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## Brainerd district approved multi-million referendum

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Nearly 10,000 voters turned out in the Brainerd School District on April 10 and with early voting to vote yes to three ballot questions to improve school facilities.

Question 1 approved investments in elementary school buildings and Early Childhood Family Education for a total cost of \$104 million with voters approving \$68.4 million of that. It passed with over a 2,000-vote margin.

Question 2 approved investing in secondary buildings for a cost of \$93 million with voters approving \$69.4 million. It passed with just under 1,000 votes.

Question 3 approved a new fine arts center for \$8 million which will be totally paid for by voter-approved funds. It passed with a very slim margin of 233 votes.

Question 2 had to pass in order for Question 3 to count.

Some controversy was stirred in the community as demolishing the historic Lincoln Elementary School, on South Sixth Street near the Brainerd High School, is part of the plan. A group has

banded together to try and save the 1930s brown brick building.

### Highlights

The three ballot questions add up to a total cost of \$205 million with about \$177.5 million in voter-approved funds and other tax levies. The remainder will be paid from existing funds.

Tax impact on a median-valued \$156,200 home in Crow Wing County is about \$87 per year and about \$238 a year for a commercial property valued at \$219,000. These increases will take place in taxes payable in 2019. Debt will be paid off by 2043 with current debt to be paid off by 2027.

Question 1; \$104 million includes a new Baxter School, \$26 million; a Baxter Early Childhood Hub, \$5 million; and improvements to Garfield Elementary School, \$11 million; Harrison Elementary, \$19 million; Lowell, \$13 million; Nisswa, \$12 million; Riverside, \$13 million and the Washington Educational Services Building for \$5 million.

Question 2: \$93 million:

Brainerd High School South Campus, \$11 million; Brainerd High School North Campus, \$79 million including a new performance arts center. Forestview Middle School, \$1.5 million; Brainerd Learning Center, \$1 million and demolishing of Lincoln, which is now labeled an "Education Center," for half a million.

Question 3 added \$8 million for an improved performing arts center at Brainerd High School, increasing from a 950-seat arts center proposed in Question 2 to 1,200 seats. Question 3 could only pass if question 2 did.

Brainerd, Baxter show most support

An analysis of voting results by precinct showed that early and absentee voters were a resounding yes. Baxter Precinct 1 and 2 voted yes on all three questions.

Brainerd's Ward 1 were yes voters, as was Ward 2, with Ward 3 saying no to the expanded arts center. Brainerd Ward 4 voted yes to all three.

Center and Lake Edward townships were no to all three, as were Crow Wing, Daggett Brook, Garrison, Oak

Lawn and St. Mathias townships. Unorganized Territory blue, red and white were yes to 1 and 2 and no to 3. The City of Nisswa had yes votes on all three questions.

### Next step

The new Baxter Elementary School will be addressed, with a plan to build on a property across from Forestview as well as re-using the current Baxter school for the early education center. Land will be purchased, school designs finalized and bids posted. The new school may begin to take shape in the spring of 2019.

Work will begin on some of the maintenance projects this summer with Harrison and Nisswa schools next on the list.

It will take up to four years to complete the upgrades to the secondary schools, building the new arts center and tearing down Lincoln.

Go to <http://cwccm.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=121140a10f7e4af6b37f81063e9c4e45ArcGIS> Web Application to click on your area and view election results.

## Vote Totals

16 precincts reporting  
Total Voters: 9,802  
Voter Turnout: 9,802 / 26110 (37.54%)

Question 1: Improvement of Elementary Schools and Early Childhood Facilities  
Yes = 5,900 votes No = 3,892 votes

Question 2: Improvement of Secondary Schools and Alternative Education Facilities  
Yes = 5,390 votes No = 4,396 votes

Question 3: Performing Arts Center Enhancements  
Yes = 4,995 votes No = 4,762 votes

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# Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge renames golf course after Jack Ruttger



