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Former Crosby police chief files discrimination lawsuit

Alleging illegal discrimination in violation of the Minnesota Human Rights Act, former Crosby Police Chief Kim Coughlin filed a lawsuit against Crow Wing County on August 29. The lawsuit, filed in Crow Wing County District Court, claims that Coughlin, who was employed as a Background Investigator for the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department, was subjected to retaliatory treatment after her husband made formal data practices requests related to a local police incident.

Coughlin was hired by the Sheriff's Department in September 2021. However, according to the lawsuit, her work assignments were significantly reduced following an encounter her husband, Tim Coughlin, had with Deerwood Police Sergeant Jessie Smith on November 10, 2022. The lawsuit states that the verbal altercation between Tim Coughlin and Smith occurred at a local gas station, during which Smith allegedly threatened to arrest Tim and later filed an incident report.

Following the incident, Tim Coughlin made formal data practices requests to

both the Deerwood Police Department and the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office. According to the Summons and Complaint, after these requests were made, Kim Coughlin was no longer assigned the background investigations she had been regularly handling prior to her husband's requests. The lawsuit asserts that, while other investigators in the department continued to receive work assignments, Coughlin was left without tasks, prompting her to inquire about the lack of work

with her supervisor, Sheriff Todd Klang, and other department members.

The complaint further details that despite her inquiries, Coughlin's work assignments remained stagnant. The suit contends that this lack of assignments was a direct result of the actions taken by her husband and his involvement in the data practices requests, alleging that the county's actions amounted to retaliatory discrimination.

Kim Coughlin is seeking damages, including com-

ensation for lost wages, lost benefits, emotional distress, and other relief in an amount greater than \$50,000 to be determined by the court. The lawsuit also requests an or-

der from the court requiring Crow Wing County to cease discriminatory practices and ensure a non-retaliatory work environment for employees.

Donate your sneakers

Do you have some old sneakers gathering dust in your closet? Here's your chance to give them a new life—and support a great cause at the same time. Projectunite and the C-I Environmental Club have teamed up for a sneaker donation fundraiser, and they need your help.

The two groups are collecting new or gently worn athletic shoes, with all donations going toward funding Projectunite's efforts in communication, staff support, school pride, and volunteer initiatives. The more sneakers collected, the more dollars Projectunite can put to work for the community.

Donating is easy! Simply drop off your shoes at one of the collection

boxes located at Crosby-Ironton High School or Cuyuna Range Elementary School (CRES) entryways. They're accepting only athletic shoes, and every pair donated helps keep these items out of landfills while providing shoes to those in need.

Not only will your donation help the environment, but it will also make a meaningful impact in the community. Whether your shoes are lightly worn or brand new, they'll find a second life with someone who could use them.

For more information, visit www.gotsneakers.com or reach out to the organizer at khachey@gmail.com. Let's step up together and support this important cause—one pair of shoes at a time!



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Fish House Parade event

The World Famous Fishhouse Parade is back and ready to make a splash on Friday, Nov. 29, in downtown Aitkin. This quirky, fun-filled event celebrates the town's ice fishing heritage, with locals and businesses transforming their ice fishing shacks into creative floats vying for the title of "Best Float."

The festivities kick off with the Fishhouse 5K, followed by an opportunity for kids

to meet Santa. Visitors can also explore a vintage snowmobile exhibit, shop from local vendors, and enjoy the whimsical parade at 1 p.m.

If you'd like to participate in the parade, there's still time to enter a float! Contact the Aitkin Chamber at (218) 927-2316 or visit www.aitkin.com/fishhouseparade for more details.

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Published studies show the positive physical and mental health benefits of spending time in nature. According to the American Psychological Association, the calming and restorative qualities of nature help lower cortisol levels, which leads to reduced stress and improved cognitive function, and improve overall mental well-being.

Outdoor recreation options in late November include hiking, biking, nature photography, birdwatching and wildlife watching. Even though peak fall colors have passed, late fall offers scenic vistas and peaceful trails. This time of year is perfect for spotting birds and wildlife that are easier to see after the leaves have fallen from trees. Look for deer and foxes that are more active in cooler weather, and waterfowl along lakes and rivers.

