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Volunteer mountain bike crew keeps trails maintained

Coming soon spring hiatus — trails to be closed at Cuyuna Rec Area for mud season



Mountain bike crew volunteers keeping trails maintained in the CCSRA. Photos courtesy of Chuck Carlson

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Information from
Chuck Carlson

The Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area (CCSRA) now has 72 miles of trails that bring bikers and tourists to the Cuyuna Range.

The Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew is a group of dedicated volunteers who maintain those trails.

"Our main mission is that we help to maintain over 70 miles of natural surface mountain bike trails," said Chuck Carlson, a middle school teacher and volunteer who does communications for the group. "About 64 miles of the system is part

of the CCSRA with another eight miles on county and state land."

Volunteers are made up of local working folks with many business owners in the group.

He continued that the volunteer group has worked nights on Thursdays in the summer season. "We get together, move dirt, rebuild sections of the trail and things like that. We also have volunteers who go out on their own and trim branches, pick up sticks and branches from the trail and other small jobs."

He said in the past it was a challenge with only a few volunteers who had DNR

certification to use chainsaws on the trails. Now, nine are certified to use the power equipment. "If we have a big storm or wind event vol-

unteers go out on bikes and scout and report the damage to us. We then know where trees are down and volunteers go out and start cutting."

The wood is left to rot for habitat in non-accessible areas and in accessible areas, the DNR will issue firewood

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Republicans build for the future by streamlining permitting process

House File 8, authored by House Environment Committee Chairman, Rep. Josh Heintzeman (R-Nisswa), received its first committee hearing in the House Environment Committee on the afternoon of Feb. 13 as House Republicans take decisive action to streamline and improve the state’s permitting process. Reform is needed to address long-standing con-

cerns that permit delays and denials have led job creators to leave or refuse to expand operations in Minnesota. “Streamlining the permitting process does not need to be an either/or proposition, Minnesota can and should maintain our environmental and safety standards, while also giving job creators the certainty they need to invest in our state and its people,”

said Rep. Heintzeman. “For too long, Minnesota has lost out on hundreds of millions of dollars in private investment that would have provided good-paying jobs and helped revitalize communities across our state.” A recent report found that review times for air permits are 1.5 to 6 times longer than those in other states, costing the state up to \$910

million in annual economic output and as many as 3,400 full-time jobs. This further underscores the importance of these reforms in helping keep Minnesota competitive with neighboring states and fostering sustainable economic development. Last year, Democrats approved limited permitting reforms that were directed at the green energy industry to make it easier for utility providers to comply with burdensome and costly energy mandates.

“It was encouraging to see my Democrat colleagues recognize Minnesota’s burdensome permitting process is a roadblock for industries, small businesses and communities across our state. That said, major reform is needed statewide instead of special treatment for just the green energy industry,” said Heintzeman. “Minnesota employees and job creators deserve a permitting process that is efficient and easy to

follow not only for the green energy sector, but also for other important industries like mining, housing, construction, manufacturing, and more.”

House File 8 was referred to the Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee where it awaits its next hearing.

Republican Senator Justin Eichorn (R-Grand Rapids) echoed the effort. “We need to work together to get the wheels of industry moving in this state again,” Eichorn said.

“Minnesota has lost thousands of jobs to more competitive states and that shouldn’t happen—we have the best workforce in America. Permitting reform has been talked about for a long time, and this year we have one of the strongest coalitions I’ve seen thus far, so it’s time to get the ball rolling and the wheels turning.” House File 8 was referred to the Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee where it awaits its next hearing.

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Eichorn reported that reforms are needed across all industries in Minnesota. Democrats passed limited reforms in 2024 which focused solely on green energy projects to ease compliance with extreme, costly energy mandates further illustrating the need to make Minnesota’s regulatory environment more friendly.

