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Prepare for exciting hunting experience during deer season

As the sun rises on Saturday, November 9, over 400,000 Minnesota hunters will be ready to head into the woods for the much-anticipated firearms deer season. This time-honored tradition offers not just a chance to harvest venison, but also an opportunity to bond with family and friends while enjoying the great outdoors.

Deer hunting plays a vital role in managing the state's deer population, helping to maintain a balance that benefits both the ecosystem and local economies. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), hunters should find good prospects for deer harvest across most regions this season.

Know Before You Go: regulations and resources

Before heading out, it's crucial for hunters to familiarize themselves with their specific deer permit area (DPA) numbers and the regulations that apply. Understanding chronic wasting disease (CWD) guidelines is particularly important, as hunters are required to have any deer aged one year or older sampled



for CWD in designated management zones during the opening weekend and later hunts in December. The DNR provides an easy-to-use DPA lookup tool at mndnr.gov/deerhunt, where hunters can find detailed information tailored to their hunting areas.

Southern Minnesota: flourishing populations

In southern Minnesota, deer populations continue to thrive following last winter's mild conditions. Flooding in June, while concerning, has had little negative impact on overall numbers. The river floodplains in this region provide excellent habitat, with dense vegetation offering ample cover for deer. Bluff lands with oak trees are also promising spots, boasting a moderate to excellent acorn crop this year. As water levels decrease, hunters can expect improved access to prime

hunting areas.

Central Minnesota: robust opportunities

Moving to central Minnesota, the deer population remains strong, and hunters have significant opportunities for success. Many DPAs allow for the harvest of up to three deer, with even more flexibility in CWD management zones and the Twin Cities metro area, where hunters can take up to five deer. Wildlife managers encourage hunters to focus on antlerless deer to help manage population levels effectively.

It's essential to note the recent redesignation of DPA 342 to DPA 642 due to CWD detection. This change brings with it specific regulations regarding carcass movement and antlerless deer harvest, so hunters should be aware of the new rules as they plan their outings.

Northeast Minnesota: cautious approach

In northeast Minnesota, deer populations are still rebounding from several harsh winters, and while this past winter was mild, recovery will take time. The best harvest opportunities will be

found in the southern part of this region, particularly in mixed habitats of open fields and forest. Hunters in far northern areas may have limited opportunities, often restricted to buck-only harvests, allowing local populations to recover.

Hunters should be particularly vigilant in CWD management zones (DPAs 604 and 679), where mandatory CWD testing is required during the opening weekend. The city of Grand Rapids has also implemented mandatory sampling for all deer over one year old during any season.

To help inform consideration of a proposed elk restoration project, new mandatory CWD surveillance sampling will be implemented on opening weekend of firearms A season in DPAs 156, 173, 181 and 199 as a precautionary measure within the potential elk restoration area.

Northwest Minnesota: promising outlook

The northwest region of Minnesota has experienced a significant population boost thanks to one of the mildest winters on record. Reports of does giving birth to twins and triplets abound, which

is a promising sign for herd recovery. Although the acorn crop was spotty this year, many food plots and hay fields remain green, helping deer maintain their health as they head into winter.

Hunters in this region may find varying harvest limits, with some DPAs allowing two or three deer while others restrict hunting to bucks only. CWD sampling will also be mandatory in certain areas, including the East Grand Forks-Crookston-Climax area and the Bemidji area.

Final Thoughts

As the firearms deer season opens, hunters are encouraged to embrace the adventure and camaraderie that comes with the tradition. Remember to respect the land, follow all regulations, and prioritize safety while in the field. For more detailed information on hunting regulations, resources, and updates, visit the Minnesota DNR's deer hunting webpage at mndnr.gov/hunting/deer.



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Election security incident sparks legislative response in Minnesota

On Friday, October 18, an incident involving a Hennepin County contractor raised concerns about election security when sealed transfer cases containing voted absentee ballot signature envelopes were left unattended in a vehicle with an open trunk hatch for several minutes in a public parking lot. The situation was captured in photographs that circulated widely on social media, prompting an immediate review by Hennepin County officials.

