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Join in on the fun at the Aitkin County Fair July 10 - 13 grounds as the backdrop, available at various locations year there will



Get ready for the biggest celebration of the summer in Aitkin County, as the Aitkin County Fair gears up for four days of non-stop fun from Wednesday through Saturday, July 10 -13. With the picturesque county fairgrounds as the backdrop, this year promises to be even more thrilling.

Creative Activities

Calling all bakers and makers! The Creative Activities De-

partment has many divisions and classes for individuals to show off their many talents. Open class entries are accepted on Tuesday, July 9 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Early registration will be offered from 4:30-7 p.m. on Monday, July 8 for your convenience. Exhibitor handbooks are

and on Facebook. Advance registration is recommended and can be done online at: aitkin.fairwire. com

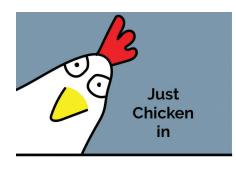
The Creative Activities building has a full schedule of demonstrations and live judging open to the public. This year's features are Quilts/Bedspreads, Artisan/Craftsman, Gluten Free baked goods, sauces, yeast and quick breads, muffins and pickles along with a variety of demonstrations. Area musical talents will be on hand to entertain while you browse the exhibits and again this

year there will be Artist in Residence to show off their many talents. The annual Fashion Show will wrap up Saturday afternoon.

Tree-mendous Tree Decorating

Not to needle you with another pun, but in a stroke of "leafy "genius, the Aitkin County Friends of the Arts is sponsoring a Tree Decorating Contest. Judging kicks off on Friday, July 12, with divisions for Families, Groups, and Businesses. With cash prizes up to \$250 for the Grand Champion, with Reserve at

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Now it is time for volunteers to step forward.

Help is needed for interior finish-

ing: insulation, sheetrock, painting; installing floors, cabinets, doors, casings, etc.

Exterior there will be roofing and installation of siding, soffits and facia, all exterior finishing and landscaping.

If you are able to volunteer, contact building director Dante Irizarry at 320-339-0091 or email dan-



family for the new Aitkin Build. Submitted photo

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Not able to do construction work? Some other needed jobs are running errands, picking up supplies, preparing or serving food and drinks for the work crew or babysitting so parents can work.

Let's all pull together so Sofia and her boys are home for the holidays.



Silent auction items line the hallway. Cindi Hills, one of the benefit chairs, commented that she has never seen community donations given so freely. Ann Schwartz photos



Dixie and Charlie Babin are among those in attendance in a room filled to overflowing.

Community responds to Purdy benefit



Dylan, Shanna, Rob and Clayton Purdy.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Over 500 people attended a benefit on June 28 in Aitkin for the Rob and Shanna Purdy family.

The family underwent a very tough last few years with Rob suffering from severe covid, Shanna diagnosed with cancer and just recently, son Clayton, 19, died following a mental health crisis.

"Clayton suffered a mental health crisis and overdosed on his prescription medication,"

Both Rob

and Shanna's family (the Carties) go back a long way in the community. The parking

lot was over-

flowing for the recent benefit and the large 40 Club Convention Center was completely packed. I received the number 449 and I know lots of people



Dylan speaks at Clayton's funeral, remembering his brother who was known for his bushy blonde hair.

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32 Mike Hyland,

away on June came in after me.

Clayton loved small town living. He played basketball and ran track for Aitkin High School and is expecting a child with his finance.

People talked about how Clayton's older brother Dylan memorialized him at the funeral service. Rob has also recorded a video on you tube with his memories of raising

Clayton. As Rob said in his video, small towns have advantages and disadvantages. One quirky thing is that everyone

knows everything about you and your family. The other deal is that people are always willing to help. And the community of Aitkin County, knowing everything about this Purdy family, chose to support the remaining three.

Guns, prints, a variety of fantastic baskets, gift cards, sports memorabilia, quilts, and so many more items were auctioned off or won by drawings. Baked goods were prepared by many family members and friends and sold that night. A meal with pulled pork sandwiches was available with a free will offering. Multiple auction/raffle items were won, then donated back to be auctioned off again to support the family.

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\$150 and People's Choice, at \$50. It's not just about the glory—it's about the greenbacks! **Musical Merriment**

Music lovers, rejoice! The Windy River Stage will have a full line of musical entertainment each day.

