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Cuyuna Meets the World Through Murals 2018 in Ironton



The mural located on the building at 312 4th Street in Ironton will feature a group of miners from the Milford mine.

Cuyuna Meets the World Through Murals 2018 is another project by Projectrevive make it happen.

The two murals in Ironton are being painted by artists Mike Meyer, Muralist from, Mazeppa, MN; Scott (Cornbread) Lindley, Muralist, from

Mt. Pulanski, IL; Wessel Nimmer, Muralist, from Berlin, Germany and Justine Middleton, Muralist, from Yorkshire, England.

The muralists arrived on June 17 and began painting on June 18. While the artists are working on the project

they will be staying in Ironton.

Two artists work on each wall. Dependent on the weather, project completion is expected by Friday, June 29.

The projects are being funded by the Hallett Charitable Trust with help from The City of Ironton, wall owners: Tony and Karin Nelson and Deb Egan; Oberg Fence; Mixed Company; and K&M Signs.

Several businesses and individuals have provided lunches, water and lodging for the artists during their stay.

Funds are available for four more murals. Over the next two years, there will be two more walls selected for murals in both Crosby and Deerwood.



Mountain biking will be featured on the mural on the building at 102 4th Street in Ironton.

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Over 50 people, including state, county and city officials and department heads from Aitkin Health Services, attended a groundbreaking at Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity's 2018 Aitkin build. Here are Christy Rian and her daughters, the partner family for the new home at 210 Minnesota Avenue South in Aitkin. Watch for the progress as you drive by on Hwy. 169. Ann Schwartz photo

Teens skateboard art workshop

Teens who would like to customize a skateboard with their own design will not want to miss an upcoming skateboard art experience presented by East Central Regional Library.

Join artist Mark Rivard for a two-hour skateboard art workshop for ages 13-18. Participants will hear his inspirational story of becoming

a professional artist, learn his artistic techniques and create an original work of art on an actual skateboard deck using Sharpie markers. At the end of workshop, take your customized board deck and Sharpies home. (Wheels and hardware are not included.)

Pre-registration is required on the events calendar at eclib.org and space is limited for the skateboard art workshop, which will be held on Saturday, July 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Aitkin Public Library. Pre-registration began June 14.

This project was funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. For more programs and events, visit the events calendar at eclib.org, or find us on Facebook and Twitter (@eclib).

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 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 1st 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 Wesleyan 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 Meeting is held on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Heartwood Senior Living Complex located in Crosby. Social time is at 5:30 pm and \$10.00 Dinner/Meeting is at 6:00pm. If you would like to attend one of our meetings to find out more about how our club plans and works on Community programs, please call Lion Nancy at 218-678-4165.

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@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 (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.

Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

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60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm
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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.

McGregor Community Meal sponsored by AN-GELS 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, contact 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.

June

24th - Malawi Orphan Care Project music, meal, silent auction and raffle benefit 4-8 p.m. at the Woodtick Inn. Featuring music by "Gravel Roads" and "Reverend Raven and the Chain Smoking Altar Boys" featuring Westside Andy. Treewill offering will be taken. For more information about the orphan project or to make a donation, go to http://malawiorphancareproject.org

26th - Author Talk with Diane Schlagel at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library, 6 p.m.

27th - Waukenabo Dance, "Frank & Fran" 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

29th - True Hope Ministries is bringing Comedian Daren Streblov to the Greenway Auditorium at 7: p.m.. Tickets available at Inspirations Bookstore in Grand Rapids, at the door, or by calling 1-844-466-8673

30th - "October Son" in concert at Rutgger's Bay Lake Lodge. Classic rock songs by bands such as the Eagles, Johnny Cash, the Little River Band and more. \$5 for the public. Seating is provided, or you can bring your own

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OBITUARIES

KIMIKO LILJENQUIST



Kimiko "Jackie" Liljenquist, 84, of Aitkin died Friday, June 15, 2018 at the Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin.

A Celebration of Life was held Friday, June 22, 2018 at 3 p.m. from the Bethesda Lutheran Church at Malmo with Rev. James Muske officiating.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at a later date at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery.