The review confirmed that no ballots were compromised during the incident. Minnesota conducts its elections through local election officials at the county, city, and township levels, with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State providing resources, training, and support.

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon addressed the incident in a statement, emphasizing its seriousness. "This incident was totally unacceptable," Simon stat-

ed. He noted that Hennepin County has acted quickly and transparently to ensure that all ballots remained secure and accounted for.

The county has established protocols for the delivery of signature envelopes, including the use of security seals on transfer cases and verification measures to confirm that all signature envelopes remained sealed. A thorough review was conducted to match the number of signature envelopes against the records in the State Voter Registration System, ensuring each ballot was accounted for.

Secretary Simon underscored the resilience of Minnesota's election system, highlighting the multiple layers of protection designed to maintain the

integrity of elections. "This is a teachable moment for everyone involved in administering our elections," he said. The Office of the Secretary of State is providing continued support to Hennepin County and all localities conducting elections, including issuing a bulletin to remind officials of chain of custody requirements and practices to prevent a recurrence of such incidents.

Rep. Kresha announces legislation to improve ballot transportation security

In response to the incident, Representative Ron Kresha (R - Little Falls), announced on October 22, legislation requiring all ballots to be transported only by a party affiliated with a County Elections Officer

or the Minnesota Secretary of State. This legislation is in direct response to the handling of ballots in Edina that occurred last week. It will require ballots to be transported by certified election officers or the Secretary of State and they must prove their US Citizenship to transport ballots.

"With decreasing trust in our elections system this is the right move to rebuild Minnesotans' confidence in our free and fair elections," said Rep. Kresha. "Every voice matters in our elections and with the recent incident of unsecured ballots in Edina, it's completely understandable for voters to be concerned that their voice could be silenced. Minnesotans deserve to know that whether they vote

absentee, early in person, or on Election Day their vote matters and is just as important to our political process as anyone else's vote."

"Our election integrity is too important and a fundamental cornerstone of trust for election officials to use outside couriers or unaffiliated parties to transport ballots," said Kresha. "We cannot allow DoorDash or Uber practices as part of the election process and transportation of ballots. This legislation will restore voter confidence and improve our state's exemplary elections." For voters looking to track the status of their mail or absentee ballots, they can visit mnvotes.gov/track or mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abstatus/index for real-time updates.



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CLC receives \$25,000 to combat food insecurity

Central Lakes College was awarded \$25,000 in grants from the Office of Higher Education (OHE) to continue its work in addressing food insecurities on its campuses.

CLC is one of 24 campuses awarded Hunger Free Campus grants, totaling over \$400,000, from OHE in an effort to address food insecurity at Minnesota colleges. Grants were awarded to both public and private schools across the state.

CLC was awarded a \$15,000 Sustaining Designation Grant and a \$10,000 Equipment Grant.

The Equipment Grant will help update the Staples Campus Food Pantry with shelving, a refrigerator and a freezer. Additionally, improvements will be made to make the pantry brighter and more inviting.

The Sustaining Designation Grant will be used to continue purchasing food through Second Harvest Northland, CLC's food bank partner. This amount will provide several thousand pounds worth of

food, which will help keep up with the average of 475 student users per week.

"The CLC Food Pantry operates on fundraised dollars, so this Hunger Free Campus Grant from the MN Office of Higher Education is a lifeline for our students and has arrived at the perfect time," said Erich Heppner, director of Student Life at CLC. "Currently, we are seeing the highest level of student need on our campuses that we have ever experienced, and these funds will help us keep students fed

and performing at a high level in their classrooms. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we will be able to continue to live by our motto of 'Eat Well, Study Well.'"

OHE Commissioner Dennis Olson added, "For too many students, food insecurity is a daily concern. This initiative is providing those students with the nutrition they need to focus on their studies and finish their program. I look forward to a day when every campus in the state is hunger free."

