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Sat., January 13, 2024

Pizza men ready to heat up Rosalina's Pizza in Aitkin

BV ANN SCHWARTZ Two Brainerd men took over Rosalina's Pizza in Aitkin. Curtis Ross and Christian Collins are the new partners and owners of the popular pizza parlor.

"I have over 20 years in the pizza business," said Ross, which includes stints the menu, for both he and Collins are open at the famous Rafferty's franchise. In fact, Mike Brusseau, Rafferty's retired founder and longtime owner, was one who sent welcome flowers. Ross has also worked at Dominos, Arby's and the Grand Caand eat-in



make our dough fresh every day and we have perfected two types of dough," said Ross. "We use all fresh ingredients and now offer calzones." The

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very long now, plus the commutes from Brainerd. But they both emphasize it will be worth it.

Ross oversees the kitchen and Collins the front of the shop. They were very busy their first week of business and their enthusiasm is contagious. Ross has a wife and four daughters and Collins concentrates on work for the time being.

As a pizza lover, I can vouch for their pizza pies, large and small, as well as their garlic bread, but haven't tried the calzones yet. Saving that for the next visit.



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Cannabis products available at new Weedery store in Aitkin

By ANN SCHWARTZ Tony Mindrum has opened the Weedery in western Aitkin in the Posh Hair Parlor building. He started business in the new year with a small

storefront decorated with fun graphics. What gave him the idea? "My wife Holly has researched it for years for the health and healing properties, as well as a business opportunity. She is very business-minded. She has built a business plan for years in anticipation of the product becoming legal

and we decided to pull the trigger."

The store carries cannabis projects, both with and without THC. "We know with our demographics that our older people in the community will likely use our products to sleep or for joint pain. We expect to be on the healthy side of it more than the fun part. Lots of people don't want to use prescription drugs or alcohol and this is an alternative."

He has drops to put in drinks and gummies to help the products that people are looking for." These products are already available at local grocery gas stations, liquor stores and gas stations. "We just want one location."

He emphasized that the products are all natural. "We are not selling drugs or doing anything illegal." He said they don't carry vapes of any kind and plan to stock actual marijuana once the rules are set. It is expected that marijuana won't be available in a retail setting until 2025. The

with sleep. "We want to stock Weedery operates under a state license.

> This may be preserved as quite a change for residents who aren't used to seeing these products in local stores, but Mindrum has taken a chance. He is open most afternoons and will often include a free product with a purchase.

Tony Mindrum points out hemp-derived products that help with aches and pains and sleep in his new store.

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First Free Park Day of 2024 at Minnesota state parks and recreation areas



The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is waiving vehicle permit fees at all 75 state parks and recreation areas on Monday, Jan. 15.

With this year's unusual weather, it's good to know there are many winter park activities that don't require snow or ice, such as birding, winter hiking, nature photography, and having a campfire with hot chocolate and s'mores.

And, if sufficient snow arrives before Jan. 15, visitors can also partake in popular winter activities like sledding, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Most parks offer snowshoe rentals, and select parks offer ski rentals. Visitors looking for rental equipment or certain recreational opportunities can use the ParkFinder tool (mndnr.gov/parkfinder) to find the best park for their trip.

The DNR recommends visitors wear clothing appropriate for the weather, and bring water and snacks. If trails could be icy, traction devices for footwear are useful.

This "Free Park Day" is one of four days each year on which the DNR waives the requirement for a vehicle permit at state parks and recreation areas. There is one fee-free day for each season of the year, giving Minnesotans a free of charge opportunity to experience the parks and recreation areas at different times of the year.

Four free park days are scheduled for Minnesota state parks and recreation areas in 2024 including:

Monday, Jan. 15 Saturday, April 27 Saturday, June 8 Friday, Nov. 29

recreation areas are open 365 days per year but some visitors only visit in summer," said Ann Pierce, director of the DNR Parks and Trails Division. "We hope having a free day in each season will

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"Minnesota state parks and encourage people to get out and visit a park at a time of year they might not normally visit."

