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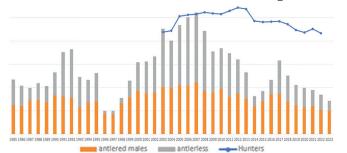
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### **Wolves and deer input**



The Minnesota DNR gathers public input annually on the previous deer season to help shape regulations for the next season. Share your opinions on the deer population through a survey questionnaire open to anyone with an interest in deer, especially deer hunters. Take the survey on the DNR deer management page https://engage.dnr.state. mn.us/embeds/projects/7944/ survey-tools/20072.

There has been a lot of interest regarding the dynamics between wolves and deer as hunters have continued to have reduced harvest opportunities.

The relationship between wolves and deer populations varies on the interplay of several factors, including the abundance of deer, winter severity, other predators, prey on the landscape (e.g., moose, beaver) and habitat conditions. If you're interested in learning more about these two species, check out recently recorded webinars on wolves in Minnesota https://www.voutube.com/ watch?v=bHMGPsiOKQk and winter deer behavior https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=loLi-juOE3o.





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Appetizer (select one each)

 ${\it Winter Salad}$  Pickled pears, arugula, feta cheese, roasted pistachio's,

Beef Bourguignon Stew

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

Entree (select one each)

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

Duck Confit 1/4 duck served with roasted parmesan & herb potatoes & asparagus puree

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

Surf 'n Turf Manhattan NY strip, lobster tail, drawn butter, whiskey pep-percorn sauce served with garlic red smashed potatoes & honey glazed carrots

Dessert (shared)

Baked Alaska Sponge cake, strawberry ice cream, chocolate ganache & torched meringue

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Friday, Feb. 16 11AM-5PM **American Red Cross** 

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17th - Northland Arboretum Introduction to Beekeeping, noon-3 p.m. Presented by Larry Chismar this class will begin with hiving bee packages in the spring to harvesting honey in the fall. Center on the Main Level. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Call 218-829-8770 for more info.

21st - Midday Lenten Worship at noon followed by a meal, 12:30 p.m. at Heartwood Senior Living Community, 500 Heartwood Drive in Crosby. Reflecting on "I am the resurrection and the life." Offerings will be gathered for the Crosby Ministerial Fund to be used to care for transient persons in partnership with the Crosby and Deerwood Police Departments.

21st - Bohemian Queen Tribute Concert at the Northern Pacific Center to benefit Smiles for Jake. 23rd - Wine and Dine Central Lakes Jazz Orchestra 5:30 -8:30 p.m. Sand Ballroom Arrowwood Lodge, Baxter 24th - CANCELED - Woodtick Inn Annual Fishing Contest.

24th - Erin's Wish Winter Bar Olympics at the Ironton American Legion and Town Tavern, 4 p.m. Call 218-546-5997 for more info.

24th - Northland Arboretum Full Moon Snowshoe Hike 7:30-8:30 p.m. at 14250 Conservation Drive, Baxter. Call 218-829-8770 for more info.

#### Tell 'em you saw it in the NEWSHOPPER

Deadlines are Mondays at Noon Send your photos, stories and community events to hopper@crosbyironton.net

### READER RIBBETS

# **Upcoming caucus electoral process**

With the most important next representative/senator/ election of our lifetimes upon us, I have been seeking more information on the whole electoral process. As Aitkin County BPOU offered only "Convenor" training and not general caucus training, I went on a quest.

I attended both a caucus workshop, put on by the Morrison County BPOU and a caucus training, put on by Action 4 Liberty, Roseville.

I'll explain what I found: Caucus is the first meeting where neighbor's (precinct) of a similar political party (republican, democrat, independent) gather to vote on who is going to be a delegate and make the decisions of who will be the president on the ballot, this is a two-year term.

As concerned citizens of Minnesota, it is our Duty to become a delegate. As a delegate, we have more influence on the issues and stands. Being a delegate gives us voting privileges and a voice in party politics. We then help to determine the direction of our party. We can no longer be lax on issues such as life in the womb, child mutilation, porn in our schools and assisted suicide. The days to be quiet are gone. Get involved!

On Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. both Republicans and Democrats in Minnesota will hold their precinct caucus, your location can be found at caucusfinder.com put in your address and the link will tell you where Your caucus location is or contact your local County Auditor's office.

