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Fashion show and luncheon, seafood boil, and new outdoor pool recreation area Deliciously revealing events at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort



Join your family and friends at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort for an unforgettable afternoon at the Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon on Saturday, May 17 from 12 - 2 p.m. at 25039 Tame Fish Lake Rd., Deerwood.

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Tickets are available at the resort (front desk or retail stores) and can even be purchased the day of the event. Don't miss your chance to experience a stylish afternoon surrounded by beauty, fashion, and fun!

Upcoming events at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort:

- Memorial Day Weekend – The Seafood Boil is Back! Every Friday night starting

May 23, indulge in a delicious feast while enjoying lakeside views. The weekend will be filled with family-friendly fun for all ages.

- Exciting New Outdoor Pool – Get ready for Ruttger's brand-new outdoor pool experience, coming soon. Perfect for a relaxing swim or a fun

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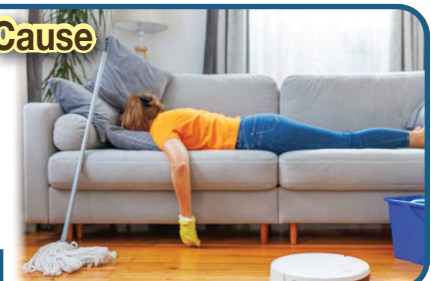
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Brainerd Public Library kicks off summer 2025 with an author series



Author Marcie Rendon

Book lovers, mark your calendars. The Friends of the Brainerd Public Library are thrilled to unveil their Summer 2025 Brown Bag Lunch Author Series, bringing eight acclaimed Minnesota authors to the library's Large Meeting Room every Monday in June and July. From gripping mysteries to epic adventures, this free series promises to

captivate audiences with stories that resonate far beyond the page. Kicking off the series on Monday, June 2, from noon to 1 p.m., is Marcie Rendon, an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation and a celebrated author whose Cash Blackbear mystery series has readers on the edge of their seats. Rendon will dive into her latest novel, Broken Fields, a heart-pounding tale set in the 1970s Red River Valley. The story follows Cash Blackbear, a sharp-witted Native woman doing fieldwork for a local farmer—until she discovers his body on a farmhouse kitchen floor. The tenant, a Native laborer, and his wife have vanished, leaving behind their terrified young daughter,

Shawnee, hiding under a bed. As Cash races to uncover the truth, another body surfaces, and the stakes climb higher. With her intuitive gifts and relentless drive, Cash navigates a web of suspicion, determined to protect Shawnee and find answers before time runs out. Rendon, a Pinckley Prize winner and the 2020 McKnight Distinguished Artist, is no stranger to storytelling that bridges cultures and challenges norms. Her work as a playwright, poet, and community arts activist

shines through in her vivid prose and unflinching exploration of Native issues. "Marcie's ability to weave suspense with deep human connection is unmatched," says library volunteer Susan Parker. "Her talk is the perfect way to launch this series." The Summer Author Series continues with an exciting lineup, including Amy and Dave Freeman's North American Odyssey on June 9, a tale of their 12,000-mile journey by kayak, canoe, and dogsled,

and Anna Farro Henderson's Core Samples on June 16, blending climate science with politics and motherhood. Later, Peter Geye, Sally Franson, Andrea Gilats, Josh Moehling, and Matt Goldman will share their novels, from heartfelt family sagas to razor-sharp mysteries. No registration is needed for these free events, and attendees are encouraged to bring a lunch and settle in for an hour of literary delight. The series is made possible by the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library, whose tireless fundraising and volunteer efforts keep the community buzzing with cultural events. For more details, call the library at 218-829-5574, visit the Friends of the Library's Facebook page, or check out

Marcie Rendon's website at www.marcierendon.com. Don't miss this chance to meet Minnesota's finest storytellers right here in Brainerd! 2025 Summer Author Series Schedule June 2: Marcie Rendon, Broken Fields: A Cash Blackbear Mystery June 9: Amy and Dave Freeman, North American Odyssey June 16: Anna Farro Henderson, Core Samples June 23: Peter Geye, A Lesser Light June 30: Sally Franson, Big in Sweden July 14: Andrea Gilats, Radical Endurance July 21: Josh Moehling, A Long Time Gone July 28: Matt Goldman, The Murder Show



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The landfill is open only to residents of Crow Wing County for recycling and disposal needs.

