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Erin Wagner challenges Lueck for Minnesota House



Erin Wagner is a candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives in House District 10B. Ann Schwartz photo

Erin Wagner of Aitkin is challenging incumbent Dale Lueck of Aitkin for the Minnesota House of Representatives 10B seat.

The DFL party recently hosted a meet-and-greet for Wagner at the Hallett House Bed and Breakfast in Crosby.

Erin and her husband Derek are raising their daughter as the sixth generation of Wagners in the area. Derek's grandpa, the late Jack Wagner, was once the manager of the *Aitkin Independent Age*. Derek's grandma Helen Mary was a teacher in the area. His dad, Ross Wagner, is a former Aitkin City Clerk and now is the economic devel-

opment coordinator for Aitkin County.

Erin Wagner is a school teacher she says she is "committed to our middle class, hometown values and keeping Minnesota on the path to greatness."

She advocates for clean water, renewable energy, preserving recreation jobs and promoting tourism; teacher and classroom resources, effective use of school funds, ensuring students' success, dignity for every senior citizen, livable wages for all and ensuring family leave.

She serves on the boards of the Aitkin Women of Today and Friends of the Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

In other political news, the following have filed for office: US Representative District 8: Incumbent Rick Nolan, DFL, challenged by Stewart Mills, R, State Senate District 10; Carrie Ruud, R, incumbent, challenged by Tiffany Stenglein, DFL.

Minnesota House of Representatives 10A: Incumbent Josh Heintzeman, R, challenged by Quinn Nystrom, DFL.

Aitkin County Board District 2: Laurie Westerlund, incumbent, challenged by Scott Rian.

District 4: Brian Napstad, incumbent, challenged by Bill Pratt

Crow Wing County Board Incumbents Paul Koering, District 1 and Doug Houge, District 5, are running unopposed. Brainerd City Council: Mayor, Ed Menk, incumbent,

challenged by Kevin Goedker. At Large, two seats: Keith Johnson, Janice Lambert, AJ Monnier, Dale Parks, Monty Pintok, Kevin Stunek and Patrick Wussow.

Ward 1: Dave Pritschet, incumbent, is challenged by AJ Karpinski.

Ward 3: Gary Scheeler, incumbent, is challenged by Dave Badeaux and Nathan Strobel.

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Local city and county officials recommend \$350,000 in NJPA funding



Innovation Funding was created to help Region 5 entities (education and city and county government) fund initiatives aimed at creating collaboration and improving the region. This year, seven applicants presented their projects for consideration. The 2016 Innovation Funding Review day provided an opportunity for applicants from city and county entities to present their projects, while member entities ranked and selected the ones with the most potential for regional impact and success. The formula for the program promotes out-of-the-box collaboration on projects that might otherwise not get off the ground. "We had a very successful day," said Paul Drange, NJPA Director of Regional Programs. "The projects showed strong collaboration, there was healthy discussion, and we had strong participation from our region." The NJPA Board of Directors

gives final approval of the funding at its June meeting. **2016 Recommended Projects:**

- The Veteran Service Officers of the following counties; Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties, are requesting \$50,000. The request is to enhance veterans' projects and improve initiatives in our areas. Providing improved services, fiscal abilities, community appearance and overall well-being of areas within our counties. Requesting \$5,000 for Veteran Grave upkeep and head stone repair located in Cass County. Crow Wing County is requesting \$15,000 towards paying for a replacement van for our disabled veterans in the central Minnesota area. Requesting \$5,000 for the Randall Minnesota Veterans of Foreign Wars, Curtis-Olson Post #9073 project. Service organizations and veterans wish to move a Veterans Memorial from its

current location by the Randall water tower where it is hidden and invisible to the community. Requesting \$10,000 for Todd County's Grand Army of the Republic or United States Civil War Grave Yards. The Veterans Grave stones and monuments in these grave yards are in need of repair and upkeep. Requesting \$15,000 for the Wadena Veterans Park Committee to build a Veteran's Park. The committee is in the process of building a Veterans Park for Wadena County and surrounding area Veterans.

