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Hudrlik Flooring makes room for Cana Wine Bar in Crosby



After the ribbon cutting ceremony (far right) Matthew Hudrlik pops the cork on a bottle of Champagne (left to right) as Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce Director Aubrey Koop, Anne Robert, Dean Hanson, Trisha Koop, Sherri Leonard, Jennifer Podsiadly, (center) Cana Wine Bar owners Mark and Kolly Hudrlik, Shane Holmin and Damian Craig celebrate.

The Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new business, the Cana Wine Bar, to Crosby on Tuesday with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Owners Mark and Kolly Hudrlik have been busy with

the last minute details of their new venture, which is located in the front building at 64-1st Ave. SW.

The Cana Wine Bar features wine by the glass or bottle from many different regions of the world, Minne-

sota domestic and craft beers by the can, and charcuterie boards with meat, breads and cheeses from various areas around the world.

In the last few weeks before they could open, the Hudrliks needed to wait for

the software integration to connect the automated wine dispenser from Italy.



In addition, the Hudrliks were challenged to select wines that would suite a variety of customers from a \$9 bottle of wine to the more sophisticated \$300 bottle.

"Everyone has a unique and special taste from sweet whites to dry reds," Mark Hudrlik said in a press release.

To help them with their selection, the Hudrliks invited a few oenophiles (people who appreciate wine) to taste the variety of wines to feature on the menu and in the wine dispensing machine for the wine tastings.

The idea of a wine bar

was not as much about the wine as it was about the experience.

"Over the past few years, we have been fortunate to visit wineries from around this country, the world and local state wineries," said Mark. "Meeting the owners, wine makers and seeing their passion for the art of wine and seeing the talent we have even in our own state of Minnesota has been an incredible experience. Our hope is to bring that experience and excitement to our own community to enjoy. We are anxious and excited to start this new journey with all of you."

The Cana Wine Bar name came about when the Hudrlik's family and friends would gather on Wednesdays (Wine Wednesdays) to explore different wines from around the world.

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Winter regulations are in effect on Mille Lacs and Upper Red lakes

The walleye limit for Upper Red Lake is four this winter, an increase from the three allowed last winter. The Mille Lacs Lake walleye limit will

remain at one. Fall netting assessments on both lakes suggest these harvest levels will keep walleye populations sustainable and

healthy. Effective Nov. 1, anglers fishing on the state waters of Upper Red Lake can keep up to four walleye with one longer than 17 inches. As a reminder, this four-fish limit is both the daily and possession limit.

As of Dec. 1, Mille Lacs Lake anglers can keep one walleye 21-23 inches long or one longer than 28 inches. The DNR sets winter regulations for these lakes after completion of annual fall population assessments. Results from Upper Red showed an optimal level of walleye spawning stock and a high overall net catch rate, especially of nearly mature walleye.

Mille Lacs' results found slightly lower walleye numbers than in 2022. But the continued strong presence of walleye born in 2013 and 2017 and acceptable numbers of walleye born in 2021 and 2022 suggest there are adequate numbers of younger fish to keep the population

sustainable as they mature and reproduce to replace fish caught by anglers.

Complete winter fishing regulations are available on the Upper Red Lake regulations webpage and the Mille Lacs Lake regulations webpage.

Especially in regards to Upper Red, we get questions how to handle fish cooked in a fish house and the requirement to retain carcasses, and how this applies to possession limits. For this information, please read the details on pages 32-33 in the Minnesota Fishing regulations.

Take precautions on the ice

The ice season got off to a quick start in parts of Minnesota, with ice forming on some water bodies and numerous reports of ice anglers already testing their luck. But the weather over the last week has not been great for



those who want to get out ice fishing. Many lakes that people have been out on likely have seen some degree of ice melting as a result of sun and warm weather.