Wednesday will kick off with locals Mike and Jan Cherry from noon-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.; acoustic musician and songwriter, John Kerns from 2-4 p.m. and the Chicago Tribute Band Duluth Transit Authority performing from 7 to 10 p.m.

On Thursday Bruce Archer will perform from 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. with Vern Bishop and the Moose River Band from 1-3:30 p.m. and Terrell X from 4-6 p.m. with Boss Mama and the Jebberhooch together with Salty Dog finishing off the evening from 7-10 p.m.

Todd Menton will start off the day on Friday performing from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. followed by Christian McShane from 1-4 p.m and Ben Ranson from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Country Artist Rafe Carlson will perform Friday night from 7-10 p.m. and Roy Liljenquist will perform Saturday morning from 10 a.m.-noon and Superfrank will finish off the stage from noon-4 p.m.

Ag Olympics

Back again this year will be the popular Ag Olympics in the Livestock Arena on Wednesday at 5 p.m., so get

your team together. **Rabbit Agility**

Ever seen a rabbit show off its agility skills? Now's your chance at the Rabbit Agility Show on July 11, following the 4-H rabbit judging. Watch as these furry friends hop, skip, and jump their way into your hearts.

Pedal Power

Everyone's favorite Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull will be held on Thursday evening starting with registration at 5 p.m. and pulling at 6 p.m. Watch as little legs power mighty machines in a battle of strength and determination.

Touch A Truck

Again this year the Aitkin Women of Today will sponsor Touch a Truck at the fairgrounds on Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and the annual Tractor Parade will circle the grounds starting at 2 p.m.

Horse Hitch Competition

Something new and exciting for this year is the Draft Horse Team Hitch Competition to watch in the horse show arena on Thursday from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The two horse teams will follow an obstacle course, barrel race and rescue race. The grandstands will feature three nights of racing this year.

Carnival

nival rides? The Crescent City Amusements Midway will be open daily. Rides will open Wednesday at 3 p.m., Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at noon. Advance sale tickets are available for purchase at local banks,

County Market and the Aitkin

What's a fair without car-

County Auditor's Office. Single session bands are available for \$25 in advance or \$30 onsite. Mega bands are good for all four days of carnival rides and can be purchased for \$65 advance or \$75 on-site. Bands are valid from opening time until 10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and until closing on Saturday and are valid for all Crescent City rides including the Rock-it.

Livestock Exhibits

Of course, it wouldn't be a county fair without the livestock exhibits. Exhibits include 4-H and Open Class with all types of livestock. There will be various shows each day with

the Central Minnesota Cattlemen's Beef Show

rounding off the final day on Saturday, for youth 5-21 years of age from all over Minnesota competing for the Best of Show.

Horses are back on the grounds throughout the entire fair with shows and exhibitions starting with the 4-H Show on Wednesday and going on Friday with the Open Class Games Show in the arena

Get Your Fair On

Mark your calendars, rally your friends and family, and get ready for the event of the season. The Aitkin County Fair isn't just a tradition—it's a celebration of community spirit, creativity, and downright good fun. Exhibitor handbooks can be found at local business for complete entry information or visit aitkinfair.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

July

4th - Bay Lake: Fourth of July festivities from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort with a cookout, games, and family-friendly activities.

4th - Brainerd/Baxter: Parade at 6 p.m., followed by live music at Lyman P. White Park Amphitheater at 8 p.m., family relays at 8 p.m., and fireworks at 10:15 p.m. at Don Adamson Field.

4th - Crosby: Fourth of July Parade at 11:00 a.m., festivities at Crosby Memorial Park, and fireworks at dusk. 4th - Garrison: Join the community to celebrate from 7:45 p.m.- 10 p.m. at Garrison Bay on Mille Lacs. Fire-

works at dusk.

5th - Bay Lake Improvement Association's Fireworks extravaganza for Friday, July 5 at dusk, with a rain date
of July 6. Watch from the charge of Buttagr's Pascet or from the comfort of your heat on Bay Lake

of July 6. Watch from the shores of Ruttger's Resort or from the comfort of your boat on Bay Lake.

6th - Crosslake: Fourth of July Celebration with fireworks at dusk launched from Sand Island

6th - Crosslake: Fourth of July Celebration with fireworks at dusk launched from Sand Island. 5th - Hallett Freedom 5K run/walk bib timing race hosted by Hallett Center of Crosby. Early registration is \$35

plus \$3.10 signup fee includes a T-shirt and door prizes (\$40 after May 14).