- Todd and Wadena County Corrections presented The Community Concern for Youth Program that is designed for early prevention, intervention and diversion of youth ages 10-17 (approximately), who are experiencing personal problems as well as problems with the law. The purpose of this program is to prevent youth from entering the court

system, by working with the youth and their families to hold the youth accountable and provide opportunities for change. The Community Concern for Youth Program also provides education and assistance in helping youth resolve conflicts at home, school or in their personal lives. There is no other agency in the area that provides diversion services which keep youth from going to court and having a criminal record. On average, the Community Concern for Youth Program serves approximately 70 youth per year and requested funding for \$70,235.

- City of Royalton proposed a Laser Shot simulator that would benefit 32 Region 5 law enforcement agencies. The purpose is to train, educate, and improve the skills and knowledge of law enforcement officers that serve the approximately 162,000 people that live within Region 5. Without assistance, purchasing this system would not be possible due to funding not being available within the city nor are there currently any federal or state grants that would assist the Royalton Police Department to cover the cost of the training system. The law enforcement agencies within Region 5 are in need of this training system because, unlike other professions, it is very difficult to provide "real life" and "high risk" training scenarios for law enforcement. This is due to the fact that many of these situations are life-threatening for both the officers and the public. They requested funding of \$100,000.

- City of Eagle Bend and Todd County Health & Human Services presented the Hilltop Regional Kitchen project which cooks, serves, and delivers meals for Wheels, Bundled Services, and congregate dining meals for Todd and Wadena Counties. The kitchen is currently producing over 50,000 meals per year. While senior meal production has consistently increased, there is no availability for expansion within the current kitchen facility. As the senior population continues to grow, the need for a new kitchen facility will become increasingly necessary. A new kitchen facility in Eagle Bend will ensure that Todd and Wadena county residents have the necessary nutrition and services they need to stay independent and in their homes. The new, larger Hilltop Regional Kitchen will increase effectiveness of meal production, and in turn, increase the meal counts to produce greater profits to support the growing nutrition program. Additionally, the facility will provide space for regional classes, education opportunities and community events. They requested \$100,000 for the project, but would receive \$29,765 in partial funding from NJPA.
- Cass County presented their project for region and city branding, termed Placebranding. The Cass County Economic Development Corporation would manage it. This would help the region highlight its assets, individual communities could maximize their impact, and build a culture

of community collaboration. The overarching goals of the proposed project are to (1) attract potential workforce - primarily millennials; (2) attract businesses - either startups, or relocations; and (3) build a culture of collaboration among the municipalities of the region. The proposed project will result in a brand that will build a favorable internal and external image of the region and its small cities - one that builds social capital within the region, is owned by its communities, and which is attractive to those external to the region. The process of creating the regional brand will align individual entities around common themes and build a culture of collaboration. CCEDC is requesting \$100,000 in Innovation Funding for their Regional Marketing Plan.

These awards are not intended to support single individuals, organizations, or communities, but are intended to support region-wide initiatives, consortiums and collaborations impacting many, and serving a greater public purpose. NJPA does not select projects, but hosts the program and comes alongside the chosen regional initiatives while financially supporting them to ensure successful regional impact. This annual funding opportunity is in its third year, with \$307,000 awarded in 2014, \$411,933 in 2015, and now another \$350,000 slated for the third round in 2016. The Innovation Review Day for education entities took place in May.

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Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am, Friday Night Grape Vine 6:30 pm.

AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.

ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.

Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!

American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m.

Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm

"Ask an Attorney," Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 2nd Tue. of month at noon.

Bay Lake Lions Auction - Taking donations every Saturday thru July 30th from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at the Bay Lake Lions building located at 18257 State Hwy 6 for the auction on August 6. If you have larger items that need pickup please call 218-678-9090.

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyan Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295

Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group, meets first Wed., 1-2 pm, Aicota Rehab Center, Aitkin & 3rd Tue., 3-4 pm, DAC, McGregor. 218-927-1383

Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting. Meet in member's homes. Info call Vern 320-684-2244 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Closet is open second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8 am - noon. Free clothing for men and women. Narrows Community Church, 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing (look for yellow signs). Call Pastor Stanley Mikles at 218-820-5365 for more information.