Looking for a way to unwind and explore the outdoors after Thanksgiving? Minnesotans encouraged to explore outdoors with friends and family over the holiday weekend. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is waiving entrance fees to all 73 state parks and recreation areas the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 29. This "Free Park Day" is one of four days each year when the DNR waives the requirement for a vehicle permit for state parks and recreation areas. The goal of Free

Park Days is to encourage Minnesotans to get outdoors and enjoy the health and wellness benefits of spending time in nature.

"During the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, Minnesota state parks and recreation areas are the perfect places to enjoy the tranquility of nature," said Ann Pierce, director of the DNR Parks and Trails Division. "We encourage people to get outside with friends and family after Thanksgiving gatherings to enjoy the calming sights and sounds of

Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead and arrive prepared for their visit.

Check visitor alerts and find directions on state park webpages (mndnr.gov/park-list).

Download the Avenza app and the geoPDF map before the trip. The app and maps are free, and maps will display a user's current location even when not connected to the internet or cell service. Find information on the DNR's geoPDF map webpage (mndnr.gov/geoPDF). Visitors without a smartphone should look for paper maps outside the ranger station.

Visit the information signs near the park entrance for suggestions on what to see and do in the park.

Check the weather forecast before leaving home, and dress appropriately for the conditions. Be sure to pack water and snacks.

For more information, visit the free park day webpage of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/freeparkdays).

Traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Cascade United Methodist Church



Looking for a warm, welcoming place to enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal? Cascade United Methodist Church, located on Highway 6 between Crosby and Deerwood, invites you to their Traditional Sit Down Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28, starting at noon.

Bring your family and

friends for a festive meal as we give thanks for all that we've been blessed with this year! This event is open to everyone—whether you're a regular or new to the community, you're sure to feel right at home. The best part? A free-will offering will be taken to support the local food shelf, helping those in need this holiday season.

Don't want to dine in? No problem! Take-out meals are available, so you can enjoy a hearty meal at home as well.

To reserve your spot, call the church office at (218) 534-3507 or Marie Nyberg at (218) 839-2158. All are welcome—come share in the joy of the season, meet some new friends and give thanks together!

Thanksgiving dinner in Brainerd area

Looking for a way to enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal without the hassle of cooking? The Brainerd American Legion, VFW, Elks, and Eagles clubs have you covered with their annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28. This cherished tradition offers a free, home-cooked meal complete with turkey, dressing, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, gravy, cole slaw, pumpkin pie, and milk.

In 2023, nearly 1,500 people enjoyed the meal, and this year, the clubs are prepared to serve up to 120 turkeys. Whether you're picking up a meal to-go or having it delivered straight to your door,

the goal is to ensure no one in the community goes without a warm meal on Thanksgiving Day.

To place an order for a turkey dinner, simply call 218-829-2249 or stop by one of the participating clubs: the Eagles, Elks, Brainerd VFW, or Brainerd American Legion.

Delivery of the meals will take place from 9:00-10:30 a.m., courtesy of local heroes from the Brainerd Fire, Police, Crow Wing County Sheriff, and Baxter Police departments.

Pick-up will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Brainerd American Legion, located at 708 Front Street. Donations needed

In addition, the community is invited to support the event through donations. Become a Turkey Sponsor for \$3,000, a Stuffing Sponsor for \$1,000, a Pie Sponsor for \$500, or a Gravy Sponsor for \$50. All contributions help cover the cost of the meal and ensure this tradition continues year after year.

Any leftover meals will be donated to local organizations, including Central Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge and Relationship Safety Alliance in Brainerd.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to enjoy a festive meal, share in community spirit, and give thanks together.



Call Now 218-678-4644 to reserve your spot!