In keeping with the tradition of naming amenities after significant figures in resort history, Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge will rename its 18-hole championship golf course Jack's 18 in honor of Ruttger's beloved Chairman of the Board Jack Ruttger. Jack, 88, became the third generation Ruttger to operate

the resort after his return from serving during the Korean War and last year celebrated his 65th year of resort leadership. He was instrumental in the building of the golf course which opened in 1986 as a nine-hole course and expanded to 18 holes in 1992 when it was named The Lakes Course. "With the resort celebrating its 120th anniversary this summer, we felt it was fitting to rename the course after my dad Jack," Ruttger's President Chris Ruttger said. "He is an important figure in the resort industry and our history. The course's name will stand as a monument to all the lives he has touched." The idea to rename the course has been in the works

for a number of years, but Jack always said no because he prefers to direct credit for his contribution to Ruttger's to others – especially the many employees who have worked at the resort through the years.



"It's quite an honor. I'm humbled," Jack Ruttger said. The course will be officially renamed at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 3 in a ceremony at the golf course. There will be an open house with cake, Jack will sign limited-edition embroidered golf flags, and,

following the ceremony, golf will be discounted to \$18 that day only in honor of the new name. Other parts of the resort that are named in honor of influential people in the resort's history are Ruby's Dining Room - named after long-time hostess, Ruby Treloa; Auntie M's - named after Jack's sister, Mae Heglund; Zig's Restaurant and Bar - named after long-time guest and golf course designer, Haas Ziegler; and Alec's 9, the original nine-hole resort course, named after Jack's father, Alec Ruttger. "I think it's great that all parts of Ruttger's golf operation are now named after their founders...Alec's 9, Jack's 18 and Zig's," Rutt-

ger's Golf Professional Dave Sadlowsky said. "Nobody deserves the recognition more than Jack." In addition to renaming the 18-hole championship course, the resort also re-branded Alec's 9 with a new logo to match Jack's 18. **Ruttger's history of golf** Ruttger's original nine-hole golf course was designed by Haas (Zig) Ziegler and developed by Alec Ruttger, second generation Ruttger's owner. The course opened

in 1921, becoming the first resort golf course in Minnesota. Known at the time as the "Golf Links," it later became known as the "Yellow Course" and "Lodge Course." Jack Ruttger doubled down on the golf operation by adding an additional nine holes in 1986. The newly coined "Bay Lake Golf Club" incorporated the new "Green Course" and the old "Yellow (Lodge) Course." In 1992 another 9-holes was added to the "Green Course" and the newly created championship "Lakes Course" was formed. The "Lodge Course" was eventually named "Alec's Nine" after its founder. In 1994, the new clubhouse restaurant was named "Zig's" after (Zig) Ziegler.

# Ruttger's pits Gobblers vs. Rangers in charity competition on May 20

The long-standing, friendly rivalry between the Aitkin Gobblers and Crosby-Ironton Rangers will move from the playing field to the golf course as part of Game of Towns - a charity fundraiser at the golf course at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on Sunday, May 20. Game of Towns is a series of good-natured games of skill, knowledge and chance, pitting people living in the Crosby-Ironton School District against people living in the rival Aitkin School District. The events will include a nine-hole golf scramble, tug-of-war, trivia contest, golf-ball-finding competition, dinner, raffle, and more. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the reading

programs at Cuyuna Range Elementary School in Crosby-Ironton and Rippleside Elementary School in Aitkin. "I don't know what school community will claim the Game of Towns championship – we love them both - but whoever wins will have bragging rights for the year and that's huge," Ruttger's President Chris Ruttger said. "It will be fun, but more importantly, the real winners will be the reading programs at CRES and Rippleside." Adults and students are encouraged to participate in all of the events. Team registration will begin in May. People can register at ruttgers.com/game-of-towns or by calling 218-678-2885, ext. 2215.

