U.S. Postage Brainerd, MN **ZIP CODE 56401** Permit No. 681



218-821-1393 By Appointment Only

email: hopper@crosbyironton.net www.newshopper.net

MANNA FOR MALAWI BENEFIT CONCERT Page 2

CROSBY RECEIVES A \$309,000 GRANT Page 6

COMMUNITY EVENTS Page 3

> **CLASSIFIEDS** Page 5

Nesheim Bait to be inducted into the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame on September 26 Minnow legends honored for tradition and family legacy

By ANN SCHWARTZ Nesheim Bait and Tackle, a long-time little store at the corner of South 6th Street and Quince in Brainerd (where a law office is now) was a shop where many anglers the Brainerd Lakes Area got their basics: tackle, bait and maybe some stimulating conversation. Maybe you fished in the area in the '60s, '70s, '80s, and '90s, through the early 2000ths. A Polaroid photo of you and your fish may have

been snapped, published in

the Brainerd Dispatch and



The Nesheim Bait crew seining for minnows in creeks around Brainerd decades ago...

posted on the bait shop wall. Frank, 93, and Lucy, 88, Nesheim, of Brainerd, will see their business inducted

into the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame on September

"We always had fresh fish

to feed our large family, that our customers brought us," Lucy said in a recent interview from their south Brainerd home, just a bit south of where they raised their four children and ran the bait shop. "We still have customers bringing us fresh fish." Lucy said they love fresh panfish the best, fried with a Shore-Lunch-type coating.

Although the bait shop closed in the early 2000s, and the wholesale business soon after, Frank and Lucy, and Frank's parents before them, found a way to combine family life with business,

Continued on Page 4



The **Expansion** of Health Care

When you're ready to talk to someone Strong relationships are

humanity's future better knowledge of yourself is the first step

OUTPATIENT LOCATIONS IN: BRAINERD
 LITTLE FALLS

AITKIN · WADENA · STAPLES

· LONG PRAIRIE · WALKER

understandings make for sizable gains

Small efforts and new

- Telehealth
- In-person sessions
- Collaborative plans for measurable improvement



Always Seeking Quality npmh.org/careers

Integrative Medicine

Let's work together to find the solution that's right for you. Schedule your first appointment by August 30, 2025 and receive a FREE Consultation (Up to 15 Minutes)

• In Person or TeleHealth Access (online health consultation) • Doctor-grade supplements delivered to your door Drs. Murray & Shannon Smith • 23 West Main Street, Crosby • www.askdrsmith.com • (218) 851-9626

Chiropractic • Acupuncture • Massage • NeuroMetabolic Care • Guided Weight Loss • Slim Laser • Magnesphere Resonance Therapy • PEMF

Have It

Today!**

Locally

Owned and

Operated

16413 Highway 371, Brainerd, MN 56401 • 218-828-3020

2 Miles North of Baxter on 371 • www.371furniture.com 371sales@gmail.com • Hours: Monday - Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 11-4 *Subject to credit approval. Restrictions apply. See store for details. **In-stock items only.





371 FURNITURE

& MATTRESS



2 August 23, 2025 NewsHopperTM www.NewsHopper.net

Manna For Malawi benefit concert to support Malawi orphans

The 11th Annual Manna for Malawi benefit concert is set to take place at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 4th Street SW in Crosby, on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. This beloved event, which brings together the generosity of local residents, will help support the Malawi Orphan Care Project, a life-changing initiative dedicated to providing care and support for orphaned children in Malawi, Africa.

The afternoon will feature

a live performance by Gigfoot, the popular local band known for its lively tunes and crowd-pleasing melodies. Their mix of Rock 'n roll classics, country, and modern Hits will set the perfect tone for a gathering focused on giving back.

A delicious meal and refreshing beverages will be available starting at 3:00 p.m., giving attendees the chance to enjoy great food while supporting a worthy cause. The event is also

packed with opportunities to win exciting items at the silent auction and raffle, with a variety of fantastic prizes donated by generous local businesses and community members. There will also be activities for children, ensuring that everyone in the family can enjoy the day while contributing to a life-changing cause.

The event runs on a freewill offering basis, so whether you're a long-time supporter or a first-time attendee, your presence and contributions will make a lasting impact. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Malawi Orphan Care Project, a nonprofit dedicated to providing edu- children in Malawi. For more cation, food, and healthcare

information about the project to orphans and vulnerable and how it's changing lives,

visit their website at www. malawiorphancareproject.

Mille Lacs Lake walleye limit

The walleye limit on Mille Lacs Lake has increased from two to three beginning today and continuing through Sunday, Nov. 30. The size limit which allows anglers to harvest fish 17 inches or longer but only one longer than 20 inches — remains in place.

"Our primary management objective is to maintain a healthy walleye population and remain within the state's share of sustainable harvest," said Brad Parsons, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fisheries section manager. "The slow bite this year allows the DNR to meet that primary goal and offer anglers the chance to take home an extra fish during the remainder of the season."

As of July 31, state-licensed anglers have harvested 23.5 percent of the state's allocation of 113,600 pounds of walleye. The state and the Ojibwe Tribes who retain harvest rights in the 1837

Treaty Area jointly establish a sustainable harvest level each year, and that total harvest amount is then allocated between state-licensed anglers and Tribal anglers.

The slow walleye bite on Mille Lacs Lake in 2025 is due to abundant forage in the lake from strong yellow perch and cisco hatches the previous year that provide an alternative to anglers' baits. With slower fishing, fewer anglers have fished the lake than in a typical year.

"Although abundant forage has slowed angler catch rates, that's a good, healthy sign for Mille Lacs Lake," Parsons said. "Anglers are reporting they are catching plump walleye, and we expect the lake's walleye population to grow well this season."