6th - Annual Crooked Lake Firefighters Day/Dance, noon, with food vendors and beer garden in Luscher's Park off County Road 58 in Outing. Live music with Katherine Switzer from 4 to 7 p.m. and Gigfoot from 8

Park off County Road 58 in Outing. Live music with Katherine Switzer from 4 to 7 p.m. and Gigfoot from 8 to midnight. Fireworks at dusk sponsored by the Outing Area Chamber.

10th - 13th - Aitkin County Fair at Aitkin County Fairgrounds. Gates open 8 am daily. Wednesday 3-10pm, Thurs.

Saturday, July 6 & 13, 2024)

LIBBY TOWNSHIP

MEETING NOTICE

will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 to dis-

cuss matters that may come

before the board. The July 16

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Saturday, July 6 & 13, 2024) NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING

FOR LIBBY TOWNSHIP

OFFICE

Notice is hereby given of the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for Libby Township officers to be elected by mail ballot in the General Election, which will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2022.

Filings will be open July 30, 2024 and will close August 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Filing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the office of the clerk.

Offices to be filled are a Supervisor (Supervisor Position C) for a four (4) year term that will begin in January 2025; and a Clerk for a four (4) year term that will begin in January 2025.

In addition there is a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, with a term expiring in January of 2027. This office of Treasurer is to be filled for a two (2) year term that will begin in January 2025.

Filing fee for all township offices is \$2..

Dated this 27th day of June, 2024 Jane Grimsbo Jewett Clerk, Libby Township Saturday: Noon-10pm. Bus & Stock Car Races

11th - Music in the Park with "Mike Benson" at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 5-8 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets as enjoy live music while overlooking Serpent Lake. Call Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218-546-8131 for more de-

18th - Music in the Park with
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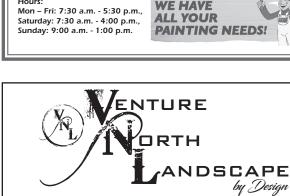
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OBITUARIES

LOREN FARRAR



Loren William Farrar, 83, of Aitkin, formerly of Belle Plaine, died unexpectedly at home in Sun City Center, FL on March 31, 2024.

Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with a program at 2:30 p.m.) at the American

Legion, 20- 1st Ave. NE, Aitkin. Come enjoy some food and share memories. Loren was born in Pipestone on April 29, 1940,

to parents William (Bill) Farrar and Johanna (Dolge) Farrar. Loren had one brother David Farrar of Jasper,

MN. Loren attended school in Jasper MN, graduating in 1958. After attending technical school Loren worked for Center Point Energy/Minnegasco for 44 years and retired in 2005.

Loren is survived by wife, Lillian Farrar of Aitkin; daughters: Pamela Farrar of Prescott, AZ and Lori Farrar of Scottsdale, AZ; stepdaughters: Cindalon Kapphahn and friend Paul Chard of Belle Plaine; Christine Glaser of Mayer and Colleen Johnson of Burnsville; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; seven step-grandchildren and six step great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Carol Farrar of Jasper.

Loren was preceded in death by his parents, and brother David Farrar.

DARYL PROFFIT

Daryl David Proffit, 76, of Crosslake died on later date. Thursday, June 27, 2024.

A Celebration of Daryl's life is being planned for September. A full obit will be published at a to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

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

CHET SWENSON



Chet Howard Swenson was born at 4:00 a.m. at Cuyuna Range Medical Center, Crosby, on June 23, 2024 and met the eyes of Jesus at 5:15 a.m. the same day.

Chet's funeral was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd.

Chet was the son of Abigayle (Kiehlbauch) and

He is survived by his paternal grandparents Megan (Sharp) Swenson and Mike Wenzel of Brainerd, maternal grandparents Dianna (Blanck) and Kevin Kiehlbauch of Brainerd, paternal great-grandparents Mary and Randy Moeser of Brainerd and Patty (Lewis) and Joe Swenson of Bagley, maternal great-grandma Kathryn "Marnie" (Owen) Blanck,

his paternal aunts and uncles Aerial and Trey Lapke of Sioux City, SD, Trey Swenson and Laura Platt of Brainerd, Sage Swenson of Las Vegas, NV, and Logan Wenzel and Madi of Brainerd, his maternal aunts and uncles Jenny Kiehlbauch of Brainerd, Jessica (Kiehlbauch) and Steve Crawford of Gardner City, KS, Joni (Kiehlbauch) and Matt Carlson of Aitkin, and Alli (Kiehlbauch) and Isaac Loe of Cot-

