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Sip and Savor at Clear Lake Gardens is a growing event repurposed as Clear

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Just north of Mille Lacs Lake and the town of Glen on the north shore of Clear Lake, is the late Ed Slettom's charming farm. Dominated by a big red barn and fantastic garden, the farm would easily catch the eye of passers-by all growing season. It is also the place to be for the Fourth of July Parade in Glen. Ed himself donned an Uncle Sam costume, jumped on his tractor and led the Glen July 4 Parade in its early years.

Now, the homestead is



Kelley Rajala, owner of Clear Lake Gardens near Glen by Mille Lacs Lake.

Lake Gardens, owned and operated by Kelley Rajala and Eric Robinson. Kellev is a Slettom clan descendant and is pleased to give back to the land and to the community.

Clear Lake Gardens is a sustainable farm using organic farming practices to grow a wide variety of vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers and mushrooms. They sell direct to the public at their onsite farmstand (open through the honor system), as well as wholesale to local restaurants and markets.

Recently they added a "You-Pick" flower garden, crafty



Above: Greenhouses and rows of flowers and vegetables at Clear Lake Gardens, Glen. Below: A great selection can be found at the onsite farmstand.



workshops, meeting

rental space and a few farm stay options for a full immersion experience for farm explorers. **Sip and Savor**

Clear Lake Gardens fields of flowers and veggies and exquisite, cozy curated farmstand, was the perfect venue for a Sip and Savor event.

"The Sip and Savor event recognizes the restaurants who buy from the local farmers," said Rajala as she prepared for the event in mid-August.

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All MLEC members are invited to attend the Open House & Annual Meeting event!

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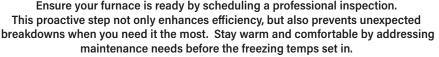
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"It helps to expand our farm product awareness, both on the wholesale and the retail side." Sippers and Savorers

Over 100 enthusiastic guests braved the rainy weather to attend the social event of the late summer season at Clear Lake Gardens farm. Despite event, which featured a delightful

array of local food, live music, and farm tours, was a resounding success.

The gourmet event showcased a bountiful selection of regional flavors, with a menu highlighting the best of Aitkin County and its surroundings. Guests indulged in a diverse spread, including Block North's Mexican Pork Sliders, The Beanery Cafe's

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the downpour, the Sip and Savor event in mid-August at Clear Lake Gardens, Glen, showcased area thriving farms and restaurants. Ann Schwartz photo.

Wild Rice Salad, The Locker Room's Kale Salad, Rustic Trail's Meatball Caprese Skewer, Rosallini's Wild Rice Chicken Pizza, The Joint Tavern's Shishito Peppers,



Haapoja Farm's Sourdough Bread, plus a variety of other offerings like Zucchini Pancakes, Lamb Stuffed Peppers, Veggie and Meat Platters, MN Premium Garlic Tasting, and an Edible Flower Bar.

The dessert table was equally impressive, featuring treats from McGregor Baking Co., including Summer Cookies, Chocolate Rve Cookies, Raspberry Chocolate

Scones, and Carrot Cake Bites.

Attendees quenched their thirst with a selection of beverages, from Garden Infused Water and Lemonade to Summer Garden Punch and Kombucha by Ya-Sure Kombucha, Cuyuna Brewing Co. Root Beer, Block North's Dill Pickle Beer and Wake Boat Seltzer, along with wines from Block North

and The Wine Co., were on offer, complemented by craft cocktails.

The event also celebrated the hard work of numerous local farms. Featured producers included Angie's Acres with Wagyu beef,

North Lakes Farm with lamb, Righteous Oaks with brats, Maple Ridge Produce and Buck Hills Farm with fresh produce, Ole Lake Farm with flours and grains, Allicat Farm with produce and flowers, Sorben Honey with local honey, Ferris Family Farm with pork, WillowSedge Farm with chicken, Clear Lake Gardens with produce and flowers. Despite the weather, the event was marked by high spirits and a sense of community. Guests enjoyed lively music and engaging farm tours, making it a memorable celebration of local produce and culinary talent.



Allicat Farm's Allison Rian champions local good with Aitkin County's Farm-to-Market Hub

Allison Rian of Allicat Farm is at the forefront of Aitkin County's burgeoning farm-tomarket movement, managing the Aitkin Farmers Market Food Hub—a vital link between local farms and the community. This hub plays a crucial role in connecting small farms with wholesale, institutional, and retail customers, enhancing access to fresh, local food across the region.