Complete Mille Lacs Lake fishing regulations and regularly updated surveys that show ongoing state-licensed angler catches of walleye, northern pike and yellow perch are available on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/millelacslake).

YOUR ADVENTURE

BEGINS HERE!

NEW! Wicked Wand Workshop NEW! Ninja Warrior Challenge

Open Weekends August 16 - September 28

Plus Labor Day, September 1 & Festival Friday, September 26

9 am - 7 pm • Rain or Shine

<u> (enaissance Festival</u>

952.445.7361 | RenaissanceFest.com

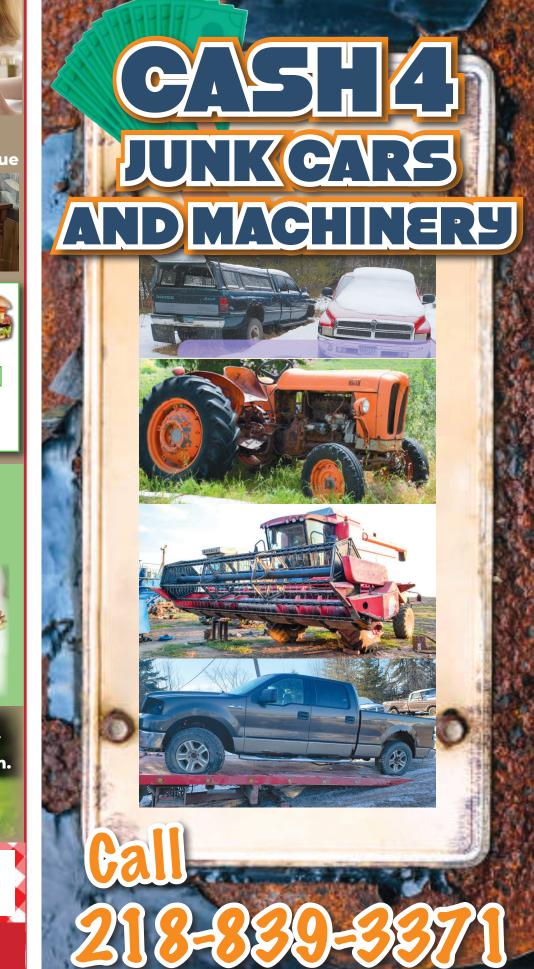








OPEN Daily 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.





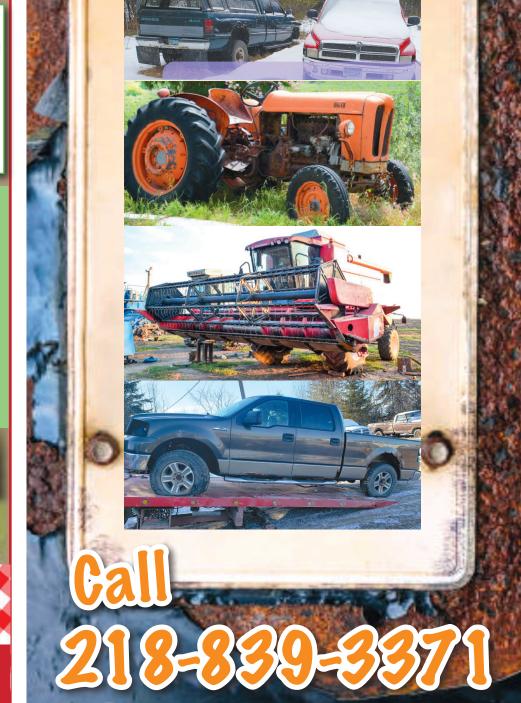
25039 Tame Fish Lake Rd., Deerwood 218-678-2885 · ruttgers.com

7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thurs-Sat

17698 MN 6, Deerwood

7 a.m. - 8 p.m.



Crosby receives a \$309,000 grant

Representative Ben Davis (R–Mission Twp.) announced in a press realease that the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) has approved \$309,000 in funding for the City of Crosby through the Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program.

The project will replace approximately 34 lead service lines in Crosby's drinking water infrastructure, ensuring families have access to safe and reliable drinking water. The funding is structured as a grant, covering the full cost of the project.

"This is great news for the people of Crosby," said Rep. Davis. "Safe, clean drinking water is one of the most basic needs of every community. This investment ensures that families can trust the water coming out of their tap, and I am proud to support efforts like this that improve the health and safety of our communities."

The LSLR Program is funded through a combination of federal capitalization grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state appropriations to the MPFA.

"I congratulate Crosby for its commitment to replacing outdated lead service lines and protecting its residents," Davis added. "These are the kinds of responsible, practical projects that make a real difference for families across Minnesota."

STARTING AT

BUY A

REMNANT FROM

TYKE'S AND WE

WILL BIND IT!

August

23rd - Plant Sale, 9 a.m.- noon at the Northland Arboretum, 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd, 23rd - Manna For Malawi, benefit concert and meal at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 4th Street SW, Crosby, 2-6 p.m. Music by Gigfoot, Meal and beverages beginning at 3 p.m., activities for children, silent auction and raffle items. Free will offering. All proceeds benefit Malawi Orphan Care Project. 24th - Omelet Breakfast at the Pequot Lakes American Legion Post #49, 4435 Main Street, Pequot

Lakes, 8 a.m.-noon, select your own ingredients plus hash browns, toast or muffin, fruit, and juice 24th - Cuyuna Crusher Mountain Bike Race in the Rec Area near Ironton. Call the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber for sponsorship opportunities at 218-546-8131.