Game of Towns points will be awarded to winning teams and competitors in the various events. The school community with the most points will be declared the Game of Towns Champion and receive a traveling trophy. In addition to Game of Towns points, competitors and teams can earn additional donations to their school's reading fund by winning competitions such as longest-drive and long-putt contests. In the last 10 years, Ruttger's has donated a combined \$74,800 to Rippleside and

CRES to assist with their reading programs. The donations were made on behalf of the Ruttger's Enhanced Reading Fund, a charitable initiative dedicated to improving literacy in our community by sharing the love of reading with students. "Reading is so important, and we are thrilled and honored to be able to contribute to these school initiatives through the Ruttger's Enhanced Reading Fund," Ruttger said. "We hope that Game of Towns will become a signature event as part of our fundraising effort."

and yoga merchandise, plus lunch, beverages and snacks throughout the day. There are three class choices during each session. Classes for all levels will be available and will focus on:

- Meditation and Relaxation
- Posture and Alignment
- Inversions
- Partner Yoga

- Mudras (hand gestures)
- Reflexology in yoga
- Breathing techniques
- Yoga Nidra

Admission for the event is \$60 per person. People interested in attending, as well as yoga studios and vendors who wish to participate, can sign up or get more information at [www.ruttgers.com/yoga-expo](http://www.ruttgers.com/yoga-expo).

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AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am.  
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 IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2 pm  
Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1 st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting  
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!  
Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.  
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, 4th Tues. of month at noon.  
Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.  
Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.  
Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyson Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295  
Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-9271383.  
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 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 or Roxy 218-927-4558.  
Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.  
Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.  
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 the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.  
Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.  
Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday  
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.  
Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.  
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@mfas.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 (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin  
Food Shelf (Aitkin) 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 (Aitkin) 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.  
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Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.  
Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm  
Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon  
Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.  
Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.  
Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd. This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a

desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.  
Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.  
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.  
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 sponsored by ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd 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.  
McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.  
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 each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin, MN  
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.operationminnesotanic.com.  
Overeaters Anonymous Open Meeting, Sat. 9:35am, Aitkin Library. Everyone welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12-step fellowship of people recovering from compulsive eating. OA is not a diet club. We are dedicated to helping individuals recovering from compulsive eating, anorexia, bulimia, food addiction and obesity. If you are struggling, you are not alone any more. For more info: OA.org, or call Cheryl, meeting contact, 770-576-5984.  
Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; 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.  
Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, con-

tact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.  
RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Mon.: 10 Glory Baptist Church; Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. 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 Aitkin (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  
TOPS Ironton (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.  
Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.  
White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.  
**April**  
21st - Great River Strings Orchestra a Gala Fundraiser at the C-I Pub's Pine Room in Ironton. The evening will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. The orchestra will reproduce the prom scene from the 1980's film "Back To The Future" for its program at 7 p.m. Guests are encouraged to dress up (prom attire encouraged) and put on their "dancing shoes" for this one of a kind event. Tickets are \$35 per person. For more info contact, Mary Aulie, 218-839-1085, and Lynn Foote, 218-678-3034 are also available to take your ticket order or answer any questions you might have.  
23rd - Adam Lindquist will portray President Theodore Roosevelt at 6 p.m. at the Aitkin Public Library, located at 110 1st Ave. NE in downtown Aitkin. For more information, visit www.ecrlib.org or find us on Facebook and Twitter (@ecrlib).  
24th - Central Lakes College Art Gallery opening reception of "The Difference Between" featuring student artists Amy Edwards and Claudina Williams at 3-5 p.m. in the gallery, room No. E422, located across from the library at the Brainerd campus. This exhibition is free and open to the public. It runs April 24-May 10 and is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
25th - Waukenabo Dance, "Chmielewski & Leroy" will be performing 1-4 p.m. at the Waukenabo Community Center located 15 mi. north of Aitkin on Hwy. 169 to Co. Rd. 3, west 1 1/4 mi. on left. For more info call Gene at 218-845-2819  
26th - Crow Wing County Genealogical Society will host a Research meeting at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd.  
26th -28th and May 3rd-5th Brainerd Community Theatre presents 'Young Frankenstein: The Musical' on the Chalberg Theatre stage at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at 218 -855-8199  
27th - Adam Lindquist will portray President Theodore Roosevelt at 1 p.m. at the Sandstone Public Library at 119 N. 4th St., Sandstone. For more information, visit www.ecrlib.org

Great River Strings Concert, Dinner and Dance

The Great River Strings Orchestra will present a Gala Fundraiser at the C-I Pub's Pine Room in Ironton, MN on Saturday, April 21.  
Beginning with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m., the orchestra will reproduce the prom scene from the 1980's film "Back to the Future" for its program at 7:00 p.m. The evening will also include a silent auction.  
On Sunday, April 22 at 2:30 p.m. a concert ver-

sion (performance only) will take place at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin.  
The film "Back to the Future" is ranked tenth on Film4's 50 Films to see before you die. President Ronald Reagan referred to the film in his State of the Union Address in 1986 when he said, "Never has there been a more exciting time to be alive, a time of rousing wonder and heroic achievement. As they said in the film Back to the Future, 'Where we're

going, we don't need roads'."

