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Fishhouse Parade has tried and true and some things new



American Peat Technology's float featured a fire-breathing dragon in the Fishhouse Parade. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Just on the heels of making its appearance, Old Man Winter properly lorded over Aitkin's World Famous Fishhouse Parade the day after Thanksgiving.

The event is part parade, part being proud of being a northlander, with some

holiday festival vibe, soup and Santa Claus thrown into the mix.

Traditional events included visits with Santa and his elf, a craft fair and merchant deals. Also featured were a footrace, vintage snowmobile display, bonfire, Sip N Strole, Ice Hole Hop, Beer Poke, bake sale,



The Vulcans, from the St. Paul Winter Carnival, were the grand marshals of the parade.

historical society display, meat raffle, Christmas at Atwater GM, free soup at the Landing, soup by the Methodist Church and a parade raffle drawing.

Giddy laughter, lots of fur

hats, hunting clothes, warm boots and mittens and children retrieving bags of candy from the parade were highlights of the day.

Parade float winners were

Mille Lacs Energy for Most Creative; Rock the Float to Vitality Health Care and the Coolest Kids in Town to the Aitkin All Starz.

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Minnesota DNR seeks reports of bear dens for winter tracking study

Whether in rock cavities, fallen trees, brush piles, or even crawl spaces under decks, bears can make themselves at home in a variety of locations.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking hunters, hikers, and outdoor enthusiasts to report any occupied bear dens they encounter—particularly in the Brainerd and Duluth areas.

This call for citizen science is part of an ongoing research project led by the Minnesota DNR and the University of Minnesota Duluth. The goal is to collar more bears with GPS tracking devices this winter to gather crucial data on their movements, survival, and reproduction patterns.

“Getting a few bears collared in winter would really help these studies,” said Andrew Tri, Minnesota DNR bear project leader. “It would allow us to get a whole year of movement data, which we can’t do with bears that we catch and collar in mid-summer.”

The information gathered from these GPS collars will be used to study bear movement patterns, assess the age of first reproduction, and better understand how bears are utilizing both rural and urban environments. This data is critical for managing the state’s bear population, as it helps inform decisions about harvest quotas and wildlife conservation strategies.

“Bears can cause conflicts when they live near people, and collaring and tracking bears in the Duluth area will help us better understand how they are using the developed landscape,” said Michael Joyce, UMD wildlife ecologist. “Ultimately, we would like to use the information we gather to help reduce human-bear conflicts and promote coexistence.”

Bear research provides a better understanding of factors that cause populations to change, and in this way enables the Minnesota DNR and partners to better manage and conserve this species.

Bear encounters with humans have become a growing concern in parts of Minnesota, especially in areas with increased development near bear habitats. By tracking the movements of these animals, researchers hope to identify patterns that can inform strategies to keep bears and humans safely apart.

The Minnesota DNR has had a decades-long study on bears collared in the Chippewa National Forest and at Camp Ripley Training Center to assess survival, reproduction and movement.

Assessing the age of first reproduction is critical to keeping tabs on the bear population and effectively set harvest quotas.

If you happen upon a bear den, the DNR asks that you take note of the GPS coordinates and report the location to their bear research office in Grand Rapids at 218-328-8879 or 218-328-8874.

In addition to reporting den locations, the Minnesota DNR also encourages the public to use its online tool for reporting bear sightings. This tool is part of a broader effort to engage the public in bear conservation efforts across the state. More information about this tool, along with tips on living safely in bear country, can be found on the DNR’s website at mndnr.gov/bear.

READER RIBBETS

Programming the decline of America

After World War II a lot of things changed, people like the United Nations came on our shores. But the biggest failure of was on April 11, 1953 when the education system was taken over by the federal government. They promised states federal money, and standardized education. They did give the states federal money, but in turn we got an indoctrination.