> Visitors are advised to check for updates in the visitor alert section of individual park webpages (mndnr.gov/parks)

before leaving home. Visitors ranger station; look outside may also download free maps from park webpages, which can be used in the free Avenza maps app, available in the Apple App Store or Google Play. Visitors who prefer a paper map can pick one up at the

the station if it's closed when you arrive.

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The entrance fee waiver for fee-free days does not cover amenity or user fees for activities like camping or equipment rentals.

Ironton water treatment plant groundbreaking



City of Ironton Council Member Eric Heglund, SEH Senior Engineer Jeff Ledin, City of Ironton Public Works Brad Rosecrans, City of Ironton Interim Trainer Jan Loftis, City of Ironton Clerk Emma Pratt, City of Ironton Mayor Josh Jacobson, City of Ironton Council Member Shawn Hamdorf, City of Ironton Public Works Crew Rob Kugel, Taylor Thom with SEH and Eagle Construction Inc. Contractor Jayd Newman pose at the groundbreaking of the new \$6.337 million water treatment plant for the city of Ironton on Tuesday, Jan. 9.



City of Ironton new water treatment plant exterior perspectives (left) looking southwest and (right) looking southeast.

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individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

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as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less.

The maximum loan amount is \$40,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs. Grants of up to \$10,000

are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist in your area today, to see if you qualify.

USDA Rural Development loans and grants provide assistance that supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas.

For further information, or questions regarding the program, contact Baxter Rural Development Office at 7118 Clearwater Road, Baxter, MN 56501 or call 218-829-5965, ext. 4 or visit www.rd.usda. gov/mn.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 8 AM-8 PM



KENNETH ROOD Kenneth Irven Rood, 70,



entered into eternal rest on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at Brookline Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Mifflintown, PA.

Funeral service were held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at



at the church.

Aitkin American Legion Lee Post 86 and Aitkin VFW Roberts Glad Post 1727.

Ken was born on October 2, 1953, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to the late Irven and Sarah Elaine (O'Neil) Rood. He was a graduate of Brainerd High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served for six years. On November 2, 1974, Ken was united in marriage to the love of his life, best friend and caregiver Carol

alongside her high school sweetheart, Jeffrey Jo-

seph Workman. They were united in marriage on

January 4, 1969 in Aitkin. They made their home

in Aitkin and together, raised three children. Helen

spent many years working as a Title 1 teacher at

Rippleside Elementary School in Aitkin. She made

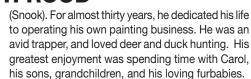
many lasting friendships and memories there and

impacted the lives of so many children and adults

alike. There is nothing that brought Helen more

joy than watching her family grow and welcoming

her grandchildren into the world. Family was very



Ken is survived by his loving wife, Carol; sons and daughters-in-law: Jamie and Sonya Rood, and Scott and Raena Rood; seven grandchildren: Christian (McKenzie) Rom, Amber Rood, Garrin Rood, Valerie Rood, Benjamin Rood, Samuel Rood, and George Rood; three great-grandchildren: Oliver, Rosaleigh, and Nichola; siblings: Cindy Fields, Shelley Watson, Jodi Calkins, and Doug Rood; fur-babies, Uff-Uff and Ginger; and many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Tracy Zontelli; and his beloved cousin, Mike O'Neil, who was like a brother to him.

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

HELEN WORKMAN

important to her.

Helen is survived by her husband Jeff Workman; sons and daughters-in-law: Michael and Carrie Workman, and Brett and Megan Workman; daughter, Amy Workman (David Schwartz); 14 grandchildren: Kirk (Amber) Workman, Kegan (Nicole) Workuary 13, 2024 at Saint John's man, Anastasia Workman, Lexi Workman, Bowan Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Workman, Jack Workman, Hayden Workman, Luke Pastor David Becker will offici-Workman, Finn Workman, Cohen Workman, Hayley ating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Amundson, Kelsey Amundson, Madilyn Amundson, Orrin Workman; four step-grandchildren; 11 Helen was born November 7, 1949 in Aitkin to great-grandchildren: sisters: Karen Holm, Linda Sigurd and Anna Lucille "Lucy" (Erickson) Swanson. (Glen) Bakken and Darlene (Frank) Horvath; brother She graduated in 1967 from Aitkin High School Clyde Swanson; sisters-in-law: Karen (Dale) Holm

> and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents: Sigurd and Lucy Swanson, two brothers: Alan and Gary Swanson; brother-in-law, James Christian Holm and her grandson, Spencer Workman.

