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## Brainerd rolls toward \$1 million skatepark with GnarBQ Boost



Blake DeShaw, volunteer, and Levi Baca, past owner of a former skateboard shop in Brainerd, set up for a GnarBQ fundraising event in Brainerd.

Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ

A new \$1 million skatepark is planned for Memorial Park in Brainerd on Mill Avenue. It will be located on the southwest quadrant near the existing playground.

On June 21, the GnarBQ 2025 Extreme Sports & Cook-out Event was held in downtown Brainerd by the city hall. About \$791 was added to the skatepark fund. Thus far, a \$750,000 skatepark grant was received as well as an additional \$100,000 raised

locally. The group plans to raise \$150,000 more to reach \$1 million.

At the event, guests slurped Coco Moon's Italian sodas and munched on Dunmire's brats. The Smokin' Desk put on a great show. MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union allowed use of its parking lot, with the City of Brainerd, Community Empowerment, Brainerd Community Action, Brainerd Baxter Youth Center (the Shop) and Life Like Photo Studio, Jeff Mozey, additional

sponsors.

Here is some information from their website:

On June 10, 2025 we received a \$750,000 MN State Skatepark Grant, putting our current funds at \$850,000. Help us reach our \$1 Million goal - only \$150,000 to go!

The Lakes Area Skatepark Association has partnered with Brainerd Community Action and can accept donations as an established non-profit with 501(c)3 tax-exempt status.

We are advocating for a skatepark in the Lakes Area of Central Minnesota. Millions of kids around the world rely on extreme sports to be their healthy activity, both mentally and physically. Right now, the Brainerd/Baxter area youth have no place to gather and practice their extreme sport safely.

Our overarching goal is a \$1 million skatepark. This crowdfunding campaign is part of our funding plan. We are also seeking funds through events, grants and government funding.

### Why a skatepark?

#### Mental health benefits

Skateparks offer multiple mental health benefits through extreme sports. The average age of extreme sport participant is 14 years old, a prime age in mental development. Extreme sports build confidence, motivation, friendships and provide a healthy outlet.

#### Physical health benefits

Extreme sports are proven to be great exercise for cardio and strength. Skateparks provide a place for people to practice their sport safely. Without a skatepark, kids have to resort to the street where injuries are more

prone to happen.

#### Economic benefits

Tourism is huge in the Lakes Area, a skatepark would be another draw for our community. Extreme sport enthusiasts travel for Skateparks. People would come from all over Minnesota to ride. More visitors means more spending at our local businesses.

#### Reduce illicit behavior

Youth can sometimes get themselves into trouble if they have too much time on their hands. Participating in an activity, like an extreme sport, helps kids stay away from illicit behavior. Skateparks offer a safe and controlled space where youth can participate in a healthy alternative to drugs and crime.

#### Community benefits

For a lot of people, a skatepark is the center of their community. Friends gather, relationships are made and a sense of belonging is fulfilled. Extreme sports also break down social barriers that cripple our society. Simply stated, a skatepark offers a safe space for people to come together.

For more information, log onto Lakes Area Skatepark - FINAL PUSH Campaign - 4giving

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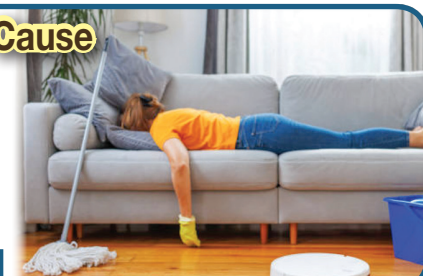
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## Support for identifying and returning kidnapped Ukrainian children

U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) introduced their bipartisan Abducted Ukrainian Children Recovery and Accountability Act.

This legislation would increase support for Ukraine's efforts to investigate and track the nearly 20,000 Ukrainian children who have been abducted during Putin's brutal invasion, assist with the rehabilitation and reintegration of children who are returned, and provide justice and ac-

countability for perpetrators of these abductions.

"The mass kidnapping of Ukrainian children by Russia is an atrocity. We cannot accept a world where children are abducted during wartime and used as a form of hostage-taking for negotiations. Our bipartisan legislation will provide the necessary resources to bring them home and hold the perpetrators accountable," said Klobuchar.

