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Northland Arboretum on home stretch of anniversary year



By ANN SCHWARTZ

Oh, the days of the city dump. You brought your bags and boxes of stuff and left it there and others were free to pick through it and bring your trash home as their treasures. In fact, a neighbor brought home boxes of periodicals one year that kept us in Mad magazines, Tiger Beats and comic books for the whole summer.

In 1972, the old dump on the Brainerd-Baxter line, just

north of the Westgate Mall, closed. Now, its 400 acres comprise the Northland Arboretum, owned by the arboretum's non-profit corporation, Crow Wing County and the Nature Conservancy.

Education, recreation and conservation are the three legs of the Arb's mission. Although the Arb is busy and chock full of events, volunteers and patrons all year around, this year marks its 50th anniversary.

In the summer of 2024, the first-ever Sustainability Fest was held at the Arb. Maren Butenhoff, an intern with the University of Minnesota's Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, organized the event. It focused on clean energy, natural resources, agriculture and food systems and resilient communities.

Plenty more is on tap for fall season, including:

The Plaid Festival 50th Anniversary Party is on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Arb, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is charged and there will be vendors, live bands, a silent auction, food trucks and the grand opening of the Nature Playscape playground. A \$500 cash giveaway is the prize for the scavenger hunt.

A groundbreaking event was held for the Nature Playscape in June 2024. "It's important for kids and adults to get outside and play on

a regular basis," according to Widseth, an architectural and engineering firm that designed the playscape. "Playing outside promotes an active lifestyle, helps develop social skills, boosts creativity, fuels imagination, and builds problem-solving skills."

Widseth's landscape architecture team worked with arboretum staff to develop a concept to guide the direction of the project, which includes a variety of unique features such as a wicker tunnel, water sluice, berm slide, and climbing logs."

The Haunted Trail will bring in the Halloween season from October 17 to 19, starting at 7 p.m. each night. Get advanced tickets or pay at the gate. Tickets include Low Scare, High Scare and Insane High Scare Trails.

You can view the Scarecrow Contest Display through Tuesday, October

1. Trunk or Treat 2024 is set for Saturday October 26, from 4-6 p.m. Admission is charged and there will be a Low Scare Trail and Trunk and Treats for the kids.

The Arb is a place to go to learn about nature and plants and to get your outdoor fix with some trail time. Trails are open year-round from sunrise to dusk for hiking, snowshoeing and skiing. In addition, many conservation, plant care and educational programs take place on the grounds. Student field trips can be arranged. And the building and grounds are available for rent for weddings and other social events.

The Northland Arboretum is located at 14250 Conservation Drive Brainerd, MN 56401. For more information, call 218-829-8770 or visit <https://www.northlandarb.org>.

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Celebrate Fall at Ripple River with Wild & Free benefit bird release

Ripple River Gallery's 24th annual fall open house, set for Saturday, Sept. 21, celebrates the season with a colorful combination of art, fun and fall color. This festive event will showcase the creativity of over 60 regional artisans, offering a unique blend of art, fun, and the beauty of autumn, all while supporting the Wild and Free Wildlife Rehabilitation Program in Garrison.

Visitors can explore an array of original works, including paintings by Margie Helstrom, pottery by Marie Brown and Nick DeVries, and jewelry by Jehn Kuehn. Artists will be present throughout the day, providing insights into their creations.

At noon, embark on a guided nature walk led by Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Elizabeth Carls. This leisurely stroll through the woods will focus on identifying native trees and plants, with opportunities to spot local birds. Attendees are encouraged to wear closed-toe shoes and long pants for comfort.

For those interested in hands-on creativity, artisans will also be offering nature printing sessions. This simple yet satisfying method involves inking leaves and pressing them onto Japanese paper, creating intricate images that will change your perspective on the natural world.

Volunteers from the Wild and Free Wildlife Rehabilitation Program will be available to discuss their mission. Led by veterinarian Dr. Debbie Eskedahl, this non-profit organization is dedicated to caring for orphaned or injured wildlife and educating the public about wildlife and habitats. Donations will be accepted to support their efforts, which rely entirely on charitable contributions.

A highlight of the afternoon will be the release of recovered birds ready to soar once again. Over the past decade, the gallery has hosted numerous successful bird releases, including owls and various hawks. For a chance to participate in this thrilling experience, visitors can enter a drawing for the opportunity to assist in the release, scheduled around 1 p.m.

