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# Make a plan to dig into fun at the Crow Wing County Fair



The fun and zany Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District staff model flower face cut outs that will be available for you to pose for photos at their Crow Wing County Fair booth July 30-Aug. 3.

In a move that promises fun with a side of soil science, the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is gearing up for an educational extravaganza at the Crow Wing County Fair from Tuesday, July 30 to Saturday, August 3. This year, their booth is all about soil health.

Healthy soil helps improve water quality by filtering and buffering pollutants. It also cycles nutrients to foster more productive agricultural crops.

Attendees can expect fun and educational activities, including a soil-themed bean bag toss, a photo op with native flower face cutouts (perfect for that Instagram-worthy moment), and even a dung

beetle exhibit (yes, you read that right).

"It's hard to believe these little dung beetles can have such a big impact, but they do," said Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing SWCD manager. "Dung beetles move manure into the soil, increasing organic matter and nutrients, and improving overall soil structure." Who knew dung beetles were the unsung champions of soil health? They're like little farmers with six legs!

Visitors can also try their luck at winning some neat prizes like hats, county plat books, or the grand prize—a stunning canvas print featuring LeAnn Plinske's award-winning photograph from the 2024 Spring Crow Wing SWCD photo contest, showcasing a golden winged warbler. Where else can you learn about soil, play games,

all in one place?

So swing by Industrial Building #3 at the Crow Wing County fairgrounds. The Crow Wing SWCD team will be there from 10 a.m. to and potentially score bird art 10 p.m., ready to dig deep

into the mysteries of soil and conservation. Remember, healthy soil is happy soil—and it's surprisingly entertaining too.

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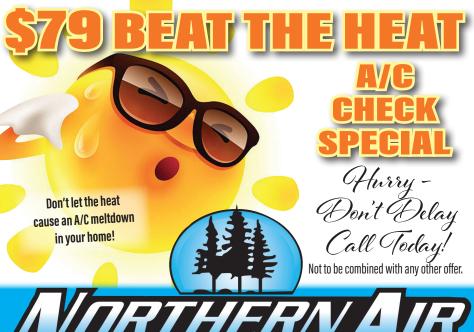
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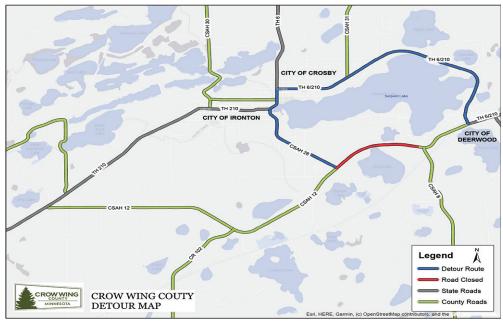
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# Just for Kix to perform at Itasca Fair

Returning to the Itasca County Fair again is the dance group JUST FOR KIX. They are scheduled for Thursday, Aug.15 with shows at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. under the tent by the Trailhead office. The dancers will perform several routines that they have learned over the last year highlighting girls from several age groups. This group of dancers have appeared in several parades this summer within the county. The public is welcome to stop by an encourage the dancers as they showcase their dancing skills. The Itasca County Fair runs from Wednesday, Aug. 14 through Sunday, Aug. 18. Admission into the fair is free and parking is \$10 per day or \$20 for the duration of the fair.



## **Deerwood Shortcut road work**



Crow Wing County has officially awarded a contract to Anderson Brothers Construction for the resurfacing and enhancement of County Road 12, commonly known as the Deerwood Shortcut.

The project encompasses a stretch of the roadway extending from 1000 feet east of Highway 210 on the west end to Highway 210 in Deerwood on the east end.

