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Busy mom of three dreams of better home for her sons



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Sofia Heesaker and her three sons are the newest partner family for Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity. Submitted photo

new-to-them home on land

about two miles outside of

Aitkin. This is the local Hab-

itat's first experience building

with a well and septic system

on the land, but lots were

sought within towns and

In order to keep the budget

as low as possible, Habitat is

planning to recycle a home

for Sofia and her family.

The ideal home would be

a one-level, three-bedroom,

one bath home with room

for a laundry area. It is hoped

that someone in the lakes area

weren't to be had.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Having experienced some rough times when she was a teen, Sofia Heesaker, Aitkin, puts all her energy into making a great life for her three sons.

Indeed Jasper, 7, Sven, 4 and Michael, 2, will challenge any adult's energy as they enthusiastically plan and talk about why they want a better home. Sofia and her family were selected as the latest partner family for Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity.

The goal is to provide a

they plan a new building for themselves on their nice lot.

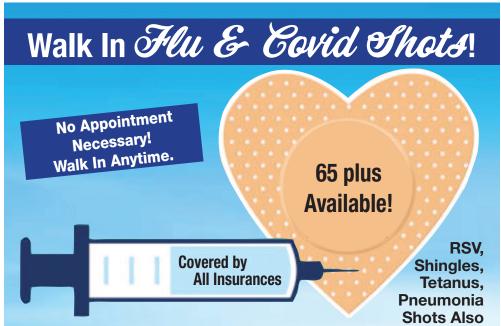
The size of the acquired slab-on-grade cement pad it is well situated for a new

can donate such a structure if or a basement is required for the foundation. There is natural gas available at the property, as well as a Mille home will define whether a Lacs Energy power pole, so

building. If possible, Habitat would like to provide in-floor heating for the family.

It is hoped that with mov-

ing a home, plus a found-**Continued on Page 2**







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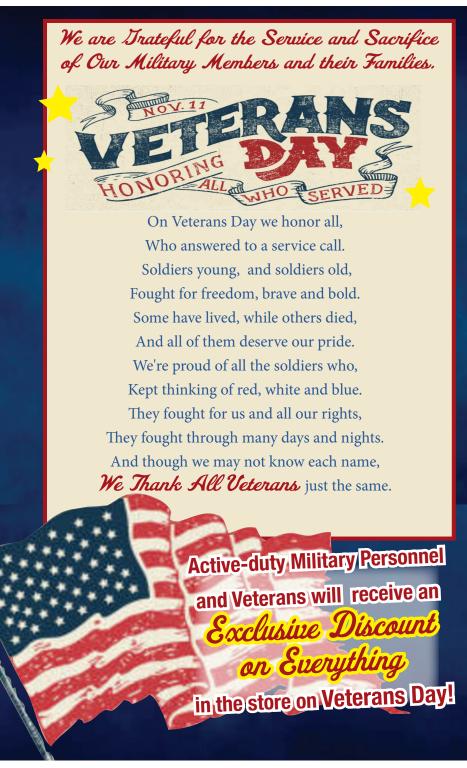
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Gun show and summerfest fate uncertain as DCC considers options

Deerwood Civic & Commerce (DCC) has determined that the 2024 Deerwood Gun Show and Summerfest events will not be held.

Chartered in the 1940's, DCC has existed to meet the diverse and ever-changing needs of its membership and to promote the growth and economic prosperity of the greater Deerwood area.

A press release issued by DCC President Jim Mayne stated that the DCC coordinates two annual events: the Deerwood Summerfest for 36 years and the Outdoor and Gun Show for 25 years.

Although, over the past eight years, this organization has donated and provided over \$85,000 from event proceeds to benefit area civic and non-profit groups, times are changing and the DDC and its

membership are struggling to continue and are challenged to determine the organization's future.

The press release continued, "Board of Director positions and Event Committee volunteers from area businesses and community organizations have steadily declined over the past eight to 10 years.