> and Bonnie Peterson; many other special relatives

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January

14th - The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest (for boys and girls ages nine to 14 as of Jan. 1, 2023 at the Crosby-Ironton High School. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and competition begins at 1 p.m. All contestants are required to furnish a copy of proof of age and written parental consent. Entry forms or additional information is available by contacting Justin Smith at (218)-330-1431. Winners will advance to District, Regional and State Competition. Districts will be held in Crosslake on Sunday, Feb. 4. Winners advance to Regionals held in Aitkin on Sunday, Feb. 25. Winners advance to State held in St. Cloud on Saturday, April 6.

18th - Annual Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Membership Dinner at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort in Deerwood. For more information call 218-546-8131.

20th - Learn to Snowshoe at the Northland Arboretum 9:30-11:45 a.m. at 14250 Conservation Drive, Baxter.

Please submit Community Events by e-mailing hopper@crosbyironton.net

READER RIBBETS "The Fall of Minneapolis" at Rialto

Well, I got my next project!! Here goes... working along with Sheriff Guida and Senator Wesenberg:

Aitkin County Welcomes "The Fall of Minneapolis" to the big screen at the Rialto Theatre Monday and Tuesday, Jan.15 and 16 with show time at 7 p.m., no charge free-will offering only.

"The Fall of Minneapolis" is a "Crowd Funded Documentary", produced by Liz Collin, based on her best selling book "They're Lying: The Media, The Left and The Death of George Floyd."

Personally, I watched the movie once so far. I made it half-way through and had to walk away and watch the second half at a later time. Sooo much corruption, deceit and lies, it makes my stomach sick. I am looking forward to seeing it on the big screen and with others in attendance. Powerful. Former Minneapolis police

officer Derek Chauvin is cur-

rently serving 21 years in prison for murdering George Floyd, even though he did not, in fact, murder George Floyd. We know this because the medical examiner who performed the first autopsy found he had fatal levels of fentanyl in his system, meaning he likely died of an overdose.

Derek Chauvin's lawyer, Gregory Erickson, recently told Tucker Carlson Network "George Floyd had previously overdosed in police custody, I think six to eight months earlier, and ended up in the hospital. So the medical examiner labels it a drug overdose. And then, mystically, after meeting with Mike Freeman and the AG for two hours, somehow the

medical report changes. You can, you know, come to whatever conclusions you want to come to."

What is happening to our beautiful state? Where were the current legislators during this time?? Why were we locked down but Antifa and BLM's could get away with what they did to our state and have done to other states??? I ponder these questions often, yet, most "politicians" and some people in general don't want to talk about it... WHY? 'Cuz it's not real??

Please join us at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Jan.15 and 16 at the Rialto Theatre at 220 Minnesota Ave N, Aitkin.

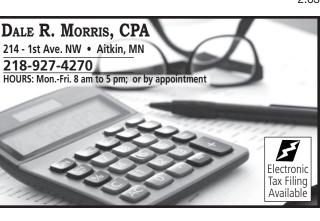
Be Blessed ~ Seek Truth, Diane Webb-Skillings, Aitkin

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Dec 30, 2023, Jan. 6 & 13, 2024) LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00. p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 to discuss matters that may come before the board. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Contact Jane Jewett, clerk, at jane@janesfarm.com to request the Zoom link

Dated this 19th day of December, 2023 Jane Grimsbo Jewett, Clerk Libby Township 2.63

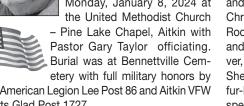
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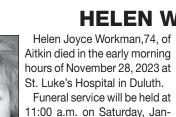




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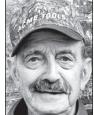
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OBITUARIES

NEAL BUCHITE, SR.