How did this happen? Well, the federal government sold us on the idea for approximately two years with an elderly school teacher named Jane Morrow Spaulding, that we’d have a standardized education system. She lasted under two months, from the time the federal government took over and then Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller took over on June 1, 1953. He is quoted, as saying “I have the most important position in government. Give me just one generation, and I will change the minds, and there for the direction of the world.”

So how did he do this? Well, in reading class, we were sat on the floor in a circle, even though our parents bought nice chairs, and if anybody asked to sit on a chair, you were told no we do not do it that way. You were taught to obey commands, and the one child I know of that asked for a chair multiple times finally did get a chair but from that day forward, the teacher made fun of that child. Shamed that child, but the child said, at least I feel comfortable sitting on the chair. That’s right we were all taught peer pressure.

I watched them use peer pressure against my children and I hated it.

Finally, my wife pulled the child out of school and it was the best thing that ever happened. We should’ve never let our children go to public school. The really dumb thing is they tell you all this and yet you still send your children to public School.

Aitkin Schools sends out community education flyers ever so often, if you open it up it always says “youth programming” and “adult programming.” You program your computer to do what you want it to do, you to program your DVR to record when you want, so why would you ever program a child? Programming is not an education the children are just taught to obey using peer pressure.

You were taught: 1. Truth comes from authority. 2. Intelligence is the ability to remember and repeat. 3. An accurate memory and repetition is rewarded. 4. Non-compliance is punished. 5. To conform intellectually and socially. That seems to be fairly communist or Marxist, if you ask me.

The Pilgrims warned us of this, and they even built a national monument called the Matrix of Liberty, I suggest everybody watch it on YouTube, It’s a little over 17 minutes long, the pilgrims gave us a blueprint for a successful nation. Keep in mind it’s not the teachers fault they were taught the same things we were taught.

Doing the right thing is way harder than going along with the peer pressure, but it is also a sign of intelligence.

Brian Smith, Brainerd

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Zoey is excited to get a chance to speak with Santa.

Grayson isn't too sure about his first visit with Santa.

This Bosak Power Toboggan is an early iteration of a snowmobile. Many vintage snowmobiles were lined up in downtown Aitkin. There was a toasty bonfire and folks enjoyed visiting and reminiscing about snowmobiling in its earliest decades.

Milo, in the wagon, and Jesse Oman of Aitkin are close to the bonfire, enjoying activities in the street.

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OBITUARIES



MARVIN MILLER

Marvin Raymond Miller, 78, died on Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 6, 2024 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Aitkin with full military honors presented by the Myrin-James American Legion Post 443, Ironton. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.


Marvin was born November 19, 1946 in Crosby to Earl and Violet (Hartman) Miller. He Married Donna (DeCent) on November 4, 1967 in Crosby. They have been happily married for 57 years. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served faithfully in many different roles at church, but one his favorites was Youth Sunday School Teacher. He also helped to index historical records for the Family Search Website. He was drafted in the Army May 19, 1966 and did basic training in St. Louis Missouri. He served in Vietnam in the 12B20 Combat Engineer, and he was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Expert (Rifle), and National Defense Service Medal. He was transferred to Company D 16th Engineer Battalion 1st Armored Div. in Fort Hood, Texas and was sent to Chicago during the riots after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. He was honorably discharged on May 17, 1968. After his discharge from the Army he moved his little family back home to the Crosby area. Marvin got a job as a welder for Trail-A-Sled (which eventually changed to Scorpion). He worked in the old creamery building until they finished building the factory. He worked for Scorpion for years until the factory started laying