"Beginning in early 2023, local business, community group and civic leaders were interviewed and surveyed to gain their input to chart the future course of DCC. Valuable feedback received included:

- Mission of DCC is largely understood with many speaking to the contributions made possible by event net income
- Charitable activities should be communicated more
- Annual events are the right

thing to do as traditions for communities are important, but only a few businesses and community organizations see tangible value

- · Shortage of staff makes it very difficult to ask employees to volunteer for community or company sponsored activities. Business/Community leaders, employees and members are 'too busy'
- Population shift, generational differences/priorities, and many competing volunteer organizations further limit the pool of willing volunteers

"In August and September, DCC's current, active members and volunteers developed and considered three options:

- Dissolve DCC and distribute assets to area community and civic groups
- Consider partnering with

Cuyuna Lakes Chamber • Develop a leadership plan for guiding DCC forward

"At an October meeting, DCC decided that at this time it will not dissolve or partner with the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber. However, 2024 Outdoor and Gun Show and Summerfest events will not be held. The handful of current, dedicated volunteers determined they cannot realistically produce events while planning for the future of DCC.

"Instead of working in the organization, DCC will work on developing leadership capacity and capabilities. Requests for DCC donations from area community groups are encouraged and will continue to be considered throughout the coming year. Jim Mayne also announced his plan to retire as DCC

President in September 2024. "Next steps include cre-

ating a business/community group/civic Task Force by January 1, 2024 to develop a concrete leadership plan that will 1) seat Board Members, 2) recruit Event Committee Chairpersons, and 3) identify an adequate roster of Event Committee Volunteers.

"The deadline for the Task Force to complete recruitment and orient individuals in their respective roles and responsibilities is September 30, 2024.

If successful in refreshing the leadership of DCC, planning for 2025 Outdoor and Gun Show and 2025 Summerfest will begin, immediately. Otherwise, the liquidation of DCC will commence."

Individuals interested in joining the Task Force, Board of Directors and/or Event Committees should contact DCC at info@deerwoodcommerce.org, Jim Mayne at 612 810-5825 or Jon Campbell at 612 849-3232.

Hunting for the Holidays

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

wood American Legion located at 23659 Forest Road in Deerwood.

A sloppy joe lunch is available for \$5.

Better home for her sons | Continued from Page 1

ation, hookups, remodeling and new finishes that a home could be provided for this family for \$100,000 or less. That would keep Sofia's payments as low as possible to pay back the no-interest mortgage that Habitat provides.

Donations of new flooring, fixtures, appliances, and other building materials will be accepted for the home.

Sofia now works as a certified nursing assistant and she will work closely with Christy Rian, a Habitat homeowner in Aitkin from 2018. Rian will help Heesaker along through the process of planning and building the home, as well as keeping track of sweat equity working hours, recruiting volunteers and completing

So that she has success with her new-to-her home, Sofia will be required to take financial literacy training in partnership with Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union. Sofia will also study home maintenance and all other aspects of being a homeowner with material supplied by Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity and Housing and Urban Development.

The well, septic system and a garage from the land will be re-used. The existing garage needs some tender loving care, but it does have a solid structure.

The existing mobile home is not salvable, as it is quickly deteriorating. Efforts will be made to salvage the furnace, appliances and other usable

"I can't wait to have a home that is not molding and leaking and where the pipes don't freeze every winter," said Sofia. "I just can't see putting in any more money or time to repair our old mobile home that is falling down

around us." "I can't wait to get my own room," shared Jasper. Now, all three youngsters are in one small bedroom. If a three bedroom is completed, two of the boys will still share,

but Jasper, being the oldest, is probably the first in line for his own space.

Sofia spends her spare time with boys. They find tons of things to do outside - bonfires, games, hide and seek and helping mom with yardwork.

"Someday, I hope to take an international mission trip," Sofia said of her goals. Her Christian faith is very important to her.

The excitement of Sofia

and her boys is contagious. Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity respectfully asks you to ponder on how you can help: donate money or items, work on the house or support the family.

Please contact Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity at 218.927.5656, Aitkinhabitat@gmail.com or stop in at the Morris Accounting Building, 214 1st Ave NW Aitkin, MN, Monday through Friday 8-5, for more information.

CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

Use empty candle jars to contain clutter around your home. They're a great size for toiletries: makeup brushes, cotton swabs or cotton balls, hair ties and clips, If you're grappling with a messy desk, use empty jars to categorize your home-office supplies.

- · Look for bright red rose hips. This is prime time to gather rose hips for tea, jelly or even eat them raw. Rose hips are rich in vitamin C. They are also important late fall food for wildlife
- Other berries to be on the lookout for: the red winterberry and orange American bittersweet. These berries should be enjoyed for their beauty, not eaten by humans. Birds and small mammals do eat them.
- Unfrozen water can be as hard for birds to find in winter as food. If you have bird feeders out consider adding a heated birdbath. A dependable supply of fresh water will attract many birds to your yard, including species that do not normally visit feeders. Don't forget to refresh the water and clean the birdbath.