Investigation following fire in Shamrock Township

On Monday, October 21, at 8:17 a.m., the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office responded to reports of a camper and vehicle that had burned over-

night at a residence in Shamrock Township. Upon arrival, deputies discovered human remains inside the camper.

The remains have been transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office for identification. The circumstances surrounding the fire are currently under

investigation, and an autopsy is pending.

The State Fire Marshal has been called to the scene to assist in the investigation, which aims to determine the cause of the fire and the identity of the deceased. The Aitkin County Sheriff's Office is working in conjunction

with the McGregor Fire Department and the State Fire Marshal's Office to gather more information.

Further updates will be provided as the investigation progresses. Anyone with relevant information is encouraged to contact the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office.

Light of the Cross Lutheran Church

Get ready for a frightfully delightful evening on Thursday, October 31, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison for a Halloween celebration that promises fun for all ages.

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costumes and stop by for a night filled with treats, tasty eats, and a touch of spooky magic. Marvel at the imaginative costumes on display while collecting sweet goodies from their friendly witches and other ghoulish characters.

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In Person Voting Precincts: 19 of Aitkin County's 51 Precincts vote in Person on Election Day, they include,

The City of Aitkin, Hill City, City of McGregor, and the townships of Clark, Farm Island, Fleming, Haugen, Jevne, Lakeside, Lee, Macville, Malmo, McGregor, Nordland, Shamrock, Wagner, White Pine, & Williams. (Cities and townships not listed are vote by mail precincts)

You do not have to wait until election day to vote!

If you reside in a vote in person on election day precinct, you may vote early in person during normal working hours at the Auditor's Office in the Aitkin County Court House (up to, but not including election day), or request an absentee ballot at the Minnesota Secretary of State's website: <https://mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abrequest/index>

Sample Ballot – NOVEMBER 5th GENERAL ELECTION

- **Donald Trump For President**
- **Royce White For US Senate**
- **Pete Stauber For US Congress**
- **Ron Kresha For MN House District 10A** (South 1/2 of Aitkin County)
- **Spencer Igo For MN House District 7A** (North 1/2 of Aitkin County)

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 26th - Baby Moccasin Workshop, 10 a.m. at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, 43411 Oodena Dr., Onamia
 26th - Halloween Event - Bonfire in the Park 10 a.m.-noon, Pequot Lakes
 26th - Northland Arboretum Low Scare Trail & Trunk or Treat, 4-6 p.m., \$5 per person. Located at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd, 218-829-8770
 27th - 2nd Annual Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat event at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake from 1 to 3 p.m. Trunk-or-treat, face painting, pumpkin patch, local food vendors and more. For more information call the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218-546-8131.
 27th - World Ballet Series: Swan Lake, 6 p.m. at Gichi-zibi Center for the Arts, 602 S 5th S, Brainerd
 29th - Care for the Caregiver This two-hour session will be held on 2-4 pm. This session looks at ways to support those who care for others. Hannah Jude, Licensed Social Worker for Crow wing County, will review resources available for caregivers and Gail Smith, Parish Nurse, will look at ways to create a self-care plan for those who care for others. Please call the church at 218-692-3682 to sign up. This event is open to the public.
 31st - Ironton Fire Department Halloween Trunk-or-treat 4-6 p.m. Haunted Maze 5-8 p.m. Contact Sarah for more information at 218-838-1822.
 31st - Trunks 4 Treats, 4:30-6:00p.m. Salem's Lutheran Church, Deerwood
 31st - Halloween Party at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison 5-7p.m. Hot dogs from the open fire outside and have some hot chocolate to warm those tummies.
 31st - Trick-or-Treat Parade at the new Care Center in Crosby 6-7 p.m. for costumed children up to age 10 years old.
 31st -The Crosby-Ironton High School Service and Leadership Team (SALT) WE Scare Hunger, 5-8 p.m. Students will be collecting items for the Cuyuna Food Shelf instead of candy. Cereal, peanut butter and cream soups are requested

