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Fun for everyone at the Brainerd Lakes Home Show & Expo



Looking for something fun to do? Well, your plans are about to get a whole lot more exciting as the 2025 Brainerd Lakes Home Show & Expo takes over the Essentia Health Sports Center on Friday, March 21, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This two-day extravaganza, presented by Advantage Home Pros and Finken Aqua Systems, promises to be packed with incredible entertainment, family fun, and everything you need to take your home and lifestyle to the next level.

With over 170 regional businesses showcasing their products and services, the Brainerd Lakes Home Show & Expo is a one-stop shop for all of your home improvement dreams and business needs. Whether you're planning a renovation, looking for local

services, or just curious about the latest trends, there's something for everyone. From the latest in-home technology to kitchen makeovers, you'll find it all there.

Admission is \$5.00 for those ages 16 and older and \$4.00 for those ages 65 and older. Kids 15 and under are admitted free with a paid adult.



Entertainment, food and fun

But there's more! Prepare to be amazed by the incredible Laura Ernst, the one-woman Cirque du Soleil, who will be performing five jaw-dropping shows. Her high-flying stunts and comedic antics are sure to leave you on the edge of your seat. Don't miss out

on this unique performance that's perfect for all ages.

Families are in for a treat with tons of free activities. The kiddos can enjoy a hopping good time in the bounce house, get creative with face painting, and explore a fun-filled children's play area. While the kids are busy, parents can kick back and enjoy live entertainment, check out the pop-up brewery, or indulge in tasty treats from local food vendors like Jack Pine Brewery, East Coast Hospitality / Sage on Laurel, K&D Kettle Corn, Wings Airport Café, Ak's Homemade Treats, and Jay's Hot Dog's.

Garden shed construction contest

Get ready for an action-packed competition on Saturday, March 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as teams from three local high schools—Brainerd, Pequot Lakes, and Menahga—will go head-to-head in a thrilling garden shed building contest. Teams of students, teachers, and mentors will race against the clock to build an 8 ft. x 8 ft. garden shed in record time.

The competition is fierce, with the top three teams earning cash prizes and bragging rights.

The winning sheds will be sold, so you could end up owning a piece of the action.

Stamp it and win

Support local businesses and play a fun game at the Brainerd Lakes Home Show & Expo. Grab a Lakes Proud card and visit participating exhibitors to get your card stamped. The more stamps you collect, the closer you get to winning awesome prizes. Winners will be contacted after the event and can pick up their prizes at the Brainerd Lakes Chamber.

Parking

Ample parking is available at the main lot of the Essentia Health Sports Center. Additional parking can be found

on nearby side streets (be sure not to block any entrances or driveways) and at the Westgate Mall, just two blocks west of the venue. Please note that Jackson Street and the Department of Veterans Affairs parking lot are off-limits for parking, especially on Friday.



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DNR sets open water fishing regulations for walleye on Mille Lacs Lake

Anglers on Mille Lacs Lake will have the opportunity to harvest two walleye daily during the upcoming open water season, which begins on Saturday, May 10, and continues through Sunday, Nov. 30. Harvested walleye must be 17 inches or greater, and only one of them can be over 20 inches.

Following years of restrictive regulations, the Mille Lacs Lake walleye (ogaa in Ojibwe) fishery appears to be in a healthy state, a viewpoint shared by both state and Tribal fisheries biologists.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Ojibwe treaty Tribes drastically cut harvest more than a decade ago, concerned by a number of factors including changing ecological conditions and lower survival rates of young walleye. This approach has paid off.

“The walleye population in Mille Lacs is currently in a good place,” said Brad Parsons, Minnesota DNR fisheries section manager. “Ojibwe Tribes and the Minnesota DNR limited harvest, which allowed for an increased number of adult spawning walleye, and a strong 2024 year class that bodes well for the future health of the fishery.”

There also is an abundance of forage in the lake due to strong yellow perch and cisco 2024 year classes that are keeping walleye in a healthy condition. Higher availability of forage can reduce the risk of excessive angler catch rates.

State-licensed anglers share the harvest on Mille Lacs Lake with Ojibwe Tribes that have reserved rights to fish, wildlife and other natural resources under an 1837 Treaty. Ojibwe treaty Tribes — including Mille Lacs Band and Fond du Lac Band — established the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission in 1984 to help oversee off-reservation resource protection, enhancement and harvest seasons in a three-state region.

“Our commitment to ongoing research, science and using all available evidence to inform Mille Lacs Lake stewardship has benefitted everyone,” said Alexandra Bohman, GLIFWC director of biological services. “Inter-agency resource management works.”