She was born in Osaka, Japan on May 25, 1934 with her twin brother Kichiya to Yoshiyuki and Toshiko Kinugasa. She married Meldon Liljenquist on March 17, 1958 in Yokohama, Japan. They later made their home in the Glen area. Through the years she worked at the Land O' Lakes facility, Malmo Bay and Spectrum up until her retire-

ment. She enjoyed flower gardening, traveling, knitting, and cooking the most delicious foods. She loved and enjoyed her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren; she always had those special treats for them, and loved them dearly.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years Meldon Liljenquist, daughters and sons-in-law: Debbra and Kent Lowe, Linda and Frank Ostrowski all of Aitkin; two grandchildren: Kristy (Michael) Klaphake, Delano; Mitch (Angie) Lowe, Monticello and six great-grandchildren and several special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and other close relatives.

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

IRENE GILBERTSON

Irene Carol (Lindsey) Gilbertson, 85, of Aitkin died Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Funeral service were held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 22, 2018 at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Reverend Dawn Houser officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial was in Glen Haven Memorial Gardens in Crystal.

She was born October 13, 1932 in Minneapolis to Lewis R. and Florence W. (Jeppesen) Lindsey. She enjoyed volunteering for many different organizations including: Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis, Seward Towers Advantage Center,

CBVT of Minneapolis Public Schools, and Minneapolis Community Action Group. Irene was employed for many years at Rudolph's Bar-B-Q in Minneapolis.

Irene is survived by her two sisters: Jean Rains and Lois Neuman both of Aitkin; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers: Lewis "Lew" and Charles "Skip" Lindsey.

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

RAMONA MARSYLA

Ramona "Monie" J. Marsyla, 67, of McGregor died Friday, June 15, 2018 at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids.

A celebration of Ramona's life will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the United Methodist Church in McGregor with Diane Brennan officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Tamarack - Clark Township.

She was born June 7, 1951 in Cloquet to Wayne and Mable (Schelde) Marsyla. She grew up in Tamarack and attended school in Tamarack and McGregor, graduating from McGregor High School in 1969. Ramona enjoyed spending time with her family especially her grandchildren.

AUDREY NORDGREN



Audrey M. Nordgren, 85, of St. Paul formerly of Aitkin died Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Health East St. John's Hospital at Maplewood.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Nordland Township with Rev. Rebecca Hinz officiating. Burial was in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Audrey was born March 3, 1933 in Nordland Township of Aitkin County to John and Edythe (Skatt) Hillman. She grew up and attended schools in Aitkin graduating from the Aitkin High School in 1950. She then attended the St. Cloud Teachers College for three years. She moved to Minneapolis where she worked for the Honeywell Corporation and was an assembly supervisor. She retired from Honeywell in the early 1980's after 30 years of work. She married Ralph Nor-

Ramona is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Quinn (Marsyla) Burk and Brian Burk; granddaughter, Abigail; grandson, Caleb; brothers and sisters-in-law: Har and Joyce Marsyla, Ray and Karen) Marsyla, Warren and Elaine Marsyla, Lyle Marsyla and Jackie Olson; sisters and brother-in-law: Verna Anderson, and Lenore and Tom Bozell; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, infant daughter, brother-in-law, Don Holter, and nephew, Kurt Holter.

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

dgren in 1958 and he died in 1976. She moved back to Aitkin in 2007 and lived here for seven years before returning to St. Paul where she has made her home since. She enjoyed flower gardening, traveling, going to casinos and going out to eat with friends.

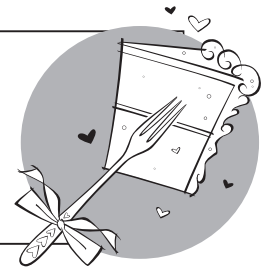
Audrey is survived by her brothers and sisters-in-law: Don Hillman, Aitkin; Terry and Ellen Hillman, Oakdale; Bob and Karen Hillman, Aitkin; brother-in-law: Richard Jackman, Aitkin; nieces and nephews and their families and very special friend Jeff and Lynn Almsted and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ralph Nordgren; sisters: Marge Way, lone Tronson, Clarice Jackman, Marlys Hillman; sister-in-law, Catherine Hillman and nephews: Russ Way, Jerry Tronson, and Mike Hillman.