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

- Nov. 13: new moon
- Nov. 17 18: Leonid meteor shower peaks. Best viewing between midnight and
- Nov. 17: International Space Station (ISS) appears SW at 6:50 pm. Enters Earth's shadow at 6:52 p.m.
- Nov. 18: ISS appears SW at 6:01 pm, travels across the southern sky, and enters Earth's shadow at 6:05 p.m.





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LLCC students awarded \$14,000 in scholarships

The Long Lake Conservation Foundation (LLCF) awarded more than \$14,000 in scholarships to students who attended outdoor school at Long Lake Conservation Center in 2023. In total, 2,126 students received scholarships.

Every student who attended Long Lake received a scholarship of some amount, offsetting costs to families and schools. In addition to scholarships to attend Long Lake's overnight, outdoor school, the LLCF also provided scholarships to young people to attend summer

"It is a great blessing to have a partner like the Long Lake Conservation Foundaus in support of our mission of environmental education," Long Lake Manager Dave McMillan said.

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The LLCF raised scholarship dollars throughout the year with fundraising campaigns, events such as Nature Rocks – a Concert for Conservation and the Frozen Forest 5K, raffle drawings, and by selling walking tacos at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds.

The LLCF is a 501(c)3 that exists to support Long Lake by raising, receiving, and appropriating funds with a goal to enhance environmental education. If you would like to support or learn more about the LLCF, go to www. Ilcfoundation.org.





NEWSHOPPER Deadlines are normally Mondays at Noon. However, there will be an **EARLY DEADLINE** of

Friday, November 17th for the issue of November 25th.



OBITUARIES

KENNETH DZIEWECZYNSKI



Kenneth Anthony Dzieweczynski, 90, of Garrison died at the Minneapolis VA Hospital on October 28, 2023.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Garrison on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Visitation will be one hour

prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. with full

Ken was born in Holdingford, MN on May 24, 1933 to Anna and Anthony Dzieweczynski. He was the youngest of six brothers. Ken married the love of his life and soulmate, Bernie, on June th, 1953. They raised their seven children in Inver Grove Heights, where he lived and worked for more than 40 years. His primary places of employment were Armour Stockyard and the Air Force Base in Minneapolis. He had a number of side jobs helping family and friends. Ken wore many different hats: Sheet metalist, facilities engineer, Union Steward, Locksmith, Board member at Armour Credit Union were just a few. Ken and Bernie retired to "God's Country", in Garrison in 1997. He spent many happy hours hunting, fishing, volunteering, playing cards, making rugs on his loom, traveling, gardening, listening to country music, and gambling at the casino. Ken and Bernie spent 11 years volunteering at the grade school in Isle. He loved to help others.

Ken is survived by his children: Pam (Tom) David, Brian (Vicki), Bruce (Heidi), Patti (Joe) Jugovich, Keith, and Kevin (Kari); grandchildren: Mark (Katie), Paul (Erin), Nicole (Brian), Emily, Noah, Anna (Travis), Ben (Emily), John, Bill, and Caralynn (Zach); great-grandchildren: Sophia, Hazel, Ella, Caleb, Nora, Addison, Reagan and his brother David (Vickie) as well as many godchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Bernadine; daughter, Brenda Bahns and five angel grandba-

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

MARGARET BOS



November

High School.

Margaret "Mikie" Jeannette Bos, 81, of Aitkin died Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin after a courageous five year battle with metastatic Breast Cancer. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at New

11th - Spirit of Christmas Bazaar, 8:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

11th - Christmas Shopping Extravangza and Craft Show hosted by the Outing Area Chamber of Commerce.

11th - Hilltop Chapel Hunter's Supper, 4:30-7 p.m. at the Waukenabo Community Center/Town Hall located

13th - Unlimited Learning presents Winter Birds in Minnesota by Bill Marchel, 1:30 p.m. The program will be

in the Forum Room at Crosby-Ironton High School. It's free for members and \$5.00 for non-members. 14th - Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Testimonial Tuesday, 5 p.m. Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby

15th - Rangerettes Preview Show with JFK Wee Jazz and Hip-Hop, Mini Hip-Hop guest performances at C-I

16th - Remembrance Ceremony free to the public at Brainerd American Legion at 1:30 p.m. Jim Knudsen

nephew of Julius Knudsen-MIA, will share story of 194th Battalion and represent 194th Tank Regiment,

a volunteer organization non profit 501 C 3 Mission to keep memory alive of all US Soldiers of 194th Bat-

talion. Family members can share their story or place a photo on Never Forgotten Collage POW/MIAS.