In a press release Eichorn cited a Minnesota Chamber of Commerce report, between 2020-2022, Minnesota lost over \$6 billion in net expansion investments to other states, including over 4,500 jobs. Locally, Huber Engineered Wood announced in 2023 it would cancel its plans to build an oriented strand board (OSB) facility in Cohasset emphasizing the need to ease the burdensome regulatory process to expand economic growth in Minnesota.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

March

- 1st - Snow Bowl benefit for CI Special Olympics at the Town Tavern in Ironton. Two-person teams, \$30 entry fee per team. Sign-up by calling 218-546-5997 or stop in.
- 1st - WonderTrek Children’s Museum Phase 1 Outdoor Adventure exhibit debut and naming contest, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Northland Arboretum in Brainerd. The event is free for all ages. Dress ready to play in the snow.
- 1st - Cuyuna Range Ducks Unlimited Bingo at the Ironton American Legion. Doors open at 5 p.m. with the first game at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 for 10-games. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Prizes include cash, outdoor gear, guns and more. Register at mndu.org and search for Cuyuna Range DU Sportsman’s Bingo (Crosby). Click on the “tickets” tab.
- 3rd - Timothy Cochrane will discuss his book, “Making the Carry: The Lives of John and Tchi-Ki-Wis Linklater,” noon -1 p.m., at the Brainerd Library. No registration is required, and all are welcome. For more information, contact the library at 218- 829-5574 or visit the Friends of the Library’s Facebook® page at www.facebook.com/Friendsofthebrainerdpublibrary
- 3rd - Community Table Meal, every Monday doors open at 5 p.m. and meal served from 5:30 to 6p.m. in St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Social Hall, 617 Poplar Street, Crosby. For more information, contact: Tammy Ringhand at 218-838-0658, Jill Larsen at 218-851-1488 or Ann Silgen at 218-330-9610.
- 4th - Jig Saw Puzzle Showdown sponsored by the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library at the Cuyuna Brewing Company, starting at 6 p.m. Six teams of four people per team will race to complete the same 500-piece puzzle. Entry fee is \$20 per team, payable at the beginning of the event. Pre-registration is required. Sign-up at the Hallett Library by calling 218-546-8005.
- 5th - Women Leading the Way, speaker and panel on women leaders in rural Minnesota, 11 a.m., at Rutger’s Bay Lake Resort. Presented by American Peat Technology.
- 7th - St. Francis School fish fry fundraiser, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., at 411 North Tenth Street, Brainerd. Meal includes all-you-can-eat fried and baked fish, potatoes, vegetable, bread, beverage and dessert for \$15 per person ages 11 and older. Children 11 and under are \$8. A punch card is available for \$80 at check in. Carry-out is available.
- 10th - Community Table Meal, every Monday doors open at 5 p.m. and meal served from 5:30 to 6p.m. in St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Social Hall, 617 Poplar Street, Crosby. For more information, contact: Tammy Ringhand at 218-838-0658, Jill Larsen at 218-851-1488 or Ann Silgen at 218-330-9610.
- 12th - Crafts for Kids, 1 - 2 p.m., at Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby. All ages are welcome, no registration required.
- 14th - 7th - St. Francis School fish fry fundraiser, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., at 411 North Tenth Street, Brainerd. Meal includes all-you-can-eat fried and baked fish, potatoes, vegetable, bread, beverage and dessert for \$15 per person ages 11 and older. Children 11 and under are \$8. A punch card is available for \$80 at check in. Carry-out is available.
- 15th - Winter Indoor Farmers’ Market at Deerwood Auditorium, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. with hand-crafted items offered.
- 17th - Community Table Meal, every Monday doors open at 5 p.m. and meal served from 5:30 to 6p.m. in St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Social Hall, 617 Poplar Street, Crosby. For more information, contact: Tammy Ringhand at 218-838-0658, Jill Larsen at 218-851-1488 or Ann Silgen at 218-330-9610.
- 19th - Cascade United Methodist Church free supper, 5:30 p.m. brings families and neighbors together to enjoy a home-cooked meal. The supper is held the third Wednesday of each month. Call 218- 534-3507 for a reservation . Cascade is located between Deerwood and Crosby at 22781 Black Lake Road, Deerwood on Highway 6 and 210.
- 21st - St. Francis School fish fry fundraiser, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., at 411 North Tenth Street, Brainerd. Meal includes all-you-can-eat fried and baked fish, potatoes, vegetable, bread, beverage and dessert for \$15 per person ages 11 and older. Children 11 and under are \$8. A punch card is available for \$80 at check in. Carry-out is available.
- 21st & 22nd - Brainerd Lakes Home Show and Expo at the Essentia Health Sports Center in Brainerd. Show hours are noon - 7 p.m. on Friday, March 21 and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 22: Visit www.BrainerdLakesChamber.com for more information.
- 23rd - Redding’s Sports and Spirits Kids’ Ice Fishing Tournament, 10 a.m. to noon. on Mary Lake in Emily. Area youth ages 15 and under are welcome to participate in the tournament. A \$10 entry fee includes lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Emily Fire Department. All holes will be drilled and bait supplied by Redding’s.