76, of Nisswa died on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at his home

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m.

to 7:00 p.m. on Friday at the Koop Funeral Home and on Saturday one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.

He was born on October 17, 1947 in Crosby to Hugh and Eulrlie "Lillian" (Chenevert) Buchite. He was a retired employee of Grandview Lodge in Nisswa with 25 years of service.

Neal is survived by four sons: Brian (Suzy) Buchite

ALLEN TUVE

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Allen Ole Tuve, 88, of Crosby, died on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at the Care Center of the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Refreshments will follow.

Allen was born on September 28, 1935 near Haden, MN. He was the youngest of six children. He graduated from the School for the Dear in Fairbault. He met his future wife, Jean, at a homecoming football game at the school. They were married on September 16, 1972 at First Lutheran Church in Duluth. Allen worked

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Neal Raymond Buchite, Sr., of Brainerd, Tim (Linda) Buchite of Barrett, Neal "Chip" (Adel) Buchite Jr. of Emily and Randy (Amy) Buchite of Brainerd; five daughters: Lisa (Bob) Portz of Crosby, Malissa (Randy) Herbote of Brainerd, Shelly (Tom) Hice of Fort Ripley, Mary Buchite (Amos Pigg) of Garrison and Angela (Ralph) Nordick of Crosby; 42 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; mother of his eight children, Carol West of Brainerd; two brothers: Harvey (Arlene) Buchite of San Benito, TX and Allen (Carol) Buchite of Fifty Lakes; and sister, Ardith Buchite of Fifty Lakes.

> Preceding Neal in death are his parents: wife. Cheryl Buchite; six brothers: Hugh Jr., Alfred, Morris, Willard "Wink", Michael, and Ronnie Buchite; and granddaughter, Monica Buchite.

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

at Globe Manufacturing in Minneapolis and Northeast Mack in Duluth. He and Jean lived in Rochester, Minneapolis, Duluth and Crosby. Allen was living at Heartwood in Crosby at the time of his death.

Preceding him in death are his wife, Jean (Carr) Tuve; parents, Ole and Lillian (Kobley) Tuve; brother, Lawrence; sisters: Maybelle, Margaret, Maryalys and Frances; niece, Wendy Mull and many members of his wife's family.

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Auditorium with Pastor Lorelie Robinson officiating. Visitation will begin at 12 p.m. at the Auditorium.

She was born May 11, 1935 in Minneapolis to Willard and Lucille (Kenzie) Mohn. She grew up in Saint Anthony and graduated from Edison High School in Minneapolis. Patricia was united in marriage to Kenneth M. Boyd on October 13, 1956 in Minneapolis. They lived in Aitkin then moved to McGregor in 1964. Together they owned and operated several business' including the McGregor Dairy Queen, Rasley Oil in Aitkin and McGregor Oil Company. She was a member of the Eastern Star, McGregor Lions Club and Grace Lutheran Church of McGregor. She enjoyed crocheting, rock picking,



Janice Eileen Moritz, 87, of Crosby died on Friday, January 5, 2024 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

The Funeral Service and East-

Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Mission Township

Cemetery. Visitation was on Thursday at the Koop Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

She was born in Brainerd on June 15, 1936 to Olaf and Elda (Foote) Olander. She married Raymond Moritz on September 26, 1953 in Crosby. Janice attended the Crosby Ironton High School, together with her husband built the Parkview Drive-in in Crosslake in 1962 until they sold in

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PATRICIA BOYD

Patricia Ruth Boyd, 88, of was a great cook and was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth in 2018, nephew Kevin Mohn, sister and brother-in-law: Linda and Gary Profant, brothers-inlaw: Richard Scovil and Don Bonneville, her parents Willard and Lucille Mohn.