18th - Hunting for the Holidays Craft Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m at the Deerwood American Legion located at 23659

21st - Red Cross Blood Drive 12-5 p.m. in the Deerwood Auditorium, sponsored by Garrison Bay Lake Area

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16th - Breast/Cervical Cancer Screenings, 5-7 p.m. Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Crosby Clinic

at 36797 Grove Street in Palisade. Turkey with all the trimmings is offered at \$12 for adults; children ages

Life Church in Aitkin with Pastor Jason Erickson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

She was Born August 6, 1942, in Ireton, Iowa to Gerrit and Johanna (Petersen) Bos who were immigrants from Harderwijk, Holland. "Mikie" as she was affectionately known by her family and friends, spent most of her younger life enjoying her large family of 13 siblings. She attended school in Ogilvie and the Ogilvie Christian Reformed Church. Sunday afternoons were for softball and she is still known back home as "quite a softball player". She later went to work for the Plastic Factory in Mora where she

six to 12, \$5 and children under five eat free.

11th - Boiled in Lead at 7 p.m. at The Ripple Center, Downtown Aitkin

15th - Walk with a Doc, 4:30 p.m. Hallett Community Center

13th - Grief Support Group, 5 p.m. Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby

16th - Cancer Support Group, 12 p.m. Cuyuna Regional Medical Center

Everyone is welcome to sign a message on Never Forgotten Collage.

21st - Weight Loss Support Group, 6 p.m. Cuyuna Regional Medical Center - Virtual

These Items may all be recycled in Crow Wing County:

Forest Road in Deerwood. A sloppy joe lunch is available.

22nd - Walk with a Doc, 4:30 p.m. Hallett Community Center

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20th - Free Meals for Seniors, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Deerwood Auditorium

20th - Grief Support Group, 5 p.m. Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby

met her former husband of 29 years, Douglas Falk. They married on September 18, 1964, and divorced in 1993. They remained good friends, enjoying time with their kids and grandchildren. In 1970, they moved to Aitkin where she worked part time at the Aitkin Hospital in the Admissions Department. Later she joined the Aitkin County Treasures Department as Deputy Treasure for approximately 25 years until her retirement in 2007.

Mikie is survived by her cat "Riley" along with her daughters and sons-in-law: Kristin (Tony) Jacobson and Kathi (Bob) DeFlorin; two grandchildren: Allison Fairchild and Arika (Matthew) Christensen: two great-grandchildren Willem and Margaret "Millie" Christensen; sister, Ruthie (Jerry) Fenus; brothers: Gerrit (Elsie) Bos and John (Elsie) Bos; sister-in-law. Diane Bos along with many cherished cousins, nieces, nephews and special friends.

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Experience Boiled in Lead Celtic punk band at former opera house

Boiled In Lead, the longest-running Celtic punk band in America, will perform on Saturday, November 11 at 7 p.m. at the historic Ripple Center, a multi-purpose venue for arts, entertainment, meeting space in downtown Aitkin.

It's been 40 years since pioneering Celtic-punk-folk band Boiled In Lead's first show at the Upper Deck in 1983. With their star still on the wall, Boiled In Lead, roar back after a three-vear hiatus with new material and radical rearrangements of old favorites.

Bob Mould was among those who praised the band's first self-released LP ("Even the fiddles rock,") and the Hüskers invited the band to play an early show at Goofy's Upper Deck. Today, the band's star is still on the wall at First Avenue.

While in high school, bass player and founder Drew Miller became obsessed with traditional folk. He started the band in 1983 to turn the

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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@janesfarm.com

Dated this 19th day

Jane Grimsbo Jewett

Clerk, Libby Township

of October, 2023

to request the Zoom link.

volume up and bring those tunes and songs to new audiences. Following their first LP, he met guitarist / vocalist Todd Menton at an Irish session. With distribution from Twin\Tone, the band was soon playing the First Avenue Mainroom, the Winnipeg Folk Festival; that led to a UK record deal and tours in Europe and around the country. The group and the individual musicians have won many Minnesota Music Awards, and toured throughout the US and in Europe.