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at Cuyuna Range Community Center, lower level.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 5:30pm social, 6:00 pm dinner/meeting, at the Heartwood Senior Living. Call

218-831-5683, if you need more information or would like to join our club. Lions affordable hearings aids available to those who qualify. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm, at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

Food Shelf: Community Food Shelf at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 AM-5 PM, at 107 2nd St SE Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 PM to be served.

Food Shelf: Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Food Shelf: Garrison Area Community Food Shelf open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.

Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, every Thu., 1 pm, 210 2nd St. NW, suite A, Aitkin, 927-3748.

Ironton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church Crosby Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.

Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the Third Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30

- 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.

National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.

Order of Eastern Star, Woodland Chapter 122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays September through May and 2nd Tuesday in June and 4th Tuesday in August at 7:30 PM above the Eye Care Center in Aitkin; dark July, January & February.

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 pm; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

RSVP Bone Builders Tue. & Thu from 10-11 am First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 at Black Rock Terrace. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

June

10th & 11th - Nisswa-stamman Scandinavian Folk Music Festival, Nisswa Call 218- 764-2994 or 800-950-9610 http://www.nisswastamman.org/

11th - FREE Brainerd Lakes Area Outdoor Youth Expo, 10 am - 2:30 pm (check in 10am - noon) at Lakeshore Conservation Club 9911 County Road 77 (Parking on Ski Gull Side) Family Friendly Events includes trap shooting, .22 & black powder, build wood duck/blue bird houses, duck & goose calling, DNR & youth programs, archery, bow fishing station, bb gun gallery, fishing stations, outdoor survival, face painting For more information call Amy 218-820-9215 or Jason 218-513-9388

11th - Wild & Free Gala Dinner/Silent Auction at Rutgers on Bay Lake, 5 pm silent auction and 6:30 pm dinner. Tickets are available at Garrison Animal Hospital (320-692-4180).

11th - Malmo Free Church Summer Gospel Concert - The Kingery Family at 7 pm.

13th - After five years, Toastmasters will again be meeting in Aitkin, 6:15 pm at the Aitkin Public Library. Toastmaster is open to all persons over age 18. Meetings are planned for twice a month.

13th - 17th -The Aitkin Women of Today Safety Town, Westside Church. Stop in Monday-Thursday are 8:30-noon. On Friday, classes are from 8:30-10 am. The most important event in your viewing would be on Friday at 10 am.



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OBITUARIES

RONALD ADAMS



Ronald W. Adams, 83, of McGregor died Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at the Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A gathering of family and friends was held Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the McGregor Community Center.



He was born in May of 1933 in Minneapolis to William and Mildred (Norling) Adams. Upon graduation from High School he served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1955. Upon his discharge he completed five years of college. He then went to work for American Hoist and Derek Co. in St. Paul. He then worked for Barry and Sewall Sales and then eventually worked for Anderson Crane in Sales. He married Kay Jane Prah on August 16, 1972 at Watertown,

SD. They lived in the Twin Cities before moving to the McGregor area. He had been involved and helped with the Junior Achievement Program. He was a life member of the VFW, a member of the McGregor Lions Club and had managed the corn feed longer than any other member. He helped in building the community center and also was proud of his work he did at the McGregor Clinic. He loved fishing, his family and playing cards with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Adams; son and daughter-in-law, Mark W. and Kimberly Adams; daughter and son-in-law, Lauri and Jeff Javes; and five grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents; step father, Virgil; aunts; uncles and several cousins.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

BARBARA SCEARCY



Barbara A. Searcy, 75, of McGregor died Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Essentia St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at Grace Lutheran Church with Rev. Erika Foss officiating. Burial was in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery on Thursday, June 9.