Scheduled tentatively for

August 2024, the project includes extensive upgrades such as the installation of multiple turn lanes, bypass lanes, and necessary culvert work at various points along

the route. According to Senior Engineer Jordan Larson, who presented the resolution to the County Board on July 23, the project's timeline has seen adjustments due to funding changes. Initially slated for 2024 in the county's highway improvement plan adopted in 2020, it was deferred to 2025 in subsequent years due to a decrease in state aid funds. However, with the allocation of federal funds in 2025 and an increase in state aid funding in 2022, the project has returned to its original 2024 schedule.

During the construction phase, motorists can expect a short-term detour for the installation of left turn lanes and a culvert replacement near Rice Lake Construction towards the east end of the project.

For inquiries or additional information regarding the project, interested parties are encouraged to contact project manager Jordan Larson directly or call 218-824-1110.





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# Lakes Area Music Festival kicks off its 16th season Sunday, July 28



The 16th annual Lakes Area Music Festival opens on July 28 at 3 p.m. with one of the best-loved pieces of classical music of all time: Beethoven's 9th Symphony, the "Ode to Joy." This performance will feature a full orchestra of 56 professional players from

across the country, joined by the award-winning vocal ensemble, VocalEssence.

Three singers from the Metropolitan Opera will appear as soloists in Beethoven's 9th Symphony, including soprano Kearsti Piper Brown has been praised for her "thrilling sing" by Opera Now; baritone, Davóne Tines, hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "The must-hear singer of opera today," and tenor, Miles Mykkanen, who was described as a "lovely lyric voice with an appealing honeyed sweetness in the timbre" by Opera News. Minnesota-based mezzo-soprano Clara Osowski com-

Christian Reif, based in Munich, Germany, will return as the Festival's music director and chief conductor. Since he was last in the lakes area, Christian and his wife, classical singer Julia Bullock (another long-time festival performer), won the GRAM-MY award for best classical

petes the quartet of soloists.

In the spirit of Beethoven's 9th Symphony, which celebrates community, joy, and brotherhood, the Lakes Area Music Festival's opening concert will also feature members of the Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota and the pella Choir.

From July 26 to August 18, the Lakes Area Music Festival will be the summer home of more than 250 artists from the world's most renowned orchestras and opera com-

Area Music Festival's Summer events take place at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Downtown Brainerd. Opened in 2021, the Gichi-ziibi center features 1,200 seats, a full orchestra pit, and the most

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# READER RIBBETS

# Ron Kresha betrayed conservatives

Ron Kresha has consistently betrayed conservatives. He has never carried meaningful prolife legislation despite being in the Minnesota House for 12 years and he voted to use taxpayer money to pay for abortions. He endorsed the woke progressive "Education MN" school board candidates over

the conservatives. On Januarry 25, 2021, Ron Kresha voted for HR1, a resolution authored by eight anti-Trump Democrats which claimed that "an armed mob breached the United States Capitol, endangering the safety of Members of Congress". Less than two months ago, Ron Kresha proudly posted photos

of him standing with Democrat Amy Klobuchar who is up for re-election this year. BUT he has never once- that I've seen- in any way supported Donald Trump. If it walks like a Democrat, if it votes like a Democrat, it probably is...really a Democrat.

Kim Kaufenberg, Aitkin

### MARY LOU CHAMBERS



Mary Lou Chambers, 90, passed away peacefully January 8, 2024, at her daughter's home in Saginaw, MN.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at the Deerwood Baptist Church, in Deerwood. Interment at Woodland Ceme-

tery in Irondale Township.

She was born on May 20, 1933, to John and Nora Novotny. Her mother passed away when she was four years old, and her father later remarried to Anna Christine Anderson. She married Allen Chambers

vocal album.



Edith LaVerne "Edie" Beal, 90, of Baxter formerly of Crosby died at Essentia St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd on

held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at the Immanuel

visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Burial will be at the Lakeview Cemetery in Aitkin.

She was born in Iron Hub on September 19, 1933 to John and Edna (Rider) Wolford. Edie was a life-long member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Iron Hub, founding member and past president of the Crosby Lioness, active with both the Crosby and Aitkin Chambers of Commerce, worked with her mother at Edna's Ladies Apparel in Crosby and was a long-time employee of the Crosby and Aitkin Ben Franklin stores.