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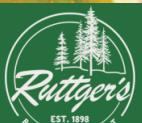
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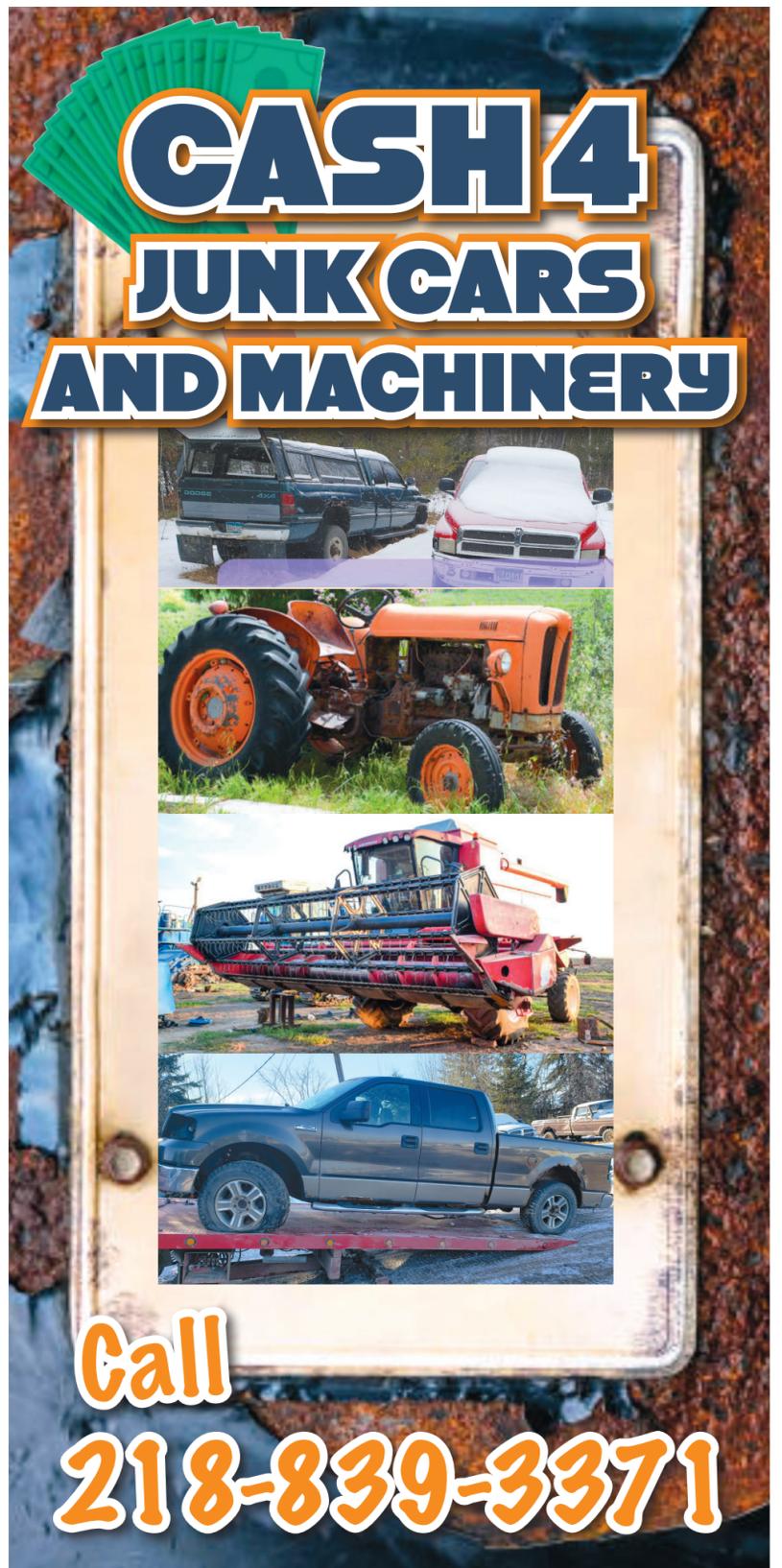
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OBITUARIES

JUDITH KOCHEVAR MARSH



Judith Mae Kochevar Marsh, 86, formerly of Chisholm, Coon Rapids and Deerwood, died in Apache Junction, Arizona, on November 9, 2024, surrounded by her immediate family.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby, MN. Visitation will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. with a Family Sharing Service at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow. Graveside service at Pine Ridge cemetery in Pine River at 2:30 p.m.