Barbara was born March 12, 1941 in Brainerd to Ernest and Genevieve Tollefson. She grew up in Brainerd and attended schools there, graduating in 1959. She worked in the Twin Cities for a time and that is where she met her husband. She married David G. Searcy on January 14, 1963 in St. Paul. They made their home in St. Paul and she raised her family. They had purchased a lot on Big Sandy Lake near McGregor

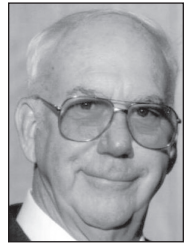
over 45 years ago. In 2000, they moved permanently to their home on Big Sandy Lake and have lived there since. She loved spending time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling and had been to Mexico numerous times. She also enjoyed playing cards.

She is survived by her husband, David Searcy; children: Michelle Searcy, Inver Grove Heights; Holly Lachner, Mounds View and Joe Lachner, Andover; three grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law: Irv and Rony; Danny and Lorna; Tom; Brad and Debbie; Larry, Mike and Janet; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and infant daughter, Cheryl, in 1967.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

THOMAS MCDONNELL



Thomas Patrick "Pat" McDonnell, died Saturday, June 4, 2016, at his home in Aitkin, MN.



A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, June 9, 2016 at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Fr. David Forsman officiating. Burial was in St. Thomas Cemetery in Aitkin.

He was born April 4, 1930 in Cloquet, MN, to Louis and Gladys (Barrett) McDonnell. He graduated from Cathedral High School, Duluth, MN, in 1948 and from the University of Minnesota - Duluth in 1957. He married Adele Ramsey in 1953. His college studies were interrupted by the Korean War, where he was stationed in Germany. Pat returned to UMD and graduated with a BA in Business and Economics. He was an accountant for the Green Giant Company (later Pillsbury) for 30 years. During this time, he and Adele lived in Fox Lake, WI; Belvedere, IL; Le Sueur, MN and New Hope, MN. For 25 years Pat and family also owned and operated Morningside Resort on Cedar Lake near Aitkin, with Pat commuting from Le Sueur and New Hope on the weekends. In 1996, he and Adele retired to Rainy Lake near International Falls,

while enjoying winters in Apache Junction, AZ. They returned to Aitkin in 2013 to be closer to family. He was a member of St. George's Catholic Church of Apache Junction, AZ; St. James Catholic Church of Aitkin; Le Sueur Lion's Club; St. Anne's Church Men's Club. He also enjoyed many activities including beekeeping, making maple syrup, golfing, fishing, and got his Private Pilot License. Pat was a history buff, and usually had a Civil War book by his side. Liking to travel, he planned many family vacations, sometimes in tents, hiking, sightseeing, covering much of the U.S.

He is survived by Adele, his wife of 62 years; daughters and sons-in-law: Kathy and Steve Cronen, Apache Junction, AZ; Claire and Steve Nelson, Lake Crystal; Mary McDonnell, Aitkin; and Liz and Jeff Boyer, Aitkin; sons and daughters-in-law: Tom and Rosemary McDonnell, Aitkin; Dave and Cheryl McDonnell, Chaska; Bob and Brenda McDonnell, Acworth, GA; 20 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jean and brother-in-law Jerry Holmes; brother, Jerry McDonnell, all of Hoyt Lakes, and nephew James McDonnell.

Arrangements are with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home. www.srtfuneral.com.

AGNES CHRISTENSEN



Agnes May Christensen, 106, of Deerwood died Friday, June 3, 2016 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Burial was in the Union Cemetery in St. Paul, Friday, June 10, 2016. Memorials are preferred to Salem Lutheran Church, Deerwood.

She was born on May 19, 1910 to Nels and Sigrid Engstrom in North Judson, IN. She was confirmed into the Lutheran faith at First Lutheran Church in St. Paul. She attended Johnson High School and Bethesda School of Nursing, Class of 1933. As a young nurse she moved to Deerwood to work at the TB Sanitarium, which was later converted into Cedarbrook Manor where she worked until retiring in 1975. At Cedarbrook, she met Kermit Christensen and they married in 1970. In earlier years, Agnes enjoyed travel with her sisters.

She was a expert at growing African Violets, enjoyed her garden club and church circle at Salem Lutheran Church. But the place she enjoyed most was her cabin on Agate Lake where she shared many good times with family and friends. Her homemade pies, bread and chocolate chip cookies were the worlds best.