Tickets for the Saturday night dinner and dance are \$35 per person and may be ordered at the C-I Pub in Ironton, The Beanery in Aitkin, or through any orchestra

member. Executive Directors Mary Aulie, 218-839-1085, and Lynn Foote, 218-678-3034 are also available to take your ticket order or answer any questions you might have.

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# OBITUARIES

## KENNETH KIELTY



Kenneth (Bud) C. Kielty, 87, died on Monday, April 9, 2018.

Services were held on Monday, April 16 at St. Joseph Church in Crosby. In lieu of flowers, donations to Home-Health Partnership Hospice, 320 East Main St, Crosby, MN 56441 are welcome.



He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1949; and he attended Mankato State for two years prior to serving in the U.S. Army for two years. He graduated from University of Minnesota and was on the baseball team. He received a Masters degree from St. Cloud State. He taught Math at Edgerton High School, Minneapolis West High School and Washburn High School. He coached football, basketball and baseball at Edgerton, West, Washburn and Southwest. Co-authored a book "Edgerton a

Basketball Legend". He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and truly enjoyed family time. He loved to be active with fishing, boating, and belong to the Bay Lake Lions for 25 years. His true love was golf. He ran the Bay Lake golf tournament for 10 years and belonged to the Cuyuna Golf Course where he had a hole in one on hole 12. He was truly a person with a caring heart for his students and players. Family and holidays with a large family were treasured with great activities, conversations, and never forget the pecan pie.

He is survived by his wife, of 64 years, Barbara; children Dan (Christine), Theresa Gade (Richard), Steve (Mary), Pat, Mike (Beth), Paul, Suzanne Hadley, and Michele Hutton (David); 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by granddaughter, Samantha; sister, Kathleen; and parents, Kenneth and Anna.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

## BOB MEYER



Bob Meyer, 90, of Chisago City formerly of Crosby died on March 24, 2018 at Parmley on the Lake in Chisago City.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Crosby.

He was born on December 9, 1927 in Sheridan Township, WI to William and Amelia (Kottke) Meyer. Bob was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Crosby.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Sharon Meyer, East Bethel; daughters and sons-in-law: Judy and Bob Schultz, Townville, SC and Brenda and David Langevin, Pine City; sister, Mildred Sevals, Barron, WI; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Betty; two brothers, Clarence and Harris Meyer and one sister, Iris Timblin.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

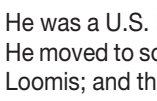
## EARL GERARD



Earl Joseph Gerard, 81, of Aitkin died Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

He was born June 9, 1936 in St. Louis, MO to John J. and Theresa Gerard, Sr. He graduated high school in 1954 in St. Louis. While in school, he enjoyed participating and excelled in many different sports.



He was a U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Veteran. He moved to southern California and met Velma Loomis; and they were married on February 12,

1966. He worked as a mechanic and retired as a supervisor at LA Transit bus station. In June 1986, they moved to Aitkin. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and loved spending time with his grandchildren

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Robin; daughter and son-in-law, Jaennin and Ken; brother, John; sister, Theresa; two grandchildren: Kyle and Emily; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife Velma on November 7, 2011.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## DOROTHY WERSAL



Dorothy A. Wersal, 89, of Aitkin died Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin.