In closing, to the lady that suggested people actually think DJT is comparable to Jesus... oh please, Jesus is our Savior, DJT is our President. And to the man from Palisade that said the ugly mean things about our #1 Minnesota Sheriff...shame on both of you. We need God back in this world. We need morals, decency, truth and more than anything LOVE for ourselves and our neighbors.

God Bless y'all and God Bless America.

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

# **Wolf Predation meeting in Crosby**

On Friday, Feb. 9 at the C-I High School, Hunters for Hunters meeting was introduced by Steve Porter from upper Minnesota to discuss the gray wolf declassification information. Hunters for Hunters is a nonprofit organization which was started only three months ago and has already organized 16 meetings in Minnesota towns getting the word out on our state's wolf management problems. Some of these meetings lured 400 and even 600 local residents interested in this wolf problems. At the C-I meeting, there were between 150 to 200 people in attendance. New legislation is in the works as we speak. Some good and some bad but this group is working with law makers to make sure the final draft is done right as it has role model states in the west that have already put new

wording.

A few facts that came out of the meeting: Gray Wolves devour over 54,000 fawns per vear in Minnesota.

• 32% of does are killed each year by wolves. 90% of which were pregnant. Last year 45.5% were killed by wolves because of the bad winter for Minnesota

• Wolf numbers were up 11% in the last year. DNR estimates wolf numbers at 2,700 now. Hunters for Hunters estimate that number is more like 6,000 to 10,000.

•80% of wolves food is deer.

• One wolf will kill and eat 17 deer to survive per year. This means that a pair of wolves will kill and eat 34 deer each year. Does your area contain numbers like that?

This new and growing group is putting up highway bill boards saying "PROTECT CHILDREN,

PETS, WILDLIFE-NOTWOLVES!

Minnesota politicians are saying they can't do anything because it is a federal law. However, this was in question by the fact that Marijuana was just legalized by the state even though the Feds still outlaw it. Of the 16 meetings around

the state to date, no DNR individual has been present officially at a single meeting.

This group is not working to get rid of the wolf, only to manage it.

There was only one person at the C-I meeting that stood up against the delisting of the wolf and he stated that he was a native from the reservation and they do not believe in killing wolves, bear and other animals they consider part of their family. More info may be attained online at www. Hunters4Hunters.org.

Jim Hiller, Trommald

### **Envision the future in Minnesota**

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

laws in place with the correct

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 1st Amendment freedom of speech rights (biased speech registry).
- Stifling our mining in-
- Making our power grid unaffordable, unreliable and
- Redistributing dollars earned by hard-working Minnesotans.
- 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 moms).
- Allowing independent school districts more flexibility to put their financial resources to best use in educating chil-
- Improving safety in our schools.
- Supporting freedom of speech.

- Enhancing medical free-
- dom. Developing energy independence.
- Protecting children who are ripped from their mother's womb (yes, this is being done up until birth).
- Making Minnesota a min-
- ing-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.

State Rep. Ben Davis District 6A

### Aitkin's one-act play actors take third in sections in Two Harbors



Father played by Nicholas Karr reads about the end of 

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Although they took first in the sub-section competition; actors in Aitkin's one act play "The Perfect Ending;" ended up with a third-place finish. They participated in sections on February 2 in Two Harbors.

The play explores themes of the roles of women and mothers in the 1960s; as well as, the state of the world during nuclear proliferation.

At a time when being a housewife was all consuming for women, the mother of this family is obsessed with having the perfect dinner party. She even has her off-the-wall daughter become an exact replica of herself.

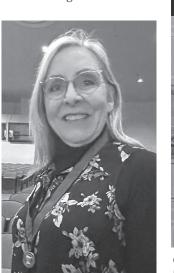
While dad reads the paper and the son and daughter pursue teenage life, the powers of the world had a different outlook for the perfect ending as the play and the world end simultaneously.