 For more information, please call 218-824-1010.

Memory Maker Kits spark joy and connection

The Brainerd Public Library is pleased to announce the availability of ten new Memory Maker Kits for checkout by patrons, donated by the Lakes Area Memory Awareness Advocates (LAMAA). Memory Maker Kits are specially created for caregivers who are caring for people experiencing memory challenges. The materials in these kits are selected to spark memories, create conversa-

tion, and provide positive and engaging interactions. Each kit is unique and features a variety of materials, including books with full-color photos. The kits' themes include quilting, fishing, gardening, war, art, music, and more. The kits check out for one week with a valid library card and can be renewed. Kits can be requested on the library's catalog at KRLS.org or by calling the library at

218-829-5574. In addition, LAMAA donated twenty different book titles for caregivers and loved ones of people with memory challenges. A few of these include "The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for People Who Have Alzheimer Disease and Other Dementias" by Nancy L. Mace and Peter V. Rabins, "Sundown Dementia, Vascular Dementia and Lewy Body Dementia"



by Lyndsay Leatherdale, and "Dementia Caregiver's Practical Guide: Manage Stress, Avoid Burnout, Find Hope, and Build Resilience" by G. M. Grace. The initiative was supported financially by Horizon Health, Inc., Vivie, Home Instead, and the Minnesota Board on Aging. For more information on events and resources at the Brainerd Public Library, follow them on Facebook.

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Memorial Day Weekend Events
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

May
17th, 21st, 24th & 28th - Bird Hikes at the Northland Arboretum, 8 a.m. Binoculars are provided or bring your own. Open to the public. Free for members, \$10 gate fee for non-members. Northland Arboretum is located at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd. Call 218-829-8770 for more information.
21st - Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Garrison Bay Lake Area Lions at the Deerwood Auditorium in Deerwood, noon-6 p.m. Make an appointment at redcrossblood.org.
21st - 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.
22nd -24nd - JFHML Friends Mini Book Sale at Hallett Library. Thursday and Friday, five books for \$1; Saturday bag sale.
31st - Because of Brandon ATV Ride. Guided rides with a dart run on Miller Black Bear/Section 6 Trail System starting at 10 a.m. A free will lunch provided. Fund-raiser for juvenile diabetes education. Contact Andy Suchla 612-669-6317
30th - Registration deadline for the The Hallett Center of Crosby Kids Camp from June 2 to August 22. The camp offers three sessions: June 2 – June 27, June 30 – July 25 and July 28 – August 22 Camp hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 218-546-2616 or visit the Hallett Center at 470 8th Street NE, Crosby.
31st - Aitkin Food as Medicine Festival, 10 a.m.-1p.m. at the Aitkin Farmer's Market, 190 Southgate Dr., Aitkin clearlakegardens.org/events
31st - Bird Hikes at the Northland Arboretum, 8 a.m. Binoculars are provided or bring your own. Open to the public. Free for members, \$10 gate fee for non-members. Northland Arboretum is located at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd. Call 218-829-8770 for more information.
31st - Shop 4 Free at Faith Baptist Church, 229 28th St. E. Brainerd, 9am-2pm. Free clothing, housewares, toys, books and more.
June
2nd, 5th & 9th - Northland Arboretum Stepping Stone Garden Art class 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. each evening The cost is \$45 for Arboretum members or \$50 for non-members, and spaces are limited. Call Northland Arboretum at 218-829-8770 to register or learn more.
5th - Music in the Park, 5- 8 p.m., at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake. Call Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218 546-8131 for more info.
7th - Take a Kid Fishing event hosted by Community Effect on Serpent Lake in Crosby. For more information contact Tyler Scull at 612-212-5772.
8th - Cuyuna Off-Road Triathlon. Paddle, shred and tread the red in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area. Visit www.cuyunaoffroadtri.com to register.
13th - Registration deadline for the Northland Arboretum quarter-mile guided Pink Lady's Slippers hike on June 19 at 5:30 p.m. A pink-themed bash featuring delicious food and drinks will follow.
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Pink Paradise Lady's Slippers hike