"The Aitkin Farmers Market Food Hub holds a food handler's license and operates as a distributor, allowing us to purchase from local farms and resell to various clients," Rian explained. "Our mission is to get fresh, local produce into area restaurants, schools, hospitals, and other outlets. Each year, our sales through the Hub continue to grow, thanks to robust support from community organizations and

state initiatives."

The Food Hub has garnered backing from key organizations including Aitkin County SHIP, Riverwood Healthcare Center, Aitkin County CARE, Renewing the Countryside, Minnesota Farmers Market Association, and the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture. This support underscores the community's commitment to revitalizing local agriculture and fostering a sustainable food system.

One of the highlights of this initiative is the Sip and Savor event, which showcased businesses that prioritize local food. This annual event offers community members multiple ways to support local agriculture. By shopping at the Farmers Market, buying directly from farmstands, or subscribing to a Market Share for seasonal produce, residents can play an active

role in supporting the farmers who nurture their land and produce.

"A hundred years ago, farming was the backbone of Aitkin County's economy, with families raising livestock, milking cows, and harvesting wild rice and maple syrup," Rian noted. "Today, many families are returning to the land, seeking to provide for their own families while also serving their neighbors. It's inspiring to see a network of vendors, government bodies, nonprofits, farmers, and healthcare organizations working together to bring local food from the farm to our tables.'

Rian's efforts at the Food Hub exemplify a growing trend of collaboration and community support, ensuring that the rich agricultural heritage of Aitkin County continues to thrive and nourish its residents.





Aitkin Public Schools to share feedback at upcoming presentation

Aitkin Public Schools invites the community to a pivotal presentation of Listening Session Data, conducted by ICS, on Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. The event will take place in the Aitkin High School Auditorium and will offer a comprehensive review of the feedback gathered from 14 community listening sessions held throughout the spring and summer.

Embrace the crisp charm

of autumn at the Autumn

Equinox celebration, set

to take place on Saturday,

September 21, from 4 p.m.

to 6 p.m. at Bethesda Lu-

theran Church of Malmo.

Located at 21590 State

Hwy. 47, Isle, the event

promises an enchanting

evening of seasonal fla-

vors and community ca-

This year's Autumn

Equinox will feature a

delightful fall harvest cel-

These sessions were an integral part of Aitkin Public Schools' effort to engage with the community and gather insights on the future direction of the school district. The presentation will provide an overview of the key themes and concerns voiced by community members regarding the district's future.

For those unable to attend in person, the presentation

specialist Shari Bluebard.

Attendees will begin the

evening in the picturesque

Memory Garden area of

Bethesda, where they will

enjoy a welcoming recep-

tion of wine and appetizers.

guests will continue their

autumnal experience in the

church gardens, or indoors if

weather conditions necessi-

tate, where a delectable fall-

themed dinner awaits. The

event showcases a bounty of

Following the reception,

curated by wine pairing and Clear Lake Gardens,

Autumn Equinox celebration

to embrace the flavors of fall

These sessions were an tegral part of Aitkin Public zhools' effort to engage with e community and gather sights on the future director of the school district. The will be streamed live via Zoom at https://ics-builds. zoom.us/j/82835799281, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate and stay informed.

Superintendent Daniel J. Stifter encourages all interested parties to join this important discussion.

For more information, contact the Aitkin Public Schools at 218-927-7100.

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event are priced at \$35 per

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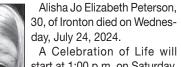
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-OBITUARIES

ALISHA JO PETERSON



A Celebration of Life will start at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Gary Smith's home (21337 Lake Road, Ironton).

She was born in Rochester on September 19, 1993. Alisha Jo was employed as a press break operator at Clow Stamping in Merrifield; a former employee of the Holiday Gas Station in Crosby and Sub-way in both Crosby and Brainerd. Alisha Jo is survived by her mother, Teresa Peterson of Ironton; father, Joseph Palmer of Minneapolis; brother, Kobly Palmer of Minneapolis; and two sisters, Ashley (Nathan) Plummer of San Angelo, TX and Amber (Stefan) Anderson-Hagery of Grantsburg, WI and two nieces.