READER RIBBETS

Practice what you preach

During the recent Crosby mayor/council candidate forum, which I watched live stream, the candidates were asked an audience question: will anyone work on building unity in the mayoral and council setting? Diane Cash's response was, in part, that she feels it's extremely important for council members to learn the rules and procedures so when they do something that isn't a part of the procedure they understand why. Diane, herself, has shown complete disregard for the rules and procedures, along with total disrespect for her constituent council members. As Crosby's current mayor, Diane stacked the 2024 committee appointments with council members who have shown that they will follow her lead, vote as she wants them to vote and not go against her. She's now defending the Personnel Committee's (of

which she is a part) independent actions of hiring an interim city administrator and setting the pay rate by saying that they had already received resumes for several candidates from the search firm(s)? who bid on helping Crosby find a permanent City Administrator. What firm offers up candidates when they are only in the bidding process and before they are even accepted as the search firm?
 Diane indicated that the reasoning was that the Personnel Committee felt it had to move quickly. The Personnel Committee and Matthew Hill interviewed the previous City Administrator from Breezy Point who just recently left that employment citing a hostile work environment. I believe this behind-the-scenes hiring was done not by a resume submitted by a headhunting firm, but by Matthew

Hill and possibly others on the Personnel Committee knowing this individual and/or knowing that he had just left Breezy Point employment and therefore sought him out. It's my understanding that this individual stated that he did not want to be considered for the position permanently, so why would his resume even come from a headhunting firm?
 In listening to the audio of the October 7 special council meeting wherein the council accepted Matthew Hill's resignation and chose a search firm for a new city administrator, it was stated on the record that the entire city council will be a part of the hiring process. Why then, would the entire city council not be a part of the hiring process of an interim city administrator?
 Always a Ranger!
Pam Karnowski, Brainerd

Looking for Rep. Pete Stauber

Help! We're looking for our Representative Pete Stauber from Minnesota's 8th Congressional District (CD-8), last seen heading to Washington DC on the road he calls "Our Way of Life". Unfortunately, Pete Stauber has lost his direction representing the people of his district. Bringing important benefits to his CD-8 folks has been pretty hard for him because he likes to vote "No" to important legislation for his constituents.
 "No" to the Honoring Our PACT Act (HR 3967), the largest healthcare expansion bill in decades for veterans suffering from toxic burn pit exposure.
 "No" to the Affordable Insulin Now Act (HR 6833) to end price-gouging of American diabetic patients paying over \$250 for insulin manufactured for less than \$5.
 "No" to the Women's Health Protection Act (HR 8296) allowing women, not the government, to make their own healthcare decisions.
 "No" to the CHIPS and SCIENCE Act (HR 4346) to "re-shore"

our microchip production for important jobs building "Made In America" consumer goods.
 "No" to the BIPARTISAN Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (HR 3684) bringing Minnesota approximately \$4.8 billion over five years in Federal highway formula funding for highways and bridges. This included projects he claimed credit for like the \$9.4 million for upgrades to 29 CD-8 airports and the huge \$1 billion Blatnik Bridge restoration.
 Watch this 5-minute video and ask yourself why Stauber voted "No":
https://youtu.be/VupkUH-qW2_w
 If you see Rep. Stauber tell him his constituents have been waiting 6 years for his help. He was invited to defend his work performance at several regional debates but again he said "No", apparently reluctant to face his constituents.
 The Forum Communications Company Editorial Board shares why they support Jen Schultz for Congress here:
<https://www.duluthnewstri->

bune.com/opinion/editorials/endorsement-schultz-promises-stronger-leadership-for-8th-district
 Please support Jen Schultz with your vote; she'll say "Yes" to accomplishing important work for the people of CD-8!
Michael Overend, Two Harbors