Northland Arboretum invites all nature lovers and pink enthusiasts to lace up your shoes and put on your best pink outfit for an unforgettable Pink Lady's Slippers hike on June 19 at 5:30 p.m. This quarter-mile guided adventure through the Arboretum's lush trails is your ticket to witness the rare and

breathtaking Pink Showy Lady's Slippers in full bloom—a floral spectacle that's as dazzling as it is delicate.
Don't forget your camera to capture the vibrant blooms . After the hike, keep the pink party going with a festive, pink-themed bash featuring delicious food and drinks that match the vibrant

vibe.Tickets are \$25 for Arboretum members or \$30 for non-members, pre-registration is required by June 13, and the fee is non-refundable. To secure your place or get more details, call Northland Arboretum at 218-829-8770. The event unfolds at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd, MN.

READER RIBBETS

Funding the LGBTQIA2S+ agenda

Just last week a bill was passed in our Minnesota House and I believe we all need to know about it. It is SF#4035. This bill funds the agenda of "The Council on LGBTQIA2S+ Minnesotans"
A vast majority of House Republicans just voted to give Attorney General Keith Ellison a huge increase in funding to fund this woke agenda to the tune of 1.2 million. In our area, the House Republicans who voted against this bill include: Altendorf, Davis, Franson, Knudsen, newly elected Roach, Schultz and Weiner. Local House Republicans who voted FOR this bill include: Dotseth, Heintzeman, Igo, Kresha and Zeleznikar.

This is concerning to me. Why, in this area, are our Legislators supporting these values? Is this who we are?? As Conservatives in these districts?? I know personally, I do not agree with my tax dollars going to fund such "councils". I don't have a problem with what people do in their private lives, what I have a problem with is the idea that MY tax dollars are going to pay for this. I feel the same way about murder, I mean "abortion". The blood of the children that have died are on our hands. Our tax dollars have paid for Thousands and Thousands of said murders.

This was brought to my attention and I am bringing it to Your attention. In my opinion, a~lot of the things happening in Minnesota Make My Stomach SICK.... I pray that either Jesus comes soon or that a MN DOGE group is formed... I do Not believe this is Our Minnesota Nice... what do you think?

I am going to encourage you to Do Something, talk, share, call, write letters. We want our beautiful, simple, God-Fearing state back... we won this last election 76% to 24%... In my humble opinion, I do NOT believe we voted for This.

God bless you & God Bless America

**Diane Webb-Skillings
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LEGAL NOTICE

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP MAY MEETING

The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 to discuss matters that may come before the board. The May 20 meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Contact Jane Jewett, clerk, at willowsedge.janesfarm@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

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- Thurs., June 5, 10 a.m. - Buhl, MN Park Paving Dispersal, Paul Kuechle
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Crow Wing County Land Services plants seedlings for a greener tomorrow

In a vibrant display of environmental stewardship, Crow Wing County Land Services has wrapped up its 2025 tree planting program, blanketing 81 acres with 61,500 pine seedlings. The newly planted groves in Ross Lake, Mission, and Irondale Townships mark another milestone in the county's decades-long commitment to nurturing its forests. Since 1983, a staggering 4.2 mil-

lion seedlings have taken root across county-managed lands, weaving a legacy of green that promises to thrive for generations. This annual ritual isn't just about digging holes and dropping in trees—it's about sculpting the future of Crow Wing's forests. While hardwoods like aspen, birch, and oak happily reseed themselves naturally, the county's focus on conifers, like these

pinus, ensures a diverse ecosystem that hums with life. "Planting is a cornerstone of sound forest management," says Environmental Services Supervisor Tom Strack, his passion for the land evident. "It guarantees our forests will keep providing wildlife habitats, recreational spaces, and forest products for our kids and grandkids." Crow Wing County oversees a sprawling 105,000

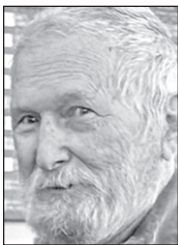
acres of forest, balancing timber production with trails, parks, and spaces for everyone from hikers to hunters. The forestry program is a quiet economic engine, too, generating roughly \$1 million annually. Those funds don't sit idle—they're funneled back into improving habitats, maintaining forest roads, and keeping the environment pristine for all to enjoy. Every step is guided by rigorous standards from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative

and the Minnesota Forest Resources Council, ensuring the land is treated with care and respect. But the county's green ambitions don't stop at its borders. They're calling on landowners to join the movement by planting trees on their own properties. For those ready to dig in, Land Services offers some practical advice: skip the burlap or plastic sacks, dig a hole wide enough to let roots spread freely, backfill gently to eliminate air pock-

ets, and give your new tree a good drink of water if you can. It's a small act that can ripple outward, adding to the county's leafy legacy. As the pine seedlings settle into their new homes, Crow Wing County stands as a beacon of what's possible when a community commits to its land. These trees, still small today, will one day tower overhead, offering shade, shelter, and a reminder that the future is something we plant together.