To conserve the fishery, an annual harvest level is set through discussion and agreement between the state of Minnesota and treaty Tribes. Each party manages its own share of the harvest. This year’s agreement considered various factors, including the lake’s increased adult walleye population, and resulted in a safe harvest limit of 113,600 pounds for state-licensed anglers and 88,000 pounds for Ojibwe treaty fishers.

“We are pleased that anglers will have an increased harvest opportunity this season,” Parsons said. “Mille Lacs Lake continues to surprise us, making it hard to assume conditions will be the same from year to year. We appreciate coming to an agreement with the Tribes that allows some additional flexibility for the state to manage its fishery through these changes. This includes the ability, in the event we exceed the state share of harvest, to allow catch and release walleye angling as long as the state share of harvest is not exceeded by 15%. Any amount above the state share of harvest would be deducted from state harvest next year.”

People who fish are reminded to protect Mille Lacs Lake and all Minnesota waters from aquatic invasive species by cleaning and draining watercraft and equipment and disposing of unwanted bait in the trash. A decontamination station is available 24 hours, seven days a week at the Shaw-Bosh-Kung Bay public access on the west side of Mille Lacs Lake about 8 miles south of Garrison on U.S. Highway 169.

Mille Lacs Lake continues to experience changes in part because of invasive species such as zebra mussels and spiny water fleas. State and Tribal biologists collaboratively study the lake’s complex food web and other developments such as the recent increase in large yellow perch (asaawe in Ojibwe). Additional information about aquatic invasive species and Minnesota’s prevention efforts is available on the Minnesota DNR website.

Also of note, on March 11, the daily and possession limit for yellow perch on Mille Lacs Lake was reduced from 20 to five, a regulation that will be in place through Nov. 30. Complete Mille Lacs Lake fishing regulations and regularly updated surveys that show ongoing state-licensed angler catches of walleye, northern pike and yellow perch are available on the Minnesota DNR website.



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GOP State Senator arrested for allegedly soliciting a minor

On Tuesday, March 18, Bloomington Police announced the arrest of Justin David Eichorn, 40, of Grand Rapids—the Republican State Senator representing Minnesota’s 6th District—on charges of soliciting a minor for prostitution. Eichorn, who has served in the state legislature since 2017, is facing pending criminal charges following an undercover operation by Bloomington authorities.

According to a press release from the Bloomington Police Department, detectives had been engaging in online conversations with Eichorn while posing as a 17-year-old girl. The department said that on March 17, a detective arranged to meet with Eichorn at a location near the 8300 block



Justin David Eichorn

of Normandale Avenue in Bloomington. Authorities observed Eichorn arriving in his pickup truck and subsequently arrested him without incident.

Bloomington Police Chief Booker Hodges condemned the alleged actions in a statement. “As a 40-year-old man, if you come to the Orange Jumpsuit District looking to have sex with someone’s child, you can expect that we are going to lock you up,” Hodges said. He also called on the Minnesota State Legislature to enact stricter penalties for those engaged in similar offenses, citing a recent case involving Michael Gillis, who was arrested in Bloomington for allegedly raping a 15-year-old girl. Gillis, at the

time of his arrest, was out on bail for previous charges of soliciting minors for sex in both Florida and Minnesota. The arrest has prompted immediate calls for Eichorn’s resignation from both political parties. The Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party issued a statement condemning Eichorn’s alleged conduct. “No one who solicits children belongs anywhere near public office or the State Capitol,” said DFL Executive Director Heidi Kraus Kaplan. “The facts presented by the Bloomington Police Department make it clear that Senator Eichorn is an immediate danger to the public and must resign immediately.” The GOP Senate Caucus’ statement read, “We are shocked by these reports and this alleged conduct demands an immediate resignation. Justin has a difficult road ahead and he needs to focus on his family.”

OBITUARIES DALE HALGRIMSON



Dale Eugene Halgrimson, 73, of Palisade died Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Grand Itasca Hospital in Grand Rapids. A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, March 29, 2025 at the Rustic Trail in Palisade with Pastor Bob Ropert officiating. Please bring memories to share. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. with a service at 11 a.m. and lunch to follow. He was born August 27, 1951 in Rockford, IL the son of Christ E. and Agnes Lorraine (Handt) Halgrimson. He graduated from Aitkin High School, the class of 1970. Dale was united in marriage to Debbie Delorme and they later divorced. He had many different jobs including: hauling milk for the Palisade Creamery, building rice patties and harvesting with Wayne Harold, heavy equipment operator and construction with Ernie Darlow and with Mike Johnson Construction, and helped build Minnesota National Golf Course with Wayne Alden.