OBITUARIES

DON SCHROEDER



Don Edward Schroeder, Sr., 81, of McGregor died Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at Care-free Living in McGregor.
 A celebration of life will be held at noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at the VFW Larson Duneen Post 2747 in McGregor.
 He was born June 6, 1943 in Minneapolis the son of Ralph and Margaret (Carr) Schroeder. He graduated from Toivola-Meadowlands High School in Meadowlands in 1961. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and retired from the Army Corps of Engineers where he worked at the Locks

and Dams in Minneapolis. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing.
 Don is survived by his children: Dawn Andren (Randy Dale), Don Schroeder, Jr., Deanne (Bob) Johnson, Denise Larue (Angie Granquist), Adam (Shelly) Schroeder and Brian Schroeder; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; sister Nancy (Mike) Murphy; many other special relatives and friends.
 He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Marilyn Traynor and brothers: Ray, Butch (Ralph) and Todd Schroeder.
 Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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COURT FILE NO. 18-PR-24-3058
 STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
 COUNTY OF CROW WING NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY
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 Any objections to the petition must be filed with the court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the petition may be granted.
 It is ordered and notice is given that on November 6, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. a hearing will be held via Remote Zoom to hear the petition.

Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice (Minn. Stat. § 524.3-204).

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP NOTICE
 The Libby Township Board will meet in person at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12th, 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 22nd day of October, 2024
 Jane Grimsbo Jewett, Clerk, Libby Township 2.53

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, October 19, 26, and November 2, 2024)
LIBBY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 The Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Libby Township, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, that the Election of Town Officers for Libby Township will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and will be conducted by mail ballot. By mail ballot, voters will elect: one supervisor, supervisor position "C," for a four (4) year term; one clerk for a four (4) year term; and one treasurer for a two (2) year term to fill a vacancy in the position.
 The ballot for Township Officer elections is included as part of the General Election ballot that has been mailed to all registered voters in Libby Township. Return your ballot to the Aitkin County Auditor's office by Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
 Dated this 10th day of October, 2024
 Jane Grimsbo Jewett, Clerk, Libby Township 5.0

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF CANVASS
 The Board of Canvass of Libby Township will meet on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Palisade Community Center to certify the results of the township election.
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OBITUARIES

LLOYD POGATCHNIK



Lloyd Mathias Pogatchnik, 83, of Aitkin, died Friday, October 11, 2024, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father Scott Pogatchnik officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church and a Celebration of Life reception will follow. Burial will be in St. Anthony Cemetery in St. Anthony, MN. Monetary memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers to Homeward Bound (12805 Highway 55, Suite 400, Plymouth, MN 55441).

He was born on September 21, 1941, in Albany, the son of Mathew and Bridget (Schichta) Pogatchnik. He grew up in Albany and graduated from Albany High School in 1959. He earned a B.S. in Comprehensive Science from St. Cloud State University in 1965. Lloyd was united in marriage to Mary Ellen (Conlin) on June 11, 1966, in St. Cloud. He was employed as a science teacher at Wabasso High School for five years before moving

to Vandenberg Junior High in Elk River where he taught ninth grade Physical Science for 29 years. He enjoyed woodturning, reading, golfing (he had 3 hole-in-ones!), traveling, fishing, shooting skeet and trap, and was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Twins. He was a member of the Wealthwood Gun Club, the MN Education Association, the Garrison Lions Club, and a church council member at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Garrison.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Pogatchnik of Aitkin; daughter, Diana Cermak (Steven) of Galesburg, IL; son, Dean Pogatchnik of Champlin; five grandchildren: Abby, Ben, and Tim Cermak, and Nolan and Anna Pogatchnik; brothers: David Pogatchnik of Rice, William Pogatchnik of St. Stephen, and Daniel Pogatchnik of Avon; many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Debbie; sister, Marlene Warzecha, and his parents.

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

LYLE CARR



Lyle Edward Carr, 81, of Aitkin passed away Monday, October 14, 2024, at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud.

Burial with full military honors will be 2 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2024 in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis.

He was born January 11, 1943 in Minneapolis the son of Richard and Clara (Johnson) Carr. He was a U.S. Army and U.S. Navy Veteran

serving in the Vietnam War. Lyle was united in marriage to Linda Lou (Wharton) on January 31, 1969 in Columbia Heights. He worked as a Blacksmith for the city of Minneapolis.