25th - Prayer Quilting Group, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at The Brainerd Center, 803 Kingwood St., Brainerd. Whether you like to like to cut out fabric squares, match colors, pin quilts, hand tie, or sew on a machine, help make full size quilts for those with medical issues. You can also support this effort with financial donations to cover postage and supplies. Stop by the Conference Room on third floor. 29th - Pick up Aitkin Lions Palisade prepaid peaches at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds food building from

7 a.m.-6 p.m. September

6th - Homeless and Wounded Warriors Minnesota Motorcycle Ride at the Crosslake American Legion located at 35112 County Road 3 in Crosslake, 10:30 a.m. registration, kick stands up at noon. Cost is \$30 for drivers and \$10 for passengers and any car \$30 with \$10 per passenger. A meal is provided for all registered riders following the ride. This is a rain or shine event. Contact Shane Ofsthun at 218-821-1756 or Russ Philstrom at 651- 329-1373 for more information.

7th - Aitkin Flyers Wild Rice Pancake Breakfast Fly-in, 8 a.m.-noon at the Aitkin Municipal Airport located at 1190 Air Park Drive in Aitkin. Hosted by the Experimental Aircraft Association 965

Send your community events to hopper@crosbyironton.net

Transportation plan public meeting

A public meeting will be held on Thursday August 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Lower Level, Land Services Building, 322 Laurel St. Brainerd.

Meeting Details:

6:00 p.m. Welcome, Map Displays, and Additional Feedback Opportunity

6:30 p.m. Public Engagement Presentation

7:00 p.m. Questions & Answers with Highway Department Staff

The Crow Wing County Highway Department has finished the initial phase of public engagement for the Long-Range Transportation Plan and is analyzing the feedback to identity trends and themes. During the initial public engagement effort of the plan over 500 comments came in through the survey and interactive map. The public is invited to see a pre-

Euxury VINYL PLANKING

sentation on the trends and themes identified through the public engagement effort, provide additional feedback and interact with Crow Wing County Highway staff at this meeting.

This plan will help identify and prioritize long term investments focused on vehicle and pedestrian safety, road maintenance and prepare for future growth and change. Every day we all rely on a safe and dependable transportation system whether commuting to work or school, towing a boat to the lake, or walking or biking through our beautiful communities. We depend on a system that is well maintained, accessible and ready to meet our everyday needs. The plan will help the County make informed decisions on future planning for the next ten to twenty years.

"We are grateful for all of

GOOD KING TYKE'S FLOORING SALE!

SQ. FT.

Going

BUY IT TODAY, GET TODAY! ON IN-STOCK GOODS

OVER 400 ROLLS

All First Quality Merchandise!

TYKE'S CARPET CASTLE

Hwy. 371 North, Brainerd • 218-829-3878 Ópen: 9 - 5 Mon. - Sat. or by appointment

REMNANTS

thoughtful feedback we've gotten so far. Your insights are helping us identify key concerns, prioritize practical solutions and ensure the final plan reflects the needs of our communities. No one knows our transportation systems better than the people who use them every day. Residents know what works and what doesn't. That kind of knowledge is invaluable. Your voice can help shape the future of transportation in Crow Wing County." said County Engineer Tim Bray.

For more information about the Long-Range Transportation Plan, please visit crowwing.gov/Long-Range-Transportation-Plan

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Crow Wing County Highway Department at 218-824-1110 or highwayinfo@ crowwing.gov

IN STOCK!

TO CHOOSE

\$10.95 sq. yd.



Landscape Design and Installation Landscape Remodel • Landscape Repair Paver Patios and Walkways Paver Cleaning and Repair Retaining Walls Black Dirt and Lawn Repair Lakeside Work • Bobcat Work

Timber, Rock and Boulder Work



34996 480th St., Palisade, MN 56469-2254

Upcoming Auctions:

• Tues., Sept. 9, 10 a.m. - Iron, MN Personal Property Auction | Norman & Mavis Dahlberg, Owners

• Sat., Sept. 13, 10 a.m. - Virgina, MN Estate of James Lahti | Lahti & Stadtherr, Executors

Work Flard - Gell Right

For more information visit our website:

www.reinhardtauctions.com

Contact us today to discuss your auction options 218-845-2260 | info@reinhardtauctions.com

JANZEN AUCTIONEERS

JANZEN AUCTION CENTER

Saturday, August 30th • 9 a.m.

942-2nd Street NW, Aitkin, MN 56431

(Watch for signs) 10% Buyers Premium Online bidding available at www.proxibid.com/janzen