She is survived by nephews and nieces, Lawrence (Joyce) Engstrom, Scandia; Richard (MaryLou) Engstrom, Maplewood; Dennis Engstrom, Stillwater; Maryls (John) McElroy, Wapaca, WI; Leonard Anderson, St. Paul; and Karen (Pat) Flagstad, Portland, OR; many other great nephews, nieces; great-great nephews and nieces and great-great-great nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kermit; sisters: Edith Engstrom, and Esther Geopfert; brother, Oscar Engstrom; nephews: Theodore Anderson, James Engstrom and a great-nephew, Bill Engstrom.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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ALLIANCE

Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Sunday School JAM session 9 am; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Youth Group, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.

McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10 Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; SS 9; Worship 9:30; Wed. 7 p.m.

Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30

Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45

Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 pm.

Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST

Aitkin — Westside, Pastor D. Smith; Worship 10; Bible Life group 11:11; aitkinwestside.org.

Brainerd — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673; Worship 11, SS 9:45.

Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252; Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.

Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm

Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.

Glory — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 6 pm Glory Family night, Kids' Club age 4-6, MAD4Christ grades 7-12.

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. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am.

Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.

Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, 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. Dale Nau, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstmilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.

Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun 8:30.

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. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.; Sat. 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483

Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10

McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Larson, Mass: Sun. 11 am.

McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.

Vineland — St. Theresa, 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; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; Sacrament Mtg. 10, SS 11; 10 Priesthood/Relief Society noon

COMMUNITY

Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959

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 Community Church (the little white church in Jacobson). 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 — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 43242 Hwy. 65 N, 2 mi. N of Hwy. 210 on Hwy. 65. 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 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing - Narrows Community Church, (non-demoninational), Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-820-5365 Worship 11; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, second and fourth Saturday

Palisade/Wauckenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.

Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

CONGREGATIONAL

Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — St. John's, Rev. Karl E. Bell, Holy Communion Service 9

EVANGELICAL FREE

Crosby-Ironton — Lifespring Church, 9:30, 30 Hallet Ave NE 218-545-5433, vitalitiespring.com

Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email.thelochurch@crosslake.net

Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm

Malmö — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15; Young Families Fellowship 2nd and last Fri. of month, 5 pm

Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC

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 Irontown Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC

Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Cindy Gray; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

Aitkin — First* Pastors Darrell Pedersen, Melissa Carmack & Bob Munneke; worship Sun. 9; Wed. 6 p.m. at Maria Chapel; Sat. 5 p.m.; communion every Sat., and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd and 5th Sun.; nursery staffed. Sunday service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 a.m., Wed. Community meal every Mon., 5:30 p.m.; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each month, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church (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.popbaxter.org

Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church-AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Worship at 10 am. Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.lhchurch.org)

Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. - Phone: 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

Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.

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 Glen Bickford; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 10 am.

Giese Immanuel — Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaa; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.

Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.

Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS). Worship 10 with communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofhelake.org.

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor Volkert; Worship 9; Bible Study, 10:15.

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Jean Megorden; Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.

Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10. Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10. Service 11, fellowship follows.

Malmö — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 pm; Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; 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 Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.

Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.

Pequot Lakes-Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Rev. Donna M. Olsen, Worship 8 & 10; SS 10; Wed. Worship 5:45 pm; Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm.

Rosburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 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, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.

Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

OBITUARIES

NORA WILKIE



Nora M. Wilkie, 80, of Palisade died Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Golden Valley Rehabilitation and Care Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 11 a.m. from St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Fr. Paul Fruth officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery in Workman Township of Aitkin County.