Judith was born in Chisholm on April 29, 1938, to Frank and Mary Bradovich Kochevar. She spent her childhood in Chisholm and Antioch, CA with her two sisters, Francyne and Marlene. She was a graduate of Chisholm High School. Judith married Joel Marsh in 1956 in Hibbing, MN. They then moved down to the Anoka/Coon Rapids area where they raised their three sons and one daughter. After 30 years there, they moved to the Crosby/Ironton area. Two years ago, she started spending her winters in Arizona and enjoying the summer months living with her daughter Kathleen. She was very active in politics and was proud that she was invited to two Presidential Inaugurations. It was not unusual to have a U.S. Senator or congressman stop by the house. She volunteered her time at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, Golden Gloves events, other non-profits and as a voting judge. As her kids were growing up, she started working as an accountant

at Target's headquarters. In 1980, she joined her husband and started Patrick Michael Supply Company in Anoka. She retired in 2004. She was a mom to many. She enjoyed spending time at the cabin in Wisconsin with her loved ones. Mostly she loved spending time with her friends and family and was involved with them in bowling leagues, card clubs, ceramics, and water aerobics. This past year she was an avid volunteer at the Bagley senior center and food shelf.

She is survived by sons: Joel Jr., Patrick (Bonnie), Terry (Julie); daughter, Kathleen Conger (Chris), and stepdaughter, Kimberly Meyer (Dallas); nine grandchildren: Caitlin Albrecht (Joel), Michael Marsh (Noelle), Abby Langseth (Joel), Mason Lyons (Sarah), C.J. Conger (Jess), Luke Conger (Madalynn), Tim Conger (Melinda), Amy Herman (Kyle), and John Conger (Ally); 10 great-grandchildren: Brayden and Kirra Langseth; Abi and Lizzi Marsh; Ava, Julia and Cedar Conger; Wesley, Oakley and Charley Conger; Harper, Hudson and Hayden Conger; Garrett, Devon, Attikus, Aalyus, Aleatheus Lyons; and Maleena Curwick; sister, Francyne Kochevar Maki (Robert); dear friends: Diane Marsh and Lorraine Westerlund; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Joel Marsh; parents Frank and Mary Bradovich Kochevar, grandparents Jedo "Nicholas" and Martha "Baba" Bradovich and Ludwig and Johanna Kochevar; and sister Marlene Lindall (Arnie).

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

GARY HEGLAND



Gary Homer Hegland, 86, died at home during the early morning hours of Friday, November 15, 2024 surrounded by love and support of his wife, Jane.

He was born July 7, 1938 in Crosby to Evelyn Leona (Anderson) and Homer Winfield



Hegland. He grew up around Ironton and Serpent Lake, enjoying the Brainerd Lakes area outdoors, waterskiing, snowmobiling, fishing, and hunting. Gary graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School in 1956, where he played varsity basketball and baseball. Gary briefly attended the University of Minnesota Twin Cities studying engineering. He then transferred to North Dakota State University's (NDSU's) pharmacy school. While at NDSU, he played baseball and participated in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. After graduating from NDSU, he joined the United States Air Force 86th Medical Group stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany as a Lieutenant managing a mobile ambulance service. After his service, he moved to the Minnetonka and Wayzata area to work as a pharmacist. Later, he operated Range Rexall Drug in Crosby. Gary had two children, Lance and Michelin, with Lynn (Felten) Hegland. They enjoyed many trips to Florida, birthdays, and holidays with the Mahoney family. During the mid-1980's, he met Jane Sharp, who quickly became his best friend, adventure partner, strongest supporter, and loving wife. They spent

many wonderful years living between the beautifully rustic, modernly updated log home of the Old Crone Homestead on County Road 8 and their cabin deep in the Canadian woods. Gary was blessed to become part of the large, tight-knit, and fun-loving Sharp-Moon clan. Lance and Michelin were joined by siblings: Gordon, Dan, Joe, and Laurie. Gary reveled in the wild stories, hilarious jokes, and delicious meals shared during family gatherings. Gary loved fishing, hunting, and exploring the outdoors with his incredible wife along with the Heglund boys — Paul, Mike, and Tom — plus Robbie Callisto, among many others. He was also a private pilot and enjoyed flying a Cessna 172 Skyhawk with his friend and plane co-owner, Jim Skiem. After retiring, he enjoyed many road trips and vacations with his wife, Jane, Terry and Ila Martin, Harold and Dede Moon, Bud and Jean Sharp, and many others. When not exploring the outdoors, traveling, or visiting, he enjoyed reading and doing puzzles.