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

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, 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.; fbcbrainerd.com

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 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.ihmstamilys.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; 218-252-0711; 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.thelighthouse@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. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

Aitkin — First* (ELCA) Pastor Darrell Pedersen, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 10am (coffee fellowship at 9am); communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed

nursery for Sun. service. Sun. service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9am on Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9:30am-5pm.

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 Ingelwood 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.pobpaxter.org

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

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, 5878 Pine Beach Rd, Brainerd - Pastor David Franz. Summer Schedule Worship 9, Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

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

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.

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; 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.

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 Irontone 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

Brainerd launches second contest to attract businesses to its downtown

More than two dozen Brainerd Lakes Area businesses and organizations will launch another \$50,000 contest to attract businesses to downtown Brainerd.

The 2018 Destination Downtown Business Challenge, the sequel to a successful contest organized last year, aims to build on current revitalization efforts by investing in one transformational business idea.

Contest organizers are again dubbing their target zone, Brainerd's four-block downtown core, as "Opportunity Square" for business

dreamers. In 2017, Brainerd had 13 available storefronts in this area. Now, there are seven, with recent renovations to historic buildings adding even more opportunities within them.

"Over the past year, we have seen a lot of energy and momentum in downtown Brainerd," said Matt Kilian, president of the Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce. "We want to strike while the iron is hot and find the next big business idea that will take us to another level."

By answering five online

questions between June 28 and July 29, would-be entrepreneurs and existing downtown businesses can enter the contest. The winner will receive more than \$50,000 in prizes that are designed to provide first-year assistance and advantages for new businesses.

The prize package includes a \$20,000 extreme marketing makeover from Range, a Deluxe Company, as well as a first-year leasing subsidy and a variety of valuable business services.

The contest will then wind its way through two more phases of judging, which include intensive business planning at the Central Lakes College Small Business Development Center and meeting with professional advisors. A "Shark Tank" style presentation is the final step for three finalists, with the winner revealed at the chamber's Celebration of Excellence event on November 15.

Last year, 49 entrepreneurs submitted ideas for the contest, which was funded in part by the Initiative Foundation. Brenda Billman-Arndt won the \$50,000 prize package by pitching a retail concept featuring handmade

bath products with a party twist. Her business, The Purple Fern Bath Company, opened its doors in May.

The two other contest finalists, Bill and Lisa Desrocher's craft distillery and Ed Mattson's Last Turn Saloon expansion, also plan to be open for business in Brainerd by the end of the year.

The 2018 contest launch

party is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 28 at the downtown Koop Building, the former site of the Iron Rail bar that is undergoing renovations by owners Ed Shaw and Sarah Hayden Shaw. The building will showcase two available locations that entrepreneurs can choose from. Next door, Pueringer Investments

will offer hardhat tours of its "Brainerd Mall" renovation with additional storefronts.

The launch party will feature contest details and downtown updates as well as complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. The event is open to everyone, but online RSVPs are requested by visiting www.tinyurl.com/brainerdparty

Aitkin renovations



Renovations have begun in downtown Aitkin to transform the former furniture store into a restaurant/brew pub.

Crosby home destroyed by fire



A home on the corner of First Street and Second Avenue SE in Crosby was destroyed by a fire that started before 2 a.m. on Friday, June 22. The fire also destroyed the garage, a vehicle, and a boat with motor. After knocking on the door, Crosby Police Officer Mike Davis kicked the door in to alert the occupants, Michael and Susan Bushard that there was a fire and the couple needed to get out right a way. The Crosby Fire Department, along with assistance from the Deerwood Fire Department, was able to keep the fire from spreading to nearby structures.

OBITUARIES

DEBRA BRANDEN



Debra Kay Branden, 62, of Aitkin died on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Mille Lacs Health System in Onamia.

A Memorial Gathering will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial

will be at the Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township.