She was born August 23, 1928 at Sanborn, MN to Charles and Amy (Briggs) Brainerd. She grew up and attended schools in Sanborn and then married Melvin M. Wersal on September 5, 1946 at Sanborn. They lived in Springfield, Elbow Lake, Hibbing, Chisholm, Cook and then Bloomington before moving to Mille Lacs Lake in the late 1970's. She lived there until 2005 when she

moved in with her son and then in 2009 moved to the Aicota Health Care Center and has lived there since. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and in her younger days deer hunting and fishing. She loved her cats and dogs. She and her husband had collected aluminum and scrap metal around the Aitkin area and would bring it to the Twin Cities where they would sell it to dealers.

She is survived by her son, Jim Wersal, Glen; daughter, Betty Mauer, Bemidji; nine grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Melvin; and two sons Jerry and Robert.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

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### ALLIANCE

Aitkin\* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; 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; Sunday Morning Service 9:30  
Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; 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; hillcityagchurh@gmail.com; 218-697-2662  
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

### BAPTIST

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9 and 10:30, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Brainerd\* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; [fbcbainerd.com](http://fbcbainerd.com)  
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org](http://www.thechurchonthewiseroad.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 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 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, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.  
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmstemiys.org](http://www.ihmstemiys.org); Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.  
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, 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. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sun. 11:15 am.  
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:45 am

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; 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  
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005  
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.  
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm  
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm  
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.  
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.  
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.  
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.  
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.  
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10  
Outing\* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon 4th Saturday, 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge  
Palisade/Waukenabo 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, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9  
\*Brainerd - St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

### EVANGELICAL FREE

Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email [thelolgchurch@crosslake.net](mailto:thelolgchurch@crosslake.net)  
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 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, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

### LUTHERAN

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Kari Foss; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.  
Aitkin — First\* (ELCA) Pastor Darrell Pedersen, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 8:15 & 10am, Wed. 5:30pm w/supper; communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed

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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 Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. [www.christbaxter.com](http://www.christbaxter.com).

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 [www.pcpbaxter.org](http://www.pcpbaxter.org)

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

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship at 10, followed by coffee fellowship. Wednesday 7pm Adult Bible Study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Rd, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, [www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church](http://www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church).

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. ([www.lchchurch.org](http://www.lchchurch.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](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org) Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto:trinity@trinitybrainerd.org)

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Breezy Point\* — Eagles Nest, Pastor Jonathan Lemaster, 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. 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](http://www.missionofthecross.org)

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15.

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), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. [www.shepherdofthelake.org](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org).

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

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

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 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; handicap 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.

Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; 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. Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed – 10:15 am. 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; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; 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.

### PENTECOSTAL

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.  
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall\*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.  
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

### PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake — Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship Memorial Day-Labor Day at 9:30; Worship September to May at 10:15 ; Bible Study Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Rd. 218-692-4769

McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.  
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.  
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

### REFORMED

Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, [www.visitlifespring.com](http://www.visitlifespring.com)

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; [www.aitkinadventist.org](http://www.aitkinadventist.org); 218-927-4107

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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

### UNITED METHODIST

Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicap accessible.  
Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.  
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.  
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9  
Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicap accessible.  
Fleming—(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicap accessible.  
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10  
McGregor—(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicap accessible.  
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 bks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

### WESLEYAN

Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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# It's Alive! Young Frankenstein Musical at Brainerd Community Theatre



The Villagers of Transylvania welcome Frederick Frankenstein and his fiancé Elizabeth to Castle Frankenstein (left to right): Brianna Engels, Ed Eyestone, Connor Nichols, Rebecca Timmins, Isaac Nadeau, Nicole Rothleutner, Travis Chaput, Charlie Johnson, Rachel Martin, Marc Oliphant, Emili Lane, Kevin Yeager, Austin Everson, Nick Kory, and Rachael Kline.

The horror of Frankenstein's monster meets the screwball comedy of Mel Brooks when Brainerd Community Theatre presents "Young Frankenstein: The Musical" on the Chalberg Theatre stage at 7:30 p.m. on April 26-28 and May 3-5. Director Patrick Spradlin guides the 20 member cast in the re-imagining of the Frankenstein story.

"Frederick Frankenstein, grandson of the maker of monsters, inherits his family's Transylvania estate," said Spradlin of the plot. "When he goes there to inspect the property, he's drawn into his grandfather's infamous past."

