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Enchanted Sound Garden to 'Magical Keys' performance



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But the magic doesn't end there. Prepare to be dazzled as the Lakes Area Music Festival (LAMF) conjures a unique blend of musical virtuosity and theatrical wonder in Magical Keys—a one-of-a-kind concert event for audiences of all ages. This spell-binding program takes place Sunday, August 3 at 1:00 p.m. at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd.

Starring internationally

acclaimed pianist and magician Igor Lipinski, Magical Keys weaves together classical showpieces by Rachmaninoff, Gershwin, Ravel, and more with sleight-of-hand illusions and storytelling. Lipinski's original program, developed in collaboration with Teller of Penn & Teller, is unlike anything else in classical music today. The concert will be conducted by Christian Reif with Ilana Setapen (Milwaukee Symphony) as concertmaster.

"Igor Lipinski holds a special card in his hands," wrote The Buffalo News. "His performances are magical. Literally." A native of Poland and a prize-winning concert pianist, Lipinski has appeared with orchestras and festivals worldwide, including a recent appearance at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Now a tenured professor at the University of Oklahoma, he continues to innovate through boundary-breaking performances like Piano Ill-

usions, which inspired this LAMF program.

Part of LAMF's 2025 MYTHS & MAGIC season, Magical Keys and Sound Garden embody the Festival's commitment to access,

innovation, and community engagement. The 2025 season runs July 25–August 17 and features more than 200 artists from the nation's top orchestras and opera companies in concerts, operas, and

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Aitkin County Fair wraps up with great weather and new highlights



Restored, vintage tractors on display at the fairgrounds.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
By now, the fair smells are a memory—hot grease, sugar, animals. The sounds of the fair—the carnival, children yelling, cows mooing, are

fading away as well. Lon Nicko of the Aitkin County fair board said that the 2025 fair that finished in mid-July was a success. “The weather was great—it was mostly sunny but not too hot and humid. It did rain one time, and we had to fix up our grandstand track, but for the most part the weather was great,” said Nicko in an interview. They had to re-prepare the track for the Baja racing after

the rainfall. Baja is like motocross with jumps and cuts, only with vehicles. They also had bus racing, barrel racing and Mutton Busting where local kids rode the rodeo sheep, as grandstand events. Local 4-hers kept busy showing numerous types of animals and projects. “We try to schedule everything at different times so that a youngster can enter several classes: such as chickens, goats and a rabbit,” he noted. 4-H events went on every day. “A new feature this year was playing in some soapy foam. Lots of children enjoyed that and so did the DAC

clients.” Nicko said the fair is free so that those without means can also attend and enjoy the events. Much of the entertainment is also free, with the only charge for grandstand events. “We take pride in keeping the fair open and accessible to all income levels,” he said. Christine Bright noted that the Creative Activities building was busy with live demonstrations and judging. “We did live judging each day so that the audience got involved interactively with the judges,” she said. Categories that were judged live included gluten free baking, quilts, sauces and salsa, breads, pickles, and decorating a Christmas tree while following prescribed guidelines. The Ripple River Quilters get involved with judging and displaying quilts which are a favorite with the audience. Also, oohed and awed over was a needlepoint



Carmille Marshik of the Pilots of Clear Lake 4-H Club in the rabbit agility entry.

hanging of a Native American. Knowledgeable, expert judges were secured for each category as were celebrity judges, such as Ken Westman, CEO of Riverwood Healthcare Center, and David Hermiding, district court judge. Both men judged several subjects. “We had artists demos, classes and musicians on the Windy River Stage,” summed up Bright. Sad that the fair is over? Never fear. The Crow Wing County Fair is on from July 29 through August 2, with plenty of things to view, eat and ride on at the fairgrounds in southeast Brainerd.



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Maada’ookiing grants strengthen Native American culture and traditions

The Northland Foundation has awarded \$39,500 in Maada’ookiing grants to eight individuals dedicated to strengthening Native American traditions.

Maada’ookiing (“the distribution” in Ojibwe) is a Native American-led program of the Northland Foundation. Grant funding up to \$5,000 is offered three times per year to Tribal citizens, descendants, or those who have kinship ties or affiliation to Native American communities within the foundation’s geographic region. Maada’ookiing grants are considered and approved by the Maada’ookiing Advisory Board.