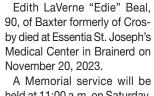
on June 17, 1950, and they had three daughters.

She is survived by her daughters: Alana (Barry) Aldridge, Brenda (Dan) Potter, and Jody (Wayne) Hill; grandchildren: Shawn Aldridge, Stacy (Josh) May, Molly (Dan) Schroeder, Travis Hill, Angela (Matt) Miller, Tiffany Hill, (Michelle Aldridge); 37 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grand-

She was preceded in death by her parents, stepmother, husband, brothers: John and Albert, and grandsons: Jason and Joshua Hill, and Gabriel Aldridge passed after her April 2024.

Edie enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening

### EDITH BEAL



Lutheran Church of Iron Hub. A

though out her life, as well as spending time with her large extended family. Edie is survived by two sons: Kerry Palmer of Andover, Monte (Lenka) Palmer of Freeport, FL;

two daughters: Becky (Steve) McKenney of Roseburg, OR and Vanessa (Michael) Fordyce of Baxter; daughter-in-law, Bev Palmer of Brainerd; three sisters: Patricia Katzenberger of Grand Rapids, Sandy Colclough of Santa Rosa, CA and Barb (Rick) Knight of Santa Rosa, CA; 13 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Preceding Edie in death are her parents; first husband, Lee Palmer; second husband, Stanley Beal; two children: Lanny Palmer and Keely Palmer; daughter-in-law, Anna Palmer; and two sisters:Delores Nickell and Jackie Buscher.

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

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# Rep. Ben Davis legislative update

Greetings from the House of Representatives. Hope you are having a good summer and just want to pass along some of my latest notes before newsletters such as this go on hiatus (more on that in a bit).

Before we get to state news, I want to touch on the recent assassination attempt taken against Donald Trump that shook our nation. First of all, thank you to God Almighty for protecting President Trump. This hideous act of violence is being condemned across the political spectrum, and rightfully so. May this assault on President Trump, and the life it cost with the death of a firefighter, serve to unify us as Americans. May we stand together in defense of our right to peacefully assemble for political events of our choosing or otherwise.

### Rampant fraud

Despite years of warning signs and red flags, Democrats continue to fund fraud through state agencies without holding anyone accountable. It's one investigation after another these days, From Feeding our Future to frontline worker pay, autism centers and beyond. But Democrats in full control of the Capitol must not care about our dollars are being stolen under their watch or they would put an end to it.

### Here's the latest:

News recently broke that the FBI is investigating Minnesota autism centers for possible Medicaid fraud. Reports show that the number of providers has increased 700% in the last five years, and payments to those providers has exploded by 3000%. Sources who administer Medical Assistance see widespread concern about fraud in the program.

This follows the non-partisan Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor reporting just last month how lax administration created opportunities for an estimated \$250 million in taxpayer revenue to be the subject of fraud in the Feeding our Future program. At the height of Feeding our Future's fraud, they claimed to serve 12 million meals in a month ... enough to feed every child in the state more than eight meals. This is government malpractice, and the administration needs to be held accountable for the millions that they have handed out to fraudsters.

The Feeding our Future scandal report came just after the OLA indicated it found frontline worker payments were made to people who were not eligible or whose eligibility could not be determined. This included fraudulent duplicate applications including many from people who were deceased long before this program opened. Furthermore, the Department of Revenue did not verify all applicants met the adjusted gross income requirements.

House Republicans raised fraud concerns regarding the front-

line worker program to make it easier to prevent and prosecute fraud, but the majority voted down amendments. Those concerns have been shown to be correct. The Democrats' blatant acceptance of fraud is shameful, and directly led to legitimate frontline workers receiving lower payments than they would have received had the Walz administration done its job. Taxpayers deserve accountability and responsibility from their elected officials instead of state leaders turning a blind eye, offering excuses, and failing to hold program administrators accountable.