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

GLORIA GROSS



Gloria Hope Gross, 86, of Brainerd formerly of Brooten, died on August 25, 2024 at Golden Horizon's in Crosslake. A Memorial Gathering will be held at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 2:00

p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
She was born on February 26, 1938 in Duluth to Murray and Eulalie (Howe) Fuller. Gloria married Morris Gross on January 14, 1995 in Anoka. She worked as an aide with Community Living

in Coon Rapids, caring for the developmentally handicapped.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Morris; son, Isaiah Mitchell of Brainerd; two daughters, Kim Blakemore of Deerwood and Michaela (Bruce) Dickhoff of Freeport; sister, Gretchen (Jerry) Finnerty of Aitkin; four grandchildren;19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Preceding Gloria in death are her parents; and two sons, Michael Mitchell and Brent Rappy.

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

SCOTT BERG

Scott Alan Berg, 68, of Crosby passed away on August 31, 2024 at North Memorial Health Hospital in Robbinsdale.

A Celebration of Life will be held at later date. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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COLLINS SPARROW

Collins Charolette Sparrow, a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 8 ozs., was born September 8, 2024, in Aitkin, to Ashley and Nick Sparrow of Blaine.

Aitkin, to Ashley and Nick Sparrow of Blaine. READER RIBBETS Silence is no longer an option

One of my annual highlights, of the last three years, is the Global Health Freedom Summit, which takes place in Alexandria, MN. This year was another great opportunity to learn truths from professionals AND get to hang out with approximately 1,500 other people that share the same mentality towards said TRUTHs.

The day began with Josh Feuerstein's humor and talking with us about the "Greatest Sin". He explained many many reasons why our "Greatest Sin" is SILENCE. When we choose to be silent we are "going along" with the wrong/evil. There is no left or right, there is only Right & wrong... Silence is no longer an Option. This is a spiritual battle between good and evil.

Another speaker was Krisanne Hall, she is the most sought-after national speaker on the Constitution. She has been teaching the Constitution to many levels for over 20 years. She is very knowledgeable and a Liberty Addict! She explained that "power without authority has no force". She encourages "Peaceful Non-Compliance". In her opinion, we have a "spoiled rotten government that needs to be taken out behind the woodshed" and I'd say I have to agree.

Leah Wilson reminded us that Family is the dominant power structure in America and we must keep control of our local communities. JP Sears entertained us and shared the debut of his "First interview with Kamala and Walz", humor is

such a great thing. We heard from multiple health care professionals, who spoke about our current "sick-care system" where there is a "pill for every ill". Many statistics regarding our healthcare system and food supply were shared, if it says "BIO-ENGINEERED" RUN from it.

We need to be FREEDOM Warriors who Know What We Stand for.... We need to channel God's will into this world. Be a servant of Who works through you. Say what you think, share what you know to be true. I encourage you to look into information on GHFS2025 & visit https://www.wellnessmyway.org/home32335477 It is well worth it.

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

ebration, complete with local produce and flowers, company at Bethesda Luexpertly paired wines provided by Steel's Nursery theran Church of Malmo.

September

maraderie.

14th - Erin's Wish Memorial ATV Ride starts at 10 a.m. from the Section 6 parking lot off Iverson Road (County Road 128) between Riverton and Trommald. Contact Andrew Suchla at arsuchla@gmail.com for more details.

14th - Smoke on the Range BBQ Rib Cook-Off at the Deerstand in Deerwood. Enjoy exceptional food, and a mega meat raffle. Contact Shane at (218) 534-9253 for more information.

14th - Homeless and Wounded Warriors-MN 20th Annual Motorcycle Ride.Ride, 11 a.m. at the Crosslake American Legion. For more information or to register call 218-821-1756 or 651-329-1373.

18th - All are welcome to the Cascade United Methodist Church Annual Harvest Supper, 5 - 6 p.m. featuring a menu of meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, seasonal vegetables and dessert. Free will offering. Proceeds are used in the local missions of the church. For more information call 218-534-3507. Cascade is located between Deerwood and Crosby at 22781 Black Lake Road, Deerwood on Highway 6 and 210.

20th - Pine River State Bank Community Shred Day at in Emily, 11 a.m. - noon.

21st -Heartwood's 6th Annual Car Show, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. with free food while supplies last of hot dog basket, root beer and cupcake. For more information call 218- 545-8531.S

26th -Aitkin Public Schools invites the community to a pivotal presentation of Listening Session Data, conducted by ICS at 6:30 p.m. in the Aitkin High School Auditorium. For those unable to attend in person, the presentation will be streamed live via Zoom at https://iccs-builds.zoom.us/j/82835799281. For more information, contact the Aitkin Public Schools at 218-927-7100.