Since the Northland Foundation began making Maada’ookiing grants in 2021, over 110 grants and more than \$330,000 have supported dozens of community- and culture-building activities across the region.

“Grantees are turning modest amounts of funding into widespread learning, healing, accomplishment, and joy,” stated Cayla Belanger DeGroat, Program Officer at the foundation. “Every successive round of funding only confirms that Maada’ookiing is a worthwhile investment in community well-being.”

In that knowledge, and with adequate grantmaking resources on hand, the Maada’ookiing Advisory Board voted to add a “pop up” grant opportunity this summer. Applications are open through July 30, 2025, and up to ten grants may be awarded during the special round.

The next regular deadline to apply for a Maada’ookiing grant is September 8, 2025. Find information about the program and application on the Northland Foundation’s website under Grant Funding at <https://northlandfdn.org/grant-funding/maadaookiing-grants/>.

The recently awarded grants are as follows:

- Laura Winter, Duluth: \$5,000 to create a graphic novel written in Ojibwemowin in collaboration with first language Ojibwe speakers.
- Ruth Porter, Orr: \$5,000 to host online beadwork classes and gatherings that reduce isolation by bringing socialization and learning to people in their homes.
- Savannah Pemberton, Cass Lake: \$4,500 to host beadwork classes that promote cultural knowledge and community in Leech Lake District 1.
- Tashia Hart, Duluth: \$5,000 to support the creation of a feature film and TV pilot screenplay based in the Duluth Native American community.
- Jonathan Thunder, Duluth: \$5,000 to support the production of a short film shot and based in the Duluth Native American community.
- Sarah Agaton Howes, Cloquet: \$5,000 to support a canoe and waterway navigation training and cultural reconnection to Anishinaabe canoeing on the Fond du Lac reservation.

- Devon Northbird, Bemidji: \$5,000 to support the creation of traditional ribbon skirts and shirt graduation regalia for the class of 2026 at North Woods High School near Bois Forte reservation.
- Caitlyn Taylor, Duluth: \$5,000 to support a collaborative intergenerational art workshop that promotes healing and connection through language and cultural teaching.

For more information and to apply, visit the Northland Foundation’s website at northlandfdn.org/grant-funding/maadaookiing-grants.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- July**
- 26th - Ironton doubles pickleball tournament, 8 a.m., at the courts in Ironton. Visit raceroster.com and search "Ironton Fest" to get signed up.
- 26th - Ironton Fire Department Day for good family fun, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a car/truck show, crafter/vendor show, KidsFest featuring games, coloring and a bouncy house. Firemen will be running the grill. Located at 309 Third Street in Ironton. Call, text or e-mail Sarah Portz at 218-838- 1822 or sarahportz80@gmail.com.
- 26th - Erin's Wish Fundraiser at the Town Tavern in Ironton starting at 11 a.m. food, mega meat raffle, motorcycle run, Battle of the Bartenders Dunk Tank, Bar Olympics, Street Dance with "Stifle" starting at 8 p.m. Call 218-546-5997 for more details.
- 26th & 27th - Power Boat races on along the shores of Serpent Lake at Crosby's Memorial Park, noon - 4 p.m. For more information, visit cuyunalakes.com or call the Chamber at 218- 546-8131.
- 28th - Prayer Quilting Group, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., The Brainerd Center, 803 Kingwood St., Brainerd, If you like to cut out fabric squares, match colors, pin quilts, hand tie, or sew on a machine, volunteer your time at the Conference Room on third floor of The Brainerd Center, 803 Kingwood St., Brainerd to make full-sized quilts for individuals with medical issues for encouragement.
- 28th - American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Ironton American Legion from noon-6 p.m.
- 29th - Toy Makers, 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Meet to make wooden toys for children. This is a flexible group that meets at The Brainerd Center, 803 Kingwood St., Brainerd, to use their tools to make the toys or you can choose to make them in your own shop at home. Let's put some smiles on children's faces with quality hand made toys!
- 29th - 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 Watercolors 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.
- 29th - August 2nd - The Crow Wing County Fair. The Crow Wing County Fairgrounds are located at 2000-13th St SE, Brainerd.
- August**
- 2nd - Log Village 50th Anniversary Party, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Join us as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary with a Family Picnic and Celebration! Lunch at Noon. Play fun games, enjoy live music, and watch some demonstrations. Fun for the whole family.
- 3rd - 7th - Immanuel of Iron Hub and Zion of Crosby Family Vacation Bible School, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Crosby (225 4th St. NW). The topic for the week will be "River of Life". A light lunch will be served at 5:30 pm, followed by lessons, music, & crafts. We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the church office 218-546-6910 for further information and to sign up.