Dale also farmed most of his life, but had to sell the farm when his health declined. He enjoyed fishing and made many trips up to the Seine River in Canada and hunting, especially Deer hunting. Dale loved to share his fishing and hunting stories with his family and friends. Dale is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Maxine Miller and Kenneth Meyers of Remer; brother and sister-in-law, Darrell and Carol Halgrimson of Palisade; nieces and nephews: Christopher (Rebecca) Miller, Thomas Miller, Eric (Casie) Halgrimson, Amanda (Jason) McQueen; great-niece and great-nephew: Grace Miller and Paul Miller; Aunts and uncle: Carol Beachem of Palisade and Harold (Barb) Halgrimson of Tucson, AZ.; and many others. He was preceded in death by his parents, Christ and Agnes Halgrimson and brother-in-law, Bill. 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

- March**
- 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.
- 22nd - Relationship Safety Alliance Flapjack Fundraiser on 8- 10 a.m. at Applebee's Grill and Bar in Baxter. The cost is \$15 for three flapjacks, scrambled eggs, bacon and a beverage. Relationship Safety Alliance provides domestic violence victims/survivors and their children. For more info contact Jill at 218-831-8438.
- 22nd - Grad Blast Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the Ironton American Legion, 4:30- 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children age 10 and under. Check out the bake sale. Raffle at 5 p.m.
- 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 - Relationship Safety Alliance Taco Fundraiser, 4 - 8 p.m., at Taco John's in Brainerd. Taco John's will donate 20% of dine-in or drive thru sales during that time to domestic violence victims/survivors and their children. For more information contact Jill at 218-831-8438 with questions.
- 24th - Community Table Meal, every Monday doors open at 5 p.m. and meal served from 5:30 to 6 p.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.
- 26th - Sixth District Aitkin County and Crow Wing County American Legion County Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Ironton American Legion Post #443. A delicious meal will be provided before the meeting at 6 p.m. For more information call Adjutant Anthony Koop at 218 833-2117.
- 28th - 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.
- 28th - Vietnam Veterans Annual Gathering for the National Vietnam Veterans Day, 5- 7 p.m., at the Brainerd VFW post. All Vietnam veterans and their significant others are invited to attend. There will be free food, beverage, apple pie and ice cream from the local Daughters of the American Revolution. Veterans are encouraged to bring memorabilia and memories to share. More details are available at BrainerdVFW.org.
- 28th -Free movie at C-I High School Mayberry Auditorium. "Moana 2" at 6:30 p.m. Light concessions are available.
- 29th - Clayhill Farm and Forest tours: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Harry and Judy Worm Farm located at 12607 Red Pine Road in Brainerd. Learn how maple syrup is made. Space is limited. Register on-line at northlandarb.org Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$15 adults and \$10 for children.

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OBITUARIES

JUDITH ELISEUSON



Judith Lynn "Judy" Eliseuson, 77, of Brainerd died on February 2, 2025 at the Harmony House in Brainerd. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

Judy was born on February 9, 1947 in Brainerd to Phillip and Helen (Biesner) Lustig. Judy is survived by her son, Chad (Heather) Visser

of Ironton; daughter, Lesley (Bob) Eviston of Phoenix, AZ; sister, Clarice Bjerkness of Deerwood; six grandchildren: Jessica (Travis) Nance, Cody (Shayna) Haines, Jacob (Jackie) Visser, Morgan Visser, Liam (Sophia Ream) Eviston and Lucas Eviston and 12 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Judy in death are her parents; husband, Larry Eliseuson; and three sisters: Wanda Hardcastle, Phyllis Bemis and Barb Johnson.

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

JOHN FOSSEN



John "Jack" Edward Fossen, 85, of Aitkin died Sunday, March 9, 2025 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025 at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Private Family Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Aitkin. Military honors will be accorded by Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86 and Aitkin VFW Roberts – Glad Post #1727.

He was born June 29, 1939 in Aitkin the son of Arthur and Sarah (Lehman) Fossen. He grew up in Aitkin, was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1957. He attended Hamlin University and then earned a Pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota where he was a member of the professional pharmacy fraternity Phi Delta Chi. He enlisted in the U.S. Air National Guard of Minnesota and the Reserve of the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1969. Jack was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Betty" Ann MacGregor on November 30, 1963 in Aitkin where they raised their family. Jack worked as a pharmacist in Aitkin for Hanlon Drug, eventually opening his own store.

Jack formed a partnership with Bob Monroe in 1973, and together they and operated Village Drug until 1992. Jack then worked at area pharmacies until retiring in 2018. Throughout his life Jack loved to fish and hunt, coached Little League Baseball, enjoyed caring for his yard, vacationing in the Florida Keys and going for walks around town almost every day.