28th - 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 overlook

28th - Aitkin High School auditorium dedication to B.J. Johnson, longtime music teacher. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program at 7 p.m. Freewill offering accepted to cover expenses. Over a dozen musical performances and commemorative video and audio presentations.





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• Sun., Sept. 22, 10 a.m. - Floodwood, MN

Estate of Ken Mielke | Farm/Firearms

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• Tues., Sept. 24, 10 a.m. - Grand Rapids, MN Estate of Curt Maki | Vehicles/Sporting/Firearm/Trailers

 Thurs., Sept. 26, 10 a.m. - Aitkin, MN Business Liquidation for Toby Gabrio

• Sun., Sept. 29, 9 a.m. - Eveleth, MN Estate of DeLyle Pankratz | Vehicles/Firearms/Trailers

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JAXON KAHLHAMER

Jaxon Allen Carlson Kahlhamer, infant son of Shawn Allen Blake and Samantha Lyne Carlson Kahlhamer was born and passed away August 20, 2024.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Pastor Andrew Jergenson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS: Jaxon's family includes his father and mother: Shawn and Samantha' brothers: Matthew, Bryce and Jace; sister Aria; grandparents: Joyce Kahlhamer, Barb Blake and David Carlson: Great-grandmother Marlys Blake: Uncle Scott Blake; Aunts: Jennifer Kahlhamer and Jennifer Klun; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his Uncle Dvlan Matthew Carlson Kahlhamer and Great-grandfather James Blake.

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

HOPE WINDORSKI

the love of her life.



Hope Charlene Windorski, 69, died on Sunday, August

A Celebration of Hope's life will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the Walter Scott Erikson American Legion Post in Deerwood. In

lieu of flowers, please raise a glass in her honor or consider a donation to a wildlife rehab center or animal shelter.

Born to Vilho and Gladys Torvinen, Hope, made her grand entrance into the world alongside her twin sister, Joy, on April 23, 1955, as part of the bustling Torvinen family of nine. She lived a life filled with laughter, love, and a touch of rebellion. As a young woman, Hope set her sights on the local "bad boy," a man who had once come dangerously close to meeting his maker as a child. She often joked that she fell in love with the boy who almost drowned. Hope was a woman of many titles-mom, homemaker, gardener, friend-but perhaps the ones that suited her best were beer drinker, Bs'r, and cook. She was known for her sharp wit, infectious humor, and a cooking style that could only be described as "unapologetically hearty." Hope's memory will live on in the stories, laughter, and recipes shared by all who knew her. She was a true original, and the world is a little less colorful without her in it. After 51 years of marriage, Hope passed peacefully in the arms of

She leaves behind her husband. Steve, whose heart she held for over five decades; three children: Travis Windorski (Elisa Lehman) of Aitkin, Tracy Zaske (Al Haman) of Henning, and Taryn Windorski (Nate Melzer) of West Fargo, ND; two grandchildren: Zack Windorski and Harley Windorski; and five sisters: Ruby (Pete) Peterson of Crosby, Joy Torvinen of Deer Creek, Opal (Jeff) Robinson of Marysville, IN, Darla Torvinen of Julesburg, CO and Janie (Paul) Stark of Crosby.

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

ANDREW REHBEIN

Andrew "Andy" Rehbein, 78, of Deerwood died Friday, September 6, 2024 at his home. He was born December 20, 1945.

Services are pending Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

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RAMONA BUTLER



of Iron Hub died on Friday, September 6, 2024 at Aitkin Health Services.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 14, 2024 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Iron Hub. Burial will be at the Immanuel Lutheran

Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

She was born on July 24, 1928 in Duluth to Gust and Emma (Steinke) Norain. She was united

Ramona Dolores Butler, 96, in marriage to James "Bud" Butler on August 8, 1948 in Aitkin. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Iron Hub.

> Ramona is survived by her son, Tom (Tammy) Butler of Aitkin; daughter, Linda (Don) Dzuba of Aitkin; three grandchildren and three great

> Preceding Ramona in death are her parents; husband, James "Bud" Butler; and two sisters: Marilyn Lind and Rose Weisman.