Take this chance to celebrate the season, nurture your creative spirit, and explore the scenic back roads of the lakes country. Ripple River Gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then three miles east of Ruttger's

Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue. For those coming from Aitkin, head south on Highway 169 to

Bennettville, then three miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

For more information,

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or email [ripperivergallery@
gmail.com](mailto:ripperivergallery@gmail.com). Don't miss this
autumnal celebration!

Crosslake Lutheran Church Jul Fest

Get ready for the holiday season as Crosslake Lutheran Church proudly presents the 47th annual Jul Fest (Christmas Coffee Fest) on Saturday, September 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church's Fellowship Hall, located on County Road 66, coinciding with the festive Crosslake Days.

Jul Fest promises a delightful shopping experience featuring a diverse array of handcrafted items, including unique crafts,

sewing and knitted goods, and seasonal decorations for both fall and Christmas. Attendees will also find a selection of homemade cards perfect for the upcoming holidays.

The Bake Shop will be a highlight of the event, offering a delectable assortment of treats. Visitors can indulge in traditional Jul Bread, lefse, pies, and a variety of other baked goods. Complementing the sweet offerings, caramel rolls, coffee, and juice.

A special attraction at this year's festival is the raffle for a stunning quilt titled "Northwoods Wonder," crafted by the talented Crosslake Lutheran Quilters. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event, with the drawing set for 3:00 p.m.

All proceeds from Jul Fest will directly benefit local charities. The community's support is crucial, and every purchase contributes to the welfare of those in need.

Community to rally for Erinn Hoyt

A heartfelt call for support is echoing throughout the area as a benefit for Erinn Hoyt is set to take place on Saturday, September 28, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Ironton American Legion Post #443. This event aims to assist the Hoyt family during a challenging time following Erinn's serious health crisis earlier this year.

The benefit will feature a delicious spaghetti dinner, a silent auction, a kids' raffle, a bake sale, and a "fill a boot" fundraiser to collect donations.



All proceeds will go directly to Erinn and her family, providing crucial support as they navigate the aftermath of her medical emergency.

On February 16, 2023, Erin experienced a severe asthma attack that necessitated an emergency visit to Cuyuna Regional Medical Center. Her condition escalated quickly, leading to her being sedated and placed on a ventilator. When her breathing issues worsened, she was airlifted to Holmes Heart Hospital at Abbott, where she spent four days on advanced extracorporeal membrane oxygenation life support. After a series of intensive treatments and monitoring, she was able to return home but was unable to resume her job as a paraprofessional at Cuyuna Range Elementary School due to ongoing health risks.

Erinn is not only dedicated to her work but also to her community, serving as a member of the Ironton Fire Department Women's Auxiliary. She is a loving wife to her husband, James, and a devoted mother to their four children: Noah, Ellyot, Aviyah, and Sawyer.

Community members are encouraged to contribute in any way possible. Monetary donations can be made directly to Erinn Hoyt at Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union, located at 117 West Main Street, Crosby, MN 56441. Additionally, silent auction items are welcome and can be dropped off at the Ironton Legion Post #443. For further inquiries or to donate auction items, please contact Sarah at 218-838-1822 via text or call.



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- 21st - Autumn Equinox celebration at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Located at 21590 State Hwy. 47, Isle. For tickets, contact the church office at 320-684-2123.
- 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.
- October**
- 5th - Merrifield Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Valeri Ann's Family Foods Restaurant, 26025 County Road 3, Merrifield. This fundraising event is to raise money for the new handicap-accessible playground at the Merrifield Lions Park.
- 6th - Jacques Art Center Annual Harvest Dinner at Block North in Aitkin with food, fellowship and prizes. Entertainment is by Randy Wall on the keyboard. Contact Jaques Art Center, 121 Second Street NW in Aitkin, 218-927-2363 for more information.
- 7th - Minnesota author Jill Hannah Anderson will discuss novel "Closer to Home" at the Brainerd Public Library, noon- 1:00 p.m. The presentation is sponsored by the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library through their volunteer and fundraising efforts. No registration is required, and all are welcome. For more information, contact the library at 218-829-5574 or visit the Friends of the Library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Friendsofhebrainerdpubliclibrary.
- 8th - Crow Wing County Commissioner Forum hosted by the Cuyuna Lakes at 6 p.m. in the Mayberry Auditorium of the Crosby-Ironton High School. The event will be live-streamed on Facebook. Listen to District 5 Commissioner Candidates Johnna Johnson of Cuyuna and and Jamie Lee of Deerwood.
- 12th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce's Fall Festival, 1-4 p.m., on Main Street and in Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake. Costume contest with prizes, costume bike parade around Crosby, trunk-or-treating, vendors, and local food trucks
- 18th & 19th - Ruttger's Resort Oktoberfest
- 24th - CRMC's Kaleidoscope "Boot & Buckles" fundraiser at the Ironton American Legion, 5-7 p.m. For more information visit: www.cuyunamed.org.
- 27th - 2nd Annual Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat event at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake from 1 to 3 p.m.