Encouraged by a trio of wacky denizens—Igor the Hunchback, Inga the sexy, naïve lab assistant, and the darkly foreboding Frau Blucher—Frederick re-animates a corpse and incurs the fear and anger of the town's citizens, led by the officious Inspector Kemp.

"For those who've seen the 1974 film, this is a faithful yet surprise-filled recreation,"

says Spradlin.

Spradlin notes that the musical marks the final official collaboration between his staging and the musical direction of long-time Central Lakes College music instructor Steve Anderson.

"Steve and I both came to CLC in 1991. For some reason, he's retiring and I'm staying behind." The cast is headed up by a corps of local theatre veterans. Nick Kory portrays Frederick Frankenstein. An accomplished comedic performer, Kory makes his musical debut with this show. Igor is played by Travis Chaput, who has appeared in leading roles in many local community theatre musicals. Sadie Wunder plays Inga; Rebecca Timmins is Frau Blucher; Kevin Yeager plays Inspector Kemp; the Monster is portrayed by Jesse Brutscher; Rachael Kline plays Elizabeth, the quirky fiancé of Frederick.

Charlie Johnson plays the ghost of Frederick's grandfather, Victor Frankenstein. Ed Eyestone is the Blind Hermit. Marc Oliphant plays Ziggy, the village idiot.

The ensemble, portraying a host of different characters, includes Nicole Rothleutner, Rachel Martin, Brianna Engels, Bri Keran, Emili Lane, Connor Nichols, Isaac Nadeau, Austin Everson, Joe Wooden, and Phylippe Bell.

The creative team for the production, in addition to Spradlin and Anderson, includes Sarah Aamot as vocal director, Stephanie White as choreographer and production stage manager, costume designer Dawn Marks, lighting designer Ben Kent, set dresser Tim Leagield, properties by Mike Anderson, and assistant stage manager Lorrie Jager. The set is designed by University of Minnesota-Duluth professor of scenic design Curt Phillips.

## "Bus Stop" auditions in Pequot Lakes

Auditions are scheduled for May 7 and 8 in Pequot Lakes for the summer comedy "Bus Stop" directed by Michael Sander for Pequot Lakes Community Theater.

Auditioning actors are invited between 6:30 and 9 p.m. at the high school choir room.

The audition process, which will involve reading from the script, will take about a half hour of your time, Sander said. "No need for everybody to arrive at 6:30. Everyone is welcome. All the roles are available."

"Bus Stop" is the story of what happens when a snowstorm forces the ill-assorted passengers of a bus to be stranded overnight in a roadside diner. The year is 1955. There are eight characters (no children), as follows:

- Elma, an intelligent, romantic, but naïve high school student working at the diner;
- Grace, owner of the diner, fortyish, been around, seen everything;
- Will, the local sheriff, down to earth older man;
- Cheri, a young, twentyish nightclub singer, flashy but childlike (if you've seen the movie, she is not Marilyn Monroe);
- Dr. Gerald Lyman, alcoholic, Shakespeare-quoting college professor with a dark secret;
- Carl, middle-aged bus driver with a not-so-secret yen for Grace;

-Bo Decker, young champion cowboy, just off the ranch and determined to make Cheri his own;

-Virgil, older ranch hand, guardian of Bo; should play guitar.

If you want to audition but are unavailable at the listed times, please get in touch with the director 218-587-4728; sandwood@uslink.net) to see if another time can be arranged.

The show will be staged July 11-13 and 17-19 in the Pequot Lakes High School Theater.

Information is available on the website [www.glapa.info](http://www.glapa.info), or by calling Pequot Lakes Community Education at 218-568-9200.

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### Big Brother's watching in Crosby

Some may find it reassuring, but I find it intrusive and expensive. When you are in the park this summer with your family, just know, you will be watched.

There are thousands of dollars being spent on cameras at the Crosby City Hall and Park. The leaders of the Crosby Police Department act like there is a never ending supply of money.

What ever happened to law enforcement that was responsive to the community and really cared? Instead, we have one that watches and waits to spring on it's residents and businesses. They are driving new police cars with ghosted-logos trying to hide from public view. Instead, of proudly displaying the police logos and offering a friendly reminder to slow down.