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LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Feb. 22, Mar. 1 & 8, 2025)
LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT
The Libby Township Board of Audit will be held at the Palisade Community Center on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
Dated this 16th day of February 2025
JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT, Clerk Libby Township 2.1

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Feb. 22, Mar. 1 & 8, 2025)
LIBBY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Libby Township, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Palisade Community Center. The Annual Meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.
Dated this 16th day of February 2025
JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT, Clerk Libby Township 3.5

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, March 1 & 8, 2025)
KIMBERLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. on March 11, 2025 to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law and held at Glen/Kimberly Town Hall. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until March 18, 2025.
Please contact the clerk at 612-619-6742 or kimberly-clerk06@gmail.com for copies of reports or any questions.
Dated: February 15, 2025
MIA RAPOPORT, Kimberly Township Clerk 3.00

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, Feb. 22, March 1 & 8, 2025)
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE PINE NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting for the Township of Little Pine will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
In the case of inclement weather the meeting will instead be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
The meeting will be held at Emily City Hall 39811 State Highway 6, Emily, MN 56447
The meeting is also accessible via Zoom. Meeting ID: 780 450 6554 Password: 5644747
Dated: February 12, 2025
ABRA HAWLEY Little Pine Township Clerk 3.6

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, March 1 & 8, 2025)
WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE
Wealthwood Township Board regular meeting will be changed to Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. due to the Annual Meeting and Election at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.
Dated: February 11, 2025
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township 2.25

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, March 1 & 8, 2025)
WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given to the voters of Wealthwood Township.
The annual election of Wealthwood Township will be held at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, to elect one Supervisor for a three (3) year term, and one clerk/ treasurer for a 2 year term. The polls will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The annual meeting will convene at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.
In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 18, 2025.
Dated: February 11, 2025
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township 4.2

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Feb. 22 & March 1, 2025)
HAZELTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF 2025 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Hazelton Township, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota that the Hazelton Township Annual Election of Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at the Hazelton Townhall
The Election Poll hours will be from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which time voters will elect:
1 Supervisor - 3 year term
1 Treasurer - 2 year term
The Annual Meeting will commence at approximately 8:15 p.m., following the close of polls, to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.
In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March: March 18, 2025, at the same time and location.
The Board of Canvass will meet following the Annual Meeting to certify the official election results.
Dated this 12th day of February 2025
KAY OLSON, Clerk Hazelton Township 5.8

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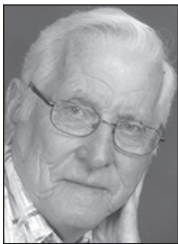
OBITUARIES

HERBERT PESKE

Herbert Layton “Herb” Peske, 83, of Ironton died on February 18, 2025 at his home. A service is being planned for March 21, 2025. A

full obit will follow. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

DONALD KEHL



Donald Vincent Kehl, 92, of Crosby died on February 18, 2025 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A Memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2025 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby with full military honors presented by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Burial will be at the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Nordland Township.

He was born in Aitkin on September 21, 1932

to Grant and Helen (Borg) Kehl. Don was a retired employee of Potlatch in Brainerd with 34 years of service. He was U.S Air Force veteran. Don was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby and the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557 of Deerwood.

Survivors include his son, Thomas Kehl of Aitkin; sister, Shirley Davies of Aitkin; two grandchildren, Anthony Kehl of Barnesville and Chassidy Kehl of Brainerd; and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding Don in death are his parents; wife, JoAnn in 2018; son, Scott Kehl; sister, Eleanor Johnson and two brothers, Robert and Willard Kehl. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

JEAN KRUCKOW



Jean Marie Kruckow, 87, passed away on February 20, 2025, in Pine River, MN.