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OBITUARIES

JULIE BONNEVILLE



Julie Ann Bonneville, 69, of Aitkin, died Sunday, September 8, 2024 in Cuyuna Regional Care Center, Crosby.

Services will be Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 12 p.m. in Pine Lake United Methodist Church, 43472 240th St, Aitkin with Pastor Gary Taylor officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in Bennettville Cemetery, Hazelton Township.

She was born October 12, 1954 in Aitkin to Donald and Romaine (Boyd) Bonneville. Julie graduated from Aitkin High School and was both a cheer-

leader and Homecoming Queen. She worked at Security State Bank of Aitkin for several years and later worked at Grand Casino, Mille Lacs in the banking division. Julie loved crossword puzzles and drawing artwork.

Julie is survived by her mother, Romaine Bonneville; sisters, Debra Usher, Janet Bonneville and Patricia Erickson; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Julie is preceded in death by her father, Donald; husband, Tom Maher.

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

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- Sun., Sept. 29, 9 a.m. - Eveleth, MN
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ATVs: 2013 Polaris Sportsman 550 EFI, 4x4, power steering, 3200 miles (very good condition), 2014 Honda Recon 250 model TRX250TM (like new) **SKID STEER ATTACHMENTS & RELATED:** Skid Pro quick attach stump grinder w/24 in. blade, McMillen extreme duty quick attach 18 in. auger, Home built quick attach snow bucket 6 ½ ft., 132 EX metal tracks came off of a 170 New Holland, **LAWN & GARDEN RELATED:** John Deere X320 riding lawn tractor 48 in. cut w/JD MC519 bagger system, John Deere GT 235 riding lawn tractor w/bagger, snow blower & wheel weights, John Deere LX 172 riding lawn tractor, John Deere LX 166 riding lawn tractor, John Deere LA 125 for parts, John Deere #10 two wheel lawn cart, Snapper trimming mower, Estate lawn tandem lawn rake, (2) Poulan Pro PP42 chainsaws, Poulan Pro 2375 Chainsaw, Poulan Pro P401 Chainsaw, North Star ATV sprayer w/boom 12Volt, Gas powered weed trimmers some with brush heads **SHOP TOOLS & RELATED:** Sanborn 30 gallon upright air compressor 120/240 dual stage, Masterforce 10 in. table saw contractor grade 1 ¾ HP, Dewalt compound miter saw on stand, Delta 12 in. surface planer on stand, Craftsman 15 in. 1 HP floor model drill press, Masterforce combination belt/disc sander, 6 in., Sears Craftsman 12 in. 2 speed floor model band saw 1 1/8 HP, Wilton Oscillating spindle sander, Central Machinery 1x30 in. belt sander, Craftsman 10 in. table saw on stand, 8 ft. custom built router table on wheels, Acetylene tank & torch set, Bench mounted chainsaw sharpener & numerous chainsaw chains, Large variety of construction & mechanic hand tools many craftsman, Dewalt & Campbell Hausfeld air compressors, Werner 18 ft. extension ladders Large variety of clean corded hand power tools many w/cases, Babco 616 bench vise Ryobi 8 in. dual wheel bench grinder w/light, 3 ton floor jack, Wood bar clamps & C clamps, Paslode nails & staples, Large quantity of hardware organizers full of pop rivets, screws, standard & metric bolts, washers, nails, hose clamps, spark plugs, whole saw bits, Natural gas Hot Dog heater (needs igniter), Mr. Heater contractor series 150,000 BTU kerosene heater **TRAILERS:** 7x16 Tandem axle equipment trailer w/ramps & winch, 6.5x16 Tandem axle steel frame equipment trailer w/short sides, 4x8 flatbed utility trailer, Rubbermaid two wheel lawn tractor/ATV trailer, **FISH HOUSE:** 4x8 custom built fish house, on fold up ski's, rubber roof, stereo system, propane stove & rubber roof **FIREARMS & SPORTING GOODS RELATED:** Six firearms Remington, Ruger, Marlin & CVA of mention, Stack On combination gun safe & smaller pistol safe, Jarnot Spear 9 time made in Brainerd MN, Lazer 12000 DP battery ice auger w/charger **ITEMS OF INTEREST:** Electric Industries EB-WA-13 electric boiler (new in the box), (4) Older token slot machines 3 w/keys working units but need some tinkering, Home built Civil War Replica Cannon (has been fired), Antique steel implement wheels, Numerous planed 1x4 in. oak boards of different lengths & other lumber, 18 in. Ford truck rims w/sensors, Collectible Dad's Root Beer charcoal grill & matching cooler, Red Wing 5 gallon shoulder jug, Collectible postal scale, Older heavy duty safety deposit box w/key, **HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS & HOUSEWARES:** Hoosier cabinet w/original tag (beautiful condition), Antique glass top table w/4 matching chairs, Custom built rocking chair w/custom built foot rest, Queen bedroom set oak style w/2 matching end tables, Oak Style 8 drawer dresser w/mirror, Baker's table/stand, Oak style buffet table & (2) matching oak end tables, Custom built leprechaun light house (immaculate detail), (10) MN Vikings Christmas village houses & other Santa MN Vikings, World Father Forest Santa figurines w/real fur, raccoon, muskrat, coyote, fox, skunk & more, Smaller chest freezer (like new), Numerous unopened kitchenware's, (2) Apartment size refrigerators, Numerous framed wildlife art pictures & others, Oval kitchen table w/2 leaves, Decorative black bear statue Plus many, many unlisted items!!