"After he started the largest war in Europe since World

War II, Putin kidnapped thousands of Ukrainian children to brainwash and Russify them, trying to destroy their cultural identity and heritage. These children should be returned home as soon as possible. Our bipartisan legislation supports critical tools to identify and track the location of these children and reintegrate them into their homeland. We're also helping hold perpetrators accountable for their atrocities to ensure justice is served," Grassley said.

This legislation follows a bipartisan resolution that Klobuchar and Grassley led in May condemning Russia's abduction and forcible transfer of Ukrainian children and demanding their return before reaching a final peace agreement. Additional cosponsors of that resolution include Senators Joni Ernst (R-IA), Dick Durbin (D-IL), John Fetterman (D-PA), Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Rick Scott (R-FL). You can find the full text of the resolution [here](#).

In March, Klobuchar and Grassley were joined by Senator Durbin in leading a bipartisan letter calling for the State Department to continue supporting efforts to investigate Russia's abduction and deportation of Ukrainian children.

To date, Ukrainian authorities have received at least 19,546 confirmed reports of unlawful deportations and forced transfers of Ukrainian children to Russia, Belarus or Russian-occupied Ukrainian

territory. The abductions aim to erase the children's Ukrainian names, language and identity. As of April 16, Ukraine and its partners have only managed to return 1,274 abducted children.

The State Department's 2024 Trafficking in Persons Report found Russia recruits or uses child soldiers, has a state-sponsored policy or pattern of human trafficking and is among the worst hubs for human trafficking in the world.

## Aitkin County Fair to salute service members on Military Day, July 11

The Aitkin County Fair is about to get a little more patriotic as Friday, July 11 has

officially been declared Military Day at the Aitkin County Fair. The heartfelt celebration

honoring local veterans and active-duty service members will be lead by the Ripple

River Quilt Guild with a special program, "Honoring Our Military," scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on the Windy River Stage.

The program is expected to be a moving tribute to the men and women connected to Aitkin County who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. military.

In addition to the live program, a Wall of Honor will be on display throughout the fair, from July 9–12, in the Creative Activities building. Featuring photographs of veterans and active-duty personnel with ties to Aitkin County, the wall offers a powerful, visual reminder of the individuals behind the uniforms.

To be included in the display, families are invited to submit a non-returnable 4x6 photo along with the name, branch of service, and dates served. Submissions can be emailed to dlamundson1@gmail.com or ckbuhlmann@gmail.com, or mailed to Cathy Buhlmann at 33966 Pioneer Ave, Aitkin, MN.

Whether your loved one served decades ago or is currently deployed, all eras and branches are welcome. The goal is to honor the full spectrum of service and create a community keepsake that reflects the strength and pride of Aitkin County.

Military Day isn't just about remembrance. It's about community, connection, and teaching the next generation the value of service.

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A close-up photograph of a meal on a white plate. It includes a burger with cheese and bacon, a side of golden-brown french fries, and a fresh salad with lettuce, tomatoes, and onions.

**½ pound Classic Burger  
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A close-up photograph of a meal on a white plate. It includes a sandwich with turkey and bacon on cranberry wild rice bread, a side of golden-brown french fries, and a fresh salad with lettuce, tomatoes, and onions.

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A logo for Trivia Night. The word "Trivia" is written in a stylized, cursive font in purple. Below it, the word "NIGHT" is written in a bold, sans-serif font inside a blue rectangular box with a black border.

**Trivia is back at  
White Oak Grill**

**Thursday 7 p.m.**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

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Bay Lake Improvement Association

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### WEDS., JULY 9

12 Noon - Quilt Judging (Activities Bldg)  
3 pm - Live Gluten Free Baking Judging (Activities Bldg)  
3 - 5pm - Rita Fortunato - Artist in residence (Activities Bldg)  
5pm - Ag. Olympics (Livestock Arena)  
6 pm - Live Salsa & BBQ Sauce Judging (Activities Bldg)  
8 pm - 10 pm - Blue Grass - Roe Family Singers (Windy River Stage)