She was born July 6, 1935 at Belcourt, ND to Anthony and Angeline (Grambois) Delorme. She grew up and attended schools at Belcourt. She married Emery F. Wilkie on September 2, 1959 at Rolla, ND. They moved to the McGregor/Palisade area in 1964. She raised her family and worked at the Shingwauk Resort for a time. She then worked for the McGregor Agra-Corp as a seamstress for 25 years. After she retired she cleaned homes and also the priest's parsonage in McGregor for a number

of years. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in McGregor. She enjoyed playing Bingo, gardening, canning and baking. She loved to be with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Darlene Freeman (William Sweeney), Bovey; Bernice (Larry) Weston, Palisade; Debra (Glen) Weston, Hill City; Gary (Friend Sharon) Wilkie, Palisade; Gaylene (Rodney) Spolarich, Palisade; Gerald (Friend Leann) Wilkie, Palisade; Dale (Annette) Wilkie, Aitkin; Ken (Friend Linda) Wilkie, McGregor; Geraldine Wilkie, Minneapolis; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; brothers and Sisters: Rose Ehman, Sioux Falls, SD; Vincent Delorme, James Delorme, John Delorme all of Belcourt ND; and Linda Johnson, Inkster, ND.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; great-grandson, Bennett and son-in-law, Steve Freeman.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srffuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

DIANE LEHN

Diane Lucille (Schirmers) Lehn, 78, died on Friday, June 3, 2016 with her loved ones by her side.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 9, 2016 at St. Emily's Catholic Church. Burial was in the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily. Memorials are preferred to St. Emily's Church Vision Fund or Immaculate Heart Church Haiti Mission.

She was active in her local Lion's clubs, churches and other local service organizations. Her devotion to service touched the lives of each person she came in contact with. She will be remembered by her family, friends and

communities for her strength, compassion and service.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald (Jerry); sons and daughters-in-law: Gregory and Michele; Jeffrey and Tracy; Patrick and Debra, and Eric and Sara; daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Joe Bender; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law: Doug and Pat.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Mary Cecilia Schirmers; brother, Jerry, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

RUTH DREWS

Ruth Adeline Drews, 78, of Crosby died on Friday, March 4, 2016 at the St Cloud Hospital.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born on July 17, 1937 in Crosby to Clarence and Mary (Marsh) Hinrichs.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law: Gwen Phinney, Euless, TX; Candy and Greg Triplett, Annandale; Cathy Orr, Mansfield,

TX; and Julie and Tony Merchawitz, Mora; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Phillip and Rose Hinrichs; sisters: Phillis (Roger) Pankodin, Mora and Sandy Hinrichs (John Backa), Stansfield.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Hartung and one grandson, Jeremy Triplett.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

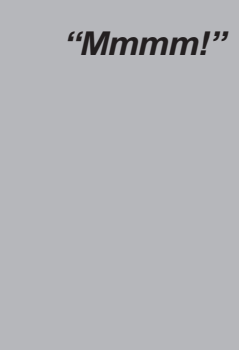
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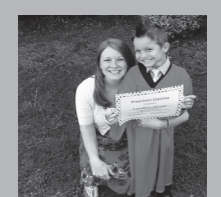
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- 4 eggs
 - 1 c beer
 - 3 tsp Creole seasoning
 - 1 1/4 c flour
 - 2 tbsp baking powder
 - 48 large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined with tails
 - 1 bag sweetened coconut, shredded
 - 2 c oil

- SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE**
- 2 c orange marmalade
 - 1/4 c Dijon mustard
 - 1 1/2 tbsp horseradish

- Fry in oil heated to 350.
- The oil should be at least 1-1/2" deep.
- Drop shrimp in a few at a time and fry until golden brown.
- Remove and drain on paper towel.
- To make the sauce, blend together dipping sauce ingredients.

Directions

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- Dip the shrimp in beer batter and roll in coconut.

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Obama takes aim at therapy for unwanted same-sex attractions

President Obama is broadening his attack on biblical sexuality. In a statement this week, the president reiterated his stand on opening bathrooms to all sexes and even went further by blasting therapy efforts to help those with unwanted same-sex attractions.

"My administration is striving to better understand the needs of LGBT adults and to provide affordable, welcoming, and supportive housing to aging LGBT Americans," the president wrote in his Presidential Proclamation for LGBT Pride Month, a declaration that has become an annual tradition. "It is also why we oppose subjecting minors to the harmful practice of conversion therapy, and why we are continuing to promote equality and foster safe and supportive learning environments for all students."

