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## Aitkin monarch lady and family take trip of a lifetime part 2



Retired Aitkin elementary instructor, Sue Kanz with her two daughters, Kelly and Amy, and her daughter-in-law, Betsy journeyed to Mexico in February to witness monarch sanctuaries. Photos by James Binder of Monarch Odyssey Aitkin.

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By ANN SCHWARTZ

Before most of the birds fly south, the orange and black monarch butterflies have left Minnesota for Mexico. Most of us don't notice when they leave and don't think about where they spend the winters.

Enter Sue Kanz, a retired Aitkin elementary instructor. She is passionate about monarchs, has studied them for about 25 years, increases monarch habitat and teaches about monarchs to children in Rippleside Elementary in

kindergartens and a home life of wrangling animals.

"I was really impressed to see mom's passion in person," Kelly said of the trip. The women learned a lot, bonded with one another and were refreshed.

The highlight (of a tour with James Binder, who operates Monarch Odyssey) was going up deep up in the mountains in two different protected sanctuaries. There, they saw butterflies roost and fly and kaleidoscopes of hundreds of thousands flying (yes, monarchs roosting in trees are called a roost. When they fly together it is a kaleidoscope of monarchs.)

The group was limited to 10 travelers and Sue was delighted to see that everyone had a huge interest in monarch butterflies and wanted to learn more about them.

In addition, they stayed in small hotels, ate locally made food, rented horses and bought souvenirs from the locals in the Mexican province who now can benefit financially from the eco-tourism.

"50 years ago, they wouldn't reveal where the monarchs wintered," she shared. Now, a partnership is built among the local Mexi-

cans and monarch hobbyists worldwide.

On the last day, tears flowed down Sue's cheeks as thousands and thousands of monarchs flew around them and landed on them. "It had been cool in the mountains, but the last day was in the 60s. The sun was out and bounced off the monarchs as they flew around us,"

### Monarch facts

While in Mexico, the butterflies mate. Females mate once and the males numerous times. Then, the pregnant female makes her way to Texas or another warm, southern, state and lays eggs. This group of young ones fly as far as Missouri or Iowa, and lay eggs. That third generation,

starting in Mexico, is the one that flies to Minnesota and Canada and we see them in May and June.

Monarchs' underside is silver and that is what you often see when they are roosting.

### Homeowners interested in monarchs

Sue said that you can learn how to increase monarch habitat on their property and more about the butterflies through local programs. Log into [bwsr.state.mn.us](http://bwsr.state.mn.us) to find out more about creating habitat for pollinators such as monarchs. You also may be eligible for a grant.

You can also learn more about monarch butterflies by taking online classes through [monarchjointventure.org](http://monarchjointventure.org).



Thousands of monarch butterflies roost together in Mexico making fluttery golden wreaths.

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# ZIPS Car Wash hosts free wash day in Baxter to say thank you after fire



Workers assessed and repaired damage from the fire, which was contained thanks to a quick-thinking citizen who called 911 and the swift action of local first responders, after the fire started due to a heater issue.

ZIPS Car Wash is giving back to the Baxter community on Saturday, March 8, with a special Free Wash Day, inviting residents to enjoy a complimentary car wash from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at both of their local locations. This generous event comes as a heartfelt thank-you to the community for their support in the aftermath of a fire that caused significant damage to ZIPS' Universal Drive location in December 2024.

In a display of gratitude, customers can receive a Free

Basic Car Wash by entering the code 2810 at either of the Baxter locations—7560 Universal Drive or 7361 Glory Road. To make the experience even better, complimentary vacuums, spray cleaner, and towels will be available to help customers get their cars sparkling clean.

Kyle Payne, ZIPS' District Manager for Baxter, said, "We were able to complete all necessary repairs and updates by the end of January, and we've been eagerly waiting for the weather to warm up to offer this special community day. We owe a huge thanks to the good Samaritan who called 9-1-1 the night the fire broke out after our store had closed, as well as the local first responders who worked quickly to contain and extinguish the fire. This event is our way of saying thank you to everyone who supported us

through that difficult time." In addition to the free car washes, ZIPS will be extending gratitude to the local firefighters with car wash gift cards, while event-goers can also take home free air fresheners and keychains (while supplies last). These complimentary items will

we've worked diligently to reopen our Universal Drive location and make it even better than before," said Rebecca Latacz, Chief Marketing Officer of ZIPS Car Wash. "We are incredibly proud to serve the Baxter area and can't wait to show our gratitude on March 8th."