Over the years, the band's sound has changed with its membership. Violinist David Stenshoel, who passed away in 2021, pushed the band to expand beyond Ireland to tackle many world folk music traditions. Menton says: "...when we play... the very coolest thing is the tune itself. The original tradition is the power."

Reborn for the band's 40th Anniversary, core members Todd Menton and Drew Miller add drummer Mo Engel and violinist Haley Olson to the lineup, moving forward with a wealthy of new material, as well as looking backward to reframe old tunes.

Built in 1903 with locally-fired bricks made from the river town's Mississippi mud, the Hodgeden Opera House with its ornate paneling and elaborate details continues as the backdrop to the region's cultural flair, as the Ripple



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OBITUARIES

ADELE MCDONNELL



Adele Louise (Ramsey) Mc-Donnell, 91, died Sunday, November 5, 2023, at Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin. Visitation will be Sunday, November 12, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. with a time of shar-

ing at 6:30 p.m. and Rosa-

ry service at 7 p.m. in So-

rensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin. Visitation will continue Monday, November 13 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin with Father Keith Bertram officiating. Burial will be in St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery, Aitkin.

She was born February 25th, 1932, in International Falls to Everett and Bernice (Belcher) Ramsey, where she graduated from Falls High School in 1950, and graduated as a registered nurse from the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, in 1953. She married Thomas Patrick McDonnell September 21, 1953, in Duluth. She worked in the nursing field while raising a family and was employed at several hospitals throughout her career, including St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, Minnesota Valley Memorial Hospital in LeSueur, St. Peter Community Hospital, St. Peter, and North Memorial in Robbinsdale, in 1986. During their lives together Adele and Pat raised seven children, living in Duluth, Wertheim, Germany, Fox Lake, WI, Belvidere II, LeSueur, MN, Aitkin, Apache Junction, AZ, and International Falls. For 25 years, she and her husband, Pat, owned and operated Morningside Resort on Cedar Lake in Aitkin. In 1996, Adele and Pat retired from the resort to live on Rainy Lake near International Falls while enjoying winters in Apache Junction. They returned to Aitkin during the warmer seasons to be closer to family beginning in 2013. Adele grew up in a household full of art as her mother was a well-known local artist. Much of Adele's art knowledge was absorbed from these surroundings. This became a retirement occupation as Adele worked in a variety of mediums, including quilting, photography, painting, pottery, ceramics, and both stained and fused glass. Adele taught classes and coached many fellow artists along the way. She was involved in the Northland Art Society in International Falls where she was a lifetime member and introduced new techniques in ceramics, pottery, painting, and kiln formed glass. In the Fall of 2015, Adele had the honor of being featured in a solo exhibit at the Jacques Art Center in Aitkin. She was instrumental in the formation of an art club though the Jaques in Aitkin and she was active in this for several years.

She is survived by her brother, Everett Ramsey, Jr. of International Falls; children: Tom (Rosemary) McDonnell, Mary McDonnell, Liz (Jeff) Boyer, all of Aitkin, Dave (Cheryl) McDonnell of Chaska, Claire Nelson of Lake Crystal, Bob (Brenda) McDonnell of Crestview, Florida, and Kate (Steve) Cronen of Mesa, AZ: 20 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Adele was preceded in death by her husband; parents: brother, Jack Ramsev: sister-in-law, Anne Ramsey; and son-in-law, Steven Nelson.

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

DARLENE WINEGARNER



Crosby, died on Friday, November 3, 2023. A celebration of life service will

be held on Sunday, November 12, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 3:00 p.m. at Koop Funeral Home, Crosby.

She was born to William and Pearl (Powell) Isensee in Cass Lake, MN on February 17, 1935. When Darlene was in grade school, her family moved to Crosby. Darlene married LeRoy Winegarner on September 9, 1954, they had five children. Throughout Darlene's life, she was a homemaker, restaurant manager and waitress. She defiantly could serve up a delicious waffle from the Waffle House. She loved people, so you not only were served with a delicious meal, you would also be blessed with some great conversations and good laughs. Darlene's greatest joy was spending time with her family; her grandkids and great grandkids, they were her pride and joy. She was mom and grandma to

Darlene Kay Winegarner, 88, of so many outside of her biological kids, many call her grandma. She loved gardening and canning, flowers and plants brought her so much joy. She was a sports enthusiast watching and cheering on her children and grandchildren on the playing fields. She was a loyal Minnesota Vikings fan, sitting in her living room with family and friends gathered to help the Vikings pull off a win. Her favorite place to be in the summer was sitting on her porch enjoying the sunshine and conversation with whomever stopped by.

