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# 100 years since 41 miners died in mud and cold water The Milford Mining Disaster on Feb. 5, 1924, remains the worst ever in Minnesota

death throes.

children were left fatherless.

One mom of six, who was

pregnant, went to work in

the hayfields to support her

brood. Two local women

were in the process of giving

birth and another was sick as the mine caved in. Word

of their dead husbands took

several days to reach them.

Seven miners made it to the

top and escaped the oozing

black mud. One was a teen-

age boy who said goodbye

to his father, saw dad get

swallowed up in the swampy

mud and then made it to

the surface – never to see

his father again. Eerily, one

miner was either tied to or

tangled up in the rope for the

whistle, causing it to blow

Milford Mine nicknamed Ida Mae.

By ANN SCHWARTZ [Editors note: This article

is compiled from news and history reports from 1924 to the present day.]

Can anyone really measure the impact on a small town when 41 able-bodied, working miners are taken in a blink of an eye?

Wives are left to care for children alone. Babies yet to be born will never know their fathers. Townsfolk lost relatives, neighbors, friends. All the skill sets, all the personalities and hopes and determination of 41 men were lost when they were swallowed up by water and mud in 15 minutes . Thirty-three women were instantly widows and 88

At a church service memorial after the disaster, ministers from all faiths and citizens from throughout the Iron Range got together to mourn a huge community tragedy. In 1917, Milford began

unceasingly as he was in his

producing ore and by 1924 it reached a depth of 200 feet below the surface. The mine, known as the Ida Mae, was owned by George Crosby. Miners mined and shipped out 70,000 tons of ore in 1924. Milford's ore had a high manganese content, a mineral highly valued in the production of steel. Ore was shipped from the Cuyuna Range to Duluth. From there, the freighters took it to steel mills around the Great Lakes and Eastern United States.

Henry Davey took charge of the recovery efforts, determined to remove all 41 bodies to give their loved one's closure. They removed timbers and cleared out mud, and Davey almost lost his own life many times during the recovery. In a sad tale, on March 20, 1924, the bodies of Valentine Cole and Minor Graves were recovered. They

on him with the number 130. The two men were found at the rear of a tram car about 50 feet into the 135-feet level. They were leaning against the car. Cole was struck across the left side of his face by a timber and the two were "clasped in each

other's arms." The last body was pulled out in November 1924 and the mine was restored to a working operation until it shut down in 1932 due to lack of demand for steel. It costs \$1,000 a day to recover the bodies and \$250,000 was spent getting the mine back online. Sadly, the families of the deceased got only \$20 each for the lives lost.

#### Remembrance February 5

The Cuyuna Range Heritage Network will present a Milford Mine 100th Anniversary event to commemorate the tragedy. It is set for Monday, February 5, at 7 p.m. in the Mayberry Auditorium of the Crosby-Ironton High School at 711 Poplar Street in Crosby.

#### **Milford Mine Memorial Park**

To remember and honor the 41 miners who lost their

found Cole's brass ID check lives that day, the County Board approved the Milford Mine Memorial Park concept in December of 2007. Phase 1 of the project was completed in 2010 and included an access road, parking area and walking path construction. In 2011, the Minnesota Historical Society listed the Park as a site on the National Registry of Historic Places. Projects included in 2012 were a sign at the entrance, a picnic shelter with three picnic tables and two cooking grills, small-lakeside picnic area, benches, and a bike rack. Work in 2016 included a boardwalk, trails, kiosk construction and interpretive displays. Final work in 2017 included a permanent outhouse, covered shelter, and

#### Milford Mine Memorial Park **Expansion Grand Opening**

canoe landing.

Crow Wing County will also be hosting a grand opening of the Milford Mine Memorial Park Expansion in June. The County is currently constructing an additional 1.25 miles of walking trails that connect to additional historical features and

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avocado, Fresno pepper, oyster sauce, sticky rice

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# Beef Bourguignon Stew

Salmon & Avocado Ceviche Atlantic salmon, avocado & fresh citrus served inside Belgian endive cups

#### Entree (select one each)

Bison Short Rib Bison short rib braised in a blackberry demi-glace served with garlic red smashed potatoes & honey glazed carrots

Duck Confit 4 duck served with roasted parmesan & herb potatoes & asparagus puree

Cedar Plank Atlantic Salmon Atlantic salmon, avocado & fresh citrus served inside Belgian endive cups

Swf'n Twf Manhattan NY strip, lobster tail, drawn butter, whiskey peppercorn sauce served with garlic red smashed potatoes & honey glazed carrots

#### Dessert\_(shared)

 $Baked\, Alaska$  Sponge cake, strawberry ice cream, chocolate ganache



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# **Wolf predation meeting in Crosby**

There will be wolf predation meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 at the Crosby High School Auditorium located at 711 Poplar St. in Crosby. The event

is free of charge and will

be conducted in an open-forum setting.