## About ZIPS Car Wash

ZIPS Car Wash, headquartered in Plano, Texas, operates over 260 locations across 23 states under the ZIPS Car Wash, Rocket Express Car Wash, and Jet Brite Car Wash brands. With two decades of experience in the car wash industry, ZIPS is known for delivering the highest-quality express tunnel car washes, combining advanced technology with exceptional customer service. ZIPS also provides



After lots of hard work from local vendors, the tunnel exit, where the fire occurred, is fully repaired, including a new exit door. ZIPS Car Wash is ready for you to enjoy a free car wash on Saturday, March 8 at either of its Baxter locations.

be available at both Baxter locations, encouraging customers to experience the fully restored facility.

"We truly appreciate the patience of our loyal customers, especially our ZIPS Unlimited Members, as

value through loyalty rewards via its mobile app and positively impacts communities through partnerships with schools, military non-profits, and local organizations. For more information, visit [www.zipscarwash.com](http://www.zipscarwash.com).

# Minnesota House Democrats vote down Preserving Girls' Sports Act

On Monday, March 3 Minnesota House legislators convened to vote on the Republican-led Preserving Girls' Sports Act, aimed at ensuring the safety and fairness of young girls' athletics. The bill sought to restrict participation in girls' sports to biological females, addressing concerns over competitive fairness, safety, and

opportunity. House Democrats voted unanimously against the bill, allowing biological males to compete in girls' athletic programs. Representative Ben Davis (R-Merrifield) argues that this decision reflects a fundamental lack of respect for female athletes and the years of progress made by women who have fought for

fair and equal competition. "Watching all 66 Democrats vote against the safety and athletic opportunities of young girls was disheartening," said Davis. "Biological differences matter. Title IX was designed to provide equal opportunities for female athletes, and allowing males to compete against

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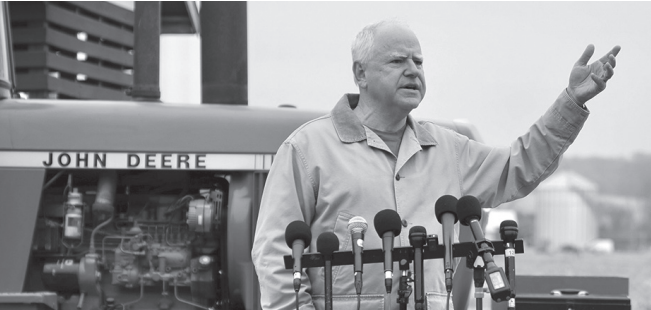
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# Governor Walz concern over tariffs



On March 4, Governor Tim Walz visited a corn and soybean farm in Cannon Falls to express his concerns about the negative impact of President Trump's tariffs on Minnesota's farmers. The new tariffs, which took effect on Tuesday, may limit Minnesota agricultural exports and increase the cost of critical inputs such as fertilizer and fuel.

The tariffs, imposed on goods from Canada and Mexico, could disrupt Minnesota's agricultural trade, as both countries are among the state's top three agricultural export markets. In 2024, Minnesota exported over \$1 billion in food and agricultural products to both

countries—\$1.094 billion to Mexico and \$1.083 billion to Canada.

"These tariffs will hurt our farmers, point blank," Governor Walz stated during the visit. "In the last month, President Trump has made it abundantly clear that he does not care about the farmers who feed, fuel, and grow our country. As Governor, I will work to ensure Minnesota continues to be a valued trading partner, and we will continue to stand up and fight for the people who feed our families and drive our economy."

Agriculture plays a vital role in Minnesota's economy, employing hundreds of thousands of residents and

generating over \$100 billion annually. The newly imposed tariffs on Canada and Mexico, along with an additional 10 percent tariff on Chinese goods, further complicate agricultural market.

In addition to the tariffs on Canada and Mexico, President Trump has increased tariffs on Chinese imports, bringing the cumulative tariff rate on Chinese goods to 20 percent. China has been a major buyer of U.S. soybeans, purchasing \$12.8 billion worth in 2024. However, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recently revised its FY 2025 export forecast for China, cutting it by \$1.3 billion from earlier projections. This reduction is largely due to decreased demand for U.S. soybeans, corn, sorghum, and cotton.