Gary is survived by his wife, Jane; children: Gordon (Beth) Sharp, Dan (Shelly) Sharp, Joe (Wanda) Sharp, Laurie (Lin) Giannonatti, Lance (girlfriend, Alyssa Kalmoe) Hegland, Michelin (Sergio) Tigre, and Jackson "Mouse" Hegland; plus nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law, Howard and Virginia (Valiquet) Moon; sister, Gayle Olson; brother-in-law, George Moon; brother-in-law Harry (Bud) Sharp; and sister-in-law Jean (Moon) Sharp.

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

BETTY MATÉ



Betty Jean (Delcorio) Maté, 87, of Aitkin died peacefully on Sunday, November 3, 2024.

A service celebrating Betty's life will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. in St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin with Father Michael Patullo officiating. Interment will be in St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery, Aitkin.

Born April 23, 1937 in Chicago, Illinois, to daughter of Elsie and Guy Delcorio. ooble date. They fell in love and later married at the Cook County Courthouse on March 29, 1958. The couple renewed their wedding vows at the Evangelical and Reformed Church and again at a Catholic church in Michigan City, Indiana. Betty and Ronald began their life together in Michigan Shores, Indiana, later moving to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and finally settling in Aitkin, Minnesota, where they raised their family. They were married for 56 years. Betty's life was filled with creativity and dedication. A graduate of Bowen High School in Chicago, she excelled in academics and the arts, ranking in the top 10 of her class. Her passion for art led her to study clothing pattern design at the Art Institute of Chicago, a pursuit she continued with the Aitkin Knit Wits machine-knitting group. Throughout her life, Betty found joy in painting, from early childhood to her involvement with artist communities in Michigan City and Calgary. She was a longtime member of the Calgary Artist League and later painted with local artists at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin. Known for her vibrant works in oil, acrylic, and mixed media, Betty was particularly drawn to creating clown-themed paintings. She also explored

ceramics, crafting one-of-a-kind pottery with her daughter, Audrey. A gifted musician, Betty played the clarinet and violin in high school and later taught accordion and guitar lessons while in Canada. She played guitar at St. James Church, performed with her children, and was a dedicated clarinetist in the Aitkin Community Band for many decades. She also played violin with the Great River Strings community orchestra in Aitkin, sharing her love of music with her community. Professionally, Betty was a co-owner and bookkeeper for Makit Drafting Service from the 1980s through the 2000s, working with her husband, Ronald. In the 1980's she also worked as a nurse's aide at Aicota Nursing Home in Aitkin.

Betty is survived by her children and their spouses: Audrey Markiewicz of Aitkin; Scott Maté of Aitkin; Teresa and Jim Kingsley of Baxter; Matthew and Jennifer Maté of Forest Lake; Nicole and Daniel Wilson of Pinon Hills, CA; nine grandchildren: Anthony Maté, Ashley Maté, Brian Kingsley, Joel Kingsley, Ethan Maté, Wyatt Maté, Jessica Wilson, Daniel Wilson, Nicholas Wilson and great-grandchild, Everly Kingsley and brother, Robert Delcorio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ronald Joseph Maté and brother, Guy Delcorio.

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

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

November

23rd - Crosby Fire Department Auxiliary's turkey bingo, raffle and bake sale, 6 p.m. at the Crosby Fire Hall. Hot dogs available.

25th - Turkey Bingo and Meat Raffle hosted by the Deerwood Fire Department at the Deerwood Auditorium, 23770 Forest Road in Deerwood, starting at 7 p.m. with 20 rounds of bingo and 10 rounds of meat raffle packages. Proceeds from the concessions will be donated to Grad Blast.