It's time to restore balance in state government and end to the rampant fraud that Democrats allow to fester in Minnesota. 60-day rule

The end of this week brings us to 60 days past the end of the 2024 legislative session, at which point House members are prohibited from sending e-newsletters such as this until after the November election. While that blackout period is unfortunate, please know I will continue working my hardest to represent the people of this district. As always, I welcome your correspondence and remain available to help any way I can on whatever issues are most important to you.

Hope to see you around the district soon and, until next time, hope you enjoy your summer.

State Rep. Ben Davis District 6A

# COMMUNITY EVEN

27th - Erin's Wish Motorcycle Run, registration is 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Ironton American Legion located at 232 Fourth Street in Ironton. Cost is \$30. Kickstands are up at 10 a.m. for the scenic tour around Mille Lacs Lake with two pit stops. The ride will return to Ironton at approximately 3 p.m. Erin's Wish is a fundraiser in memory and honor of Erin Broadhead who at age 50 lost her fight with colon cancer. All the proceeds benefit Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Courage Cabinet

27th - The Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club is hosting its Annual Because of Brandon ATV Ride, a fund-raiser for juvenile diabetes education. Trail ride begins at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided with a free will offering. For more information contact Ken Irish 651-470-2601. Follow other events at brandon2024. givesmart.com.

28th - Lakes Area Music Festival Beethoven's 9th Symphony, the "Ode to Joy" 3:00 p.m. at Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts, 702 S 5th St., Brainerd. Three singers from the Metropolitan Opera will appear as soloists the event will also feature members of the Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota and the Brainerd High School A Capella Choir.

July 30th - Aug. 3rd - Crow Wing County Fair Admittance is free, gates open at 10 a.m., parking is just \$3-\$5. With animal barns and exhibit buildings open until 10 p.m., there's plenty to explore!

1st - Music in the Park with "2003UB313" and "Amanda Standalone" 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 details.

6th - Kimberly Township will be hosting a National Night Out at the Glen/Kimberly Townhall 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., weather permitting. Township residents are encouraged to stop by for refreshments, conversation and some invited guests. We hope to see you there! Contact Mia Rapoport, Clerk, at 612-619-6742 with any 7th - Feed Your Mind at the Northland Arboretum, noon - 1 p.m. at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd. For

more information call 218-829-8770.

9th & 10th - Deerwood Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Crafting, commerce and food truck vendors are being sought to make the festival a complete success for Deerwood and the surrounding communities. For more information see Deerwood Days Facebook page Deerwood Days 2024 or email contact information to deerwooddays@gmail.com.

### Tell 'em you saw it in the NEWSHOPPER Deadlines are Mondays at Noon • Send your photos, stories and community

events to

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### August 3 & 10, 2024) **TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE** PINE NOTICE OF **FILING PERIOD**

THE FOLLOWING TOWN-SHIP OFFICES WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN THE NOVEM-BER GENERAL ELECTION:

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> Dated: July 9, 2024 ABRA HAWLEY Little Pine Township Clerk

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, July 27, 2024) **CITY OF CUYUNA FILING NOTICE** 

Notice is hereby given, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, that a general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing candidates for the City offices of Mayor (2 year term) and 2 council members (4-year terms). Affidavits of Candidacy for the 2024 General Election may be filed from July 30, 2024 through 5:00 p.m. August 13, 2024. To file for an office, please contact the City at (218) 546-5883 or e-mail the completed Affidavit of Candidacy to the City at info@ci.cuyuna.mn.us. The

filing fee is \$2.00. Bill Bedard, Clerk/Treasurer City of Cuyuna (Published in NewsHopper Sat., July 27, Aug. 3, & 10, 2024)

### LIBBY TOWNSHIP **BOARD MEETING**

The Libby Township Board will meet in person at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at the Palisade Community Center. The purpose of this meeting shall be to discuss and decide matters that may come before the board.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2024 JANE GRIMSBO JÉWETT, Clerk, Libby Township



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# **OBITUARIES**

### **CATHERINE PIERCE**



Catherine Ann Pierce, 65, of McGregor, died Wednesday, July 17, 2024 in St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born November 25, 1958 in Minneapolis to Joseph and Lois (Kluck) Vnuk.