Agriculture is an essential part of Minnesota's economy, employing hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans and generating over \$100 billion dollars annually.

# Woman guilty in \$250 million Feeding Our Future fraud scheme

A Minneapolis woman has pleaded guilty for her role in the \$250 million fraud scheme that exploited a federally funded child nutrition program during the COVID-19 pandemic, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Lisa D. Kirkpatrick.

According to court documents, Najmo M. Ahmed, 35, helped her husband Said Ereg run a small storefront grocery store in Minneapolis called Evergreen Grocery and Deli. In April 2020, Ereg enrolled Evergreen Grocery and Deli in the Federal Child Nutrition Program as a food distribution site under the sponsorship of Feeding Our Future. Under the direction of her husband, Ahmed signed falsified meal count sheets, including one dated December 31, 2020, claiming Evergreen Grocery and

Deli served 3,250 children – twice a day – during the week of January 24, 2021. Between April 2020 and April 2021, Evergreen Grocery and Deli claimed to have served over 1.4 million meals to children.

According to court documents, Evergreen Grocery and Deli received over \$4.2 million in payments from Feeding Our Future based on fraudulent claims. Ereg transferred funds from Evergreen's business accounts into personal accounts in his name and Ahmed's name, and Ahmed knew that the large sums of money her husband deposited into her account were proceeds from illegal activity. Ahmed transferred at least \$1,147,348 in funding from her personal bank accounts to foreign textile and trading companies such as Shaoxing Aifan Textile Co. She also used

the money to fund her lavish lifestyle and made purchases from Burberry, Louis Vuitton, and Canada Goose. Ltd. In total, Ahmed laundered \$1,381,048 in Federal Child Nutrition Program funds through her personal bank accounts.

Ahmed pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court before Judge Nancy E. Brasel. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

The case is the result of an investigation by the FBI, IRS – Criminal Investigations, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Harry M. Jacobs, Joseph H. Thompson, Matthew S. Ebert, and Daniel W. Bobier are prosecuting the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Baune is handling the seizure and forfeiture of assets.

# Voice your concerns and opinions at Township Day on Tuesday, March 11

Minnesota's 1,776 townships will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Known as Township Day, these annual meetings are held every year on the second Tuesday in March and sets townships apart from other forms of local government. At this meeting, residents of the townships will meet to voice their opinions about local issues with other township residents and also vote directly on their annual tax levy -- direct democracy

in action. Citizens attending annual meetings also often discuss and vote on other local issues.

In addition, many of the state's townships will hold their township officer elections on Tuesday's Township Day.

"Township Day 2025 will put grassroots democracy on display. We encourage all residents to show up, express themselves, and weigh in on topics like their tax levy and local elections," said

Minnesota Association of Townships Executive Director Jeff Krueger.

"If you live in a township, please participate in your township's annual meeting on Tuesday, March 11. You can find the location and time by checking the published notice in the local newspaper, township website, or by contacting the township clerk," continued Krueger.

"Townships today include over 900,000 Minnesota residents, and we represent

an extraordinary form of local government. Township Day annual meetings are your chance to participate in grassroots government," concluded Krueger.

Information on Minnesota's townships: There are approximately 918,256 township residents in 1,776 townships in Minnesota. Townships exist in every area of the state, including the metropolitan area. Some, with populations of more than 1,000, function in much the same way as

a small city. While many townships remain rural agricultural centers, other host a variety of residential, light commercial, and industrial development.

The tradition of Township Day: The tradition of a town meeting has roots in colonial America. New England town meetings gave citizens a way to exercise local authority. Those meetings were especially important in the development of democracy because it emphasized prob-

lem-solving through group efforts.

Background on townships: Townships were the original form of local government in Minnesota, established in the 1800s when Congress ordered a survey that divided the Minnesota territory into 36 square mile tracts of land. Today, the term "township" generally refers to public corporations governed by a local board of supervisors and created to provide services to residents.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- March**
- 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 - St. Urho's Day Pancake Breakfast 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Jacobson Community Center. All-you-can-eat breakfast features pancakes and sausages with coffee, orange juice and grapes. Takeout available text or call 612-280-5125.
  - 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](http://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.
  - 24th - 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.

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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](mailto:kimberly-clerk06@gmail.com) for copies of reports or any questions.