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Do you sometimes read something and think “what the heck”? Or see something and wonder “how can I be sure this is true”?

Here in Minnesota, there is a lot going on. Who can we turn to for information, on a local level and on the national level, that ISN’T Mainstream Media? I’m writing today to give you a few ideas of where to look... of course, many, Many sources are on social media, but who can we trust these days??

In my travels over the last few years, here in Minnesota, some of the news sources I would choose to use include: this local paper! KTLF radio (out of Little Falls): has a great daily radio program that talks about current Minnesota happenings, called UpFront at 9am M-F. It is available through an app called Simple Radio, download for free. Other Minnesota outlets include: Alpha News, Lindell TV, and Action 4 Liberty. Child Protection League, Minnesota Right to Life and Minnesota Gun Rights are all very good organizations as well.

For viewing on the national level, I would turn to NewsMax, Real America’s Voice, Right Side Broad-

casting and One America News, available via apps, ROKU or Fire Stick.... and printed publication, hands down, EPOCH Times.

And my Favorite RUMBLE Channel (another app) would have to be “And We Know” (AWK). LT is a retired marine and I’ve been following him for years. He retells what is going on in the world, if it’s news, it’s usually on his program. Many times, I see/hear something and he re-confirms it for me.

I’ve been praying that Minnesota would finally be seen, and boy are people watching all this crazy stuff now. Minnesota gets mentioned periodically and it is great to hear... feel free to use a few of these outlets & happy searching, all the best.

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OBITUARIES

PHILLIP TICHENOR



Phillip James Tichenor, age 93, passed away surrounded by loved ones on March 12, 2025 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital following a stroke suffered on March 7 while living at the Heartwood Senior Living Center in Crosby, MN.



A celebration of life service is planned for Phil on July 29, 2025 at the Brooklyn United Methodist Church, Brooklyn Center, MN.

Visitation will commence at 4:00 p.m., service at 5:00 p.m. and reception dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Phil was born on July 31, 1931 in Sparta, WI, the son of Victor and Esther (Wegner) Tichenor. He grew up on a small farm near Sparta and graduated from Sparta High School in 1947. Following high school, he worked as a farm hand for his brother for a year, after which time he gained admission to the University of Wisconsin (Madison), graduating with a degree in rural sociology and journalism in 1951. He was commissioned, through ROTC, into the US Army as a 2nd Lieutenant following his graduation. He served in the Toul-Nancy region of France in a combat engineering company. Following his tour in the army he rejoined the University environment gaining a master's degree, writing and publishing agriculture-related science articles and ultimately earning a doctorate degree from Stanford University. Phil and Eileen (Woodworth)

were married in Shamrock WI on June 16, 1956. Following the marriage, they settled in Falcon Heights, and later Shoreview, MN. Phil was a Professor at the University of Minnesota, in both the departments of Rural Sociology and Journalism. He published many books and articles in the fields of mass communication, public opinion, rural sociology, science writing and co-authored as part of a triumvirate that produced and patented the Knowledge Gap Thesis. Phil and Eileen purchased lake property in Aitkin County, MN in 1958 and created a wonderful haven, known as "The Round Lake Cabin"; a lifetime of fond memories for his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. Following Eileen's death in 2003, Phil and Joan (Huyck) were married and enjoyed their final years together.

Phil is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Lani and Bob Beall; sons and daughters-in-law: Terry and LeAnn (nee Birkliid), and Michael and Becky (nee Boucher); stepsons and step daughters-in-law: Randall and Karen Huyck, and Jon and Rachael Huyck; 17 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Phil was preceded in death by his first wife Eileen, second wife Joan (nee Donaghy), parents, brothers and sisters-in-law: Lorraine and Teresa (nee Schmidt), Louis and Polly (nee Duren), Earl and Marge (nee Olson), son-in-law Craig Goesser, and three infant grandchildren.

Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.