Catherine was united in marriage to Terry Pierce on April 17, 1977 in McGregor. Catherine enjoyed puzzles, golfing, playing bean bags and especially spending time with her grandkids.

Catherine is survived by her husband, Terry; mother, Lois Vnuk; two children: Travis (Debbi Milner) Pierce and Andrew (Amie) Pierce; three grandchildren: Aiden, Addalynn and Avah; siblings, Michelle (Barry) Blesi, James (Jill) Vnuk and Lynn (Jeff) Vorbeck; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Catherine is preceded in death by her father, Joseph.

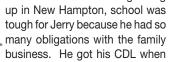
Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.

### **GERALD SCHWICKERATH**



Gerald "Jerry" Reynold Schwickerath, 74, died Saturday, July 20, 2024 at his home. Private family services were

He was born June 15, 1950 in New Hampton, Iowa to Louis and Orella (Stansbery) Schwickerath. While growing



he was 16 years old and was on the road that same day driving for the family tiling business. Jerry persevered and graduated from New Hampton High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Army, he was honorably discharged on December 31, 1974. Jerry met the love of his life, Janet "Janny" Kuykendall in high school. They were an inseparable couple and were united in marriage November 13, 1971 in New Hampton, Iowa. They would start their mornings off with Jerry braiding Janny's hair. They loved to travel, hunt and fish together and they lived in many different states. They found their forever home on the river when they moved back to Minnesota to be near their kids. Jerry made his living being a business owner, truck driver, pilot and bus driver. His favorite loves in his life were his ultralight, airplane, Kubota tractor and banana cream pie.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Janet Ellen (Kuykendall) Schwickerath; children: Tara (Mike), Tesse (Dave), and Tyler Schwickerath; three grandchildren: Kaden, Brody and Keylee; sibling, Ardel (John) Boyle; sister-in-law: Sherry (John); and many special nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Travis Joe Schwickerath; siblings: Carol Jirak, John Schwickerath; nephews: Kevin Boyle, Kraig Boyle and his parents, Louis and Orella Schwickerath.

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### WERNER PANNING



Werner Edwin Panning, 91, of Aitkin, formerly of Columbia Heights, died peacefully, Friday, July 12, 2024 at Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin. Services were held on Thurs-

day, July 25, 2024 at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 16345 Polk St NE, Ham Lake, 55304

with Pastor Keith Grimm and Pastor Craig Quiring officiating.

He was born to William and Martha (Jaus) Panning on May 19, 1933 in Washington Lake township, Sibley County. Werner attended Emanuel Lutheran Parochial School in Hamburg through 8th grade. On September 18, 1954, Werner was united in marriage to Evelyn Mae Renken by Rev. J.G. Bradtke at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington. The couple made their home first in rural Arlington and a short time later in Hamburg. In 1958, they moved to Columbia Heights and in 1995, they both retired and moved to Aitkin. Werner worked for over 35 years with the University of Minnesota and was employed as a Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Maintenance Mechanic at the time of his retirement in 1995.