### THURS., JULY 10

11 am - 3 pm - Draft Horse team hitch competition (Horse Arena)  
12 noon - Live Yeast Breads, Quick Breads & Muffin Judging (Activities Bldg)  
5 pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pull (Midway Concourse)  
5 pm - 8 pm Karen Newton - Artist in residence (Activities Bldg)  
6 pm - Live Open Pickle Judging (Activities Bldg)  
7 to 9 pm - Live Music: Songbridge (Windy River Stage)  
7 pm - STOCK CAR & BUS RACING (Grandstand)

### FRI, JULY 11

MILITARY DAY

9am - Open Class Horse Show (Horse Arena)  
10 am - Noon - Live SPECIAL CONTEST Tree Decorating Contest Judging  
Noon - 2pm - Water Colors Class with Janice Hasselius  
1pm - Quilt Club - Veterans Presentation (Windy River Stage)  
3 pm - 6 pm - Mackenzie Krawchuck - Artist in Residence (Activities Bldg)  
4 pm - 6 pm - Learn to Play the Guitar Workshop with Ben Ranson  
6 pm - 4-H Blue Ribon Auction (Livestock Arena)  
7 pm to 10 pm - Live Music: Duluth Transit Authority (Windy River Stage)  
7 pm - BAJA RACES (Grandstand)

### SAT., JULY 12

FAMILY FUN DAY ACTIVITIES

10 am - CMCA Youth Beef Show  
11 am - 1 pm Touch a Truck - Sponsored by Women of Today  
11 am - 1pm Learn to Sew - Terri Irmiter (Activities Bldg)  
1 pm - Classic Tractor Parade  
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- June**  
29th - Join the Salem Lutheran Church at 9 a.m. at Serpent Lake Park in Crosby at their outdoor worship service on Sunday. Bring a chair.  
30th - Heartwood Care Center Grand Opening, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 503 Heartwood Drive in Crosby. All are welcome to attend.
- July**  
1st - Art in the Park at George H. Crosby Memorial Park in downtown Crosby, 2 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome. The event offers free Paint Day art project, snacks fun activities for all ages. Connect, create and enjoy the ultimate community experience. For more information contact Tyler Scull at 612-212-5772 or Hallett Library at 218-546-8005.  
3rd - 2nd Annual Hallett Freedom 5K Run/Walk starting at 6 p.m. at the Hallett Center of Crosby. Register at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
3rd - Freedom Days Parade, 7 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Nisswa  
3rd - Fireworks at dusk in at the Pequot Lakes High School practice field.  
4th - Ironton Fire Department Auxiliary's Annual Pancake Breakfast from 7-10 a.m. at the Ironton American Legion. Meal includes pancakes with toppings, sausage, biscuits and gravy, egg bake, fruit, juice and coffee.  
4th - The Annual Reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Fairfield Town Hall, 9 a.m.  
4th - Garrison Commercial Club Brat Sale at 11 a.m. at Garrison Sports Bait and Tackle located at 9737 US Highway 169. Proceeds help to off-set the cost of fireworks.  
4th - Fourth of July Celebration in Crosby. Parade at 11 a.m. starting in Ironton, live music, food, raffle, beer garden and more hosted by the Crosby Fire Department and Auxiliary.  
4th - Stars & Stripes Parade starting at noon in downtown Pequot Lakes.  
4th - Serpent Lake Boat Parade will begin at 4 p.m., boats will go in a counter-clockwise loop around the lake  
4th - Parade starting at 6 p.m. Brainerd High School  
4th - Fireworks display at 10 p.m. at Ruttiger's Bay Lake Resort  
4th - Fireworks at dusk at Brainerd High School Don Adamson Field in Brainerd.  
4th - Fireworks display at dusk at the south end of Gull Lake.  
5th - The Rabbit, Clunker, Cuyuna, Carlson Lakes Association will host its Parade of Boats, 2 p.m.  
5th - Fireworks display over Lawrence Lake in Outing at dusk  
5th - Fireworks on Sand Island on Cross Lake at dusk. Watch from shore or from your boat. Visit [www.crosslake.com/fireworks](http://www.crosslake.com/fireworks) to donate or for more information  
8th - Art in the Park at George H. Crosby Memorial Park in downtown Crosby, 2 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome. The event offers free Kitchen Art project, snacks fun activities for all ages. Connect, create and enjoy the ultimate community experience. For more information contact Tyler Scull at 612-212-5772 or Hallett Library at 218-546-8005.  
9th - Cuyuna Lake Chamber 25th Annual Golf Tournament starting at 8 a.m. at Cuyuna Rolling Hills Golf Course in Deerwood.  
10th - 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.  
12th - Cascade United Methodist Sellebrate Rhubarb event 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rhubarb desserts and ice cream sundaes will be served with coffee. Other items for sale include baked goods, jams, kitchen and crafts, garden art and plants. Proceeds are used to support local missions of the organization. The church is located between Deerwood and Crosby at 22781 Black Lake Road, Deerwood on Highway 6 and 210.  
15th - Art in the Park at George H. Crosby Memorial Park in downtown Crosby, 2 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome. The event offers free Painting without Paint art project, snacks fun activities for all ages. Connect, create and enjoy the ultimate community experience. For more information contact Tyler Scull at 612-212-5772 or Hallett Library at 218-546-8005.  
16th - Cascade United Methodist Church Free Supper, 5:30 p.m. The supper is held the third Wednesday of each month. For a reservation please call 218-534-3507. The church is located between Deerwood and Crosby at 22781 Black Lake Road, Deerwood on Highway 6 and 210.  
18th -20th- Garrison Play Days. Live music, parade, car show, craft fair, food trucks, beer tent and family-friendly fun on the west side of Mille Lacs Lake.  
19th - The tenth annual Merrifield Lions Park-Fest and Car Show, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Merrifield Lions Park on County Road 3, seven miles north of Brainerd. The Car Show will be held on the baseball field. Registration of \$10.00 begins at 8:30 a.m. The Car Show is free to spectators.
- Send your community events to [hopper@crosbyironton.net](mailto:hopper@crosbyironton.net)**