Jeff Johnston with Focus on the Family says "conversion therapy," as it has been dubbed by LGBT activists, is nothing more than traditional counseling methods used to help minors (and others) who seek treatment in order to live out their faith.

"Suppose there's a teenage Christian boy in your family or church who's struggling with homosexual sin – looking at gay pornography or involved in a sexual relationship. He's conflicted, because he loves God and wants to follow Him, but he's caught in sin. A Christian therapist should be allowed to help that boy live according to his faith."

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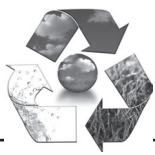
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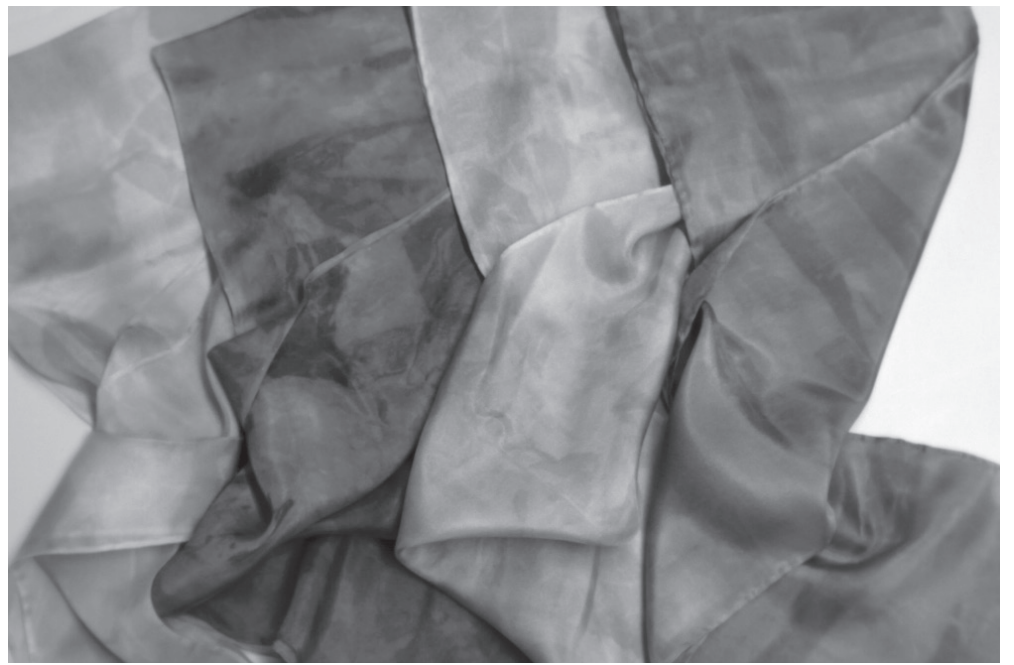
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Silk scarf dyeing workshop offered



The Crossing Arts Alliance (TCAA) will be offering a silk scarf-dyeing workshop with Diane Runberg at The Franklin Arts Center Saturday, June 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. The workshop offers an introduction to a fun and easy method of dyeing silk scarves using tissue paper. Students will create two colorful scarves to take home. The registration fee covers all instruction and materials needed. Cost is \$20 for Crossing Arts members, or \$25 for non-members. You may register by calling 218-833-4016 or in person at the Franklin Arts Center, 1001 Kingwood St, Suite 114, Brainerd.

Lakes area Habitat for Humanity to build two homes in Brainerd

Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity has begun build-

ing the first of two homes in Brainerd.

Almen. Each build will take approximately three to four weeks. For more information or to sign up for a shift, contact Beth Ann Norrgard at 218-828-8517 or on the web at www.lakesareahabitat.org.

Shifts for building are 8:30 a.m. – noon, 12:30 – 4:30 during the weekdays; 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. most evenings and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – noon and 12:30 – 4:30. Fifteen to 25 volunteers are needed for each shift.

Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that serves Cass, Crow Wing and Hubbard Counties. Since 1991, LAHFH has worked with 68 families to provide a hands-up opportunity for decent and affordable homeownership.