Patricia is survived by her children: Charles (Holly) Boyd of McGregor, Tom (Teresa) Boyd of McGregor, Jeffrey (Amy) Boyd of McGregor, Patrick Boyd (Teresa Zoromski) of Thorp, WI.; 14 grandchildren: Chelsea (Alex), Megan (Tommy), Ashley (Steven), Tracy, Katie (Cody), Kacie, Jordan (Thomas), Jacob, Isabella, Logan, Nicholas, Brooklyn, Rachael, and Justin; three great-grandchildren: Mason, Connor, and Tuck; brother, Kenneth (Jackie) Mohn of Seattle, WA.; sister, Nancy Scovil of New Brighton; sisters-in-law, Romaine Bonneville and Eva Clark; and many special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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

JANICE MORITZ

1968, managed the Dairy Bar in Crosby, owned and operated the North County Café and the Sundown Café in Crosby.

Janice is survived by her husband of 70 years, Raymond; two sons: Mike (Carol) Moritz of Crosby and Ryan Moritz of Peqout Lakes; two daughters: Cindy Fontaine (Hank Smith) of Motley and Robin (Ronnie) Cranfill of Crosby: seven grandchildren: Shawn Fontaine, Carrie Thorpe, Carly Marenowski, Carson Moritz, Jessica Peterson, Lindsey Cranfill and Dakota Cranfill: and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceding Janice in death are her parents; brothers: Merle, Frank, Gary and Christ Olander; sisters: Phyllis LaBorde, Mary Mays, Jennifer Bock and infant Jeanette Olander.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to 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 218-927-2823

Directors: Jason Brezinsky

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- Baxter* Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
- Garrison* Worship 10:30am
- Onamia Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

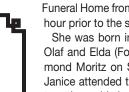
ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.

- Baxter Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 9 & 10:45 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, iamheritage.org
- Crosby Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30 Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS
- at 9:30, Worship at 10:45 Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa
- Brainerd Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-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.
- School following worship. Services also available on
- YouTube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 flcbrainerd.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
- 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.



- HIII CITV 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.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
- Breezy Point Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 11,
- Crosby Bible Baptist, Pastor Jon Thorson; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study Wed. 7 pm
- Deerwood* SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
- Glory* Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12. aitkinchurch.com
- Hill City Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
- Isle Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
- Opstead 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC

- Aitkin* St. James, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10:30. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 and 4-4:45 pm.
- Brainerd St. Andrew's, Fr. Gabriel Waweru, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
- Brainerd St. Francis, Fr. Michael Garry, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
- Cromwell/Wright Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
- Crosby* St. Joseph's, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass: Thurs. and Fri. at 8; Tues at noon, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30.
- Crosslake Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
- Emily St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
- Garrison Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm
- Grand Rapids St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
- Hillman Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
- McGregor Holy Family, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8; Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm
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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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- Merrifield Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastol 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 Konnect 6:30 pm
- Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Malmo · Worship 10:15
- Wright Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC

Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN

- Aitkin Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
- Aitkin First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 99am (9am service also available via livestream on YouTube - First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am- 4pm.
- Aitkin St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10
- Baxter Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
- Baxter Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.princeofpeacelutheran.church
- Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
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- 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. Fellow-
- ship 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
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- 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 In-
- terlachen Rd.; Worship 9 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)
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- 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

10:30; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.

Brainerd - Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20, Bible

Pequot Lakes - 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30

Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St,

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

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

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

Emily* — Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Facebook

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

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

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Select Minnesota laws that took effect January 1, 2024 part 2



The following is part two of the select new laws passed during the 2023 legislative session that took effect Jan. 1, 2024. Part one was published in the NewsHopper January 6 issue. Summaries of all laws passed by the 2023 Legislature are available online from nonpartisan House Public Information Services at www. house.mn.gov/newlaws/#/ search/2023



ELECTIONS-Political contribution refund increases State law provides for a refund for political contributions made to Minnesota po-

litical parties and candidates for state offices.

As part of the tax and policy finance law, the political contribution refund is increased from \$50 to \$75 for individuals and from \$100 to \$150 for married joint filers. It is effective Jan. 1, 2024, for contributions made in calendar year 2024 and thereafter.