## Declaration of Independence reading

Before the fireworks light the sky and grills fire up for the Fourth of July, Fairfield is inviting everyone to begin their holiday with something a little more historic—and deeply patriotic.

The Annual Reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 4, 2025, at the Fairfield Town Hall, located just north of the intersection of State Highway 6 and County Road 36, approximately 15 miles north of Crosby and 5 miles south of Emily.

This cherished tradition brings community members together to reflect on the powerful words that laid the foundation for America's freedom. It's a moment to pause, honor, and remember the bold vision of the Founding Fathers who declared that this new nation would stand on the principles of liberty, equality, and self-governance.

Following the reading, attendees can enjoy a short program of patriotic readings and music, creating a stirring tribute to the country's history and ideals. Light refreshments will be served afterward, offering a chance for neighbors and visitors alike to connect and share in the spirit of the holiday.

Whether you're a history enthusiast, a proud patriot, or simply looking for a meaningful way to start your Independence Day, the Fairfield Town Hall gathering offers a welcoming, reflective, and community-rich experience.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring a friend, a flag, and a heart full of gratitude for the freedoms we celebrate each July 4.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CROW WING  
DISTRICT COURT  
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No. 18-PR-25-1933  
In Re: Estate of Dennis Michael Benson, Decedent.  
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, TERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 24, 2025 at 2:30 PM, a hearing will be held in this Court at Remote Zoom, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Garrett Hilton, whose address is 3673 Lexington Avenue, Suite 111, Arden Hills, Minnesota 55126, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in a supervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

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BY THE COURT  
Dated: June 9, 2025  
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Judge of District Court  
Dana R. Anderson  
Court Administrator  
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# DNR adds eight counties to deer feeding and attractant ban



The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has added eight counties to a deer feeding and attractant ban to reduce the risk of chronic wasting disease spread, after CWD was detected in wild deer in new areas of the state last year.

“The feeding and attractant ban is one tool to reduce unnatural congregating of deer and lower the risk of CWD

spread,” said Paul Burr, acting big game program coordinator. “We use this tool where it provides the greatest benefit to the health of Minnesota’s white-tailed deer.”

Added to the feeding and attractant ban are Anoka, Clay, Ramsey, Sherburne, Steele, Traverse, Wilkin and Wright counties.

The ban now includes 32 Minnesota counties and

remains in effect for Aitkin, Beltrami, Carver, Cass, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Hubbard, Itasca, Le Sueur, Mower, Norman, Olmsted, Polk, Rice, Scott, Sibley, Wabasha, Washington and Winona counties. A map of the feeding and attractant ban area is available on the Minnesota DNR website.