State Rep. Ben Davis, R-Mission Township, indicated large crowds have turned out for similar events across central and northern Minnesota in recent months. Davis said the discussions center on management of the gray wolf, which currently is on the federal endangered species list despite its population having

fully rebounded. "There is a great deal of

concern among local residents who see the soaring wolf population as a threat to their children, pets, livestock and even other wildlife – par-



ticularly our deer herd," Davis said. "I encourage people from our area to come to the listening session to learn more about this issue and share their own thoughts. If you are unable to attend the

meeting, I urge you to contact U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith and ask them to remove the gray wolf from the endangered species list."

The event is sponsored by Hunters for Hunters, a non-profit organization. Whitetail deer expert Steve Porter is scheduled to appear as a guest speaker. Davis and other area officials also are expected to attend.

#### Milford Mine Disaster 100 Year Commemoration | Continued from Page 1

scenic overlooks. Trails will incorporate new interpretive signage, over 1,000 feet of new boardwalk and two new picnic pavilions.

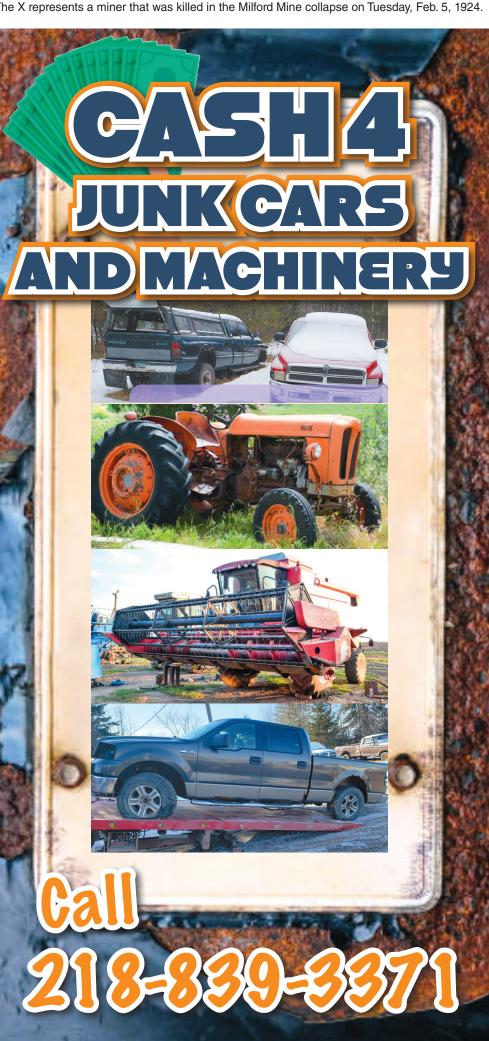
The public is encouraged to attend the grand opening. The Milford Mine Memorial Park is located at 26351 Milford Lake Drive Crosby, MN 56441, approximately four miles north of Crosby following State Highway 6.

#### Names of the 41 Souls Lost

The names of the 41 miners who lost their lives that tragic day are: Earl Bedard, John Maurich, Mike Bizal, Ronald McDonald, Oliver Burns, Arthur Myhres, George Butkovich, John Minerich, Emil Carlson, Nick Radich, Valentine Cole, Clyde Revord, Evan Crellin, Gaspar H. Revord, Roy Cunningham, Nels Ritari, Minor Graves, Jerome Ryan, Clinton A. Harris, Tony Slack, Fred Harte, Joseph Snyder, Elmer Haug, Marko Toljan, John Hendrickson, Mike Tomac, John Hlacher, Martin Valencich, George Hochevar, Arthur Wolford, Herman Holm, John Yaklich, Frank Hrvatin, Sr., Fred Zeitz, William Johnson, Alex Jyhl, Victor Ketola, Leo J. LaBrash, Arvid Lehti, Peter Magdich and Henri Maki.



The X represents a miner that was killed in the Milford Mine collapse on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1924.



# READER RIBBETS

# **Balance not Democrat extremism**

The 2024 legislative session soon will start amid growing concerns over how much more Democrats will use their paper-thin, one-party control to push their radical agenda on Minnesotans.