The leadership has approved taking away some of the funding for the City Park to be used in other ways. The Crosby City Street Crew was informed that they will no longer be allowed to plow snow during the day and only at night. This will cost the taxpayers more money because of shift differential and prolong the time for snow removal.

The city streets are in need of regular repair. Money should be better spent to serve the residents of Crosby, not wasted foolishly and inefficiently by incompetent leadership.

The roof on the Crosby Fire Station has been leaking for years. This was brought to the attention of the City Council. The Council directed the Crosby Fire Department volunteers to fix it themselves.

It just seems ironic, we have all this money for cameras, five new police cars, police and clerk office remodeling projects (costing hundreds of thousands) additional staff and creation of overpaid positions. Hiring people based on cronyism and not based on merit or need.

We need to encourage and foster businesses in town, not overtax and limit them. There is never enough money for economic development, since they are always asking for donations from those same overtaxed businesses.

Last year, the council declined a request \$500 to pay for supplies for the group that plants flowers on main street. The fire department ended up paying for these supplies.

**Crosby resident and business owner,**  
**James J. Hunter**

## LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., April 14 & 21, 2018)

**WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION PLUS ROAD REVIEW NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Township of Wealthwood in Aitkin County, Minnesota, will meet at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said Township for the year 2018.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the Township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization.

The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

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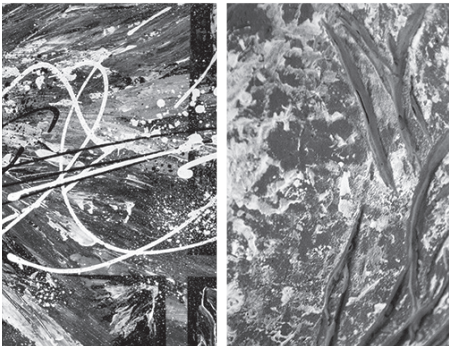
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## CLC Art Gallery opening reception

The Central Lakes College Art Gallery announces the opening of "The Difference Between" featuring student artists Amy Edwards and Claudina Williams.

There will be an opening reception from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24 in the gallery, room No. E422, located across from the library at the Brainerd campus.

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# Northern pike added to state’s catch-and-release record program

Anglers who catch and release northern pike can earn state records through an expansion of a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources record fish program that previously included only lake sturgeon, muskellunge and flathead catfish in the catch-and-release category.

“These catch-and-release records have really caught on and now we’re adding northern pike into the mix,” said Mike Kurre, DNR mentoring program coordinator. “Photos of these fish have ramped up awareness of Minnesota as a go-to state for trophy fish.”

This category of the DNR’s record fish program lets anglers submit photos and documentation of potential record fish they catch and release. Anglers send one photo of the fish displayed alongside a measuring stick, ruler or tape; and one photo of the angler with the fish.

“Catch-and-release fishing remains a time-honored tradition and when anglers release these large fish they give others the chance to catch them later,” Kurre said.

Diehard anglers and DNR Fisheries staff pushed for the record category, added in 2016, to recognize people who catch trophy fish while also supporting the catch-and-release ethic already shared by many anglers. The option remains to participate in the traditional category of records based on certified weight of fish caught and kept.

To be eligible for any state record, anglers must obtain a valid license and the fish must be caught in season. Anglers may fish for a species only when a season is open, even when catch-and-release angling.

Detailed guidelines for participating in both the catch-and-release and certified weight categories can be found at [mndnr.gov/record-fish](http://mndnr.gov/record-fish). Fishing regulations and season dates can be found at [mndnr.gov/fishmn](http://mndnr.gov/fishmn).

Anglers who catch large fish also have the option of participating in the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame’s Master Angler program, which recognizes 60 fish species. Information about that program is available at [fishinghalloffamemn.com/master-anglers](http://fishinghalloffamemn.com/master-anglers).

# Final gasp of endless winter?

Spring and summer fun was put on hold when a huge winter storm blanketed the state last weekend, leaving huge drifts and accidents in its wake.