The wording of the ban was

clarified to prevent it from covering natural or manufactured products that do not have attractants added. This change allows hunters to use items such as non-scented ropes, mock scrapes with no scents added, and other items

that were never intended to be covered under the deer feeding and attractant ban.

In areas outside the ban, the Minnesota DNR recommends that the public not feed deer. People interested in helping deer should focus

efforts on improving habitat to provide long-term food resources and shelter. For more information on how to improve private land for the benefit of deer and other wildlife, visit the Minnesota DNR website.



# Summer fun takes center stage at the 134th Aitkin County Fair, July 9–12

Get ready for four days of summer magic as the 134th Annual Aitkin County Fair kicks off July 9–12 at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds. From live music and livestock shows to carnival rides, crafts, and community spirit, this year’s fair promises a little something for everyone.

**Creativity on display**

Inside the Creative Activities Building, visitors can browse quilts, baked goods,

homemade sauces, and crafts. New this year is an Artist in Residence program, offering live art demos alongside musical performances. Don’t miss the Saturday Fashion Show, and the return of the popular Tree Decorating Contest, with cash prizes and a forest of local creativity on display.

**Music and memories on the Windy River Stage**

Live music takes center

stage each day, with performances by Brotherhood of the Birds, Steam Machine, Roe Family Singers, Duluth Transit Authority, and more. Local acts fill out the schedule, and Friday at 1 p.m., the Ripple River Quilt Guild hosts a moving military tribute, with a photo wall and handmade thank-you hangings also on display.

**Family fun and furry friends**

Families can enjoy a

packed schedule of hands-on activities including the Ag Olympics, Rabbit Agility Show, Kids’ Pedal Tractor Pull, and the always-popular Touch a Truck event. New this year is a Foam Party for some bubbly fun, while the Tractor Parade returns Saturday at 2 p.m.

Animal lovers can catch daily 4-H and Open Class livestock shows, the Central Minnesota Cattlemen’s Beef

Show on Saturday, and elegant Draft Horse Team competitions on Thursday.

**Grandstand thrills and midway Rides**

Buckle up for Bus and Stock Car Races Thursday, Baja Races Friday, and Saturday’s crowd-favorite Rodeo at 4 p.m. The Midway Carnival, operated by Crescent City Amusements, opens at 3 p.m. Wednesday and earlier on following days. Ride

wristbands are available in advance for \$25/day or \$65 for all four days.

**Don’t miss a moment**

With a full schedule of activities, from competitions to concerts, exhibits to elephant ears, the Aitkin County Fair promises something for everyone. For more information visit [aitkinfair.com](http://aitkinfair.com), follow the Aitkin County Fair on Facebook or exhibitor handbooks can be found at local business for complete entry information.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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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](http://newlifeaitkin.com) 218-927-2823.  
Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; [www.pointway.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://northwoodscommunitychurch.org)  
Baxter - Eagle Brook Church , Worship 9 & 11, [www.eaglebrookchurch.com/locations/brainerd-lakes/](http://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](http://fbcbrainerd.com)  
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org](http://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](http://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](http://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. Wednesdays 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](http://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 community 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](http://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 Ingleswood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. [www.christbaxter.com](http://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](http://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](http://flicbrainerd.com) 424 8th Street South, Brainerd  
Brainerd\* — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Pastor David Franz, find service info at [www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church](http://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](http://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](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org). Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Lorelei 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**  
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](http://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](http://www.visitlifespring.com)

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

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

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Brainerd — First Congregational UCC, 415 Juniper St, Brainerd. Sunday worship at 10. Pastor; Leslie Moughty. Handicapped accessible. [www.uccbbrainerdmn.org](http://www.uccbbrainerdmn.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 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. UWF 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 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

**WESLEYAN**  
Emily — Rev. Jason Gressman; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.



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# Brainerd sizzles with arts fair, parade, live music, and fireworks on tap

Summer in Brainerd is in full swing, and the calendar has events that promise to bring color, creativity, and celebration to the local community. Kicking things off is the Annual Summer Arts Fair at Gregory Park on Sunday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. This beloved event draws hundreds of local artists and vendors,



filling the park with handcrafted treasures, unique art pieces, jewelry, home goods, and more. Whether you're shopping for something special or just strolling through the booths with an iced coffee in hand, there's something for everyone at this creative celebration. Bring the whole family and enjoy a day of art, music, and sunshine under the park's canopy of shade trees. The celebration continues just a few days



later with the Brainerd/Baxter Fourth of July Parade, stepping off at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 4, near downtown Brainerd. Expect a lively lineup of floats, marching bands, local organizations, and maybe even a surprise appearance from Uncle Sam himself.