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# OBITUARIES

## CHUB KLEIN



Chub Klein, 95, of Brainerd, died on February 25, 2025 at his home surrounded by his children.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at St Andrew's Catholic Church. Interment was at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Chub was born April 30, 1929, in Eckelson, North Dakota to Herman and Ethel (Hass) Klein. As a young child the family moved to a farm in South Brainerd. After graduating from the Brainerd High



School in 1947, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He proudly served in the Korean War from 1948-1952. After returning to Brainerd, he married Lorna Kleinschmidt in 1953. He worked for 31 years at Burlington Northern Railroad until his retirement in 1984.

He is survived by his children: Cheryl (Clyde) Wilson, Mike (Heidi) Klein, Jeff (Wendy) Klein, and Angie (Dave) Farrand; 10 grandchildren; nine-great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and sister Lorraine Fait.

He is preceded in death by children: Tom and Linda Klein; parents; brother, Al; and sister, Leila.

Loretta Mae DeBord, 88, of Crosby died on February 26, 2025 at the Heartwood Care Center in Crosby.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Monday.

She was born on October 5, 1936 in Eau Claire, WI to Marshall and Laura (Barrett) Howe. She was united in marriage to Clifford DeBord Sr. on December 1, 1962 in Rapid City, SD.

## LORETTA DEBORD

Loretta is survived by her son, Clifford DeBord Jr. of Hackensack; three daughters: Dorothy Roberts of Brainerd, Laurisa (Rob) Grossman of Fargo, ND and Virginia (Ryan) Blumsted of Pequot Lake; sister, Rebecca Rouse of Ruthven, IA; 16 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding Loretta in death are her parents; husband, Clifford DeBord, Sr. in 2000; three sons: Anthony DeBord, Walter DeBord and Steven DeBord and several brothers and sisters.

## VICKIE KYAR



Vickie Lynn (Brage) Kyar, 67, died on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Essentia Health – St. Joseph's Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2025, at First Lutheran Church in Brainerd. Family and friends are invited to gather from 10-11 a.m. for the visitation.

Vickie was born on November 3, 1957 to Russell and Marjorie (Davidson) Brage in Grand Forks, ND, where she attended school. In 1981, she met the love of her life, Wes Kyar. They would spend the next 44 years together. In 1990 they moved to Brainerd. Over the years she worked at Cragun's Resort, Walmart,

and did home care. Her co-workers nicknamed her the "energizer bunny". Vickie was always the life of the party. She could make anybody laugh. She loved fishing, car shows, outdoor music festivals and road trips. At home, she loved taking care of her flowers and working around the house. Her favorite though was keeping the vehicles clean and detailed.

Vickie is survived by the love of her life, Wes Kyar; brothers, Larry Brage of Stevens Point, WI and Todd (Kathy) Brage of Walker; sister, Sherri (Mark) Hart in Grand Forks, ND; brother-in-law, Rod (Maggie) Kyar of Barnesville; sister-in-law, Sharon (Ray) Welliver of Brainerd; many aunts and uncles; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents Russell and Marjorie Brage; and her sister-in-law, Jackie Brage.

## MARY MCHALE



Mary Louise McHale, 77, of Brainerd died on February 7, 2025 at Woodland Good Samaritan Nursing Home.

Please join in celebrating Mary's life by sharing stories and refreshments on Friday, March 14, 2025 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the 100 Chapel of Woodland Good Samaritan Nursing Home.

Mary was born on June 28, 1947 in Austin, MN to Donald F. and Virginia L. McHale. She grew up in Hastings and moved to the Brainerd Lakes area in 1971. Mary worked various jobs where she enjoyed

making friends and earning money to go shopping and out to eat. She never wanted to miss an event or holiday, especially if it involved food and friends and enjoyed watching cartoons and NCIS, beading necklaces, coloring pictures and collecting photos of friends & their pets.

Mary is survived by her brother, Michael McHale of Hastings; step-siblings: John, Diane and Russ (Meg) Nygren and Juanita (Terry) Wallin; cousins; step-family members and her special friend, Creig.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Fred and Gertrude Anderson and Francis and Helen McHale; parents; brother, John; step-mother, Jane; uncle, Richard and aunt, Delores Anderson.