Snowfall of 22 inches and more was reported in rural Minnesota, with more falling. The Twin Cities metro area saw 19 to 22 inches, with the airport closed for a day and the Minnesota Twins baseball games cancelled for the whole weekend. Schools were closed in the Twin Cities on Monday, April 16.

Closer to home, we missed the earlier blast on April 13, but saw steady snowfall from Saturday evening, April 14, and on through the night and throughout the day and evening on April 15.

It was a good weekend to hunker down in your pajamas and finish doing your income taxes as many events throughout Minnesota were cancelled.

Roads were completely closed in southwestern Minnesota for a time and the state patrol reported hundreds of accidents. Everyone was getting stuck and Facebook even featured some shots of tow trucks and snowplows getting stuck.

Up at Duluth and the North Shore, photographers captured huge waves. In Canal Park in downtown Duluth waves blew over the pedestri-

an walkway and were almost up on the deck of the Lift Bridge. The shipping season was officially opened last month. Duluth also broke a weather record when more than 12 inches of snow fell in one day.

I keep an unofficial count of when the snow vanishes from my yard in Aitkin each year and our little snowman ornament is retired from the front porch. He comes back out with the first major snowfall of the fall. Granted, my yard is shady and tree-covered so others might have an earlier snow-out date.

In 2016, the snow-out date was April 16 and in 2017, it was March 19.

Area lakes show no signs of losing their winter coating of ice and at many homes folks have not yet bothered to put away Christmas decorations because every time they thought of about it, it snowed again.

Hopefully, by the time this goes to press, we will have some 50-degree weather, the Twins will be out on the ball field again and the high school athletes will be able to play. Until then, we cope with this Long Winter and figure out various ways to keep our sanity and believe that somewhere, somehow, spring will come.



Backyard barbecues are on hold as snow fell with a vengeance throughout Minnesota on April 13, 14 and 15. Ann Schwartz photo

# Temporary, seasonal fishing closures

To protect spawning fish, the Department of Natural Resources has begun to close certain portions of some Minnesota waters. The closings are routine and based on local conditions.

Closings occur each year as ice-out begins and waters begin to warm. The DNR closes the spawning locations to fishing only where habitat is limited and fish are very concentrated in one location, such as a river or the bay of a lake where fish are congregated during spawning.

Areas closed to fishing are listed and updated on the DNR website at [mndnr.gov/fishmn](http://mndnr.gov/fishmn).

Portions of waters closed to fishing also are posted at access sites and in other visible areas. Anglers may fish in areas that are not posted.

# Despite snow, turkey season began

In 1978, Minnesota held its first turkey hunt in modern history. During that season, a lucky 420 hunters drew permits. Since then, interest in pursuing these big game birds has expanded along with their population and range. Last spring some 50,000 turkey permits were issued, and hunters registered nearly 12,000 birds.

“Wild turkeys are now found almost everywhere in Minnesota,” said James Burnham, DNR hunter recruitment, retention and reactivation coordinator. “It’s true that wild turkeys can be a challenging species to hunt, but getting started as a turkey hunter isn’t difficult. Camouflage, a shotgun, an inexpensive call, and a license are all you really need.”

Minnesota’s excellent turkey hunting is a management success story. Due to habitat loss and unregulated hunting, the state’s last native turkey was spotted in 1880. After several re-introduction attempts dating back to the 1920s, successful trap and transplant efforts began in 1971. Historically, wild turkeys were found primarily in the forested river valleys of southeastern Minnesota, but favorable habitat has allowed for the expansion of the wild turkey’s range to include most of the state.

“Recent changes have made it easier for more people to get started turkey hunting,” Burnham said. “Archery hunters and youth hunters are exempt from the lottery, and licenses for a large portion of the season can be purchased by anyone.”

The season runs from April 18 to May 31 and is divided into six hunt periods, A through F (see table below). Hunt A and B licenses for firearms hunters age 18 and older are limited in availability and assigned via lottery drawing. Archery and youth hunters (under 18) are exempt from the lottery and may purchase a spring turkey license valid during all hunt periods, including hunts A and B. All licensed turkey hunters can participate in Hunt F if they have an unused tag from one of the earlier hunt periods.

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