Patriotic spirit will be on full display as the community comes together to celebrate America's birthday in true red, white, and blue fashion. But the fun doesn't stop when the parade ends. At 8 p.m., the spotlight shifts to Lyman P. White Park Amphitheater on East River Road, where live music will set the tone for an unforgettable summer evening. Meanwhile, across town at Don Adamson Field, located east of the high school football stadium, family relays will bring laughter and a little friendly competition to the night. And finally, the grand finale: fireworks light up the sky at 10:15 p.m. at Don Adamson Field, capping off the day with a dazzling display of color and sound. Bring a blanket, some snacks, and settle in for what's sure to be a spectacular show.

# Pequot Lakes Stars & Stripes Days spectacular 4th of July celebration

Get ready for an unforgettable family-friendly celebration filled with food, music, contests, fireworks at Stars and Stripes Days in Pequot Lakes on July 3 and 4.

**Thursday, July 3**  
Start your Independence

Day celebration at South Trailside Park with food vendors, kid-friendly activities, and the always-popular Bean Bag Toss Tournament. Registration for the tournament starts at 5:00 p.m. with both youth (ages 8-14)

and adult (ages 15+) brackets, and cash prizes for the top three finishers in each category. For the younger crowd, enjoy thrilling bungee trampolines, bounce houses, and a kids' climb, also starting at 5:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., test your loon-calling skills in the Loon Calling Contest, with prizes for 1st place in both 12 & Under and 13 & Older age groups. The fun doesn't stop there! Sawyers Dream, a local band, will hit the stage at 8:00 p.m., playing live music until the sun sets. At dusk, settle in for a jaw-dropping fireworks show by North Star Fireworks, launching from Pequot Lakes High School.

**Friday, July 4**  
Stars and Stripes Days continues on July 4th with even more exciting activities. The Red, White & Brews coffee-to-cocktail bar by MN Traders will be open at 5:00 p.m., offering a refreshing mix of cold beer, coffee, and craft cocktails. Food vendors will also be serving up tasty bites at 5:00 p.m.. If you didn't get a chance to participate in the Bean Bag Toss Tournament on Thursday, don't worry—it's back at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Get your teams ready for the tournament, with cash prizes on the line. Music lovers can enjoy a performance by Better Man Duo from 5:30 to 7:00



p.m., and then at 8:00 p.m., Sawyers Dream returns to the stage for another set of live music. Once again, the night ends with a spectacular fire-

works display at dusk—the perfect way to wrap up the holiday weekend. For more details and event updates, visit [pequotlakes.com](http://pequotlakes.com).