## ROY ABBOTT

Roy "Rob" Abbott, 67, of Ironton died on January 15, 2025 at Carefree Living in Brainerd.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 11, 2025 at the Myrin-James American Legion Post in Ironton from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Military honors will be presented at 3:30 p.m.

He was born in Crosby on March 11, 1957 to Roy and Vivian Abbott.

Rob is survived by his wife, Kristi Abbott; son, Justin (Kelsie) Abbott; daughter, Trisha Abbott; and four grandchildren L. Dylan, Alyssa, Braydon and Elijah Abbott; and sisters: Penny (Louie) Valiquet and Jane "Bubbles" Manske.

Preceding Rob in death are his parents; and sister LaVonne McCalvy.

Arrangements are with oop Funeral Home in Crosby.



Bruce Harrier, 79, of Lake-shore, died on March 1, 2025.

Bruce was born on February 6, 1946, to Russel and Lottie (Boessenroth) Harrier in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Linda Steele on September 11, 1976.

Bruce spent many years on

Bass Lake at the family cabin. In 2007, Bruce and Linda built their dream home. Bruce loved the outdoors, whether he was fishing (mostly at the end of Gunflint Trail), or just being out on the boat on the Gull Lake Chain. He enjoyed watching football, baseball and hockey. Above all else, he loved spending time with his wife and friends.

Bruce is survived by his wife. He is preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Lisa Harrier.

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**ALLIANCE**  
Aitkin\* — New Life Church of the CM&A; Worship 10:15 am; Services on Sunday at 10:15am and 6pm; 11-1st Street SW; newlifeaitkin.com 218-927-2823.  
Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org  
Garrison\* — Worship 10:30am  
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Aitkin — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.  
Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, iamheritage.org  
Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30  
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45  
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662  
Palisade — Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

**BAPTIST**  
Aitkin - Northwoods Community Church, Pastor William Verbeke, Worship 10:30, northwoodscommunitychurch.org  
Baxter - 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.ihmstemiys.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  
Malmö — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15  
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

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

**LUTHERAN**  
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.  
Aitkin — First\* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton; worship Sun. 99am (9am service also available via livestream on YouTube — First Lutheran Church, Aitkin and broadcast on KGIN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am- 4pm.  
Aitkin (Cedarbrook) — St. John's (ELCA) Pastor Sarah Stadler, 602-318-6876, 27452 St. John's Church Road, Aitkin. Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am 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.goodshepherdfree.lutheran.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.  
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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), Worship 9:15  
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 9; Fellowship follows; SS 10:30; Adult Bible 10:30.  
Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.  
Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)  
Malmö — Bethesda (ELCA) Rev. James Muske: Sun. Worship 9am. Fellowship following Service. Communion every Sunday.  
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.  
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Worship 9; SS 9.  
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (LCMC), Pastor Lorelie Robinson; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.  
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm  
Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Luke Lekander, Worship 9.  
Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Pastor Steven Teff; Worship 9:30.  
Pequot Lakes - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pastor Monte Meyer Worship 9 am, Fellowship 10 am, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:15 am  
Pequot Lakes\* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.  
Rossburg — Bethesda Lutheran (LCMC Congregations in Mission for Christ) 11:30 service. Communion 1st & 3rd

Sunday each month.  
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Irontonale Town Hall", Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.  
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

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

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

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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

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

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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 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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**Democrats vote down Preserving Girls' Sports Acts**  
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girls undermines decades of progress for women in sports."

The Preserving Girls' Sports Act (HF 12) aimed to prohibit males from competing in sports designated for girls and women, ensuring that female students would have fair and equal opportunities in school sports. Representative Davis highlighted widespread public support for the bill, stating, "Minnesotans are tired of fighting for basic common sense while grappling with years of poor governance from the Democrat Party."

Davis continued, "most agree that forcing young girls to compete against biological males isn't just nonsensical—it's dangerous. As a protective father of four daughters, this issue hits even closer to home for me. We even had a high-school girl testify in committee about a broken wrist she sustained while competing against a male athlete."

The floor vote followed a rally earlier in the day on the Capitol steps, where Riley Gaines, a 12-time NCAA All-American swimmer and advocate for fair female athletics, addressed the crowd. Gaines, who has been outspoken about protecting women's sports from unfair competition, emphasized the importance of safeguarding opportunities for female athletes.

After the vote, Republicans tabled the bill for future consideration, signaling ongoing efforts to bring attention to the issue and continue the fight for fairness in women's sports.

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