off workers. He then got a job pulling up trail rails in Northern Minnesota. Coldest job he ever had. Then he found employment at Cedarbrook Manor as boiler technician and maintenance man. He helped keep some of the unruly patients in line, so they would stop being mean to the nurses. Marvin eventually got a job at St. Joseph Hospital in Brainerd as Floor Care Maintenance Man and worked there for over 30 years until he retired. During Retirement Marvin discovered the love of making wooden toys. He donated some to programs that help children in need. Others became beloved toys of his grandchildren. His basement became his workshop and the walls are lined with his labor of love. Marvin had a deep love for the outdoors. He was always the happiest in the woods. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He especially loved ice fishing and was always ready to take anyone fishing who was wanting to go. He loved to play games with his kids and go on bike ride adventures. The boys would always challenge him to run races and get disappointed every time dad would win.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 57 years, Donna; sons: Donnie (Kim) Miller of Kimberly Township, and Earl (Carolyn) Miller of Concho, AZ; daughters: Mary Miller of Brainerd, Tammy (Aaron) Hagen of Aitkin, and Joanna (Tim) Odle of Irondale Township; daughter-in-law, LeAnn Miller of Ione; 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren (with number 12 and 13 on the way.)

Preceding Marvin in death are his parents, Earl (1984) and Violet (1987); son, Marvin "Robin" Miller (1993); brother, Errol Miller (1975); four sisters: Dolores Von Roble (2002), Earline Miller (1936), Marilyn Rocoe (2000), and Darla Kelly (2023); and one great-grandson Leif Nelsen (2019).

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



BARRY HITE

Barry Eugene Hite, 70, of Emily died on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at his home.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 13, 2024 at the Wesleyan Church in Emily. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Burial will be at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.


He was born on September 6, 1954 in Concordia, Kansas to Ellis and Donna (Bodley) Hite. Barry graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, Class of 1973. He married Roberta McCulloch in Emily on June 18, 1977. He was a retired Pastor for the Hilltop Chapel in Palisade with 20+ years of ministry. He was a former Jeweler in Brooklyn Center and Emily; a former coach for wheel chair

softball and basketball teams; former secretary/treasurer for the Courage Center Rolling Gophers, St. Paul Rolling Saints, and National Wheel Chair Softball Association; coached the Emily youth baseball and basketball teams, coached Crosby-Ironton baseball and basketball teams; was a member of the Minnesota Softball Association Hall of Fame. Barry was also an avid outdoorsman with a passion for deer hunting.

Barry is survived by his wife, Roberta; two sons: Joshua Hite of Fargo, ND, and Jason (Amy) Hite of Merrifield; mother, Donna Hite of Emily; brother, Bruce (Barbe) Hite of Emily; sisters: Brenda Wood of Emily, and Nancy Hite of Brainerd; and three grandchildren: Jacquelin, Quinn, and Rylie Hite.

Preceding Barry in death is his father, Ellis Hite.

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



THOMAS BROWNE

Thomas Richard Browne, 72, of Orono and Aitkin died suddenly on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at his lake home in Aitkin.

A celebration of his incredible life will be held at a later date.

He was born April 3, 1952 in Wadena, the son of William J. and Vera Ann (Kopp) Browne. He graduated from Winona-Cotter High School and then from Saint Mary's College in Winona. Thomas was united in marriage to Sheila Rae (Magnuson) on October 2, 1982 in Plymouth. Thomas and Sheila went on to raise their five children in their home in Orono. Thomas enjoyed spending every summer at their lake home in Aitkin (Shingwauk Village) where his time was spent boating and soaking up the sun by

the pool. He loved his faithful dog, Kobe, who never left his side. When he wasn't at the cabin he was spending his days golfing with his brother, Peter, or with his many friends.

Thomas is survived by his wife Sheila, his children: Wyatt (Deanna), Michael (Megan), Bryan (Carolina), and Carissa; three grandchildren: Ian, Nate, and Alice; brothers: William, Robert (Carol), and Peter; sisters: Patricia (Mike), and Margaret; many nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

Thomas was preceded in death by his beautiful daughters: Alexandra, and Angela; and brother, Timothy.