Services will be held at noon on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the Backus Church of the Nazarene with a visitation the hour prior to the service.

She was born on January 22, 1938, to Henry and Glorene (Glover) Kramp in Gail Lake Township. Jean started her adult career as a waitress at Torske's in Pine River, then at the Pine River Creamery, and finally she worked for 22 years as a secretary at Cenex Gas in Pine River. Jean married Lyle Kruckow on May 27, 1955.

Jean enjoyed spending time with family, going on road trips, playing cards and poker parties at her daughter's house with her grandchildren, doing jigsaw puzzles, and embroidery.

Jean is survived by her daughters, Cathy (John) Araco and Terry (Robert) Tima; three grandchildren: Jamie Romness, Jennifer (Troy) Johnson, and Samantha (Tom Garner) Tima; great-granddaughter, Sophia Johnson; siblings, Donald Kramp, Joan (Clyde) DeBolt, Henry (Bev) Kramp Jr., and Julia (Tony) Keen; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lyle; granddaughter, Heather Tima; and siblings, Richard Kramp and Judy (Carl) Jepperson.

RICHARD COCCIE



Richard James “Rick” Coccie, 64, of Deerwood died unexpectedly on February 7, 2025.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2025 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion #557, Deerwood.

He was born on August 1, 1960 in Grand Rapids to Richard and Elfriede (Rendle) Coccie. Rick was united in marriage to Deanna Bordwell on May 1,

2016 in Crosby. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel with the U.S. Air Force with 24 years of service. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Crosby and the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557 of Deerwood.

Rick is survived by his wife, Deanna; son, Travis (Ashlee) Enloe of Kingman, AZ; two daughters, Leanne (Ree) Estes of Ellensburg, WA and Alena (Eli) DeBerry of Monroe, WA; stepmother, Susan J. Coccie of Floodwood, MN; brother, Charles Coccie of Cloquet; sister, Susan Ostern of Duluth; nephew, Patrick Passeri of Duluth; and nine grandchildren.

Preceding Rick in death are his parents. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

KEVIN HUMMEL



Kevin Hummel, 68, passed away on February 18, 2025, in Crosslake.

Mass of Christian burial was held on February 21, 2025, at St. Christopher's Church in Nisswa.

He was born on December 25, 1957, to James and Edith (Hanus) Hummel in Minneapolis. Kevin attended Elk River High School where he met and married Jean Adam on February 14, 1976, at the St. Pius X Church in Zimmerman. They would go on to move to the Brainerd lakes area in 1986, where they could enjoy nature, boating, and being on the lake. Kevin was able to travel the world through his various jobs in sales, his favorite destinations being Europe and Saint Martin. He loved racing Formula One, “real racing”. He was a foodie, enjoyed trying new regional foods and pairing wine, but always enjoyed

a good steak with a scotch and a cigar. He never wanted to miss the Annual Family Smoketober Fest. Kevin enjoyed blues music and he and Jean would attend the Blues Fest in Duluth every year. He was also very disciplined in fitness and would walk every day, regardless of the weather. Kevin's family and his Catholic faith were the most important things in his life, “God, wife, kids, and everything else falls into place” was how he stated his priorities. Family time was very important to Kevin and his “cousin dinners” were a highlight.

Kevin is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jean; children: Angela Hummel, Nicholas (Amy) Hummel, Natasha (Joshua) Deneau, Marc Hummel (and his sweet pet, Rambo); seven grandchildren: Ethan, Collin, Sophia, Zoey, Violet, Eloise, and Fitzpatrick; sister, Lisa (Paul) Poirier; brother, Keith (Linda) Hummel; and many cousins, nieces, nephews.

Kevin was preceded in death by 3 unborn children, 2 unborn grandchildren, and his parents.