If the 2023 session is any indication, those concerns are well-founded. Democrats spent the last session activist-legislating by enacting the far-left's wish list on both fiscal and policy issues. More moderate Minnesotans now may be suffering buyer's remorse after being baited by Democrats, who then broke promises and switched to passing extreme legislation, including:

- Allowing abortion up until the moment of birth.
- Sterilizing minors without their parents' knowledge.
- Repealing life-saving care for children born alive.
- Eroding safety in our schools by causing resource officers to be pulled from schools across Minnesota.
- Placing tampons in boys' bathrooms in schools.
- Performing mutilation for minors who live in other states (again, no permission needed by parents).
- Squandering the state's \$17.5 billion surplus (taxpayer
- Squandering the record surplus and still raising taxes by another \$10 billion and spending \$730,000,000 on renovating the State Office Building for politicians.

- •Undermining of our 2nd and 4th Amendment rights.
- Compromising our first Amendment freedom of speech
- rights (biased speech registry). • Stifling our mining industry.
- Making our power grid unaffordable, unreliable and unsafe.
- Redistributing dollars earned by hard-working Min-
  - Empowering criminals.
- Issuing driver's licenses for all illegal residents (they now may flood into our state).
- Conducting automatic voter registration for anyone getting a driver's license (which could pose massive election integrity issues when combined with the previous bullet).
- This list of extreme Democrat changes serves as a blaring call for balance in St. Paul. Fellow Republicans and I will continue advocating a different set of priorities to help all Minnesotans, including:
- Reducing taxes for the hard-working middle class.
- •Increasing financial independence and prosperity (which would include for single
- Allowing independent school districts more flexibility to put their financial resources to best use in educating chil-
- •Improving safety in our
- Supporting freedom of

# · Enhancing medical free-

- Developing energy independence.
- Protecting children who are ripped from their mother's womb (yes, this is being done
- up until birth). · Making Minnesota a mining-friendly state.
- Restoring law and order.
- Honoring our veterans. Conducting fair and honest
- elections for citizens. Defending all of our
- God-given constitutional rights. • Reversing the ever-growing beast of big government.
- Managing of our natural resources responsibly.
- Cutting unreasonable and unnecessary mandates on our farmers and job creators.

As you can see, there's a massive difference between what Democrats and Republicans prioritize. Please keep this in mind as the 2024 session unfolds under full Democrat control and as you ponder how you envision the future in Minnesota.

As always, I welcome input from District 6A residents as we face important decisions in the coming months and beyond. I'd like to know whether these changes Democrats are enacting reflect your wishes, or if you would rather see a more balanced set of priorities such as what Republicans are offering.

Minnesota State Rep., Ben Davis

# **Hazelton Township is awake**

In response to the Krys Bobseen letter, the truth needs to be published.

About a 18 months ago Dan Bobseen (a township board member) was outvoted 2-1 regarding proposed expenditures for calcium chloride application and a 3 inch gravel "lift" to township roads.

The majority of residents want the road treated with calcium chloride and our road have deteriorated to the point there is no material to grade.

Dan Bobseen resigned. A new board member was appointed.

Last March, a faction led by Dan Bobseen waged a write-in campaign for a different person against the newly appointed board member. The write-in campaign failed widely. The results were certified, and the results were not disputed.

At the township meeting after the election, the Aitkin County Sheriff was present (no board member had asked him to come) and said it had been reported to him that questionable actions have been occurring at the Hazelton meetings/ elections. The SHERIFF said that there were reports of irregularities - NOT THE BOARD.

Some discussion of inappropriate behavior during the election was discussed. It was stated that Dan Bobseen brought his thermos of coffee and spent significant time cajoling with the

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Election Judges and voters – a clear violation of election laws.

Those election Judges are known supporters of Dan Bobseen and included the Township Clerk. There is a question if these 'Judges' completed the required training.

There were irregularities at the Township Election by Dan Bobseen and supporters of the write-in candidate.

Subsequently, the Clerk commented that it was hard finding Election Judges.

I volunteered LAST SPRING to be an Election Judge. I had no discussions with anyone beforehand. This fall I contacted the Aitkin County Auditor's Office to inquire about training a they walked me through the process. Again, all this was done never having discussed this with anyone.

Election Judges are not lifetime appointments. Election Judges are appointed every election cycle.

The Board choose 3Election Judges: 1) Township Treasurer 2) me 3) A woman I do not know.

Given the facts, the Board would have been negligent in appointing the previous Election Judges.

I have attended most of our township meetings for the past 30 years. I have never seen Krys Bobseen at a meeting. It is obvious she did not draft "her letter."