tonwood, 11 first cousins and 8 second cousins.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Aurora Jane and Ruby, his cousins Nova, Rosanna, and Heavenly, his namesake and great-grandpa Howard "Jiggs" Blanck, great-grandpa Gerald Kiehlbauch, great-grandma Edna (Carter) Kiehlbauch, his other namesake and great-great grandpa, Chester "Chet" Lewis, his paternal grandpa Michael Swenson, and his paternal great-grandpa James Sharp.

JOANNE JACOBSON



Joanne Lee Darbo Jacobson. 88, of Baxter, died Saturday, June 8, 2024, at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

A memorial service will be held on July 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., with a vistation one hour prior at Brenny Funeral Chapel in Baxter. Interment will be in

Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery near Little Falls. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers.

Joanne was born on November 1, 1935, to Cleve and Helene (Nelson) Darbo in Bay Lake, Minnesota. She graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School in 1953. Joanne was united in marriage to Clarence "Jake" Jacobson on August 13, 1955, and they were married for 61 years. Their beloved daughter, Rae Lynn, was born in Crosby in 1956. The family eventually moved to the Twin Cities, where Joanne

was a proud working mother for many years. In her spare time, Joanne loved traveling and was an award-winning bowler.

In later years, Joanne and Jake longed to return to the Brainerd Lakes area. They were thrilled to eventually retire to Pillager in 2003, where they built their dream home on Hardy Lake. For years, Joanne and Jake were avid antique collectors, even hosting a booth at an antique mall, where they would spin many stories with other antique enthusiasts. Joanne was known for her love of Minnesota sports, her incredible memory, her vast knowledge of the world around her, and as an excellent storyteller.

Joanne is survived by her three grandsons: Paul, David, and Matthew Kordiak as well as many friends and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, step father, and siblings, husband Jake, daughter, Rae Lynn Jacobson Kordiak and son-in-law Edward Kordiak.

BARBARA GMITRO-BEST



Barbara Mary Gmitro-Best, 64, died suddenly on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at home in the arms of her beloved husband Steven.

Services were held on July 3, 2004 at Nelson-Doran funeral home in Brainerd. Barb was born on November

21, 1959, in Minneapolis. She was a graduate of Spring Lake Park High School. She married Steven M. Best on August 25, 1985. Together, they shared 39 years of marriage, and we're looking forward to celebrating their 40th anniversary. Barb had beautiful big brown eyes and the deepest dimples you've ever seen. Her smile was contagious, and her laugh was unforgettable. She was the kindest and most gentle person you'd ever meet. If you knew her, you were blessed. If she loved you, you never had to question it. She had so many friends from all walks of life, and she loved them all. She was a gifted card creator and was nationally recognized for her incredible talent. She loved sending them to her friends and family. Her favorite ones to send were the surprise ones just to "say hello". Many of her beautiful cards have been published in magazines across the country. She accomplished so much in her life, but her biggest achievement was being the "Best" Gramma ever! Her favorite place on earth was her lake home. She loved listening to the loons, reading under the sun, and taking long pontoon rides. The lake was her happy place.

Barb is survived by her husband Steve Best, daughter Sam (Josh) Christy, son Colin Best, and her three grandchildren: Carson (12), Coen (11), and Cooke (11 months) Christy.

Barb preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Sally Gmitro.

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Aitkin* - New Life; Larry Burg & Tyrel LaValle, pastors; Worship 10:15 am; youth group Wed. 6pm; 11-1st Street SW; newlifeaitkin.com 218-927-2823.

Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org Garrison* — Worship 10:30am

Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.

Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, iamheritage.org Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30 Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS

at 9:30, Worship at 10:45 Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa

Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-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 Breezv 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* — Jeff Shadrick, SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm. Glory* - 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

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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; Confessions Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS Aitkin - Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner

COMMUNITY Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE.,

218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10

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 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 — The Lighthouse 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.

Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.

Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean: Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge Palisade —Hilltop Chapel (Waukenabo Twp)*- service

10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; 49448 Osprey Avenue, Palisade, Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service

9:30; SS 10:45. **EPISCOPAL**

Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Rev. Joyce A. Rush. In-person worship service at 10 am Sunday. Online at 5 pm Saturday. Call the church 219-829-3834 and leave a message with email to receive a Zoom invitation.