TRACTORS: 1992 Case International 7120 Magnum Tractor, 8.3L 6 cylinder diesel, front wheel assist, 18 speed full power shift, 166 HP, power steering, differential lock, air ride seat, two speed PTO 540 & 1000, long axles with hubs & dual tires/rims, fluid in rear tires, only 4656 hours, ser. JJA0045821, 2011 John Deere 3320 w/JD 300CX loader & bucket, MFWD, full hard cab with heat & air, quick attach trailer dolly, weight box, tractor used gently only 577 hours, International 656 Hi Clear gas tractor w/2250 International oader, 4200 hours ser. 8426, International 656 tractor hydrostatic drive SKIDSTEERS & ATTACHMENTS: 2003 New Holland LS170 skid steer, full heated cab, all original w/dirt bucket & forks 663 hours (excellent condition), Bobcat 553 skidsteer w/Kubota diesel D950 motor & dirt bucket 1300 hrs, Halverson model HWP-120 CE quick attach wood processor, Quick attach forks, Quick attach grapple bucket, Quick attach post driver, Quick attach dirt bucket w/teeth, Bobcat quick attach post hole digger CAMPING PACKAGES: 2003 Georgie Boy Landau 24 ft. Motorhome w/2 slide outs 496 big block only 53,600 miles, 1998 Chevy Silverado 3500 Dually, 7.4L 454 motor w/68,421 miles 4WD, Includes 12 ft. over cab pickup camper, interior in good condition, no leaks including many interior extras set for camping VEHICLES: 2016 Dodge Ram Larame 3.0L Eco Diesel crew cab w/leather seats, 4WD 114,600 miles, 2014 Ford Focus SE car 2.0L w/160,000 miles, 2015 Chevy Cruze 2.4L w/71,600 miles, 2011 Chrysler 200 4 door car, 2.4 L dual VVT motor w/186,000 miles, 2005 Ford F150 extended cab truck w/matching topper 5.4L Triton V8, 4WD, 225,000 miles, 2005 Honda CRV 2.4L real ime 4WD w/192,000 miles, 2005 Buick Lacrosse 3.8L 4 door car 201,000 miles, 1994 Ford Mustang 5.0 convertible, 5 speed manual w/183,000 miles, 1980 C-70 Chevrolet water truck, 366 V8, new Edelbrock carburetor, 5 speed transmission, Eaton 2 speed axle, stainless steel tank, good tires w/96,700 miles BOATING PACKAGES: 2023 Ben nington pontoon, 18 ft. w/Yamaha 50 HP high thrust OB like new condition (no trailer) 2006 Crestliner 1750 Fish Hawk 17.5 ft. boat, wide series, w/Mercury 115 HP 4 stroke EFI OB on Crestliner trailer (beautiful condition), 1999 Premier Majestic 21 ft. pontoon w/100 HP Yamaha 4 stroke on good Yacht club trailer, 1986 Crestliner Sabre 25 ft. cabin cruiser w/190 merc cruiser alpha one I/O on shorelandr trailer, 1994 Forester Premium pontoon 16 ft. w/Mercury 25 HP OB on forester trailer, 1994 Forester Angler pontoon 21 T w/Mercury 40 HP OB no trailer, 1984 Godfrey Aqua Patio Pontoon 24 FT w/50 HF Johnson OB no trailer, 1994 Crestliner 17.5 ft. w/Volvo SP IO motor on good Shorland'r trailer, 1988 Crestliner Nordic 17 ft. speed boat w/Evinrude VRO 150 V6 OB on Crestliner traile ATV'S & MOTORCYCLES: 2019 Polaris Sportsman 570 4 wheeler, 4WD 827 miles, excellent condition, 1996 Argo 6 wheel amphibious machine, 20 HP Kohler motor, 213 hours, excellent runner, 2007 Arctic Cat HXD 700 side by side w/1717 miles 2004 Polaris 500 HO 4 wheeler, Honda Foreman 4 wheeler, 2010 Honda Goldwing GL 1800 motorcycle 45,301 miles, 2002 Honda VTX 1800R motorcycle 32,750 miles, 2007 Suzuki C90 boulevard motorcycle, 1400CC w/37,900 miles, Polaris Sportsman 500 four wheeler w, 5300 miles, Snow Dog standup snow machine w/sled, Yamaha moped, MD XRX go cart, FIREARMS & RELATED: Approximately 40 firearms, Mason duck Decoys, Dillo #65 spear, David Perkins Duluth spearing decoys, Casey Edwards spearing decoy & others (with online bidding), GARAGE TOOLS & RELATED: Dee Zee 55 Gallon fuel tank, Aladdin Industrial pressure washer on four wheel cart powered by Honda GX motor, Clarke 130 Mig welder on stand, 2 Ton engine hoist on wheels, Brute 3000 PSI pressure washer, Tri Pod pipe threaders, Acetylene tank, Craftsman dual wheel bench grinder floor model, 5th wheel receiver hitch, Campbell Hausfeld air compressor on wheels, Power dust collector on wheels, Corded hand power tools, Variety of mechanic & construction hand tools, Large variety of hardware, Extension & step ladders LAWN & GARDEN: John Deere X730 riding lawn tractor, comes w/ full heated hard cab, 47 snowblower attachment, 48" mower deck, 3 stage bagger system, weight box & chains w/536 hours (very clean package), 2006 John Deere X720 riding lawn tractor, comes w/ full soft cab, mower deck, 54" snow blade, wheel weights, chains & weight box, w/998 hours, 2021 Little Buck Loader fits John Deere X700 series tractors, Outlaw pro series 36HP zero turn lawn mower 60" cut, John Deere 318 riding lawn tractor w/mower deck bagger system, front weights, John Deere 318 riding lawn tractor w/mower deck, no John Deere C400 F riding lawn tractor, w/loader, no mower deck ser. 070906M, John Deere SRX75 rear engine lawn tractor, Earthquake rear tine garden tiller like new, Husqvarna rear tine tiller, Sears Craftsman RT8 rear tine tiller, John Deere HR 2500 GH pressure washer, Stihl RE 110 plus pressure washer, Stihl chemical back pack blowers, John Deere lawn tractor tiller, EGO 21" battery operated push mower, Stihl MS291 Chainsaw & other chainsaws, Numerous pull style lawn sweeps various sizes, Poulan Pro & Cub Cadet sidewalk snowblowers, Various handheld gas weed trimmers TRAILERS: 2021 Aluma enclosed tandem trailer, 16 ft.L x 7.5 ft.W x 7 ft.T, 3500# torsion axles, white finish walls & ceiling, loading/interior lights, (6) 5000lb floor hooks, folding rear door, (pulled less than 2000 miles), Carry On Cargo 6x12 Enclosed trailer w/rear folding door, Buck Dandy tandem axle equipment trailer 7x18 ft. w/folding adjustable ramps COLLECTIBLES: Hamm's Stein collection, 6 mugs new in plastic wrap in original carboard box, Hamm's wall mounted light, Hamm's flip motion barrel sign, Collectible sports cards including 1993 Michael Jordan, Antique vintage nectar/beverage dispenser clawfoot w/glass balls, silver plated style (very rare early 1900's), Large collection of 10 & 15 cent comic books many Walt Disney, JF Kernan & Phillip Goodwin wildlife art, Triple A, Pale Ale, Auto Value, RC, Coca Cola & other metal advertising signs, Collectible Tonka toy trucks & other collectible cars SPORTING GOODS: (2) Pelican kayaks like new, Evinrude 8 HP OB motor short shank, Jiffy Propane & Gas Ice augers, Shakespear trolling motor, Various fishing poles & reels, Boat gas cans HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE & RELATED ITEMS: Log bed frame, Dressers & chest of drawers, Oak style coffee & end tables, Framed wildlife artwork, Flatscreen televi-

sions, Pitcher & Bowl sets, Crystal glassware, Numerous canning jars

proxibid

BOB, JEREMY & ASSOCIATES • Aitkin

89 Years of Quality and Professionalism
218-927-4488 or 218-851-0879 cell • jerjanzen77@gmail.com
Please visit our websites: www.janzenauctions.com
or www.midwestauctions.com/janzen
for full auction line up, photos and directions
Like us on Facebook @ Janzen Auctioneers