She was born in Crosby on February 29, 1956 in Crosby to Walter and Patricia (Enemark) Minarich. Debbie was a former rural mail carrier, delivering out of the Deerwood Post Office.

She is survived by her three sons: Scott Durant, Sartell; Terry Durant, Andover; and Brian Durant, Aitkin; two daughters: Angela Stember, Aitkin; and Angela Christian-Nelson, Redwing; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; mother, Patricia Minarich, Crosby; brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Kathy Minarich, Crosby; sister and brother-in-law, Pamela and Jack Clemens, N. St. Paul.

She was preceded in death by her father; first husband, Verne Durant and second husband, Joseph Branden.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

READER RIBBETS

Crosby police leadership time to resign

In recent conversations with several business owners in Crosby. A shocking pattern became clear, these business owners have lost confidence in the top two police leadership positions, and the City Council.

Business owners stated: feeling intimidated, ganged up on, disrespected, and demeaned by the police leadership. If business owners, feel afraid or intimidated by the leadership of the police force, they both must resign immediately, their values are not City related.

Please don't forget the wrongful termination lawsuit, which the City of Crosby lost, the arbitrator clearly stated the top two leadership positions lied to prove their case. A choice and value, once again, not in the interests of the City of Crosby.

The police leadership has on its own, in pursuit of celebrity and power, created a hostile and fearful workplace environment. The brave officers do not need to be worried about being wrongfully terminated, it must be very difficult for police

officers to have any confidence in their leadership.

The demand for the resignation of the top two police positions should be the voice of every citizen of Crosby. Exercising your right to vote will send a clear message that the current council will have to seek different ways to collect your money for doing nothing.

Clean house Crosby before the house cleans you.

Kelly Avelsgard,
Deerwood,
Concerned Observer

Iconic Fest features iconic music

Iconic Fest, a two-day outdoor music festival, featuring iconic music from the 1970s - 1990s, will be held Friday, July 6 and Saturday, July 7 at the Green Lantern, nine miles east of Brainerd on Highway 18.

The gates open at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 6 and "Shalo Lee Band takes the stage at 5 p.m. followed by "The Fortunate Sons"(A tribute to "Creedence Clearwater Rival") at

7 p.m. and "The Bellamy Brothers perform at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, July 7 the gates open at 4 p.m., "Coyote Wild" will take the stage at 5 p.m.; "Johnny Lee" at 7 p.m. and "Mark Chesnutt" at 9 p.m.

Ticket prices are from \$50 for a weekend pass if purchased before July 5. The tickets increase to \$55, if purchased after July 5.(Rain or shine, no refunds.)

Camping is allowed; rustic campsites available. Guests must present a photo ID at the front gate to receive a 21+ wristband. All persons without a 21+ wristband will not be served alcohol. Lawn chairs are welcome—no canopy or umbrella chairs. No drinks or coolers can be in the concert arena. No fireworks allowed. For more information go to www.iconicfest.com

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MN Secretary of State responds to US Supreme Court Mansky opinion

On June 14, Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon issued the following statement in response to the 7-2 United States Supreme Court opinion in the case of Minnesota Voters Alliance et. al. v. Mansky et. al.

“Freedom of political speech is a cornerstone

of the First Amendment,” said Secretary Simon. “As Minnesota’s chief elections official, I am gratified that the Supreme Court today provided clarity for Minnesotans, while also recognizing the vital interest of maintaining an ‘island of calm’ in our polling places.

The legislature now must change Minnesota law so that it is entirely consistent with the right of free speech and expression – while also maintaining the sanctity of the polling place. Until they do so, my office will work with local election administrators to ensure that the

current law is administered in a manner faithful to the Court’s decision.”

In light of the Court’s ruling, Secretary Simon will issue updated guidance to local election officials regarding “political apparel” in the polling place.

Secretary Simon added:

“Today’s decision also serves as a reminder that Minnesotans can wear anything they want if they make use of our ‘Vote from Home’ law, which allows all voters to vote from home without having to go to a polling place.”