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And, if anyone knows of a Township that uses Certified Mechanics to change plow blades, etc., please forward that information to me.

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Finally, the 3 inch road lift (and chloride application) is supported by the majority.

(Note: NO roads the Supervisors live on were included in the first 5 miles of 3 inch lift completed last year).

In short, about the only truthful item in Bobseen's letter is that Calcium Chloride is not free.

Yes, please attend the meetings. Do not let ignorant (or deceitful) people guide your

Waldan McFarlane, Aitkin

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#### LIBBY TOWNSHIP **BOARD MEETING**

The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 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 16th day of January, 2024 Jane Grimsbo Jewett, Clerk Libby Township 2.63

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## MARK BLAZEVIC



Mark Thomas Blazevic, 73, of McGregor, died at his home on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, after a long battle with Cancer. Mark managed his illness with strength and grace and wanted to spend as much time with his loved ones as possible.

Family and friends are welcome to attend a celebration of life on May 11, 2024 in McGregor. The time and place of the celebration will be posted when confirmed.

He was born December 28, 1950 in Minneapolis to Nick and Joanne (Lindquist) Blazevic. He grew up in Minneapolis with his older brother and three younger sisters and graduated from Washburn High School. Mark did everything with honesty and integrity. He had strong values, was well liked by everyone, and he always made time to help others. He was a devoted father and grandfather who created a fun environment for everyone. He loved

being outdoors and his hobbies included fishing, hunting, and working on anything that needed fixing. He enjoyed watching the Minnesota Vikings and was an avid football fan. Even in his last few days, he told stories from throughout his life, and he had a dream where he would be the one in the family to catch a 30 inch+ walleye! He liked that dream.

Mark is survived by his life partner of 18 years, Trudy Bunge of McGregor: children: Nick (Monigue) Blazevic of Lakeville and Angela Blazevic (Seth) of Prior Lake; four grandchildren: Makenzie Blazevic, Hunter Blazevic, Bryce Blazevic, and Morgan Zdon; older brother, Michael Blazevic; younger sisters: Cindy Blair and Kathy Blazevic; many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Sandra Blazevic, and his nephew Wade Johnson. Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

#### **IRENUS "FINNER" FINN**



Irenus "Finner" Finn, 86, of his family. Aitkin died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 in Aitkin Health Service, Aitkin. To honor Finner's wishes, no services will be held.

He was born in Sauk Rapids on August 28, 1937. Irenus was united in marriage to Mary 'Sue" Degeest on October

24, 1959 in Lead, South Dakota. Finner enjoyed fishing, camping and especially spending time with

Irenus is survived by his wife, Sue Finn; children: Steven (Gay) Finn and Scott (Cindy) Finn; two grandchildren, Sandy and Natasha; four great-grandchildren: Logan, Taylor, Tyler and Rilee; a greatgreat-grandchild, Kingston; several other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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#### RICHARD GRIPP



Princeton, formerly of Mille Lacs Lake, Aitkin, died Wednesday, January 17, 2024 in Sterling Pointe Senior Living, Princeton. Services was held Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at

Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo with Pastor James Muske officiating Military Honors

were provided by Aitkin American Legion Post #86 and Aitkin V.F.W. Post #1727. Private Interment will be in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis.

He was born October 25, 1925 to Floyd and Gladys (Zopfi) Gripp in South St. Paul. Richard was united in marriage to Miriam Reynolds on January 11, 1945 and they had two daughters, Nancy and Kathleen. He enlisted January 26, 1945 in the United States Navy and fought in WWII on Wake Island until May 25, 1946. Miriam passed away in July of 1964. In 2015, Dick was out for dinner one night with his buddy, a woman asked if she could join them. They both had been friends with her and her family for many years. That's when Judy entered his life and he was so happily in love. They were together for

Richard Floyd Gripp, 98, of nine years until Richard moved to Sterling Pointe. He was a friend of all friends. If anyone needed help of any kind, Dick was there to help. He loved building Martin birdhouses, many of them can be seen on properties on Mille Lacs Lake. Dick was an avid sportsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He belonged to the Wealthwood Rod and Gun Club. He also was a pretty good bowler and played baseball for many years. Dick was a member of Aitkin American Legion Post#86 for 78 years.