Hoppers Helper's Service Directory

CONTRACTORS

Radtke Remodeling & Construction Custom Built Homes • Remodeling • Garages New Additions • Pole Buildings • General Contracting • Insulation Dean Radtke, Aitkin. Lic. #20108758 www.radtkeremodelingconstruction.com <u>218-678-3403• 218-839-6103</u>

FLOORING

JEFF WIBERG HARDWOOD FLOORS Installing, Sanding, Refinishing • Over 20 Years Experience 218-330-2576 Check Me Out On Facebook

WEBSITES

STELLAR WEB PROS Website, SEO & Digital Design Agency in the Lakes Area - Offering high-quality, budget-friendly websites for businesses and organizations. Contact us for your FREE no-obligation site design proposal today. StellarWebPros.com

SERVICE DIRECTORY RATES

- 5 lines for \$20.00 per week
- 4 lines for \$16.00 per week
- 3 lines for \$12.00 per week

Legacy of minnow legends Nesheim Bait | Continued from Page 1

while supplying Brainerd Lakes areas and visitors with needed bait and tackle.

They also operated a fishing hatchery and a wholesale minnow business. July Nesheim, 65, the second-oldest in the family, remembers using the Nesheim Bait truck to deliver plastic sacks of minnows all over the tourism area. "We went to resorts and small stores all over: Nisswa. Pequot Lakes, Emily. We had tanks on the truck with live

fish and also put minnows into plastic bags with oxygen injected in them. It was so scenic and relaxing driving all the back roads of the Brainerd Lakes Area delivering minnows. And when I arrived at the stores or resorts, all I really had to do is make sure I dumped the live minnows in the proper tanks."

The Nesheim family falls into two camps: the outgoing crowd—led by Lucy, Chris, and Eric—who thrive around people, and the quieter crew-Frank, Julie, and Nancy—who prefer to keep things running smoothly from behind the scenes.

"Nancy wanted to seine minnows but they didn't allow females to do that," Julie remembers. "And Eric got to work in the ponds but he would have rather been in the shop waiting on customers."

"I never had any desire to leave Brainerd," said Frank. He grew up working bait

and doing carpentry with his father Sam, who started the business as a seasonal venture in the earlv 1930s. In 1967. Lucy and Frank took over. Frank learned carpentry from his father and remodeled the home at South 6th Street and Quince and added on the shop to have a great site for the home-based enter-

prise. "I loved working outside," said Frank. "Everything I did was outside. When the suckers ran in the spring we would milt them for the eggs and sperm in small rivers like the Pine, Noka Sippi and Stony Brook. We raised the eggs

in the hatchery, then planted the minnows in ponds all over the state."

In the winter, aeration boxes were placed in ponds that Frank kept plowed. He saw the underside of the ice in the cold, frigid winter, more than once. "I had this really sharp chisel that I had made at the Shops (Northern Pacific

By TONY SAILER Outdoors Editor For nearly 70 years Nesheim's Bait and Tackle has been a fixture in Brainerd. The business was started in the early 1930s by

Frank and Lucy Nesheim plan to retire after operating Nesheim's Bait and Tackle in Brainerd since

A newspaper clipping of Lucy and Frank at the time of their retirement 25 years ago. They still look the same.

Provided by Neisheim Family

Railroad blacksmith shop) and when my friend fell through the ice, he saved the chisel," Frank related. "The next year, when I fell through, I had to let that chisel go to get back out of the hole that I fell in through. My friend said 'I hope you didn't lose that chisel!' I did, and that's been the joke for years. Fathead

and crappie and chub Frank and Lucy seekir minnows we caught in the wild in ponds."

Being your own boss has its pros and cons, said Frank, but if you are willing to work hard you can make it on your own.

For the wholesale business. Frank and other bait dealers would catch suckers in streams and milt them, getting the eggs and sperms from the fish. Then, at a hatchery in south Brainerd, they incubated the eggs and raised them to fry. Eventually, the swimming fry were planted in ponds. At his height, Frank leased 30 ponds for his minnows in Brainerd and all over Minnesota.

They also went out in streams to catch other species. Nesheim's specialized in sucker minors, carrying four types of minnow and decoy fish for

spearing. "Anglers stopped by any day of the week, any hour, and we would serve them," noted Lucy. A bell would go off in the living quarters, late, early, or so late it was early, meaning someone had to roll

out of bed and trudge into the

Continued on Page 6

Area Births, Open Houses, Engagements, Weddings & Community Events are

> published FREE! Send your e-mail to hopper@crosbyironton.net

CHARLES MILLER

Traditional Funerals • Cremation Services

Celebration of Life • Pre-Planning Services

Charles W. "Bill" Miller, 93, of Deerwood, passed away on June 10, 2025, in Seattle, Washington.