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

LYLENE HYYTINEN



Aitkin died Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at Golden Horizons in Aitkin. Funeral service will be at

11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. Visitation will be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral

home and will continue one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Randall Community Cemetery. She was born August 30, 1944 the daughter of Lyle Turner and Mary Arlene (Cyrus) Worlie. She graduated from St. John's High School in St. Paul. She attended college and earned her degree as a Registered Nurse. Lylene was united in marriage

Lylene Mary Hyytinen, 80, of to Craig Martin Hyytinen. They loved to travel and wintered in Arizona for many years. She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, quilting and sewing. If someone was in need of help, they could count on Lylene to be there to provide what she could.

> She was preceded in death by her parents. Lylene is survived by her husband Craig Hyytinen of Aitkin:

> Children: Deann (Curt) Phillips, Jerry Menge, Kay (Martin) Opatrny, Tammy (John) Hillyard, Denise (Kevin) Copt, Cindy (Brian) Recker; 18 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers and sister-in-law: Al (Deb) Worlie, Jerry Worlie; And many other special nieces, nephews other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

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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

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at 9:30, Worship at 10:45

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

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

Aitkin - Northwoods Community Church, Pastor William Verbeke, 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* — 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.

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Aitkin* — St. James, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10:30. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 and 4-4:45 pm. Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Gabriel Waweru, Sat.4:30; Sun.

10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00. Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Michael Garry, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.

Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass: Thurs. and Fri.

at 8; Tues at noon, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30. Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession

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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.

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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.

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

Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct. Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert

Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm

Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult

Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256. McGregor — The Lighthouse Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel

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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.

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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 320-684-2804

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Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30: Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

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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 September 8-Mid-May: Sunday at 8:30am & October-Mid-May: Wednesday at 6:15pm 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. 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 8:45. 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 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Rev. James Muske: Sun. 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), Worship 9; SS 9. McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church

(LCMC), Pastor Lorelie Robinson; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10. McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm

Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Luke Lekander, 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

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

School and Adult Bible Study 10:15 am

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. 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,

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

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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.

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

Cutler* (South Aitkin County) — Pine Lake Chapel, Pastor Gary Taylor; Worship Sunday 1 p.m. Fellowship follows.

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

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

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call the office to sign up: 218-534-3507.

Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9

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.

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DNR invites deer hunters to share wildlife observations

As archery deer season opens, today, September 14, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is inviting deer hunters to contribute their wildlife observations through the agency's online log. This initiative aims to deep-

en the understanding of deer populations and other wildlife species across the state.

Eric Michel, an ungulate research scientist with the Minnesota DNR, emphasized the importance of these observations. "We're asking deer hunters to share their



and other wildlife species," Michel said. "This is our fourth year using a community science approach, and we're hoping to build on the valuable results from the past few years."

Hunters can log their wildlife observations on the Minment/deer-hunter-field-log. html) via mobile devices or desktop computers. The log is designed to capture data on various species, including deer, turkey, bear, and fisher, and will remain open through the end of the year.

Even if no deer are seen during a hunt, hunters are encouraged to submit a report. Recording these instances helps the DNR estimate deer sightings per hour, providing a crucial metric for comparing against deer density models.

This survey was developed following a 2016 recommendation from the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor to enhance deer population estimates. By comparing hunter-provided data with DNR estimates, the survey helps refine population models and management strategies.

"The data provided by hunters is invaluable in checking our estimates of deer popuknowledge about other animals," Michel added.

The DNR collaborates with the public to set deer population goals for various regions and uses these estimates to guide hunting regulations and achieve targeted population levels. Annual research lations and expanding our summaries reporting the re-

sults from these observations will be available online, including data from 2023 and previous years.

For more information and to participate, visit the Minnesota DNR website at mndnr.gov/mammals/deer/ management/statistics.htm-I#observe.

CWC invites public feedback on updated recreation ordinance

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department is calling on residents to weigh in on proposed updates to the County's Recreation Ordinance. This is an opportunity for the public to help shape how recreational activities are managed across County lands.

The updated ordinance, available for review at www. crowwing.gov/landservices,

aims to strike a balance between recreational use and the preservation of Crow Wing County's natural resources. Key areas covered by the ordinance include County Parks, Public Water Access, Trails, Camping, Environmental Protections, and Hunting/Trapping, along with guidelines for Violations and Penalties.

The public comment pe-

riod will remain open until October 11, 2024. Residents can submit their feedback via email to landservices@crowwing.gov or by mail to Crow Wing County Land Services, Attn: Recreation Ordinance, 322 Laurel Street, Suite 15, Brainerd, MN 56401. For additional information or questions, contact the Land Services Department at 218-824-1010.



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