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

December

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@aitkincoh.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 - Jessie F. Hallett Holiday Open House, 10 a.m. - 2p.m. It will include refreshments, a craft table, games and puzzles. New this year is a Recycled Joy area. The library has received more than 100 holiday decor items, donated by the community. These items will be for sale to the public by donation. Some featured items will have minimum bids. The proceeds will add to the Jingle Books Fund which will be matched by a grant from the Hallett Trust

7th - Rutger's Christmas Market, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Santa will be there. Decorate cookies, make holiday crafts, explore local craft vendors at the winter retail shop located at Ruby's at Rutger's Resort on the Lake.

7th - The Cuyuna Fire Department Christmas Open House, noon - 3 p.m. at the Cuyuna Fire Hall located at 24849 Minnesota Avenue in Cuyuna. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there noon- 2 p.m. Lunch will be served and there will be door prizes, treats and photo opportunities. Everyone is welcome.

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.

14th- Creativity Kit Giveaway 10 a.m.- noon at Crossing Arts, 711 Laurel Street, Brainerd. Creativity Kits are free to the public. Kits are limited. First come, first served. For more information contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416, info@crossingarts.org.

14th - Come as you are for a joyous celebration of "The Prince of Peace" presented by the Garrison Alliance Church, 3 -4 p.m. There will be music, message, food, beverage, and dessert, starting at 1:30 p.m. Free will offering. Please RSVP by calling 218-838-0164. Located at 9475 Jefferson St., Garrison.

Send your community events to hopper@crosbyironton.net

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP ONLINE MEETING

The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 to discuss matters that may come before the board. The December 17 meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Contact Jane Jewett, clerk, at wilowsedge.janesfarm@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

Dated this 26th day of November, 2024

Jane Grimsbo Jewett
Clerk, Libby Township 2.65



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HAZELTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF 2025 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for township officers to be elected at the Hazelton Township Annual Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Filings will open December 31, 2024 and close at 5 p.m. on January 14, 2025. Filings must be made by contacting the Township Clerk, Kay Olson, at 218-678-3389 or email hazeltonclerk@gmail.com. The Hazelton Township Clerk will be available from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the last day, January 14, 2025 for filing as required by law.

Offices to be filled are:
1 Supervisor for a 3-year term
Treasurer for a 2-year term
Filing fee is \$2.00.

Dated this 3rd day of December 2024

KAY OLSON,
Clerk Hazelton Township 5.0

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PROBATE OF WILL NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Court File No. 18-PR-24-37 41
State of Minnesota
District Court
County of Crow Wing
Probate Division
Ninth Judicial District

Jeffrey Milo Shelstad, Decedent (Deceased person)

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedents will dated April 3, 2017 ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Brooks J. Shelstad whose address is 5501-10th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55417 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn.

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Dated October 22, 2024
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OBITUARIES

RODNEY SCHLOESSER



Rodney Schloesser, of Outing died on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, just two months shy of his 90th birthday.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 13, 2024 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Crosslake. Visitation will be one



hour prior at the church with a rosary at 10 a.m. Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Saint Mary's of Marystown Catholic Cemetery, Marystown, MN. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated: to USA Midwest Jesuits www.jesuitsmidwest.org; and to Hope Lodge www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging/hope-lodge/rochester-mn.html.

Rod was a man of profound faith who was active in Catholic parishes throughout his life, both in the Twin Cities and in the Brainerd Lakes region, as well as a retreat captain for 20 years at King's House in Buffalo, MN. He earned the rank of Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army while stationed at Ft. Carson, CO.

He was a proud union member of the Steamfitters Pipefitters Local 455 in St. Paul for over 30 years, a member of the Outing township board for 15 years, a volunteer fireman and first responder, and a DNR conservation volunteer for many years. In his spare time, he returned to his family farm roots, raising guinea hens and chickens, maintaining a small apple orchard for his honeybees, tapping his north woods trees for sap and making maple syrup for his friends. Rod will be remembered for his steadfast integrity and strong work ethic.