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**COLLECTOR TRUCK:** 1955 Chevy First Series Truck, 6 cylinder, 5 speed overdrive manual S-10 transmission floor shift, 69 Impala rear end, new interior, new master cylinder, new tires. Immaculate condition, **VEHICLES:** 2017 Jeep Wrangler 4 Door, 6 speed manual, 4WD, 92,850 miles beautiful condition, 2017 Ford Flex AWD, 4 Door, 3rd row seating, leather interior, 4 sunroofs, automatic start 159,000 miles, excellent condition, 2009 Chevy Traverse LT, 4 door 159,000 miles, clean car, 2008 Ford Handicap accessible van w/side loading ramp, 2011 Chevy Suburban LT, 4WD 295,000 miles good running vehicle, 2005 Chevy 2500 extended cab, long box 189,000 miles, 2001 Volvo 106, 176 miles, 1989 Cadillac Deville, 2 door, 87,000 miles **CAMPING PACKAGES:** 2000 Monaco LA Palma Motorhome, 30 ft., Ford 6.8L Gas V10 fuel injected, Onan generator, 3 new batteries, 6 newer tires, 12 ft. slide out, back up camera, 2 flat screen tv's, three burner stove w/oven, microwave, queen bed w/ under storage, always stored indoors, 105,000 miles beautiful condition, Keystone Hornet 32RLSS travel trailer w/ 2 slide outs very clean unit, 1971 Kavot 14 ft. travel trailer **BOATING & RELATED:** 2022 Forester fisherman 14 ft. pontoon w/ 30 HP Honda OB motor, on Shoreland'r trailer, like new less 30 hours of use, 1998 Sea Ray 190 signature boat w/Mercuriser I/O motor on EZ Loader trailer great condition, 1997 Crestliner 17 ft. fishing boat w/90 HP Evinrude OB motor on good EZ loader trailer, 1992 Fisher 14 ft. fishing boat w/ 25 HP Evinrude OB motor, trolling motor, on good trailer, 1988 Crestliner 17 ft. fishing boat w/ 70 HP Mercury OB motor on good trailer, 1979 Lund S-14 FT w/electric start Johnson 20 HP OB motor on good trailer, Mohawk 16 FT canoe, (2) Sun Dolphin style paddle boats, Aluminum electric pontoon lift w/canopy & smart jack wheel system **TRAILERS:** BJ's trailers model 2-BK SPG 7x20 tandem axle trailer w/metal bed like new, 2007 ABUT 20 ft. tandem axle equipment trailer 12,000 LB w/ramps, Industrial tandem axle trailer 7x20 ft. with wood side rails & ramps, 7x18 tandem axle flatbed trailer, Snomaster 8x8 snowmobile trailer, 4x8 Lawn Tractor trailer w/sides & ramp **ATV'S & SNOWMOBILES RELATED:** 2022 Bintelli Nemesis 4-seater electric golf cart w/canopy less than 10 hours of use, 2003 Honda Foreman 4 wheeler, 4WD w/plow, 3472 miles, 1997 Club Car golf cart electric 48 volt with a charger, 1999 Polaris Indy Trail 500 Classic touring two up snowmobile, Arctic Cat Puma 400, ATV food plot disk **LAWN & GARDEN:** John Deere 345 riding lawn tractor broken hood, but sold with a new one (40 hours), John Deere GT235 riding lawn tractor, Cub Cadet XT1 riding lawn tractor w/bagger system 42 in. deck (12 hours), Lawn Boy riding lawn tractor, 14 HP Kohler w/ snowblower attachment, chains & wheel weights, Cub Cadet 2166 riding lawn tractor 48 in. deck, 645 hours, Craftsman YT 4000 riding lawn tractor Dirty Hand Tools 11.5 HP pull style brush mower 48 in. cut, 48 in. pull style lawn sweep, Electric front line tiller, Stihl 028 & 026 chainsaws, Echo backpack blower & Stihl handheld blower, Murray & Lawn Boy trimming mowers & other trimming mowers, Stihl weed trimmer & other gas powered weed trimmers some with brush heads, **GARAGE RELATED,** Sanborn 60-gallon upright air compressor like new, Generac Power Rush GP 6500 generator like new condition, Coleman Powermate 5000 generator, Ridgid 6-gallon air compressor & 3 tool combo kit new in the box, Husky tool cabinets on wheels, Central Pneumatic sandblasting cabinet & other large sandblasting cabinet on stand, (2) Bench model drill presses, Craftsman 10 in. bandsaw bench model, 20 Ton Shop Press, Ryobi 9" band saw w/light bench model, Schumacher battery charger on wheels, Homak bench model toolbox & other toolboxes, Variety of metal number & letter stamps, Excell 6.5 HP 2500 PSI pressure washer like new, Craftsman 2500 PSI pressure washer, Ryobi router table & router, Performax air compressor like new on wheels 1.5 HP 150 PSI, Sunjoe pressure washer, Pallet of antifreeze & other lubricants, Numerous corded hand power tools, Large variety of construction & mechanic hand tools **FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD RELATED,** Numerous restaurant tables & chairs, Large flat screen television, Framed wildlife artwork & other decorative framed artwork, Leather recliners, Felt top poker table, Oak style rocking chair & other oak high back chairs, Marble/slate top coffee tables **ITEMS OF INTEREST:** Tractor wheels 34 x 14 9 bolt, Pelpro pellet stove (like new), Ford F250/350 brush guard, Large variety of swords, knives & related, Large quantity of diamond willow pieces, Numerous containers of agates, 14 ft. metal trip pod deer stand w/ swivel seat, Older New Holland haybine for parts, Gas Ice Auger, **Sporting Goods Related-** fishing poles, tackle, lanterns deer stands & more, Outboard motors & trolling motors, Kids John Deere XUV battery powered 4 wheeler & kids Polaris 4 wheeler, Horse saddles, Whitetail mounts, Upright combination safe, Collectible barrel style ice cream maker