Kelly Blake directed the play and the participants were: Mother - Chloe Nyberg; Father - Nicholas Karr; Son/ Political Activist Man - Will Henline; Daughter - Abrielle Iniguez; Civil Defense Warden - Levi Berg; Grandpa - Eliot Christensen; Nurse Jane - Madalynn Schwerin; Martha - Kobie VanPortfliet;

George - Tanner Koonce; Avon Lady - Kira Hamilton; Suzie Smith/Political Activist Woman - Alyx Gerhart; Insurance Salesman - Alec Faust; Dorothy Parker - Riley Belmore; Dorothy Parker's Followers: Follower 1 - EV Nordberg, Follower 2 - Addison Steffens, Follower 3 - Ashley Asmus; Political Activists: Maelie Kazmerzak and Joe Brucker; Tech/Lights and Sound - Ty Morris-Reynolds and Alyssa Karr; Set Design -Gary Blake; Lighting Design - Loren Vonasek; ad Costume Alterations - Joy Janzen. Others that help in the production were Chad Lundee for donating the use of the couch; Toby Gabrio for donating the use of the chair; Joseph Harmon for video editing.



2023 - 2024 One Act Cast - "The Perfect Ending" Front Row (left to right): Maelie Kazmerzak; Joe Brucker; Alec Faust; Eliot Christensen; Alyx Gerhart; Ashley Asmus; Addison Steffens; and EV Nordberg. Back Row: Tanner Koonce; Kobie VanPortfliet; Levi Berg; Madalynn Schwerin; Will Henline; Nicholas Karr; Abrielle Iniguez; Chloe Nyberg; Kira Hamilton; Ty Morris-Reynolds; Riley Belmore; and Alyssa Karr.



Director Kelly Blake



Chloe Nyberg, the perfect mom, discusses beauty with Kira Hamilton as the Avon lady. The 1960s ladies agreed that beauty was the most important thing.



Mother Chloe Nyberg visits with Nurse Jane played by Madalynn Schwerin and Grandpa, played by Eliot Christensen.

# School district grants sexual curriculum opt-out to Muslims

St. Louis Park public schools are allowing several Somali American children to opt-out of sexually based materials being taught in English classes after law firms, True North Legal and First Liberty Institute, sent two letters explaining how the district's previous denial of opt-outs violated the First Amendment and state law. The six families are devout Muslims who immigrated from Somalia

over the past two decades. All asked for notice and the ability to opt out when their elementary school students are taught LGBTQ-affirming books with discussion that promotes these identities. Not only are the elementary schools now granting opt-out requests, but St. Louis Park High School is

"We believe that we have a sacred obligation to teach the principles of our faith to our children without being undermined by the schools. We are grateful to First Liberty and True North Legal for helping us and to the school for recognizing the importance of our faith," said Fatuma Irshat, one of the

Another parent, Hodan Has-

san, said, "We came to America because of its rich heritage of protecting religious liberty and the opportunity to raise our children in a place where they have access to success. We were shocked that our children were being taught material that violates our beliefs, but we're grateful that the school has

granted our opt-out requests."

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"True North Legal exists to protect the religious freedom of Minnesota families," said Renee Carlson, General Counsel of True North Legal. "Ensuring the religious freedom of students and their families is paramount, and infringing upon that right is unacceptable."

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Feb. 17 & 24, 2024)

#### **HAZELTON TOWN-**SHIP NOTICE OF 2024 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF **OFFICERS**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Hazelton Township, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota that the Hazelton Township Annual Election of Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on

the Hazelton Townhall

The Election Poll hours will be from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which time voters will

1 Supervisor - 3 year term 1 Clerk - 2 year term

The Annual Meeting will commence at approximately 8:15 p.m., following the close of polls, to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

In case of inclement weath-

may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March; March 19, 2024, at the same time and

The Board of Canvass will meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 following the Annual Meeting to certify the official election results.

Dated this 13th day of February 2024 KAY OLSON, Clerk Hazelton Township



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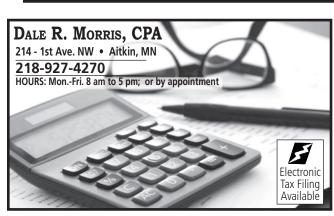
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### **OBITUARIES**

#### **GORDON JACOBSON**



Gordon Herbert Jacobson, 83. of Deerwood died on Saturday, February 10, 2024 surrounded by family and friends at his home.

A Memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

Burial will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Monticello at a later date. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

He was born in Granite Falls Township, MN on June 16, 1940 to Herbert and Ruth (Peterson) Jacobson. Gordon graduated from the Montevideo High School, class of 1958. He attended NDSU in Fargo, ND graduating in 1963 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He worked his way through college including radio announcing on the college radio station and Fargo radio stations. After college he married Audrey Walker on August 11, 1963 in Garrison, ND. Gordon's career was spent mostly in nuclear energy, working for Phillips Petroleum Nuclear Division and Northern States Power Co. His career was spent in Idaho, South Dakota and Minnesota. He spent much of his career in Monticello, MN where he and Audrey raised their three children. Gordon was active in his community, serving in Lions, church, and the Monticello Hospital Board, including chairmanship of the Hospital Board for several years. Gordon retired at age 59 and moved to the Brainerd Lakes Area. He remained active in community and church. He enjoyed boating, fishing, camping and BWCA camping, with family and friends. He was an avid reader and also loved traveling. He also enjoyed building and remodeling. Gordon was a loving, devoted family man.

Gordon is survived by his wife Audrey; his daughter, Jennifer (Tom) Cruikshank of New Port Beach, CA; and four grandchildren, Jay and Calvin Cruikshank and Brandon and Melissa Lighty.

Preceding Gordon in death are his parents; two children, Eric Jacobson and Kristin Lighty; one brother, Stanley Jacobson and two sisters, Helen Ockwig and Phyllis Summers.

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

#### FAYE LINDBLOM

Fave Arlene (Torgerson) Lindblom, 80, of Stewart died at the Cokato Manor on February 8, 2024.

A Celebration of Faye's life is being planned for Saturday, March 9, 2024.

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

#### JIMMY LEBLANC Jimmy Elmer LeBlanc, 57,



of Crosby died at his home on Friday, February 9, 2024 due to heart complications Mass of Christian Burial will

be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 17, 2024 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood

Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443, Ironton. A visitation will be

on Saturday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the He was born in Crosby on March 14, 1966 to

James and Florence (Rono) LeBlanc. At the age of three, Jimmy moved with his family to Black River Falls, WI, when the mines closed in Crosby. He graduated from the Black River Falls High School, class of 1984. He then entered the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1986. He attended Staples Vo-tech to become a heavy equipment operator. He worked for Brainerd Redi Mix for 10 years, Trust Joist in Deerwood for 16 years and was currently employed at Mann Lake Ltd. in Hackensack. He would do anything for his family

Jimmy is survived by his wife of 23 years, Deanna; daughter, Morgan of Crosby; two sisters: Linda (Kevin) Fitzpatrick of Loreto Mexico, DeAnn (Merle) Monson of Deerwood; sister-in-law, Audrey LeBlanc of Pine City; and his mother and father-in-law, Dan and Eileen Pelzer of Flensburg, MN and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Preceding Jimmy in death were his parents and one brother Harold.

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#### GEORGE BLAKEMORE



George Lemuel Blakemore, 78, of Deerwood died on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at his home.

held.

He was born in St. Paul to George and Helen (Wardell) Blakemore on June 25, 1945.

during Vietnam. George married Kimberlyn

Mitchell on February 14, 2007 in Brainerd.

George is survived by his wife, Kim; two sons: Joseph Blakemore and Shawn Blakemore

Waterford, MI; and nine grandchildren. Preceding George in death were his parents.

both of Brainerd; daughter, Michelle Morrell of

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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

Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-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.

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Wed., 7 p.m. Aitkin\* - St. James, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass

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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.

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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.

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 — 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.

interritield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pasto 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. Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9

Brainerd\* - St. Paul's, Rev. Joyce A. Rush. In-person wor-

ship service at 10 am Sunday. Online at 5 pm Saturday.

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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

Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10;

Wright - Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm. HEBREW/MESSIANIC

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Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship

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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 (Cedarbrook) - St. John's (ELCA); Worship 9:00; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun. 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. Brainerd — First Lutheran Church (ELCA) Pastors: Patty Bjorklund and Jordan Gades, Sunday worship 9, Sunday

School following worship. Services also available on You-

Tube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 flcbrainerd.com 424

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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

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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 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

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.

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)

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun.

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 (LCMC), Pastor Lorelie Robinson; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10. McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua

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

C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm

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 Lutheran (LCMC Congregations in Mission for Christ) 11:30 service. Communion 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. - 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,

Emily — Corner tone 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.

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

Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

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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

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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days at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live. Crosby/Deerwood\* — Cascade, Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Youtube live streaming 10 am with fellowship to follow. Cascade Ladies meet on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Come & Eat Community dinner on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Please call the office to sign up: 218-534-3507.