29th - Aitkin's Fish House Parade 1 p.m. in Aitkin. Before the parade visit with Santa for a photo opportunity at the Ripple Center from 10 a.m. - noon during the craft and bake sale.

30th - Lions 26 Club raffle tickets for sale with 26 chances to win cash prizes with the top prizes of \$500. Drawing starts at 7 p.m. at the Town Tavern in Ironton. For more info contact Mark Boike at 218-349-2234

December

6th - Tree Lighting Ceremony at Main Street Plaza in Crosby, starting at 5 p.m. with tree Lighting, hot chocolate and treats. Organized by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

7th - Aitkin County Historical Society Cookie Walk at the museum, 20 Pacific St. SW Aitkin, 9:00 a.m., going until sold out. Cookies are \$8.00 per dozen. Varieties of cookies will be pre-wrapped in 1, 2, 3, and 4 doz. packages. If you would like to pre-order cookies, call 218-927-3348 or email ACHS@aitkincohs.org. Pre-ordered cookies must be picked up by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the sale! Proceeds support the Historical Society.

7th - Bring your camera to the Fifty Lakes City Hall to visit with Santa, enjoy hot chocolate and treats, 3-5 p.m.

14th - Indoor Christmas Market at Deerwood Auditorium, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free cookie decorating for youth, coffee, hot chocolate, live music, children's Christmas karaoke, local vendors offering home-made and hand-crafted items. Visit with Santa 9-10 a.m.

Send your community events to hopper@crosbyironton.net

Sweeten your holiday season

The Aitkin County Historical Society is inviting all cookie lovers to indulge their sweet tooth while supporting a great cause at its popular Cookie Walk, happening Saturday, December 7, at the museum located at 20 Pacific St. SW, Aitkin.

Starting at 9:00 a.m., the Cookie Walk will feature an array of homemade holiday cookies available for purchase, with each dozen priced at just \$8.00. But hurry—cookies are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and the event lasts only until the cookies are gone!

Whether you're looking for a classic favorite or something new to add to your holiday spread, you're sure to find something to tempt your taste buds. The cookies will be pre-wrapped in convenient packages of 1, 2, 3, or 4 dozen, making it easy to pick up a sweet treat for yourself or to gift to someone special.

For those planning ahead, pre-orders are available to ensure you get the cookies you want before they sell out. To place an order, simply call 218-927-3348 or email ACHS@aitkincohs.org. Remember, pre-ordered cookies must be picked up by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the sale.

Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will go toward sup-

porting the Aitkin County Historical Society, helping fund its mission to preserve and share the rich history of the Aitkin area.

So, gather your holiday cheer and come out to the museum for a morning of cookies, community, and fun.

It's a sweet way to support local history and make your holiday season just a little bit brighter!

For more information or to pre-order cookies, contact the Historical Society at 218-927-3348 or email ACHS@aitkincohs.org.

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OBITUARIES

BETTY ALLEN



Betty L. Allen, 84, of McGregor, died peacefully with her family holding her hands on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at Golden Horizons Assisted Living in Aitkin.

A Celebration of her wonderful life will be held at noon on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at Minnesota National Golf Course near McGregor with a visitation beginning at 11 a.m.

She was born January 1, 1940 in Honolulu, HI, the daughter of Joseph and Bernice (Rodgers) Thompson. She moved to Hayward, CA where she met and married the love of her life. Dennie was in the Navy and they lived in many different places including Florida, Texas, West Virginia and finally in Minnesota. She was an excellent cook, (especially pies) and a waitress who was requested by many customers. She also worked as a cook at the McGregor School. She once served a large banquet for Danny Thomas and met "Lurch" from the Adams Family. She lived in California most of her life, but later, after the death of her husband, decided to

stay in Minnesota when she retired. Her faith and her family were the two most important things in her life. She was kind and giving to all she met.