Early voting for the 2018 Primary Election begins on

June 29, 2018. Primary Election Day is August 14, 2018 and the statewide general election will be held on November 6, 2018. Eligible Minnesotans can register, check their registration status, or request a vote-from-home absentee ballot by visiting: www.mnvotes.org.

MN Secretary of State testifies on election security before US Senate

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon testified June 20 before the United States Senate Committee on Rules & Administration about election security preparations for the 2018

elections. Secretary Simon joined a bipartisan group of Secretaries of State and other elections officials to offer his view of the security landscape ahead of the 2018 elections.

“We are today faced with the very real likelihood that some outside force will again target the instruments of our democracy,” said Secretary Simon. “In Minnesota, the stakes

are particularly high because we are the #1 state in voter turnout – with a total turnout of 74.7% of eligible voters casting ballots in 2016. With the 2018 election rapidly ap-

proaching, I am confident that Minnesota is more prepared than ever before to confront the threat to our elections system.”

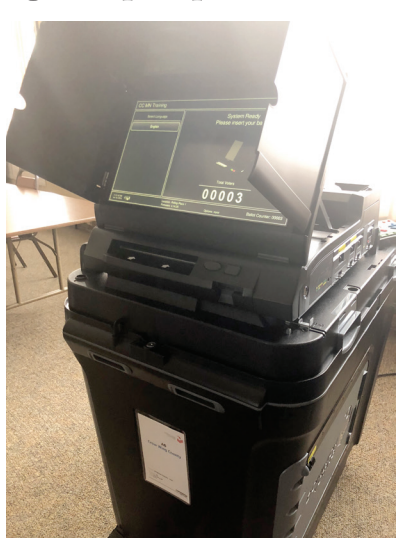
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Primary election begins on June 29, 2018. Eligible voters can check their registration status and/or apply for a vote-from-home ballot by going to: www.mnvotes.org.

New voting equipment in CWC

New assistive voting and precinct tabulating equipment will be in use in all Crow Wing County precincts beginning with the August 14, 2018 State Primary.

“We are excited to announce that we’ve purchased Dominion Voting Solutions ImageCast Evolution all-in-one voting systems for all Crow Wing County precincts,” stated Administrative Services Director Deborah Erickson. “Minnesota still requires the use of a paper ballot so this isn’t electronic voting, rather it’s modernizing the technology we use to tally the votes. We believe this all-in-one system provides an updated and enhanced experience for our voters and easier functional-



ity for our election judges.” The ImageCast Evolution system provides an assistive voting capability which will continue to offer all voters the opportunity to vote privately and independently regardless of disability. “The ImageCast Evolution uses the

same synthesized voice for the audio ballot that many people are familiar with,” Erickson commented. “In addition, the easy-to-use control panel for office and candidate selection allows any voter to navigate through their ballot independently.”

A demonstration model of the ImageCast Evolution is available for public inspection at the Crow Wing County elections office, 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse, 326 Laurel Street, Brainerd, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Erickson encourages residents to visit the Crow Wing County website at www.crowwing.us to find more information and prepare for election day.

Guidelines for children home alone

Here are the Minnesota state guidelines regarding the ages of children who may be left alone.

With the end of the school year, many parents are seeking information about child care options during the summer months. For some families the additional financial obligation of child care is a factor in the stay-at-home versus child-care decision.

Minnesota Child Maltreatment Screening Guidelines are used by child protection agencies in determining, if a report regarding lack of supervision needs to be assessed by a social worker. Minnesota statute 626.556 addresses the issue of failure to provide necessary supervision or child care arrangements.

Reports alleging inadequate child care arrangements

may be screened in for a child protection response according to the following guidelines:

- Children age 7 and under who are left alone for any period of time.
- Children ages 8-10 who are left alone for more than three hours.
- Children ages 11-13 who are left alone for more than 12 hours.
- Children ages 14-15 who are left alone for more than 24 hours.
- Children ages 16-17 may

be left home alone for more than 24 hours with a plan in place concerning how to respond to an emergency.

- Children under the age of 11 should not provide child care.
- Children ages 11-15 who are placed in a child care role are subject to the same time restrictions of being left alone as listed above.
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