> She is survived by her two sons: Butch Winegarner (Sharon) of Loveland, CO and Roger Winegarner of Deerwood; daughter, Dody Bergan of Victoria, MN, nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, three loving sisters and many nieces and nephews and great friends.

> Preceding Darlene in death are her parents; husband of 47 years, Donald LeRoy Winegarner; two sons: Donnie Winegarner and Scott Winegarner.

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



HALLIE BARE

Hallie May Bare, a girl, weighing 8 lbs., 6 ozs., was born November 2, 2023, in Aitkin, to Keyanna MacDonald and Tyler Bare, both of Aitkin. Grandparents are Steve MacDonald, Aitkin; Kelly and Larry Liljenquist, Aitkin; Jeff and Rita Bare, Aitkin; Amy and Matt Biermaier, Bloomington.

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5617 thejourneynorth.com Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Stephens,

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Service, 6:30 pm. Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades

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Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30, 218-828-1362

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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 School following worship. Services also available on You-Tube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 flcbrainerd.com 424 8th Street South, Brainerd

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Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

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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,

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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, Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Pastor Steven Teff; Worship 9:30.

Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden.

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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.

REFORMED Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin - Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 9:30, Bible Study 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist. org; 423-805-0933

Brainerd - Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20, Bible Study 10: Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.: 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

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

Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9 Emily* — Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Facebook live streaming 8:30 with fellowship to follow. UWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Men's prayer breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month at 8. Bible Study Thursday at 6 pm.

Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.

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In Crosby-Ironton, a mere 35 votes (955 votes or 50.93 percent against and 920 or 49.07 percent in favor) shutout the funds that was hoped to address next year's expected budget deficit of \$718,000.

High school electives, mental health services and extracurriculars maybe on the chopping block, as a result of this failed vote. Also kindergarten class sizes could increase from 18 to 25 students per class.

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In Pequot Lakes, voters also said no to the school district's special election referendum questions.

After the votes were tallied there were 1,070 no votes or 53.63 percent and 925 yes votes for Ouestion One — asking for an annual \$500,000 capital projects levy for the next 10 years.

Pequot Lakes voters also denied Question Two with 1,183 voters or 59.51 percent, against and 850 or 40.49% of voters for the measure that requested \$76.5 million in bonds to improve school buildings and facilities. This measure could only pass if Question One also passed.

Pequot Lakes school district had a successful referendum in February 2011 for \$33.175 million.

SWCD Native Tree Photo Contest winners



First-place winner SWCD Native Tree Photo Contest was Jennifer Quam, with a Robin perched on a Staghorn Sumac.

Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) invited photographers of all ages and abilities to submit their photos for the 2023 Native Tree Photo Contest due in October.

The first-place winner of the contest was Staghorn Sumac with Robin by Jennifer Quam. She will receive a 20"x16" canvas of her photo.

The second-place winner was Eastern White Pine with

Porcupine by LeAnn Plinske. She will receive an 12"x12" canvas with her photo on it.

The third-place winner was Willow Tree with Butterfly/ Moth by Jennifer Quam.She will receive a 8"x10" canvas with their photo on it.

SWCD is currently featuring 2022 photo contest winners in their 2023 Crow Wing County Plat Books, and plan to give a canvas away at the county fair or other event. All the entries will be featured on the SWCD Facebook page, SWCD website and potentially other educational or promotional items for the Crow Wing SWCD.

"It was a tough decision

with a lot of great pollinator shots," said Tasha Lauer,SWCD Office Manager in a press release. "The images demonstrate the incredible



Jennifer Quam also place third with her entry of a Butterfly/Moth on a Willow Tree.

beauty of native plants in the Brainerd Lakes Area."

For more information on the contest and all photos go to https://www.cwswcd.org/ photo-contest or on Facebook/cwswcd/.

Part two of this year's photo contest will feature trees and shrubs in the fall and winter. It will run from October 1, 2023- March 31, 2024, so please check their website for more details.

Also in 2024, SWCD will conduct and tree and plant sale and where you can create your pollinator oasis in your backyard. See www. cwswcd.org/shop for more information.



The second-place winner was LeAnn Plinske with her entry of a porcupine in an Eastern White Pine.