Betty is survived by her daughters: Deb Swedberg (Duane), McGregor; Pam Annis (Dave), NC; Lisa Taylor, MA; Mike Allen (Janice), OK; and Dorain Dailey (Chris), FL; 12 grandchildren: Sara (Ryan) Zrust, Sam (Lindsay) and Steven (Wynnona) Swedberg; Dennie (April) and Nick (Jessica) Annis; Kristen (Mark) Finch; Rachel Taylor (Lisa); Julian, Josh and Amanda Allen (Mike); Ashley and Christopher Dailey (Dorain); 11 great-grandchildren: Kamryn, Kate, Jessa and Drew Zrust; Clyde Swedberg; Markie and Bella Finch; Maddox, Owen and Ava Annis; Grayson Allen and one on the way; sister, Delores; five brothers: Joe, Mark, Fred and Alan; many nieces and nephews; and special friends Sandy and Tom Nistler.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Dennie, her parents; brothers: Doug and Danny; and sister, Cathy.

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

RUTH TURNER



Ruth May Turner, 105, died on November 15, 2024 at Care Free Living in Brainerd. She was born on Saturday, November 9, 1919 in Minneapolis to Oscar and Didamina (Brown) Johnson.

Funeral Services will be 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 25, 2024 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Monday. Burial will be at the Lakewood

Cemetery in Crosby.

Ruth is survived by her son, David (Sharon) Turner of Grand Portage; two daughters, Patricia (Kenneth) Nichols and Delores (Greg) Stanich all of Ironton; eight grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Preceding Ruth in death are her parents; husband, Carl "Al" Turner; 12 siblings and one great-grandchild.

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

MARY LOU ROTH



Mary Lou (Erickson) Roth, 82, died on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at the Minnewauka Lutheran Home in Starbuck, MN.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday. Burial will be at the Pliny Cemetery in McGrath at a later date.

Mary Lou was born at home on the family farm near Finlayson, MN on February 18, 1942 to Enio and Sadie Erickson. She married David Roth on June 6, 1963. She and David lived a few years near the Twin Cities and Wausau, WI. Then settled near McGrath, MN where they raised Renee and David Jr. Then moved to Deerwood, MN. Mary Lou enjoyed being involved in her church, fishing and camping, visiting with neighbors at the coffee shop, and long

walks with her dog Cindy. She is fondly remembered by her grandchildren for her wonderful cooking, holiday meals, desserts and special handed down family recipes she would make for David. Cooking for her family was her love language. Mary Lou was proud of her Finnish heritage. She retold many stories from her childhood memories growing up in her Finnish home. She was a proud Finn that definitely didn't partake in small talk!

Mary Lou is survived by her daughter, Renee (Michael) Bjork; son, David Jr.; former daughter-in-law, Kerri Roth; sister-in-law, Irene Ripka; 12 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Preceding Mary Lou in death were her husband, David (Dec 8, 2021) grandson, Cody Roth; parents; brothers: Delbert, Earl, and Jerome; sister, Delores Oxford and her husband's parents, Sterling and Ruth Roth.

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

DARYL REZNY



Daryl Frank Rezny, 72, of Tamarack and formerly of Saint Paul, died Friday, November 15, 2024 at Aitkin Health Services.

A private committal service with full military honors will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at the Assembly area #6 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

He was born December 15, 1951 in Saint Paul the son of Frank and Nedra (Roatch) Rezny. He grew up in Saint Paul and graduated from Murray High School. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran, enlisting in 1969 and serving in the Vietnam War on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He was honorably discharged on July 10, 1973 and served in the Navy Reserves until 1975. Daryl was united in marriage to Nancy Jean (Turtle) on October 1, 1983 in Saint Paul. He worked as a fabricator and foreman for Viking Automatic Sprinkler Co. in Saint Paul for over 20 years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing video games, poker and Chess with his kids and cooking for his family.

Daryl is survived by his wife, Nancy; sons: Frank and Patrick; eight grandchildren; brothers: Doug and Barry and their families; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
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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 Shadrick, SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
Glory* — SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 a.m.; 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.ihmstemihs.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 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 KJIN 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.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.lchchurch.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 Lorelei 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 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 past the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org.

McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.

McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.

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