EVANGELICAL FREE Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at

9:00 and 10:45. Wednesday for all ages 6:30 pm. Crosslake — The Log Church 9:30, Pastor Troy Nelson; 218-692-4141,37218 County Road 66, www.crosslakeefc.org Isle — Pastor Mark Lee; Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship

6:30 pm and Kids Konnect 6:30 pm Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15

10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer

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, for information 320-684-2804

& 4th Thurs. each month 9am- 4pm.

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

Aitkin (Cedarbrook) — St. John's (ELCA) Pastor Sarah Stadler, 602-318-6876, 27452 St. John's Church Road, Aitkin. Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. VBS Aug 5-8; register online at stjohns-cedarbrook.weebly.com. 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.

School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.princeofpeacelu-

Baxter - Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday theran.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 424 8th Street South, Brainerd

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

Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.org) Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th St. Brainerd, Worship time September through May 8:15am & 10:30am; worship (June through August) 9 am. 218-829-5147. Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org. Email:

trinity@trinitybrainerd.org Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James

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

Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11. May - Oct. Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

Crosby —Zion (LC-MS) Worship 9 (alternates with Immanuel Iron Hub) 218-546-6910. Crosslake Lutheran Church (ELCA) www.crosslakelutheran.

com Kristin Oltmann, Pastor / Becky Swanson, Pastor 218-692-3682 May 19-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am Indoor: 35960 CR 66, Outdoor: 14019 Daggett Pine Rd

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.

 ${\sf Garrison-Light\ of\ the\ Cross\ (ELCA)},\ \ {\sf Worship\ 9\ SS\ 9};$ 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.

Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Caleb Worrel. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org. Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

Hillman - Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 11, fellowship follows. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS) Worship 9, (alternates with Zion of Crosby) 218-534-3069 Isle - Faith (ELCA), Pastor Josh Blair; 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 In-

terlachen Rd.; Worship 9 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Rev. James Muske: Sun. Worship 9am. Fellowship following Service. Communion

every Sunday. McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11. McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (LCMC), Pastor Lorelie Robinson; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.

 ${\sf McGregor-Our\ Savior's\ (Missouri\ Synod),\ Pastor\ Joshua}$ C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Luke Lekander,

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

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

Bey 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

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

Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9. Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod). Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School

Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.\

NON-DENOMINATIONAL Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984 Brainerd-Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis,

Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite 2, 218-829-2989. **PENTECOSTAL**

Baxter — Christ Alive, 12485 Forestview Drive, Baxter, MN 56425 Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship

10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939. Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken

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.

and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St,

Brainerd. Sunday worship at 10. Pastor; Leslie Moughty. Handicapped accessible.

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

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 WESLEYAN

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7 pm - 10 pm - Live Music: Duluth Transit Authority (Windy River Stage)

THURS., JULY 11

10 am - 1 pm Artist in Residence: Karen Newton-Flowers, Landscapes and Animals.

11 am - Rabbit Agility show (Rabbit & Poultry Barn) 11 am - 3 pm - Draft Horse team hitch competition (Horse Arena) 12 noon - Live Yeast Breads, Quick Breads & Muffin Judging (Activities Bldg)

1 pm - 4 pm Artist in Residence: Janice Hasselius 5pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pull (Midway Concourse) 6 pm - Live Open Pickle Judging (Activities Bldg)

7 to 10 pm - Live Music: Salty Dog (Windy River Stage) 7 pm - STOCK CAR RACING (Grandstand)

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9am - Open Class Horse Show (Horse Arena)

10 am - Noon - Live SPECIAL CONTEST Tree Decorating Contest Judging 1 pm - 2pm - Demonstration: Flower Arranging, Amanda Lowe & Laura Smith

1 pm - 4 pm - Artist in Residence: Mackenzie Krawchuck, Wildlife Artist 2 pm - 4 pm - Learn to Play the Guitar Workshop with Ben Ranson

6 pm - 4-H Blue Ribon Auction (Live Stock Arena)

6 pm - 7:30 pm - Water Color Class by Janice Hasselius

7 pm to 10 pm - Live Music: Rafe Carlson (Windy River Stage)

7 pm - BAJA RACES (Grandstand)

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Noon - 2 pm - Artist in Residence: Rita Fortunato Noon - 4 pm - Super Frank (Windy River Stage)

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