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

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

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

10:30; fellowship follows. Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10

McGregor\* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows. Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

Emily — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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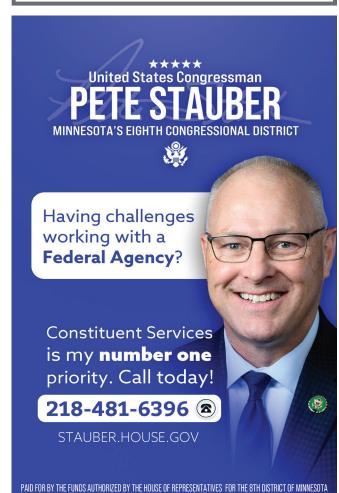


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Fedor is known for her "lovely, plush, seductive tone" (New York Times) and lauded for her "soulful, virtuosic" playing and "impeccable technical control" (Opera News). Chloe is artistic advisor and concertmaster of baroque programming at Lakes Area Music Festival, co-concertmaster of Lyra Baof the Grammy award-winning ensemble Apollo's Fire, a member of ACRONYM, and frequent soloist with Four Nations Ensemble.

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#### 2024 Aitkin County Republican Precinct Caucus Locations 7 pm - February 27, 2024

**Location:** Hill City School Convener: David Lange 218-697-2446 500 lone Ave., Hill City MN 55748

Precincts: City of Hill City, Ball Bluff Township, Cornish Township, Hill Lake Township, MacVille Township, Verdon Township, West Libby Township, NE Aitkin UNORG (Including unnamed Townships T52-22 and T51-22), NW Aitkin UNORG [Including; unnamed Unorganized Township T51-25W, Unorganized Township T51-27W (Lemay), Unorganized Township T52-25W (Quadna), Unorganized Township T52-24W (Ruth), Unorganized Township T50-25W (Hebron), Unorganized Township T52-27W (Shovel Lake), Unorganized Township T50-26W (Bain), and Unorganized Township T50-27W (White Elk)]

**Location: Grace Lutheran Log Church Co-Conveners:** Tom Peterson 612-272-4283 48155 Lake Avenue, McGregor, MN 55760 Joyce Peterson 612-272-4283

Precincts: City of Palisade, Balsam Township, Haugen Township, Logan Township, East Libby Township, Shamrock Township, Turner Township, Waukenabo Township, Workman Township.

**Location: McGregor Public Library** Convener: Kari Abbott 218-768-3011 111 E. Center Avenue, McGregor MN 55760.

Precincts: City of McGregor, City of Tamarack, Clark Township, Fleming Township, Jevne Township, McGregor Township, Salo Township, Spalding Township, Unorganized Township T47-24W (Davidson).

**Location: Northwoods Church Aitkin** Co-Conveners: Jim Blakesley 218-927-2027 810 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW Aitkin, MN 56431 Randy Thompson & Bill Maxfield

**Precincts**: City of Aitkin, Aitkin Township, Morrison Township, Spencer Township, **NW Aitkin UNORG** [Including: unorganized Townships T48-27W (Blind Lake) and T49-27W (Esquagamah)].

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church Co-Conveners: Dale Lueck 218-927-2495 36696 320<sup>th</sup> Street, Aitkin, MN 56431.

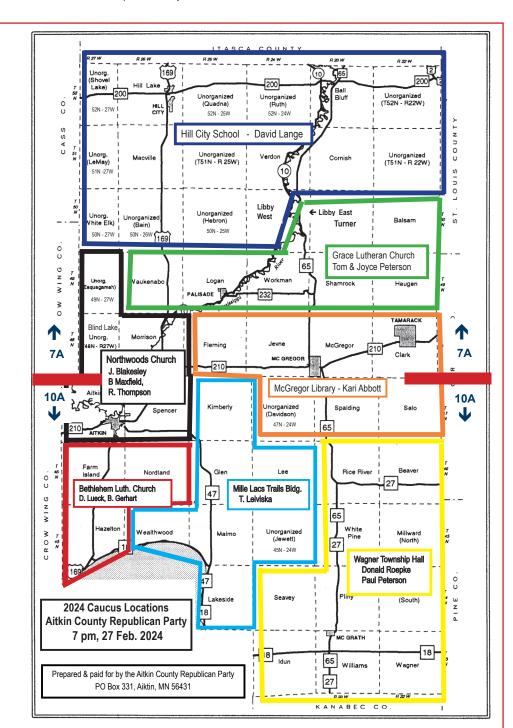
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