Burial will be at Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby, at a later

He was born in Crosby, Minnesota, on November 13,

1931, to Albert A. and Frances Miller. He graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1950. Bill was united in

marriage with Angeline "Angie" Chopp on July 25, 1953 in Crosby. Bill grew up in Bay Lake, Minnesota, where his parents operated Miller's Garage and Miller's Cabins, a small summer resort. He was the fourth generation of Miller's to live in the Bay Lake area. Bill went to Korea in 1951 and proudly served as a member of the United States Marine Corps, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

Sorensen-Root-Thompson

Funeral Home & Cremation Services

Aitkin, MN

218-927-2614

Directors: Jason Brezinsky

Ierry Thompson • Tad Brezinsky

He worked as a miner for Inland Steel, in the last operating underground mine on the Cuyuna Range and later went to work for Scorpion Snowmobiles in their Research and Development department. He worked on a land surveying crew for his employer and friend Wallace Buckler. He will be remembered by family and friends for being hard working, and a talented mechanic and handyman. His daughters will remember him as being no nonsense, but also a practical joker, for teaching them the practicalities of life, like learning how to drive a snowmobile, then a car, and for loving them and letting them go, to experience life on their own terms.

Bill is survived by his daughters, Marsha (David Minkel) Miller of Pagosa Springs, CO., and Kay MacDonald of Seattle, WA; and one grandchild, Meredith MacDonald of Seattle, WA.

Preceding Bill in death are his wife Angeline "Angie" Miller, his parents, an infant son, a brother and his grandson.

McGregor Funeral Home

& Cremation Services

McGregor, MN

218-768-3136

Koop Funeral Home

32 East Main St., P.O. Box 7 • Crosby, MN 56441 C.F. Michaloski, Director • Mary & Nick Zillmer, Owners/Directors

- Traditional, Graveside & Memorial Funerals
- Cremation Service
- Out-of-town Arrangements
- Pre-arrangement Plans

Over 80 Years of Caring Service on the Cuyuna Range & Surrounding Areas

218-546-5531

www.srtfuneral.com CHURCH DIRECTORY

* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* — New Life Church of the CM&A; Worship 10:15 am; Services on Sunday at 10:15am and 6pm; 11-1st Street SW; newlifeaitkin.com 218-927-2823

Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org

Garrison* — Worship 10:30am Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.

Baxter — Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 8:30. 10 & 11:30 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, iamheritage.org Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30 Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS

at 9:30, Worship at 10:45 Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa

Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-Palisade - Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids

Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST

Aitkin - Northwoods Community Church, Pastor William Verbeke, Worship 10:30, northwoodscommunitychurch.org Baxter - Eagle Brook Church , Worship 9 & 11, www.eaglebrookchurch.com/locations/brainerd-lakes/

Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Stephens, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd

Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-

5252. Worship 9:30. SS 11. Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor Jon Thorson; SS 9:45; Service

10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study Wed. 7 pm Deerwood* — Jeff Shadrick, SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6

pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm. Glory* — SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 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

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 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

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 Meet-

ing, 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

Malmo — 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 KKIN 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, Worship on Sundays at 9 am followed by Sunday school at 10 am beginning September 7. Blessing of the Backpacks on Sept 7. stjohns-cedarbrook.weebly.com, 27452 St. John's Church Road, Aitkin. 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 Inglewood 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.princeofpeacelutheran.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 flcbrainerd.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.llchurch.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

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) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Rev Christina Kadelbach; 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

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

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

the 3rd Sunday of the month May-October at 11am, 3100

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 Bange 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.uccbrainerdmn.org

UNITED METHODIST Aitkin* - Aitkin - Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 10, Wednes-

days 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.

5

THE CLA

AUTOMOBICES

Get a break on your taxes! Donate your car, truck, or SUV to assist the blind and visually impaired. Arrange a swift, nocost vehicle pickup and secure a generous tax credit for 2025. Call Heritage for the Blind Today at 1-855 977-7030 today! (mcn)

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-888-429-2331 today! (mcn)

AUTOMOBILES CONT.

GOT AN UNWANTED CAR??? DONATE IT TO PATRIOTIC HEARTS. Fast free pick up. Patriotic Hearts' programs help veterans find work or start their own business. Call 24/7: 1-833-485-1046. (mcn)))

MISCELLANEOUS

CASH PAID FOR ANTIQUE Harley Davidson, Indian or other American motorcycles or parts from 1900 thru 1970. Any condition. Midwest collector will pick up anywhere. Phone (309)645-4623. (mcn)

NewsHopper

Deadlines are Mondays at Noon

MISCELLANEOUS

SunSetter. America's Number One Awning! Instant shade at the touch of a button. Transform your deck or patio into an outdoor oasis. Up to 10-year limited warranty. Call now and SAVE \$350 today! 1-855-462-2330. (mcn)

NEED NEW FLOORING? Call today schedule a FREE in-home estimate on Carpeting & Flooring. Call Today! 1-833-641-6323. (mcn)

> To Place An Ad Call 218-821-1393 or www.newshopper.net

Customer Service - Anticipating

Attitude - Having fun and

100% to our residents

working hard while giving

Respect - Supporting and

all unique and special

Stewardship - Maximizing

Aicota Health Care Center & Assisted Living

850 2nd Street NW • Aitkin, MN 56431

218.927.2164 • www.aicota.com

we use them to their fullest

understanding that we are

Excellence - Emphasizing quality

and striving to always be better

precious resources and ensuring

tomorrow than we are today

needs and exceeding expectations

MISCECCANEOUS

INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT? Don't Accept the insurance company's first offer. Many injured parties are entitled to cash settlements in the \$1000's. Get a free evaluation to see what your case is really worth. 100% Free Evaluation. Call Now: 1-833-879-1534.

YOU MAY QUALIFY for disability benefits if you have are between 52-63 years old and under a doctor's care for a health condition that prevents you from working for a year or more. Call now! 1-833-641-6779. (mcn)

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-877-228-5789 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move. (mcn) NO MORE CLEANING OUT GUTTERS. Guaranteed! LeafFilter is backed by a no-clog guarantee and

lifetime transferrable warranty. Call today 1-855-577-1268 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Plus get 75% off installation and a bonus \$250 discount! Limited time only. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details. (mcn)



MISCELLANEOUS CONT.