-If you choose to go on the ice, make sure to check ice thickness throughout the day. Don't assume the path you walked onto the lake will be safe for your walk home. Ice melts faster near shore so don't wait too long to return home if you think the ice is becoming unsafe. Now more than ever, it is crucial to wear a life jacket, ice picks,

and ice cleats. And a cell phone, whistle or other communications device makes it more likely a person can call for help.

The Minnesota DNR reminds everyone to stay on shore until there's at least 4 inches of new, clear ice. While 4 inches of new, clear ice is the minimum recommended thickness for walking, it takes at least 5 to 7 inches to hold a snowmobile or small all-terrain vehicle, 7 to 8 inches for a larger, side-by-side ATV, and 9 to 10 inches for a small car or SUV.

Each year, unexpected falls through thin ice lead to serious injury or death. Checking the ice thickness with a spud bar, auger or other device is the best way to prevent falling through. Wearing a life jacket is the best way to avert tragedy, since the initial shock of falling into cold water can incapacitate even strong swimmers.

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Approximately 2.5 million pounds of wrapping paper will end up in the landfills this holiday season. If that seems high, it's because wrapping paper with foil, glitter, sparkles, lamination, or sequins is not recyclable. Instead, wrap using reusable gift bags – typically made of cloth or fabric - or old magazines or newspaper. If you use traditional wrapping paper, save what you can for next year.

Nature Notes:

- It's ice fishing season. Get out and enjoy, but be sure to leave no trace behind. And don't be greedy. Only take what you're going to eat.
- Enjoy the most Minnesota of birds - the Black-capped Chickadee. These little birds are often overlooked, but - like a Minnesota Winter - they are beautiful and tough. They'll be at your feeder all year, and, with some patience, can be conditioned to eat seeds out of your hands.

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

- Dec. 19: First quarter moon.
- Dec. 21: Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year (only 8 hrs 33 min of daylight) with the sun at its lowest altitude. Don't give up hope-- the days will begin lengthening, slowly in the next couple of weeks, but more rapidly in the coming months.
- Dec. 21 - 22: Moon near Jupiter.

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

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These Items may all be recycled in Crow Wing County:

- Plastic Water & Soda Bottles
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

December
 16th - Dinner with Santa at the Trailside Tavern in Crosby from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 16th - Getting Loose on the Moose Trail Ride hosted by Over The Hills Gang ATV Club. Visit: overthehills-gang.org for more information.
 17th - Breakfast with Santa 9 a.m.-noon at Croft Kitchen and Bar in Crosby. Call 218-546-6575 for information.
 17th - A Christmas Hymn Fest, 10:30 a.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Rosburg. Everyone is welcome to join in on a Sunday full of Christmas music. Favorite hymns will be sung along with a short service. Coffee and goodies after. The church is located at 35941-350th Ave, Aitkin.
 17th - Cuyuna Area Christmas Sing at Rafferty's in downtown Crosby starting at 4:30 p.m. Caroling hosted by area churches.
 21st - C-1 Dance Team Show in Galovich Gymnasium at 6:30 pm with all Just For Kix dancers performing.
 22nd - Deerwood Bank's Holiday Open House.
 24th - A candlelight service will be held on Christmas Eve at 10:30 a.m. Please join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to attend Bethesda Lutheran Church of Rosburg at 35941 350th Avenue, Aitkin.

Want to see it in the NEWSHOPPER?
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 Send your photos, stories and community events to hopper@crobyironton.net

LEGAL NOTICES

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HAZELTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE
 Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for township officers to be elected at the Hazelton Township Annual Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.
 Filings will open January 2, 2024 and close at 5 p.m. on January 16, 2024. Filings must be made by contacting the Township Clerk, Kay Olson, at 218-678-3389 or email hazeltonclerk@gmail.com. The Hazelton Township Clerk will be available from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the last day, January 16, 2024 for filing as required by law.
 Offices to be filled are:
 1 Supervisor for a 3-year term
 Clerk for a 2-year term
 Filing fee is \$2.00
 Dated this 4th day of December 2023
 KAY OLSON, Clerk
 Hazelton Township
 4.9