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The board of supervisors of Libby Township will hold a special meeting on Monday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Palisade Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss planned stream-bank restoration and roadwork on 275th Place. The meeting may include other matters that may come before the board.

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Preschool storytime

Children ages 3 to 5 and their siblings are invited to join Aitkin Public Library for stories, songs and more at Summer Preschool Storytime, scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, June 16

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OPINION: Rep. Erickson comments on Mille Lacs economic relief

STATE REP. SONDRA ERICKSON (R) 15A

It is an honor to serve as your representative in St. Paul and as is the case every year, there is plenty to be encouraged about regarding the work accomplished in eleven weeks. Moreover, I am excited about the great bite on Lake Mille Lacs, including that of the walleye.

Speaking of walleye, among the accomplishments I am most proud of is the Mille Lacs economic relief package that I authored and was signed into law by Governor Mark Dayton last week.

Watching this bill become law is the most difficult challenge I have faced in my years as a legislator because it was a request for a special appropriation, the likes of which had never been requested. The reason? The economic

harm done to the Mille Lacs area, because of the DNR's abrupt and early closure of the walleye season, was not considered a "natural disaster"; thus, the area did not qualify for disaster aid.

However, thanks to the dedication and perseverance of local business owners, leaders and a bipartisan group of lawmakers, we were able to ensure the Mille Lacs area will receive the relief it needs.

To be specific, the relief program will aid businesses in the Lake Mille Lacs area affected by the shutdown of walleye fishing early last August.

A total of \$3.5 million will be available for grants up to \$50,000 and loans up to \$100,000 with the program implemented through Mille Lacs County Administrator Pat Omen with assistance

from the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

In addition, an appropriation of \$300,000 to Mille Lacs Tourism will help to repurpose the area as a great place for friends and family to enjoy a variety of activities.

On top of the relief and the tourism dollars is a provision in the tax bill, yet unsigned when I wrote this column, to give authorization for the three affected counties – Mille Lacs, Crow Wing and Aitkin - to use property tax abatements for businesses that show a 10% reduction in gross receipts for a successive two-year period. The Department of Revenue will provide for \$1.5 million to reimburse counties offering the abatement to businesses.

There is also a provision in the tax bill to allow for

a change in the statewide business property tax that will assist the business community, so I hope the governor signs the bill.

When I first crafted the relief proposal, I envisioned the creation of a lottery ticket for the lake area because I was looking for ways to avoid using the surplus and to strive for at least \$10 million. But I had to abandon this idea after I spoke with lottery officials who informed me that

it would take over a year to implement such a ticket.

After learning this, I looked for other avenues including funding from the Game and Fish Fund as well as unclaimed lottery prize money. I was again met with a dead end.

Finally, after speaking with the Governor's staff, I was able to secure the funding as long as we had the support of my colleagues in the legislature.

On that note, I would like

to thank my colleagues in the House who overwhelmingly supported this legislation as well as the conference committee appointees who convinced the Senate to support this relief.

While nothing can truly replace the economic boost that the walleye fishing industry brings to the area, this assistance will help reduce the economic impact of the rules and regulations handed down from the DNR.

Lueck responds to bill pocket veto

State Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, on Tuesday expressed disappointment with Gov. Mark Dayton's pocket veto of over a half billion dollars in permanent, ongoing middle-class tax relief over the next three years. The bill was passed with overwhelming bipartisan support on a

123-10 vote in the House and 55-12 in the Senate.

"It apparently is meaningless to the governor that nearly 90 percent of the members in the Legislature voted in favor of this bill," Lueck said. "The bill contains real tax reforms that were the product of legitimate com-

promise. Both GOP and DFL members put the well being of hard working Minnesotans ahead of partisan political bickering. It's disappointing to see the governor diminish himself and the office by acting in such a disrespectful manner toward the people of Minnesota."

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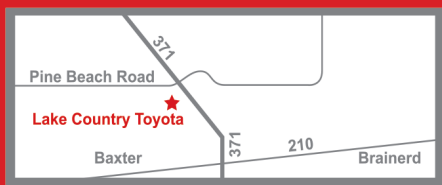
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