The bathroom of your dreams in as little as 1 day. Limited Time Offer - \$1000 off or No Payments and No Interest for 18 months for customers who qualify. BCI Bath & Shower. Many options available. Quality materials & professional installation. Senior & Military Discounts Available. Call Today! 1-833-618-1178. (mcn)

Replace your roof with the best looking and longest lasting material steel from Erie Metal Roofs! Three styles and multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime! Limited Time Offerup to 50% off installation + Additional 10% off install (for military, health workers & 1st responders.) Call Erie Metal Roofs: 1-844-907-2386. (mcn)

SAFES

NEW AND USED SAFES FOR SALE • Safe repair and locked safes opened • Heavy

and light duty gun safes and vault doors on hand . High security safes for gold and silver 320-360-5431

SERVICES

GOT JUNK? CALL THE JUNK REMOVAL EXPERTS AT 218-833-9664 OR VISIT US AT elitejunkprosmn. com FREE ESTIMATES w39





IIFE RIVER

A GREAT place to live and work!

Over 50 Years of Values Based Care,

• Short Term Rehab/Recovery

• Nursing Assistant (free training)

Serving the Aitkin Community:

Live at Aicota:

Long Term Living

Assisted Living

Work at Aicota:

Social Wellness

RN/IPN

• Respite Care



For Delivery or Pickup 1-888-450-3460

AGGREGATE:

Washed Sand • Washed Rock Class 5 Gravel • Fill Sand Crushed Concrete • Granite



Reservations 715-635-3200 www.spoonertrainride.com



Steve Fields Minnesota Attorney







Get Compensation

Contact Us Today

For Free Advice

Car Accidents Personal Injury Workers' Compensation

218-963-5393 www.FieldsInjury.com



NEED HELP WITH YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN?

If you have questions about your pension, 401(k) or profit sharing plan, call the Trellis Pension and Retirement Rights Project - Upper Midwest Region to get free legal advice. Funded by the U.S. Administration on Community Living, Trellis staff provides assistance to anyone with a question about their retirement plan.

CALL US TODAY 1.866.783.5021





Tim Leger (763) 691-5226 tleger85@gmail.com

License # BC 692419

Patio Doors Windows

Bathrooms Basements

Free Estimates

& More!



MCAN

Minnesota Classified Advertising Network





WANTED TO BUY WANTED:

ALL 1970S MOTORCYCLES

Running or not. Titled or not. Will pick up. Cash in exchange. Sell now before prices fall. Call Dan at 612/720-2142

WE BUY HOUSES

for cash AS IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 844/978-0683 Statewide

Advertising Call Today!

MISCELLANEOUS

DON'T LET THE STAIRS LIMIT YOUR MOBILITY!

Discover the ideal solution for anyone who struggles on the stairs, is concerned about a fall or wants to regain access to their entire home. Call AmeriGlide today! 866/852-5506

GET BOOST INFINITE!

Unlimited talk, text and data for just \$25/mo! The power of 3 5G networks, one low price! Call today and get the latest iPhone every year on us! \$55/849-6621

SAFE STEP

North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1,600 off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 833/966-3882

MISCELLANEOUS

GET A BREAK ON YOUR TAXES! Donate your car, truck, or SUV to assist the blind and visually impaired. Arrange a swift, no-cost vehicle pickup and secure a generous tax credit for 2025. Call Heritage for the Blind Today at 844/220-9501 today!

SAVE MONEY!

Call your local newspaper or MNA 612/332-8844 • to find out how you can save • money by placing your advertisement here!

GET DISH

SATELLITE TV + INTERNET! install, free

upgrade, 80,000 on-demand movies, plus limited time up to \$600 In gift cards. Call today! 855/562-4309



NewsHopper Classified Order Form

Address_ _ State __ All ads must reach our office no later than Noon on Monday with payment. Please type or print clearly. Your ad will be printed as you write it.

Classified Rates

of issues

\$12.00 per issue ☐ 75¢ per word one issue (10 word minimum)

□ 70¢ per word, per issue for two issues (10 word minimum)

☐ 65¢ per word, per issue for three to 12 issues (10 word minimum)

□ 55¢ per word, per issue for 13 or more issues (10 word minimum)

Add \$1.00 each for bold type and/or CAPITALIZED type, whether one word or all words in your classified ad. Add \$12.00 for your logo, artwork or photo! (1/2" tall x 1 1/2" wide printed maximum size)

Add a photo for

To Figure the Cost of Your Ad

Number of Words Rate per Word **Additional Costs** Total Per Week Number of Weeks TOTAL COST OF AD

We are not responsible for error due to illegible copy or missing punctuation. Punctuation does not count as a word. Each phone number, e-mail and web address counts as one word.

send to:

NEWSHOPPER PO Box 562 Ironton, MN 56455

As Low as \$5.50

per issue for

13 or more issues

_(10 word minimum)

www.NewsHopper.net • hopper@crosbyironton.net

Thank you for your order! Please make check payable to the NewsHopper



The former Nesheim Bait and Tackle on South Sixth Street in Brainerd. Provided by Neisheim Family

shop to wait on a customer.

Lucy's main job was running the shop, as she loves talking to people. But all four children: Chris, July, Nancy and Eric, took their turns working in the shop, gathering night crawlers and angle worms and delivering minnows to wholesale customers.

"It was a little embarrassing because we lived right by the high school and there was our shop with our name on a big sign," Julie remembers. But Lucy committed to making their home a haven for the kids' friends and they all were able to walk home for lunch and bring friends with them.

The kids were so driven by a strong work ethic that they took other jobs at a young age. Besides working at the bait shop, the kids worked for local restaurants and businesses when in high school. Eventually, when all the kids left home and moved on, the Nesheims hired employees.