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE
 Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for the Township officers to be elected at the Wealthwood Township Annual Meeting and Election which will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024.
 Filings will be open Tuesday, January 2, 2024 and will close January 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
 Filing hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the office of the Clerk Office will be closed on legal holidays.
 Call for an appointment 218-678-2880.
 Offices to be filled are one Supervisor for a (3) three year term.
 Filing fee is \$2.00.
 Dated: December 5, 2023
 LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk
 Wealthwood Township
 4.8

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Dec. 9 & 16, 2023)
LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
 The Libby Township Board will meet in person at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19 at the Palisade Community Center. The purpose of this meeting shall be to discuss and decide matters that may come before the board.
 Dated this 29th day of November, 2023
 Jane Grimsbo Jewett, clerk
 Libby Township
 2.37



CWC Board approves budget levy

The Crow Wing County 2024 budget and property tax levy increase of 3.99% was set at the Tuesday, Dec. 12 County Board Meeting. Commissioners unanimously passed the \$107,261,400 budget and \$45,909,662 property tax levy.
 While property taxes are expected to account for 46.4% of total county revenues next year, intergovernmental revenue such as state and federal allocations, grants, and cost sharing agreements, will account for 35%. Other taxes (9.5%) including the local option sales tax supporting county highway projects and charges for services (5.5%) make up the bulk of the remaining revenue.
 By department, the largest expenditures for the county come in Community Services at 32.8%, Highway Services at 23.5% and Public Safety services at 18.1%. Community Services also generates the most revenue followed by the Highway Fund and Public Safety Services.
 The Board also set the tax levies for the First Assessment District and the Second Assessment District in Unorganized Territory. The County Board is the local government for the districts as they don't have an organized township structure. The Board voted to set the First Assessment District tax levy at \$1,258,993 for an increase of 5.88%. The Second Assessment District tax levy was set at \$83,811 for a 4.9% increase.

OBITUARIES

GENEVA MOLLENHAUER



Geneva Julene Mollenhauer, 96, of Crosby died peacefully November 18, 2023 in her sleep.
 Memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.
 She was born January 23, 1927 to John and Henrietta (Van Heel) Olmschen at home in Staples. She attended Sacred Heart Elementary School, graduated from Staples High School and the New York Hairdressing Academy in Fargo, ND. In 1948 she married Douglas Seeley. They had four children: Keith, Julie, Janie and Kraig. In 1954, she opened a beauty shop in their home. As life changed, Gen worked afternoons at the Cuyuna District Hospital as a nurse's aide, coming home to afternoon appointments in her beauty shop. In 1971, she married Victor Mollenhauer, moved to Owatonna, MN and gained three more daughters: Judy, Jeanne and Vicki. She waitressed at Jerry's Supper Club until the early 90's. Not one to be idle, she became a Tupperware dealer traveling all over Minnesota. After Vic died, Gen returned to Crosby in 1995 and worked at TJ's Riverside Family Restaurant. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, a lifetime member of Owatonna VFW Post 3723, Ironton American Legion, and Red Hat Ladies. Volunteering was dear to her heart, especially at the Care Center delivering mail or assisting with resident outings. "Have Keyboard, will travel" found her playing music for area senior groups and the Care Center. Her greatest fulfillments were preparing meals and feeding her kids and any neighborhood kids hanging around. She baked homemade bread three times a week and made the most delicious cinnamon rolls every weekend for coffee company after playing cards. Gen also had a passion for quilting/crafting with friends, working puzzles. Holidays and birthdays were always full of family, friendship, laughter, and a bit of advice. She was a proud Blue Star Mother, and participated in many events and parades honoring our veterans.
 Gen is survived by her two sons: Keith (Rose) Seely, Crosby; and Kraig (Leslie) Seely, Deerwood; three daughters: Judy (Charles) Gilman, Carmichael, CA; Julene (Richard) Matthies, Arvada, CO; and Crosby, and Janell (Thomas) Stanton, Crosby; 18 grandchildren: Jess, Allison, Cole, Sherri, Vicki, Stephanie, Brittany, Katharyn, Jenie, Tamara, Vincent, Matthew, Billie, Michael, Michele, Jessica, Hannah and Kelly; 35 great grandchildren; 14 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor; parents; siblings: Oliver Olmschen, Lucile Nichols, Irene McGillivray, and daughters: Jeanne Mollenhauer and Vickie Weinzetl.
 Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