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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; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
Palisade — Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST
Aitkin - Northwoods Community Church, Pastor William Verbeke, Worship 10:30, northwoodscommunitychurch.org
Baxter - Eagle Brook Church , Worship 9 & 11, www.eaglebrookchurch.com/locations/brainerd-lakes/
Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Stephens, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 11
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor Jon Thorson; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study Wed. 7 pm
Deerwood* — Jeff Shadrick, SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
Glory* — SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 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.ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8; Confessions Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10

COMMUNITY
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun. 10, 218-927-6959
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10, SS 9; 16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.
McGregor — The Lighthouse Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
Palisade —Hilltop Chapel (Waukenabo Twp)*- service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; 49448 Osprey Avenue, Palisade.
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

EPISCOPAL
Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9
Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Rev. Joyce A. Rush. In-person worship service at 10 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 Konnect 6:30 pm
Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
Aitkin — First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 99am (9am service also available via livestream on YouTube — First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am- 4pm.
Aitkin (Cedarbrook) — St. John's (ELCA) Pastor Sarah Stadler, 602-318-6876, 27452 St. John's Church Road, Aitkin. Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am 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
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) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:15; 10:30 fellowship
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 • 35960 CR 66, Through Mid-May: Sunday at 9:30am & Wednesday at 6:15pm. Weekly Free Community Meal - Wednesdays at 5:15pm - All are welcome!
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.
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Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Rev. James Muske: Sun. Worship 9am. Fellowship following Service. Communion every Sunday.
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGregor — 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
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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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Rossburg — Bethesda Lutheran (LCMC Congregations in Mission for Christ) 11:30 service. Communion 1st & 3rd

Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
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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 Irontdale Town Hall", Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake - Pastor Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9; Fellowship 11, 14444 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org.
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED
Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor Josh Jeresek; Worship Sat. 9:30, Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933; 830 Minnesota Ave S
Brainerd — Pastor Josh Jeresek; Worship Sat. 11:10, Bible Study 10; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St, Brainerd. Sunday worship at 10. Pastor; Leslie Moughty. Handicapped accessible. www.uccbrainerdmn.org

UNITED METHODIST
Aitkin* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live.
Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Youtube live streaming 10 am with fellowship to follow. Cascade Ladies meet on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Come & Eat Community dinner on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Please call the office to sign up. 218-534-3507.
Cutler* (South Aitkin County) — Pine Lake Chapel, Pastor Gary Taylor; Worship Sunday 1 p.m. Fellowship follows.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9
Emily* — Pastor Gary Taylor; Sunday Worship with Facebook live streaming 8:30 with fellowship to follow. UWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Men's prayer breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month at 8. Bible Study 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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IRRRB awards \$504,000 in grants

The Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) has awarded a total of \$504,000 in Culture and Tourism grants to 25 deserving projects across the region. These grants, part of the agency's annual investment of approximately \$600,000, are designed to support initiatives that enhance arts, culture, history, tourism, and recreational activities, all while enriching the quality of life for residents and attracting visitors to the area.

"These projects represent continuous improvements being made to the communities and amenities throughout the Taconite Assistance Area," said IRRRB Commissioner Ida Rukavina. "The Culture and Tourism grants, like all of our agency's grants, are funded from the Taconite Production Tax generated by the local mining industry. The investments made from that

tax enrich the economy and quality of life for all of us who live and work here."

Among the recipients of this round of funding are several notable projects aimed at enhancing local cultural and recreational spaces:

• **Aitkin County Friends of the Arts** received \$30,000 to enhance The Terrace, an outdoor downtown performance venue. Improvements will include the addition of shade sails, benches, a performer's green room, an ADA-compliant restroom, table umbrellas, and AV equipment.

• **Crow Wing County Land Services, Crosby** was awarded \$30,000 to further develop Milford Mine Memorial Park. The funds will support the construction of pavilions, benches, tables, signage, interpretive displays, and brochures for visitors.

• **The Judy Garland Museum, Grand Rapids** received \$14,000 to rebrand an existing children's exhibit with a "Wizard of Oz" movie theme. This rebranding will include the addition of a yellow brick road and an interactive scarecrow think tank wall, designed to engage young minds and bring the magic of the iconic film to life.

These projects reflect an effort to improve community amenities, celebrate regional heritage, and offer new experiences for both residents and visitors. The grants continue to make a tangible impact on the vitality of the region.

The next Culture and Tourism grant cycle will open in July 2025. Cities, townships, nonprofits, Tribal governments, and other governmental entities located within the Taconite Assistance Area are encouraged to apply for funding to support their own community-enhancing projects.

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