Lyle is survived by his wife, Linda Carr of Aitkin; sisters: Elverna Lawrence and Jeanette Hagedorn; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Samuel Carr and sister Selma Ryan.

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BETTY MONROE



Betty Jo (Hash) Monroe, 84, died Saturday, October 12, 2024.

Services will be Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 11 a.m. in First Lutheran Church, Aitkin with Pastor Reggie Denton officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at a later date in Forest Lake Cemetery, Milaca.

She was born in Grayson County, Virginia on January 31, 1940, to William McKinley "Kenny" Hash and Cora (Mays) Hash. She was the youngest of six children. Her parents worked as sharecroppers and Betty spent her younger years on a few different farms in Virginia spending most of her time with her older sisters. She attended school in Rural Retreat, Virginia, graduating in 1957, and then attended West Virginia College of Business, graduating in 1958. Upon graduating she became employed as a secretary for the Department of the Navy in Washington DC where she worked in support of five Naval architects. During this time, she had high security clearance with the U.S. government. It was also here she met Donald and Mary Monroe, who introduced her to Don's brother Robert (Bob). They began dating and he eventually proposed to her under the spring cherry blossoms in Washington, DC. They were married at Foundry Methodist Church in Washington DC on August 20, 1960. They made their home in Chevy Chase, Maryland until October 1963. During this time two children were born, Alan in 1961 and Paul in 1963. Betty and Bob moved to Aitkin in November 1963 just in time for winter. As Betty was born and raised in Virginia, she had once wondered to her mother what it would be like to live where there was snow in the wintertime. She embraced winter, and never regretted moving

north. Two more children, Cindi and Scott were born in 1967 and 1972 respectively. Betty devoted this time to being a mother and housewife. In 1978, she took the position of office secretary at First Lutheran Church, working there until 1988. She then began working as a legal secretary for the Hudson Law Office. She continued in this job until 2003 when she retired. Even while working, she still found time to be involved in her children's activities in and out of school. Betty actively embraced Minnesota life and loved coffee parties with fellow mothers, friends and family. She also enjoyed gardening, crafting, boating, snowmobiling, the North Shore of Lake Superior, and even the snow! Betty was an active member in First Lutheran Church. Besides serving as secretary she was also LCW president and served several terms on church council over the years. She was an active member of Woodland Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron several terms and as Grand Martha for Minnesota Grand Chapter in 1973. She also held several offices or stations in Woodland Chapter as well as serving as their secretary for 15 years. Betty always had polite graciousness, but Bob often said she was his Steel Magnolia - she had the strength and determination to deal with life's challenges, never losing her grace. This was especially evident in her long battle with cancer. A devout reader of the Bible, she long stated she was completely at peace with God's plan for her.

Betty is survived by her husband, Bob; sons: Alan (Penny), Paul (Leigh) and Scott (Sue); daughter, Cynthia (Rob), eight grandchildren: Erin Pollock, Mark, Matthew, Kelly and Leona Monroe, Skylar Kelly, Aliyah and Layla Fayaz, and two great-grandchildren: Adrienne and Michael Pollock.

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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
Garrison* — Worship 10:30am
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.
Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 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; hilcityagchurch@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 Shadrack, 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.
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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.ihmstemijs.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
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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
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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.

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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 am Sunday. Online at 5 pm Saturday. Call the church 219-829-3834 and leave a message with email to receive a Zoom invitation.

EVANGELICAL FREE

Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Wednesday for all ages 6:30 pm.
Crosslake — The Log Church 9:30, Pastor Troy Nelson; 218-692-4141, 37218 County Road 66, www.crosslakeefc.org
Isle — Pastor Mark Lee; Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer 6:30 pm and Kids Connect 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 KGIN 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.princeofpeaceclutheran.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 fcbbrainerd.com 424 8th Street South, Brainerd

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

Brainerd — Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.lchurch.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 Worrell. 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.

Rosburg — 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. Pastor Walter Starr, 763-316-7270, Sunday Worship 10:00am, Wednesday Bible study 6:30pm

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 Irontone 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

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