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LEONARD MIGLIERI



Leonard "Roscoe" Miglieri, 95, died on Saturday, December 2, 2023 in Emily.

Leonard's celebration of life is being planned for the first weekend in August.

He was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 6, 1928.

He retired to Naples, FL with his sweet pea, Dorothy Polden. After Dorothy's passing, Leonard moved to Emily, MN where his daughter Millie and Jim Joslin were caregivers for the last 8 1/2 years. His son Jim also provided care for Lenny last summer.

Leonard is survived by his brother, Roy Miglieri

of Jupiter, Florida; children: Joseph Miglieri, JoAnn Lindman, James Miglieri, Millianne Miglieri and Leonard Miglieri; 13 grandchildren: Leonard, Frank, Joseph, Michael, Christopher, Michael, Timothy, Emily, Alec, Matthew, James, Anthony, and Sabrina; 17 great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; many nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his sweet pea, Dorothy Polden; parents: Joseph and Josephine (DiNovo) Miglieri; siblings: Anthony DiLise, Josephine Badus and Augustina Gioia, and son Emil Miglieri.

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

MARLEYS HICKS



Marleys Jean (Shafer) Hicks, age 83 of Ironton died on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Funeral services will be 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Thursday.

She was born in Crosby on July 8, 1940 to Victor and Charline (Johnson) Oreskovich.

Marleys is survived by two sons, Steve (Jodi)

Shafer of Lakeville and Rick (Terri) Shafer of Crosby; daughter, Nikki (Kevin) Wassen of Crosby; two step sons: David (Ann) Hicks of Minnetonka and Rick Hicks of Apple Valley; 17 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers: Kim Oreskovich of Trommald and Victor "Keith" Oreskovich of Aitkin; three sisters: Judith (David) Karnowski of New Brighton, Mardell Bloom of Crosby and Sandra (John Freeman) of Deerwood.

Preceding Marleys in death are her parents; first husband Richard Shafer; second husband David Hicks; and brother, Richard "Chuck" Oreskovich.

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

RICHARD KERN



Richard Leonard Kern, 88 of Palisade died Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at his home.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Pastor Dallas Smith officiating. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Palisade.

He was born March 21, 1935 in Faribault to Leonard and Ruth (Crandall) Kern. He grew up and attended school in Saint Paul. He married Myrna Andreen Revor Nielsen March 30, 1955, they divorced in 1960. Richard was united in marriage to Sharon Lovene Loftis on January 21, 1961 in Ames, Iowa. He worked as a painter in the Twin Cities area and was a member of the Saint Paul Painters & Allied Craftsmen Union Local 61. In 1968 he purchased property near Palisade where he operated a dairy farm. Richard would travel back and forth from Palisade to the Twin Cities, farming and painting. He retired in 1995 and remained active in the Palisade area where he

enjoyed his farm and raised Beef cattle.