OBITUARIES

JESSE NIX



Jesse Nix entered eternity on May 5, 2025, surrounded by loving family. Jesse was welcomed into the loving arms of Jesus and those who preceded him. A Memorial service will be 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the United Methodist Church in Emily. Military honors will be presented by the Myrin-James American Legion. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the Church on Thursday. A luncheon will follow at the Emily City Hall. In lieu of flowers memorials can be given to the Myrin-James American Legion Post or a charity of choice in his honor. He was born December 15, 1940, in Aitkin, Minnesota to Wayne and Jennie (Amos) Nix. Jesse graduated from the Aitkin High School with the class of 1958. At age 17 he joined the Navy,

served 3 years, then 17 years with the Air Force. He was a loving husband, family member, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a longtime member of the Emily United Methodist Church and proud member of the Myrin-James American Legion Post, Ironton, serving as chaplain at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Sue; his daughters, Shawn Nix, Alauna (Chris) Schroeder, and Teisha (Jeff) Banister; 21 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren; sisters, Elaine (Les) Moser, Clare (Rick) Richardson, Edee (Darwin) Johnson and Pat Chaffee; brother, George (Dena) Nix; sisters-in-law, Marlys Mongan and Mary Fletcher and many nieces and nephews. Preceding Jesse in death are his parents; infant brother, Stanley; sons, Jay Nix and Gene Jones; daughter, Treva Arzheimer and brother-in-law, Wayne Chaffee. Expanded obituary and messages of condolence at koopfuneralhome.com.

Shepherd of the Lake invites kids to a faith-filled adventure

Saddle up for a rootin'-tootin' good time at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Garrison! This summer, the church is rolling out the hay bales for its Vacation Bible School (VBS), themed "Barnyard Roundup: Jesus Gathers us Together." From June 23 to 27, kids are invited to join the fun from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 10583 US Highway 169, where faith, friendship, and a few farmyard friends



await. This isn't your average VBS—it's a lively, hands-on experience designed to spark joy and curiosity. Through five engaging Bible stories, children will discover the love of the one true God. Expect high-energy music that'll have everyone singing, games that bring out the giggles, and crafts that let creativity shine. Hungry for more? Tasty snacks will keep the energy up, and—hold

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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; hillicityagchurch@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
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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
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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.
First* — (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, worship Sun. 9am (also available via livestream on YouTube – First Lutheran Church, Aitkin) and (broadcast on KKN 94.3 FM radio at 10am), take out food ministry meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm and Tues. 12pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9am- 4pm. Office open M-Th 7:30am – 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 Inglenwood 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
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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, May 18-Labor Day: Sun. Indoor 8:30am, Outdoor 10am Indoor: 35960 CR 66, Outdoor: 14019 Daggett Pine Rd., Weekly Free Community Drive Thru Meals-To-Go - Wednesdays from 5-6pm - 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 10:30, Pastor Donald Klatt 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; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.)

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Aitkin—Cedar Lake Norwegian Lutheran Church, service is the 3rd Sunday of the month May-October at 11am , 3100 Pioneer Ave., Aitkin.
Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984
Brainerd—Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis, Worship service is Sunday at 10am, 512 S 8th St., Suite 2, 218-829-2989.

PENTECOSTAL
Baxter — Christ Alive, 12485 Forestview Drive, Baxter, MN 56425. Pastor Walter Starr, 763-316-7270, Sunday Worship 10:00am, Wednesday Bible study 6:30pm
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake - Pastor Mark Ford, 218-692-4769; Worship 9; Fellowship 11, 14444 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, just 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.vistilifespring.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
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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.uccbbrainerdmn.org

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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 Church) — 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. UJWF meet on the first Sunday of each month following worship. Men's prayer breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month at 8. Bible Study Thursday 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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Pequot Lakes Community Theatre unveils sweet cast for Willy Wonka

Get ready to unwrap a world of pure imagination. The Pequot Lakes Community Theatre has announced the cast for its upcoming production of Roald Dahl's "Willy Wonka the Musical", set to dazzle audiences at Pequot Lakes High School Theater this July. With a lineup of local talent and a story bursting with whimsy, this show promises to be a golden ticket for theatergoers of all ages.