Werner is survived by his loving wife of 69 years,

Evelyn; children: Ronald (Laury) Panning, Ramona (Duane) Knealing, Michael (Debra Panning and Dale (Nancy) Panning; 11 grandchildren: Nicholas (Angela) Panning, Lisa (Joseph Reiter) Panning, Sandra (Nathon Giese) Panning, Jay Panning, Charlene (Brett) Willenbring, Charles (Chelsey) Knealing, Andrew Panning, Michelle (Erik) Bryz-Gornia, Ryan (Katie Panning, David (Brittany) Panning and Kristen (Bill) Esterby; 19 great-grandchildren; brothersin-law and sisters-in-law, Harvin Smith, Wilbert (Darlene) Renken, Marilyn Bjelland, Lois Panning, Deanna Panning, Helen Proehl, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Werner was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Charles and Malinda Renken; brothers, Raymond (Myra) Panning, Roland Panning, Hillard Panning Marvin (Violet) Panning, Gordon Panning and William Panning; sisters, Helma (Karl) Hoernemann, Norma (Elmer) Engelmann, Irmgard (Elmer) Otto, Martha Smith; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Eldrin (Marvel) Renken, Wayne Proehl and Marlaine Panning; nieces and nephews.

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

### THOMAS BERRYMAN, SR.

Thomas Edward Berryman, Sr., 72, of Palisade, step-daughter, Melissa Shipp; seven grandchildren, died Thursday, July 4, 2024 at his home. Private family services will be held.

He was born September 28, 1951 in Columbus, Georgia to Edward and Jane (Cox) Berryman. Thomas was united in marriage to Mary Ann Thompson on April 12, 1991 in Minneapolis. Tom owned and operated Tom's Fencing in Rosemount and was also a Meat Cutter/Butcher for 15 years.

Tom is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Shipp Berryman; children: Thomas (Martha) Berryman, Jr. of Myrtle and Jennifer Halpaus of St. Paul;

Elizah, Jacki, Emma, Eve, Enach, Nicholas and Alexandra; sister, Connie Irvin of Brooklyn Park; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; step-daughter, Joan England; siblings: Dr. Jean B. Copland, Edwin Berryman, Betty Smart, Sarah Berryman, Anna Faye Ingram; Linda "Jane" Owens and infant siblings, Wanda and George Berryman.

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

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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

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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 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; Sun-

day 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

Sat. 3 pm. Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.

Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm

Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5

pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483 Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt. McGregor - Holy Family, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8; 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 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10

COMMUNITY Aitkin - Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959

Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10, SS 9; 16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005

 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 Meet-

ing, 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

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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; Worship 10:15 Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30;

Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm. HEBREW/MESSIANIC Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, for information

LUTHERAN Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month. Aitkin - First\* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship

Sun. 99am (9am service also available via livestream on YouTube - First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am- 4pm.

Aitkin (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.

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 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.

 ${\sf Garrison-Light\ of\ the\ Cross\ (ELCA),\ Worship\ 9\ SS\ 9;}$ 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101. Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Caleb Wor-

rel. 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)

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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

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, Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Pastor Steven Teff; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor

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

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.

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Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden,

Worship service is Sunday at 9:30, 523 SE 11th Street,

Brainerd, 218-454-0984 Brainerd-Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis, Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite 2, 218-829-2989.

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

MN 56425 Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.

Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall\*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585 PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake - Pastor Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9;

Fellowship 11. 14444 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org. McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley: Worship Sat. 5 pm.

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

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

## SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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

## Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St,

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

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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;

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Get ready for some country vibes on Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. With over 20 years of experience, the Vern Bishop Moose River Band is a talented group that brings a mix of country, rock, and good ol' fun. Country entertainment will continue from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. with the Alan Godage and Sundown Band classic country.

The Norman's Bait & Tackle Choir Band, delivers a hilarious and musical experience on Thursday, Aug. 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with fishing song parodies and classic rock tunes. Expect plenty of laughs and catchy melodies that will have you clapping and singing along!

With a mix of classic rock and contemporary hits, this Brainerd-based cover band, The District Band, rocks the house on Friday, Aug. 2 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Comprising current and former educators, their incredible harmonies and strong vocals are sure to impress.

Get ready to groove back to the 70's on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with the 70's Magic Sunshine Band This high-energy band will transport you to an era of bell-bottoms and 8-tracks with all your favorite hits. Expect a night of dancing and nostalgia as they cover iconic artists from the decade.

With no shortage of activities, delicious food, and entertainment galore, it's going to be a fantastic celebration.

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