Ilean J. Moore, age 83, of Baxter, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at her home.

Services will be held 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2025 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Visitation will start at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be in

Cedar Township Cemetery near Rinard, IA, at a later date. Memorials may be sent to: Family of Ilean Moore, 23253 County Road 30, Aitkin, MN 56431.

She was born to Edwin and Katherine Vogel on February 3, 1942. Ilean was born and raised in Farnhamville, IA. In 1962, Ilean married her high school sweetheart, Darold Moore. Together they had three daughters: Kari, Heidi, and Kristina (Kris). In 1972, Darold and Ilean settled in the Brainerd Lakes area to raise their three girls. In 2007, she retired from *InFisher*man where she had worked for 25 years. In their retirement, she and Darold

enjoyed their lake home, "the cabin", on Man Lake in northern Minnesota. She was a member of Salem Lutheran church in Deerwood and past member of Salem Lutheran church in Longville. Ilean enjoyed sewing, knitting and reading as well as her many social activities with the Ladies of the Lake, Birthday Babes and longtime friends and family, often seen playing games and having coffee.

She is survived by her daughters: Kari (Craig) Henningson of Aitkin, MN; Heidi (Keith Cory) Moore of Middleton, ID; and Kristina (Tim) Juare of St. Joseph, MN; six grandchildren: Cory (Kya) Henningson, great-grandsons Logan and Lincoln Picha; Carman (Colten) Sunde; Austin Cory, Christopher Huffman; Ashley (Jeremy) Thene, great-grandaughter, Blake; and Zachary Juare, and great-grandson, Archer.

Ilean was preceded in death by her husband, Darold.

Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

THOMAS SELSETH



Thomas Vincent Selseth, 78, of Garrison passed away peacefully on Friday, July 11, 2025 at his home with loved ones by his side.

A celebration of Tom's life will be 12 p.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, August 30, 2025 at the VFW Post #1816 in Garrison. Burial with full military honors will be September 2, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Garrison VFW or Disabled American Veterans.

He was born February 5, 1947 in Minneapolis the

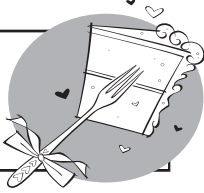
son of Vincent and Ethel (Miller) Selseth. One year after graduating from Minnetonka High School in 1965, Tom enlisted in the Army, joining the Medical Corps. Tom was a proud Vietnam Veteran, serving as a medic near Da Nang in a MASH unit near the 101st Airborne. Upon his return from Vietnam, Tom started a family and began a 55 year career in real estate, spending more than 30 years with Counselor Realty. In addition to his many hobbies: hunting, fishing, softball & boating, Tom was an active member of the Minnetonka and Garrison area communities for many decades. Most recently, he served as the Junior Vice Chair and House Committee Member at the VFW Post #1816 in Garrison. Tom is gone, but will certainly not be forgotten.

Tom is survived by his daughters: Heather (Jordan), Erica (Daren); grandchildren: Cole (Evette), Stone Thomas, Gabby, Tiah; great-grandaughter Ila Lucile; sisters: Cathy (Arden) and Mary (Pete); many other special relatives and friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Vincent and Ethel, and brother Gerry (Joey).

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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
Garrison* — Worship 10:30am
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.
Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, iamheritage.org
Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hilcityagchurch@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.eagle-brookchurch.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.; fbcbainerd.com
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 11.
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor Jon Thorson; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study Wed. 7 pm
Deerwood* — Jeff Shadrick, SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
Glory* — SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12. aitkinchurch.com
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.
CATHOLIC
Aitkin* — St. James, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10:30. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 and 4-4:45 pm.
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Gabriel Waweru, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Michael Garry, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass: Thurs. and Fri. at 8; Tues at noon, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Eli Gieske, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Mike Patullo, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8; Confessions Tues. 5:30-6:30 pm
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10
COMMUNITY
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun. 10, 218-927-6959
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10, SS 9; 16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.
McGregor — The Lighthouse Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Kenny Holm, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
Palisade —Hilltop Chapel (Waukenabo Twp)*- service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; 49448 Osprey Avenue, Palisade.
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.
EPISCOPAL
Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Rev. Joyce A. Rush. In-person worship service at 10 am Sunday. Online at 5 pm Saturday. Call the church 219-829-3834 and leave a message with email to receive a Zoom invitation.
EVANGELICAL FREE
Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Matt Nagel; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Wednesday for all ages 6:30 pm.
Crosslake — The Log Church 9:30, Pastor Troy Nelson; 218-692-4141, 37218 County Road 66, www.crosslakeefc.org
Isle — Pastor Mark Lee; Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:30 am, Sun. Youth group 6:00 pm, Wed. Adult Prayer 6:30 pm and Kids Connect 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 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. 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 Ingleswood 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.lchurch.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 8:30, Pastor Donald Klatt 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. - 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 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 Study Tue 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.visitlifespring.com
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor Josh Jeresek; Worship Sat. 9:30, Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933; 830 Minnesota Ave S
Brainerd — Pastor Josh Jeresek; Worship Sat. 11:10, Bible Study 10; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