Rodney is survived by his sister, Doreen (Tom); sisters-in-law: Barbara and Deb; children: Fr. Steve, S.J., Kathy Davis, Ron (Kim); nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Rodney in death are his parents, John and Ida (Bauer); cherished wife, Patricia (Lenzmeier); son, Gary; brothers: Stan, Ken, Brother Gus, O.S.C., Terry, and Jack; sister, Jerry; brothers-in-law: Ray Pavlak and Keith Ford; sisters-in-law: Ethel, Mary, and Ina.

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

CHRISTOPHER SMITH



Christopher Paul "Chris" Smith, 57, of Outing died on Monday, November 25, 2024 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Outing Fire Hall.

He was born in Des Moines, Iowa on July 21, 1967 to Ricky and Janet (Riggins) Smith. Chris was the owner and operator of the Crooked Lakes Boat Works in Outing. He was a

retired fire fighter for the Outing Fire Department with 38 years of service.

Chris is survived by his son, Taylor Carstens of Outing; daughters: Abigail Smith of Outing and Dakota Carstens of Brainerd; two grandchildren; mother, Janet Smith of Outing; brother, Timothy (Lisa) Smith of Rogers and sister, Michelle (Joe) Switzer of Cromwell.

Preceding Chris in death is his father, Ricky Smith. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

DARRELL SCHNEIDER



Darrell Francis Schneider, 88, of Crosslake died on Monday, November 25, 2024, in Brainerd.

Visitation will be at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Mass of

Christian Burial will be at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Crosslake at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, preceded with reviewal at 11:00, and lunch immediately following Mass. Burial will be at Pinewood Cemetery in Crosslake.

He was born March 21, 1936, in Minneapolis. Darrell was an active member of Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, Crosslake and the Knights of Columbus. He was a graduate of De LaSalle High School and the University of Minnesota, earning a BS degree in Geological Engineering. He was a registered Professional Civil Engineer. He was the former owner and president of Consulting Engi-

neers Diversified in Maple Grove and City Engineer for many Minnesota municipalities. He was past President of MTC, on the Central Lake College Board of Directors, and the Mayor of the City of Crosslake, 2011 to 2014. He was a charter member of the Rotary, Brooklyn Park, MN, and president of Brainerd Rotary. Other memberships include the Lions Club, the Jaycees, MOLES, Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club and WAPOA. Darrell's family enjoyed his talent as a gifted and avid photographer. He had a passion for fishing and life at Crosslake.

Darrell is survived by his wife of 66 years, Colleen; four children: Darrell (Deb) Schneider Jr., Linda (Thomas) Cummings, Gregory (Jennifer) Schneider, and Bradley Schneider; two siblings: Marilyn (Wayne) Nelson, and Jack (Kathy) Schneider; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by parents Francis and Irene Schneider and brother Gary Schneider.

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KAREN LUTZKE



Karen Delores Lutzke 64, of Crosby died at her home on Thursday, November 15, 2024.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at the Myrin-James American Legion Post in Ironton from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Share a toast for Karen

at 4:30 p.m.

She was born in Coon Rapids on October 29, 1960 to Richard and Delores (Lahr) Van Heel. Karen was a longtime U.S. Postal Service Employee serving communities of Ironton, Crosby, Deerwood,

Little Falls, and Pine River of Minnesota.

Karen is survived by her husband, Mark Frazier; son, Sam (Danielle) Lutzke of Cottage Grove; daughters: Hanna (Jesse) Lutzke-Brill of Aitkin, Tina Frazier of Ironton, and Kara (Dustin) Ericson of Buffalo; seven grandchildren; brother, Scott (Shelly) Van Heel of Ham Lake; and sister, Barbie (Larry) Madson of St. Francis.

Preceding Karen in death are her parents and four siblings.

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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10:00; www.pointway.org
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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.
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Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45
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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
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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.ihmstemilsy.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
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Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family; 10:30 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
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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
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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
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McGregor — The Lighthouse Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
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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
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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

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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 followed by Sunday school at 10:00 am. 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 flicbrainerd.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

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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

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Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984

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Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Ironton 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/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 Hornstad; 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 Thursdays 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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