Opening on July 11, the musical will run for six enchanting performances: July 11 and 18 at 7 p.m., and July 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 2 p.m. The stage will come alive with the tale of the mysterious candy maker Willy Wonka, played by Ben Gordon, who sparks a global frenzy by hiding five golden tickets in his delectable candy bars. The lucky finders earn a tour of his fantastical factory and a lifetime supply of sweets—but only if they can follow his rules.

The story centers on Charlie Bucket, portrayed by Marshall Dingman, a kind-hearted boy who embarks on the adventure with his charming Grandpa Joe, played by Brad Kohl. But beware—the other four ticket winners are spoiled, candy-crazed kids who might just learn a lesson or two. Sophie Lupella stars as the demanding Veruca Salt, Sapphire Trujillo as the gum-chomping Violet Beauregarde, Seren Bresnehan as the gluttonous Augustus Gloop, and Jobey Tvedt as the screen-obsessed Mike Teevee.

The colorful ensemble includes Ally Hartwig as Phineous Trout, Atraeu Trujillo as Candy Man, Sam Kalthoff as Mr. Bucket, Kailey Gerdes as Mrs. Bucket, Katie Shetka as Grandma Josephine/Squirrel, Ron Tryon as Grandpa George/Squirrel, Kathy Bue-low as Grandma Georgina/Squirrel, Mike Lupella as Mr. Salt, Abby Newman as Mrs. Beauregarde, Avarayana Trujillo as Mrs. Gloop, and Jocelyn Aleman as Mrs. Teevee.

Candy Man Kids/Cooks/Maids/Ensembles will be played by LeeAnn Wynn, Lydia Arndt, Lainey Sorensen, Nora Page, Lilian Lies, Charlie O'Brien, Audra Christianson, Amelia Hartwig, Abriana Walsh.

Oompa Loompa Chorus will be brought to life by Jase Tvedt, Violet Dingman, Sullivan Heroff, Ella Greco, Della Ruubela, Emma Blank, Landon Clement, Alivia Makowsky, Jamison Walker, Harlyn Rengel.

Directed by Jennifer LaRee Anderson with choreography by Olivia Anderson and vocal direction by Kate Davis, the production boasts a dedicated crew, including technical director Nancy Ryan, costumer Deb Binda, and set designer and builder Tim Leagjeld. Their efforts along with Kandice Koch as Stage Manager, Ken Henke as Sound Technician and Tech Crew of Paxton Wait-Learned, Nolan Heroff, Ashley LeBlanc, Ronnie Villa, and Rhea Hoagland, will transform the stage into Wonka's wild, confection-filled world.

Tickets are on sale now at www.glapa.org or by calling 218-568-9200: \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors (over 60), and \$10 for children (under 18). This sugary spectacle is made possible by a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, funded by Minnesota's arts and cultural heritage fund, and is presented through Music Theatre International (MTI).

Don't miss your chance to step into Wonka's factory! For more details, contact Community Education at 218-568-9200. Grab your tickets before they melt away.

Because of Brandon ATV ride

The Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club is gearing up for its Annual Because of Brandon ATV Ride on Saturday, May 31, and it's more than just a thrilling day on the trails. This heartfelt event is a roaring tribute to Brandon Houge, whose life was cut short in 2015 due to complications from Type 1 Diabetes. What started as a way to honor his memory has become a lifeline for those navigating the challenges of the same condition.

The ride supports Brandon's Wallet, a vital initiative that provides financial relief to residents grappling with Type 1 Diabetes. From gas cards for travel to medical appointments to grocery assistance and scholarships for youth diabetes camps, every dollar raised helps ease the burdens of managing this chronic illness. "It's about making life a little easier for those who face the daily grind of diabetes," says Andy Suchla, a key organizer with the ATV club. "Brandon's legacy lives on through every person we help."

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