Jack is survived by his children: Mary Ann (Erik) Vanstrum of Mahtomedi, Michael (Sheralee) Fossen of Cloquet and Megan (Gregg) Bartholomew of Minnetonka; special family member, Deb (Mac) McCaw; seven grandchildren: Molly (Luke) Ratgen, John Vanstrum, Emily Fossen, Jackson Fossen, Anna (Wyatt) Erickson, Gracie Bartholomew and Bennett Bartholomew; three great-grandchildren: Weston and Frances Erickson and Baby Ratgen; sister-in-law, Lou Fossen and brother-in-law, Robert MacGregor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty on May 29, 2013; parents, Arthur and Sarah Fossen; sister, Kathleen (Andy) Anderson; and brother, Richard (Lou) Fossen.

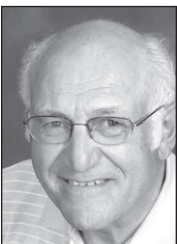
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TIMOTHY FOX

Timothy Frederick Fox, age 63 of Deerwood, passed away on March 11, 2025 at the St. Cloud Hospital. A Memorial Gathering is being planned

for April 12, 2025. A full obit will follow. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

RONALD SABA



Ronald Simon "Ron" Saba, 90, of Warba formerly Outing, died at his home on March 14, 2025.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at St. Emily's Catholic Church in Emily. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Burial was at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.

Ron was born on February 7, 1935 in St. Paul to Wolf and Sophia (George) Saba. Ron was united in marriage to Marlene Langevin in St. Paul on September 3, 1955. He was a retired employee of Gillette Corporation in St. Paul. After moving to the Outing area he became a rural mail carrier for

the USPS, servicing the Outing/Remer area for 20 years. Ron was a member of St. Emily's Catholic Church in Emily. He was a man of exemplary faith and took great joy in spending time with his family and serving his church.

Ron is survived by his son, Ronald (Anita) Saba Jr. of Baxter; five daughters: Denise Micheln of Baxter, Julie Erickson of Red Wing, Janine (Curt) Hill of Warba, Therese Sizmore of Coon Rapids and Margaret Saba of Crosby; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Ron in death are his parents; wife, Marlene in 2017; daughter, Patricia Saba; five brothers and five sisters.

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

JOSEPHINE REIBEL



Josephine Marie Reibel, 98, of Aitkin, died Sunday, March 16, 2025 in Riverwood Health Care Center, Aitkin.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 29, at 11 a.m. in Assembly of God Church of Palisade with Pastor Charles Bell and Reverend Ed Sornberger officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis.

She was born March 28, 1926 in Foley to Nicholas and Barbara (Maleska) Cyrson. Josephine was united in marriage to David Reibel on January 6, 1945 in Louisville, Kentucky. Josephine enjoyed playing bingo, polka dancing, country western music, fish-

ing and especially spending time with her family.

Josephine is survived by her children: Tom (Alice) Reibel, Judy (Roger) Beach, Joann (Tim) Greeley, David (Kathy) Reibel, Robert (Maryann) Reibel, Ken (Kathy) Reibel, Joyce (Paul) Montgomery, June (Greg) Gannon, Jacqueline (Charles) Bell and Dennis Reibel; 27 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Josephine is preceded in death by her husband, David; parents; grandson, Stanley Heinecke; daughter, Jeanne Sullivan; sons, Jerry Reibel and Larry Reibel; sister, Dorothy Maleska.

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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
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BAPTIST
Aitkin - Northwoods Community Church, Pastor William Verbeke, Worship 10:30, northwoodscommunitychurch.org
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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/Whight — 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.
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Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8; Confessions Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm
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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.
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Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
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EPISCOPAL
Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9
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EVANGELICAL FREE
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Crosslake — The Log Church 9:30, Pastor Troy Nelson; 218-692-4141, 37218 County Road 66, www.crosslakeefc.org
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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
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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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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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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Rossburg — Bethesda Lutheran (LCMC Congregations in Mission for Christ) 11:30 service. Communion 1st & 3rd

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Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
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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
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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

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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

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

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Aitkin* — Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew, Facebook live.
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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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“The Aitkin Wastewater Treatment Plant plays a crucial role in keeping our local water systems clean and protecting the health of our community,” said Rep. Kresha. “This funding is necessary to upgrade the facility and ensure it meets modern standards while accommodating future growth.”

The Aitkin Wastewater

Treatment Plant has been a cornerstone of the region’s infrastructure for years. However, in order to address current challenges and maintain its operation, significant investments are required. Rep. Kresha’s bill aims to secure funding that will allow for upgrades and necessary repairs, making sure the plant remains efficient and environmentally compliant.

HF1835 is a critical investment in the Aitkin community, and Rep. Kresha is committed to advocating for the needs of local communities such as this one. This bill was heard in the Capital Investments Committee and may be considered later in the session.

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