Dick is survived by his daughter, Nancy (Julius) Dorweiler; girlfriend, Judy Stahl and her family; sister, Phyllis Bartz; two grandsons: Tony (Cara) Pence, Scott (Nicole) Pence; granddaughter, Nikki Quiles; nine great-grandchildren: Alyssa, Morgan, Collin, Jack, Austin (Lauren), Marissa, Amelia, Sebastian and Benjamin; great-great-granddaughter: Emerson; nieces and nephews: Barb Klecker, Joshua, Jacob, Tim (Kim) Bartz, Heather and Hunter.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Miriam; daughter, Kathleen Proulx; significant other, Mary Englund.

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

#### ESTHER O'NEIL

Esther "Jo" O'Neil, 92, of Aitkin died peacefully Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at Aitkin Health Services.

A celebration of Jo's life will be 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at the United Methodist Church Pine Lake Chapel in the Aitkin-Cutler area. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Following the service at the church Join Jo's family at the Hazelton Town Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

She was born April 30, 1931 in La Crosse, WI. to Earl and Esther (Beeler) Johnson. She grew up in La Crosse and graduated from Login High School. Jo met the love of her life, William "Bill" O'Neil and they were united in marriage March 22, 1952 in Cresco, IA. They raised their family in Andover and Isanti, then retired to the Aitkin area where Bill's family was from. Jo started a sewing business, "Decorator Sewing", which for 25 years, her and Bill traveled to many craft shows and met many wonderful people

and made many crafter friends.

Jo is survived by her sons: Steve O'Neil (Terri) of Brainerd, Dan O'Neil (Peggy) of Brainerd; daughters: Roxanne Shimek (Dean) of Aitkin, Tammy Gage (Sean) of Faribault and Mary O'Neil of Hastings; 18 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; brother, Nelson Johnson of Oregon; sister, Mary Martinson of Oregon; sister-in-law, Deloris Johnson of WI; brother-in-law, Jerry Palm of WA; many special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Bill O'Neil; son, Michael O'Neil; grandson, Jim O'Neil; parents: Earl and Esther Johnson; brothers: Walter Johnson of La Crosse, Ralph Johnson of Saint Paul; sister, Audrey Hancock of Kentucky.

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#### **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. 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.

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

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.

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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

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

McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.

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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

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6:30 pm and Kids Konnect 6:30 pm Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10;

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#### 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

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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 YouTube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 flcbrainerd.com

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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. 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

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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.

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McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9. McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church

(LCMC), Pastor Lorelie Robinson; 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

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& 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.

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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.

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PENTECOSTAL Baxter — Christ Alive, 12485 Forestview Drive, Baxter,

Emily — Corner tone Church: Pastor Earl Ready: Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939. Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight

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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. 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

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Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwv 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30

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.

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Cutler\* (South Aitkin County) — Pine Lake Chapel, Pastor Gary Taylor; Worship Sunday 1 p.m. Fellowship follows. Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9

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

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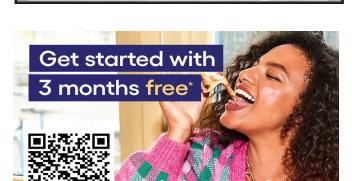
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to relive the magic of classic elevator pop that once graced

a bygone era, an opportunity the lobbies and elevators of iconic buildings. Retrofizz's repertoire includes both be-

loved classics and original compositions inspired by the golden age of elevator music.

# Funding conservation projects to be reviewed

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At this meeting, the SWCD Supervisors and SWCD Staff will review and discuss 17 potential conservation projects, including tree planting, shoreline planting, removal of invasive plants, and other practices that help maintain water and soil quality in the

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The SWCD Board of Supervisors meets on the third Wednesday of the month

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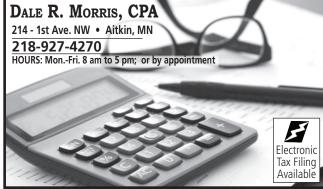
Eric Fenstad, M.D., is a cardiologist at Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Clinic in Brainerd. He is a graduate of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences and completed a four-year cardiovascular fellowship at the Mayo School of Health Sciences. He has spent the last year providing cardiology care at some of Essentia's more rural clinics, including Pierz, Crosslake and Pine River. Deb Hadley is Bereavement Coordinator at

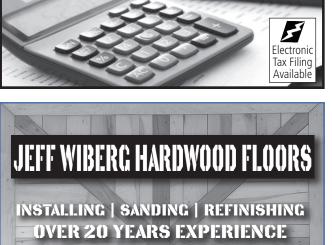
Knute Nelson Hospice in Alexandria, MN. She is an inspirational speaker, author of the "Morning God Boost Journal" and founder of KT Humble Hearts Foundation. She is also certified in Death and Grief Studies through the Center for Loss and Life Transition.

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