Rep. Aisha Gomez (DFL-Mpls) and Sen. Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope) sponsored the law. HF1938*/SF1811/ CH64

Curtailing foreign-influenced contributions

A provision in the "Democracy for the People Act" takes effect with the new year.

Effective Jan. 1, 2024, foreign-influenced corporations will be prohibited from making certain types of expenditures or contributions, including:

• to promote or defeat a candidate for nomination, election, or appointment to a public office; Minnesota House of Representatives Melissa Hortman, Speaker

• to promote or defeat a ballot question or qualify a ballot question for placement on the ballot;

• making contributions to a candidate or a candidate's principal campaign committee;

• making contributions to a political committee, political fund, or party unit; and

• taking any action to publicly endorse or oppose a candidate or ballot question.

Additionally, per the law, "A foreign-influenced corporation must not make a contribution or donation to any other person or entity with the express or implied condition that the contribution or donation or any part of it be used for any of the purposes prohibited by this subdivision."

A corporation that makes an authorized contribution or expenditure permitted by law



must submit certification san (DFL-Mpls) and Senate to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board that it was not foreign influenced when the contribution or expenditure was made. Rep. Emma Greenman (DFL-Mpls) and Sen. Liz Boldon (DFL-Rochester) sponsor the law. HF3*/SF3/CH34

MILITARY AND VETER-**ANS AFFAIRS- Benefit and** services awareness

Employers with more than 50 full-time equivalent employees must display a poster containing various benefits and services available to veterans in a conspicuous workplace location accessible to employees.

Created by the Department of Labor and Industry, the poster must include information about the Department of Veterans Affairs and its veterans' services programs, substance use disorder and mental health treatment, educational and other training resources, tax benefits, unemployment benefit eligibility, and contact information for the veteran's crisis line. Poster content must be reviewed annually to provide the most current information.

The provision is in the jobs, economic development, labor, and industry law sponsored by Rep. Hodan HasPresident Bobby Joe Champion (DFL-Mpls). HF3028/



SF3035*/CH53 **PUBLIC SAFETY- Extreme** risk protection orders permitted

The public safety and judiciary finance and policy law provides a way for family or household members, a chief law enforcement officer, a city or county attorney, or a guardian to petition a court for an "extreme risk protection order," including on an emergency basis, that will prohibit a respondent from possessing firearms for up to one year.

Per the law, "A petition for relief shall allege that the respondent poses a significant danger of bodily harm to other persons or is at significant risk of suicide by possessing a firearm. ... A petition for emergency relief shall additionally allege that the respondent presents an immediate and present danger of either bodily harm to others or of taking their life." A court hearing must be held within 14 days of the date a petition is received. A court may extend the relief granted in an existing order granted after another hearing.

Upon issuance of an order, a respondent must transfer their firearms within 24 hours to a federally licensed firearms dealer or a law enforcement agency which may charge a reasonable storage fee. "If a court issues an emergency order ... or makes a finding of immediate and present danger ... and there is probable cause to believe the respondent possesses firearms, the court shall issue a search warrant to the local law enforcement agency to take possession of all firearms in the respondent's possession as soon as practicable," the law states. Returning firearms upon the expiration of an order is also provided.

A chief law enforcement officer, their designee, or a city or county attorney who in good faith decides not to petition for an order is immune from criminal or civil liability.

Rep. Kelly Moller (DFL-Shoreview) and Sen. Ron Latz (DFL-St. Louis Park) sponsor the law. HF2890/ SF2909*/CH52

To Be Continued Next Issue

Man charged in Aitkin County with 13 felony counts of child porn

A former Aitkin County resident has been charged with 13 felony counts related to pornographic materials involving minors.

Patrick Jennings Brophy, Greenville SC has been summons to appear to answer the charges in Aitkin County Court. The intensive investigation conducted by the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office and the MN BCA started in March of 2022 and was completed with the complaints, signed by Judge Hermerding January 3, 2024.

In a press release, Aitkin County Sheriff Dan Guida Wanted to remind everyone that criminal behavior related to minors will, not be tolerated and if you suspect that children are being abused or exploited to report the incidents immediately to your local law enforcement agency



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