Richard is survived by his children: Lori (Mark) Maas, Kip Nielsen, Rick Nielsen, Jodi Stee, Sue Backus, Scott Kern (Denita Weston), Rod (Kim) Kern, Nicole (Dana Erickson) Kern; 19 grandchildren: Paula (Frank) Borowiec, Jessica Hawkins, Dan (Lisa) Hawkins, Adam (Heather Gourley) Hawkins, Tim Hawkins, Elyce Nielsen (Khalif), Eric Stee, Jeff Stee, Ronnie (Ashley) Nielsen, Eisabella Nielsen, David (Shaw Grygo) Backus, Jessica (Luke Darud) Backus, Jake (Micaiah Summer) Backus, Victoria Backus, Coty Kern, Ana Kern, Jared Kern, Travis (Mariah) Kern and Zach (Nicole) Kern; 28 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; brother, Harlan (Beverly) Kern; brothers-in-law: Buz (Sara) Loftis and Butch Loftis; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon on November 8, 2006, siblings: Elaine, Donald and Sharon, a grandson, former wife Myrna and his parents Leonard and Ruth Kern.

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

DON KOERBER



Don Joseph Koerber, 66, of McGregor, died unexpectedly, Sunday, December 3, 2023.

Services will be on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 11 a.m. in the McGregor Funeral Home, McGregor with Pastor Joel Seibel officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

He was born January 17, 1957 in Waukegan, Illinois to Arnold and Beverly (Johnson) Koerber. Don graduated from McGregor High School in 1975. He started his career in 1976 building houses in Minnesota and Alaska. In 1979, Don joined the Carpenter's Union and was employed by Ed Kraemer and Sons until he retired in 2017. Don was united in marriage to Gayle Hageman on August 14, 1981 in McGregor. Don and Gayle built their home in McGregor where they raised their two children and spent their life together. He was a proud and loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved spending time with his family and friends. Don

was a loving, caring and creative person. His smile and sense of humor would brighten moments for everyone around him. He could always be found tinkering in the garage with all sorts of creative projects. He was always willing to lend a helping hand whenever needed and put others before himself. He loved being outdoors, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, riding motorcycles and spending time with his grandchildren.

Don is survived by his wife, Gayle; children, Joe (Sarah Pierce) Koerber and Don (Leah) Koerber; mother, Beverly Bush; three grandchildren: Morgan, Madison and Memphis Koerber; siblings, Vicki (Tom) Spindler, Arnold (Roxanne) Koerber, Mary (Mitch) Perrine, Tom (Stephanie) Koerber, Bill (Shelley) Koerber and James (Jill) Koerber; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Don is preceded in death by his father, Arnold and step-father, Marshall Bush.

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ALLIANCE

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

BAPTIST

Aitkin - Northwoods Community Church (formerly The Journey North) Tom Hoffman, interim pastor, Worship 10:30, northwoodscommunitychurch.org
Baxter - The Journey North, Worship 9 & 10:30, 218-824-5617 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.thechurchonthe wiseroad.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 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
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 Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.princeofpeace.lutheran.church
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
Brainerd — First Lutheran Church (ELCA) Pastors: Patty Bjorklund and Jordan Gades, Sunday worship 9, Sunday

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

Brainerd* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052

Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.org)

Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th St. Brainerd, Worship time September through May 8:15am & 10:30am; worship (June through August) 9 am. 218-829-5147. Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org. Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9
Brainerd - Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Steve Benson, Sunday Worship 9, Monday Worship 6 pm. Education hour Sunday 10:15 am. 220 N. 8th St. Brainerd. 218-829-4317. www.zionbrainerd.com.

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

Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake 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 - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Monte Meyer Worship 9 am, Fellowship 10 am, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:15 am
Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

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

Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.\

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

PENTECOSTAL

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake - Pastor Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9; Fellowship 11. 14444 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org.
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED

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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

UNITED METHODIST

Aitkin* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live.
Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with YouTube live streaming 10 am with fellowship to follow. Cascade Ladies meet on the first Wednesday of each month on 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.
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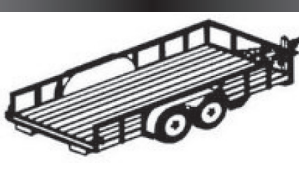

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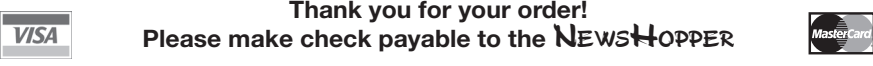
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Dry conditions throughout Minnesota increase potential for wildfires

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages Minnesotans to use caution and stay aware of wildfire risk. Lack of snow and unusually warm, dry conditions over the next week are likely to increase fire danger in much of Minnesota. Dry, brown grasses and vegetation mean wildfires can start easily and spread quickly; this elevated risk is likely to persist until we have continuous snow cover.



to consider delaying any planned burning until conditions improve."