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

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

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

Fire strikes Ironton building, causes estimated \$70,000 in damage



A downtown Ironton apartment building located at 229-4th Street sustained significant fire damage on Sunday, July 20, prompting a swift response from the Ironton Fire Department and mutual aid support from neighboring agencies. While no injuries were reported, the fire led to

the evacuation of the building and temporarily displaced its occupants.

According to Ironton Fire Chief Jeff Thompson, the fire is believed to have originated from a malfunctioning bathroom ventilation fan. The flames extended from the building's flat roof into the

walls, requiring firefighters to take aggressive action to contain the spread.

"Fire crews worked quickly to contain the fire," said Chief Thompson. "They cut a trench in the roof to stop the fire's progression and pulled down sections of the ceiling and exterior wall to

fully extinguish the flames." Mutual aid was provided by the Crosby Fire Department, which was paged for assistance with their ladder truck. Chief Thompson expressed gratitude for their support during the operation.

Chief Thompson said the estimated damage ranges from \$60,000 to \$70,000, factoring in the current high costs of building materials and subcontractor services. The building was safely evacuated, and the American Red Cross has been in contact with the property owner to help relocate affected residents.

The Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Office will conduct a formal investigation to determine the official cause of the fire.

Chief Thompson also issued a reminder to the public following an incident during

the response in which a civilian attempted to assist firefighters.

"We had a civilian try to help, and we had to stop him," he said. "Please remember that we are trained professionals with the proper equipment. If you intervene, even with good intentions, you may create more danger—for yourself and for

others. Please allow us to do what we are trained to do."

No injuries were reported among residents.

Assisting were the Deerwood Police Department, Crosby Fire Department, Crosby Police Department, Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department and Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Ambulance.



Garrison Play Days with prizes, parades, and family fun for everyone



Garrison came alive for Play Days last weekend, featuring sporting contests, a lively parade, and fun carnival games. Above: Jackson of Savage MN, attended Play Days with Gramma Anitaproudly displays the beads he won.



At Garrison Play Days, Chris (right) of Waterloo, Iowa, embraces the fun of the Granny Panny game, where he dons oversized "panties" while his son Layne (left), 6, tries to land balls inside. The father-son duo made the most of their vacation, with Layne successfully getting every ball in.



Sally of Turtle Lake sells tickets in the popular prize booth.



Mia of Aitkin helps a customer at the carnival, put on by the Garrison Commercial Club.

Join the fight against Cancer at Erin's Wish fundraiser in Ironton

This Saturday, July 26, the Town Tavern in Ironton is hosting a fun-filled day to support local cancer patients in the area. The Erin's Wish Fundraiser benefits the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center (CRMC) Courage Cabinet, an essential program that provides much-needed assis-

tance to those battling cancer right here in our community. We've all been touched by cancer in some way, whether through a friend, family member, or neighbor. This fundraiser is a chance to give back and make a real difference. Starting at 11 a.m., Town Tavern will donate 10%

Expect an action-packed schedule of events designed to entertain while supporting a vital cause. The fun kicks off with a mega meat raffle, followed by a motorcycle run that winds through the scenic beauty of the area. For some

The festivities don't end there. At 8 p.m., the street will come alive with a Street Dance featuring the popular local band *Stifle*.

In addition to the day's

representing different types of cancer. From the familiar pink for breast cancer to yellow for bone cancer and orange for leukemia, these ribbons unite us all in the fight against cancer.

For more information or to learn how you can get involved, call 218-546-5997.

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