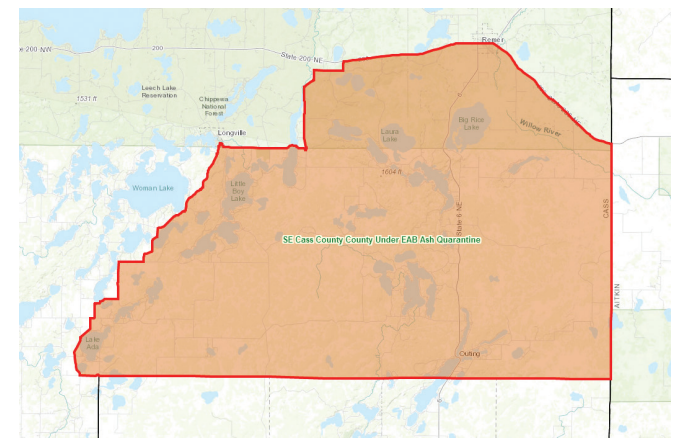
## Emerald Ash Borer found in Cass

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture announced that Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been found in a cluster of trees near Remer, in Cass County. An Agriculture Department employee spotted signs of EAB in the trees and was able to locate larvae and collect samples. Federal identification confirmed emerald ash borer. It is the first presence of EAB in Cass County, which makes 45 counties in Minnesota with EAB.

"I ask everyone to be vigilant and take precautions to help limit the spread of this destructive pest," Senator Justin Eichorn (R-Grand Rapids) said. "Make sure to properly dispose of ash wood, follow wood quarantine guidelines, and report any signs of infestation to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Let's do everything we can to keep it contained and limit the impacts of EAB in our community."

Since this is the first time EAB has been identified in Cass County, The Department of Agriculture instituted a standard emergency quarantine. This limits the movement of firewood and ash material out of the area to reduce the risk of spread.

The south and east side of



the quarantine is the county border. The northern edge of the quarantine follows Minnesota Highway 200 west to County Road 129, County Road 129 south to County Road 7, and County Road 7 west to Minnesota Highway 84. The western border of the quarantine is Minnesota Highway 84 to County Road 79 and east to the county line.

The Agriculture Department will also be hosting a virtual meeting for residents to discuss the discovery of EAB. There will be a brief presentation by Ag Department staff and tree care professionals followed by a Q&A:

Dept of Ag Emerald Ash Borer virtual meeting:  
November 9, 2023  
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Register at [www.mda.state.mn.us/eab](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/eab)

The public will also have an opportunity to provide input on the proposal to add Cass County's emergency quarantine to the state's formal quarantine.

The Department of Agriculture is taking comments on the proposed formal quarantine now through November 27, 2023, and recommends adopting the quarantine on November 29, 2023. The proposed quarantine language can be found at [www.mda.state.mn.us/eab](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/eab).

Public Comments can be made during the virtual meeting or by contacting:

Kimberly Thielen Cremers  
Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
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