"Don't be fooled because it's December. Even with some scattered snow showers, burning vegetative debris is risky right now, especially with temperature increases and windy conditions predicted over the next week," said Karen Harrison, DNR wildfire prevention specialist. "We are asking people

Due to drought conditions over the past few years, any fires now have the potential to burn deep into the unusually dry organic soil layer. Deep-burning fires hold heat for days, sometimes months, and could lead to wildfires in the days or weeks ahead.

It is best to wait to burn brush or vegetative debris until there is at least 3 inches

of snow cover on the ground. Alternatively, Minnesotans are asked to consider composting, chipping, or transporting materials to a brush collection site as alternatives to burning.

When conditions improve, remember burning permits (mndnr.gov/burnpermit) are required for burning vegetative debris (leaves, branches, woody material, etc.) in piles larger than 3 feet high by 3 feet in diameter until there is at least 3 inches of continuous snow cover. Check current conditions on the DNR fire danger and burning restrictions webpage (mndnr.gov/burnrestrictions). Also, be sure to follow safe debris burning tips (mndnr.gov/wildfire/prevention/debrisburning) to help reduce wildfire risk.

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"My son-in-law came up with the name," said Mark. "Found in the second chapter of John when Jesus turns water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. So if you have enough faith (water is free) just order water!"

Winter hours for the Cana Wine Bar are from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

The Cana Wine Bar also has an outdoor patio with firepit and bocce ball court.

The Hudrliks want to assure customers of Hudrlik Flooring that they are not closing their Crosby location. Hudrlik Flooring has moved to the middle of the building with access from the alley and plenty of private parking to the side with the same staff and service you've come to expect.



Cana Wine Bar name references the Bible story where Jesus turns water into wine: *On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.* - John 2:1-12 niv

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Aitkin County committee openings

The Aitkin County Land Department is seeking two at large members to serve on the Natural Resources Advisory Committee. Terms are for four years. Meetings are in the evening at Long Lake Conservation Center the second Monday of every month.

The purpose of the committee is to advise, consult with or make recommendations to the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners on matters relating to the development, maintenance, management and utilization of the forest resources and recreation infrastructure on Aitkin County managed lands.

For more information on these openings, please call DJ Thompson at 218-927-7364 or by e-mail: thompson@co.aitkin.mn.us

There is also an opening to serve as a citizen representative from Aitkin County on the joint governing board of East Central Regional Library, along with representatives of Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine Counties. The Board is comprised of one county commissioner and two citizens appointed by each of the respective counties who are signatories of a Joint Powers Agreement. The Board is responsible for policies, goals and objectives, budget, hiring a director, and advocacy for the regional library system. Board meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the second Monday of the month, generally at the regional library headquarters in Cambridge with 2-3 meetings per year at one of the other branch

libraries. Board members also serve on working committees as appointed by the Board President. Mileage is reimbursed.

Applications are being accepted until Noon on December 27, 2023 or until filled. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners will make the committee selections from submitted applications during a County Board meeting. All applicants will receive notification by mail whether or not they have been selected. Applications can be found on the Aitkin County website, or call 218-927-7276 option 7 to request an application by mail.

For additional information on the East Central Regional Library Board, please email [Carla Lydon @ clydon@eclrlib.org](mailto:Carla.Lydon@clydon@eclrlib.org)

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