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OBITUARIES

DAVID HOMMES



David George Hommes, 82, of Aitkin died peacefully on Thursday, September 12, 2024 after a brief illness.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 27, at First Lutheran Church, Aitkin, with visitation 5-7 pm on Thursday, September 26, at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.



Military honors will be provided by American Legion Post 86 and VFW Post 1272 following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Gideons, DAV and Wild and Free Rehabilitation Center.

He was born April 20, 1942 to Gayle Billstrom and George (Jiggs) Hommes. He joined the Navy in the early entry program in 1958 and graduated from Robbinsdale High School in 1960. He was attached to Naval Reserve stations in Minneapolis; Alameda, CA; Glenview, IL; Rota, Spain; and Point Mugu, CA, completing 23 years of service and retiring as a Chief Yeoman. He met Linda while both were attached to Naval Air Station Twin Cities and married in 1980. Upon retirement, he worked briefly for Regis Corporation, J-Mark Tool & Die Company, Bieswingers Hardware and Golden Valley Nursing Home before he and Linda moved to a small farm near Aitkin, MN in 1991. He then worked for Fremling Cabinetry doing cabinet work for local residents. Deciding he wanted a more flexible schedule, he then remodeled their aging barn into his own cabinet workshop. Friends and neighbors kept him busy with remodeling and custom-made wood projects. David was a former president of Aitkin's Friends of the Arts, served on the Fund-raising Task Force for Aitkin's new library addition, member of Jaques Art Center, Foundation

Board of Riverwood Healthcare Center, adjunct for the local DAV chapter, member of First Lutheran's kingsmen, Men in Mission and confirmation mentor. He loved being a kindergarten "Book Buddy" and 3rd grade Grandfriend. He was especially fond of his many young friends. David and Linda were selected as Aitkin's Riverboat Captain and Queen serving 2005-06 and received Aitkin's Warren Potter Award for community involvement and commitment in 2019. They were also graduates of the Blandin Community Leadership Program. Besides woodworking, David was a volunteer part-time coach for both Aitkin's girls and boys tennis teams and actively played tennis for many years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching high school sports and reading (especially mysteries). He was a long-time volunteer at Outlaw Ranch, Custer, SD where he worked on camp building projects. Linda and David loved outdoor adventures and canoed the Green River out of Moab, CO, kayaked around Isle Royale; backpacked in the Grand Canyon; hiked in the Tetons and rode horses on a horseback pack trip in northeast ID. They enjoyed annual gatherings with Navy friends, attended theater and music events and enjoyed making wine with the Aitkin Winers.