• Storm Damage Cleanup

• Aerial Truck

"We all learned how to drive a truck with a shift. None of us wanted to grow up and be in the minnow business We all learned to work hard and have held down careers working 50 hours or more a week," said Julie.

Eric Nesheim weighs in

Several years younger thanhis sisters, Eric Nesheim, the youngest of the family and the only son, works locally in financial services.

"My first job was counting worms (not catching). This was mostly boxing night crawlers, and angle worms. By the time I was a teenager I was working about 30 hours a week in the summer just boxing crawlers, another 20 doing other chores. I was able to do this with my friends for many years.

"I did this and worked in the shop until I was old enough to drive. As soon as I had my license, I was immediately given the job

of delivering bait to the other local shops and resorts. If I wasn't driving the truck, (with minnow tanks), we would drive a car, packed with oxygen packed bags with gallons of minnows.

"Finally, I was old enough, (or big enough) to seine minnows. With all due respect to my sisters, it wasn't necessarily for men only but it usually was men because it was very physical work. We would set, then pull in an 800-foot net with an additional 200feet rope attached, hauling those huge nets through the mud and weeds to catch the minnows. You would have to be big enough and strong enough to pull this net. We would then need to hold a net full of minnows, while someone else, usually my dad, dipped the minnows out. We would then need to carry five-gallon pails of minnows, without spilling any, about 50 yards up a hill to the truck. Sometimes we would catch snapping turtles in with the minnows. Me and the other workers weren't necessarily scared of them, but we did give them careful space. My dad, on the other hand, would just put his whole arm in the net and come out with these rather large turtles, by the tail, and throw them back

"In the winter we would have traps set under the ice

in the water.

large holes in the ice with a chainsaw. We would then lift the box trap up onto the edge of the ice to empty the traps.

"One year after I graduated college I had moved to the Cities, but came home for Christmas. My dad asked me to help him empty traps on Christmas Eve. We went to one of his ponds in western Minnesota, and when we lifted the trap onto the edge of the ice, a section of the ice broke that I was standing on. It tipped at about a 30-degree angle and down I slid, just like a slide, into the water. The air temperature was around 0 degrees F. and the wind was blowing about 10-15 mph.

"My dad handed me the handle of the dipnet and pulled me out. After pulling me up onto the ice, (and yes it was cold) he looked at me with this smirk and said 'you are now officially a minnow man.'

"We had a fish hatchery that was used to hatch the sucker fry to plant in ponds to raise into minnows. We had these racks with hatching jars, that the eggs would hatch from into fry. There was about 75 jars in each rack, with about 1.5 quarts of fry in each rack, once hatched.

"My dad had this tractor he would use to plow snow and lift things, etc. One day he was using this tractor trying to get a minnow tank on a truck. His foot slipped off the clutch of the tractor, it then lunged forward, pushing the minnow tank into the hatcher battery (rack). It knocked all the fry over for that year.

"Other concerns they had were predatory birds such as cormorants and pelicans. The pelicans could clean a pond out of minnows in a matter of days-the cormorants in a matter of weeks.

"The bait shop on South 6th Street was usually open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week in the summer.

and we would need to cut Even after it closed, we would still get customers ringing the bell after hours asking to get minnows, and they would open up and get them minnows. Fishing opener we would stay open all night and we would see some of the same customers year after year stopping by. One group always bought a bottle of champagne, and cracked it, to celebrate the opener.

"We also had many wholesale customers. On Thursday or Friday we would take hours getting the truck loaded and ready to go on the route. We had many of the same loyal wholesale customers for years. Over the years we had many employees who worked for us for several years.

"My parents always preached honesty and integrity and selflessness. That has helped me live my life that way in conducting business as well as passing that ethic and values on to my own kids.

"I recently spoke with another bait dealer (another minnow man) friend of my dad's. He said that it was a way of life. It was very stressful at times, but the day-today tasks were enjoyable and you never dreaded going to work every day. There was no clock to punch and no boss, other than the customers, to answer to.

"One of the innovations my dad discovered was a new use for the types of traps that the DNR used to catch fish. He found those traps to be very effective in catching minnows in ponds. He used theses net traps for probably 10 or so years before other bait dealers started using them. With these traps, we didn't have to seine nearly as much anymore.

"My grandparents started the business in 1932 and it was nearly 2002 when my parents got completely got out of the business. I had no interest in taking it over as I enjoyed fishing and other summer activities and running this type of business, ironically, one didn't have time to fish. I do not believe it is the same today either. Regulations because of invasive species, and issues with the invasive species, and pollution and changes in water due to climate change and nitrates, has made it more difficult for today's minnow men to do business. But you would have to ask a current minnow man to confirm that. I still love to fish. I'm not quite as successful at it as I would have liked, but as an

www.NewsHopper.net

out fishing." Although all four Nesheim offspring didn't choose to continue in the business they all went on to have careers and busy lives and many accomplishments. They saw their parents work hard and put their family first by having the bait shop connected to their home and eating lunch and dinner together.

adult I have been able to get

While not as widely recognized, the Nesheim name will be remembered in the history of the Brainerd Lakes Area, alongside names like Linder, Winkleman, and Roach, for their significant contributions to the fishing economy and the enjoyment of both residents and tourists. Join in on the fun

The Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame Class of 2025 will welcome some incredible names, including Nesheim Bait, Jimmy Bell, Jon Thelen, Don Purch, and Ray's Marine, during an exciting induction ceremony on Friday, September 26, at 4:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Rice Creek Hunting and Recreation & Event Center in Little Falls (16543 Game Farm Road). Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$20 for those under 16, and can be purchased at www.mnfishingmuseum.com. Don't miss this chance to celebrate these fishing legends!





Call Greg for a FREE ESTIMATE 218-839-3371