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# Mille Lacs Community Trust awards \$23,800 in grants to local nonprofits



Above are pictured (back: left to right) Amanda Swearewgin, Lorna White, Todd Brown, Irmgard Boyer, Ted Landgren, Shawn Hansen, Tina Foster, Ellery Brandt, Brian Andrews, Lori Gross, Jenny Diederich, Tanya Pietz, Mark Greninger, Jason Henke, Logan Henke and (front) Jim White, Gary Tibbitts, Angela Maria Lara Cabrera, Amy Wyant, Ann Silgen, Cathy Buhmann, Pam Brand, Lisa Schmidt.

The Mille Lacs Community Trust Board continues its commitment to supporting local organizations with the latest round of grants, distributing \$23,800 to a variety of nonprofits in the community.

The funds, raised through the voluntary Operation Round Up program, will benefit organizations across the region, providing crucial support for their important work. In June, the board award-

ed grants to the following organizations: Lakes Area Restorative Justice Project, Quarterbacks Club (Aitkin Public Schools - Aitkin Robotics), Aitkin Area Team for Alzheimer's, Aitkin County

CARE, Inc., Knights of Columbus - Aitkin County Council #18545, Lakes Area Interfaith Caregivers, dba Interfaith Volunteers, Lakes Area Music Festival, Long Lake Conservation Foundation, McGregor Young Life, Monday Lunch Bunch - St. Vincent de Paul, Ripple River Quilt Guild, Riverwood Foundation, South Aitkin First Responders, and The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes. These grants support a

wide range of programs, from education and healthcare to community services and arts initiatives. With these latest awards, the total amount of funds distributed since the inception of Operation Round Up has surpassed an impressive \$1.6 million. Operation Round Up is a voluntary program through

Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative, where members round up their electric bill payments to the nearest dollar. The small change adds up, and 100% of the funds raised through this program are donated back to the local community, supporting nonprofits, schools, and other vital causes.

Mavonne Prokop, Bethany Sellers, Charles Schotzko, Marna Wahl, Bob Nelson, and Doyle Jelsing. These dedicated individuals meet quarterly—on the second Wednesday of March, June, September, and December—to review applications and decide where the funds will have the greatest impact.

Applications for funding are accepted year-round, and organizations can submit their applications for review by the board at any time. To ensure inclusion in the upcoming board meeting, applications must be received a week before the quarterly meetings. For more information or to request an application, contact Deb Chute at 218-927-8221 or 1-800-450-2191.

The Operation Round Up program continues to demonstrate how small contributions can create a significant, positive impact on the Mille Lacs area community. Thank you to all the cooperative members who help make these generous grants possible.

## Paradigm Auto in Aitkin and Brainerd



Patrick Metzler, new owner of Paradigm Auto in Brainerd and Aitkin, is shown with a BMW, one of the European vehicles they specialize in. The Brainerd office also has U-haul rentals.

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
Patrick Metzler is the new owner of Paradigm Auto in Aitkin and Brainerd. The Aitkin shop is located on Hwy. 210 west in conjunction with Auto Value. The Brainerd shop is on Laurel Street west of the Crow Wing courthouse complex. Metzler's wife Danyel works with him and their two children keeping them busy – a 3-year-old and a

seventh-month old. Steve Holms is the manager in Aitkin where they have two employees. Metzler is in Aitkin two times a week and was planning on hosting Business After Hours in Aitkin on June 26. (not yet held by press time). There are five employees in Brainerd. They do all types of work on vehicles but Brainerd specializes in servicing Euro-

pean domestic vehicles such as Mercedes, BMW, Volvo, Volkswagen and Audi. The Brainerd shop is also a U-Haul affiliate.

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