David loved their small farm, which was designated a Certified Tree Farm, and cared for their two goats, flock of chickens, a rabbit and through the years made a home for many rescued felines.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Schmidt Hommes; daughter, Dawn Clark; son, Brett Hommes; stepson, Tyler Schmidt (Karl); sister, Georgia and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Michael.

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



Beverly "Bev" Jean (Anderson) Brine, 85, of Crosslake died on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at home surrounded by family.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, Crosslake, on Saturday, September 21, 2024,

at 11 a.m. with Visitation at 10 am. Donations may be made in honor of Bev to the Masonic Cancer Center, University of MN (<https://cancer.umn.edu/donate>).

Bev was born at home in a farmhouse in rural Forest Lake, Minnesota, on April 19, 1939, to parents Martha T. (Webb) Anderson and Harold Waldemar Anderson. The lovely Anderson girls consisted of older sisters Doris and Janet, Bev, and younger sister Roberta (Berta). When Bev was four years old, the family moved to the town of Forest Lake into her parents' first purchased home with indoor plumbing, hot and cold running water, electricity and modern appliances. A 1957 Forest Lake High School graduate, Bev was crowned Miss Forest Lake that year and participated in many pageant events around the state. Bev attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1961. In 1959, between her sophomore and junior years of college, Bev took the train to Yellowstone National Park to work at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center gift shop. In June 1957, Bev went on her first date with Gerald (Gerry) Brine (FLHS class of '56), riding a bicycle built for two and picnicking at Como Park. Bev and Gerry were married September 9, 1961, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Forest Lake. Their first residence was in Waterville, MN, where Bev taught junior and senior high home economics while Gerry finished his college degree at Mankato State. Over the years, Bev and Gerry lived in Columbia Heights,

BEVERLY BRINE

New Hope, Deephaven, Ideal Township, St. Paul, various locations in Crosslake, and Punta Gorda, FL. For three years starting in 1973, Bev and Gerry operated Northwest Outfitters, a sporting goods store selling camping and cross-country skiing equipment in downtown Excelsior. Bev managed the store during the week. Later, when Bev and Gerry purchased and ran Holly Woods Resort on the Whitefish chain of lakes (1976-1989), Bev weekly laundered and pressed all the bed sheets and cleaned all of the cabins. After closing the resort in 1989, Bev and Gerry redeveloped the property as Lake Country Townhomes. She taught high school and junior high home economics in the Pequot Lakes and Remer schools, served nine years as Ideal Township Treasurer, volunteered at the Pequot Lakes and Crosslake Chamber of Commerce tourism offices, taught and demonstrated microwave ovens and recipes in the early days of that technology, was a home kitchen recipe tester for General Mills, knitted hundreds of hats for children in need, sewed period supplies for school girls in Africa, listed and sold homes as a licensed realtor, was a retail sales associate and managed fabric and craft stores, and was secretary for Gerry's law practice. Bev and Gerry traveled the world and the US throughout their marriage. Bev is survived by her husband Gerry; daughters: Elizabeth Brine (Al McVey), Jennifer (Tim) Farley, Kathryn Brine, and Bridget Brine (JD Feriancek); 11 grandchildren: McKinzie, Samuel, Aidan and Eoin McVey; Michael (Kara), Peter, and Lauren Farley; Erin (Paul) Buchmann, Jacqueline (Mike) Ryan, and Karl Brine-Doyle; and Cole Feriancek; four great-grandchildren: Lily, Peter and Baby Girl Buchmann; and Genevieve Farley; and sister Janet (James) Bradley.

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

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ALLIANCE
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; 218-697-2662
Palisade — Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST
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.; fcbbrainerd.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.
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; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
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
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 Seibel.
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 10:30 am. 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 10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer 6:30 pm and Kids Konnect 6:30 pm
Malmö — 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
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 Ingelwood 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.princeofpeace-lutheran.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 fclbrainerd.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)
Malmö — 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, Worship 9.
Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Pastor Steven Teff; Worship 9:30.
Pequot Lakes - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Monte Meyer Worship 9 am, Fellowship 10 am, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:15 am
Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
Rossburg — Bethesda Lutheran (LCMC Congregations in

Mission for Christ) 11:30 service. Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
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 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.
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Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 9:30, Bible Study 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933
Brainerd — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20, Bible Study 10; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

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

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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; fellowship follows.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10, 2 bks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947
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Emily — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.



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