

OBITUARIES

Hackensack man recognized as Faith in Action volunteer

Mark Peterson, of Hackensack, is new to volunteering with Faith in Action for Cass County, having signed on during the COVID-19 pandemic in July 2020.

He has provided transportation services on weekends because he has a full-time job. Even with his busy schedule, he would like to help more.

When asked why he volunteers, Peterson said: "I thought that as long as I was working, I should help people out."

His favorite part of volunteering is the interaction with people and getting to know them. As a thank you,



Submitted Photo

Faith in Action Executive Director Theresa Eclov gives volunteer Mark Peterson a gas card in thanks for his services to people in Cass County.

Peterson received a \$20 gas card from Southside Station in Hackensack. As a way to celebrate

its 20th anniversary, Faith in Action for Cass County will highlight volunteers several times

a month throughout 2021. Volunteers will be recognized for their services and awarded \$20 gas cards and other prizes.

A locally supported, nonprofit charitable organization, Faith in Action for Cass County coordinates volunteers who provide nonmedical, neighborly assistance to seniors, the disabled and people in need throughout Cass County.

For more information about Faith in Action volunteer services or volunteer opportunities, call 218-675-5435 or email cassfia@uslink.net.

Crossing Arts presents exhibit of student artwork

Crossing Arts in Brainerd presents its newest exhibition "Young At Art, An Exhibition Featuring Student Artwork."

"Young At Art" is an exhibition showcasing the work of students from local schools. This lively exhibit is floor to ceiling color and exploration. This community exhibit gives young artists a chance to have their work exhibited in a "real gallery," and a chance for arts enthusiasts to show their support for budding artists.

This exhibition will be on display in the Crossing Arts gallery through Friday, April 30.

Due to COVID-19 and regulations for large group gatherings, Crossing Arts will not have a

public reception for this exhibition. Crossing Arts is open during regular business hours. The public is invited to visit the gallery at that time.

In addition, a gallery tour video will be posted on the Crossing Arts website and social media pages for those who are unable to view the exhibition in person.

The number of people in the space will be limited to 18. Social distancing guidelines will be in effect, and masks will be required at all times. For those who cannot wear a mask due to health reasons, Crossing Arts will try to make accommodations for after-hours visits. Contact Crossing Arts to make those arrangements.

Crossing Arts Alliance thanks The Raboin & Francis Law Firm for being the supporting sponsor for this exhibition.

This exhibition is funded, in part, by the voters of Minnesota through grants from Five Wings Arts Council and the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

For more information, contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416 or info@crossingarts.org. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of the month. Crossing Arts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in downtown Brainerd at 711 Laurel St.

CLC to host Cultural Thursday event on Ethiopian culture

Central Lakes College's next Cultural Thursday event will focus on Ethiopian culture. The free online webinar will be held at noon Thursday, April 8.

Participants must preregister for access at <https://tinyurl.com/6m24amzv>.

Guest speaker Haile Tegegne spent his early childhood in northeastern Africa. He will share elements of Ethiopia's



Tegegne

There will be an opportunity for people to ask questions.

Tegegne was born in Ethiopia and then lived in Kenya for five

popular years. He speaks both Amharic and Swahili fluently. Tegegne has a Bachelor's Degree in communication studies with a minor in political science. He recently received his Master's Degree in public administration and nonprofit management from Hamline University.

"My acceptance of learning new cultures allowed me to further my education and con-

nect with various groups of people in the work setting," he said in a news release.

Tegegne is currently working as an administrative intern in urban development in southern Minnesota.

For more information about this event or the Cultural Thursdays series, contact event coordinator Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez at 218-855-8183.

Carolyn "Kay" Wilske



Carolyn Mae "Kay" Wilske, our Wife, Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma, got her Angel Wings on March 20, 2021 after a courageous and long struggle with COPD, heart/kidney failure and finally, dementia. She was born to John and Evelyn Carlson on October 30, 1932.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 AM on Monday, April 19 at Immaculate Heart Church in Crosslake. Visitation will be one hour prior to Mass. Lunch at Ideal Town Hall afterwards.

Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers. A Celebration of Kay's life will be held at a later date, so all her friends can gather and share the JOY of knowing her. SHE LOVED YOU ALL! Full obituary on www.klinefuneralhome.com.

Carl Gates

Carl (Pat or Carl, Jr.) Gates was born in Windom, MN, and passed away on March 27, 2021 in Brainerd, MN. He was preceded in death by parents, Carl Emerson Gates and Kathryn Mina (Van Norman) Gates Weber and 7 siblings. Carl most recently lost his wife of 44 years, Marilyn Lee (Sabo) Gates, on Sept. 19, 2020. He is survived by sons, Tim Gates (Debbie) and Tom Gates (Brenda); 5 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Carl grew up in Heron Lake, MN and after his high school graduation he joined the US Navy. Upon his return, he earned his master's degree in teaching from Mankato State. He married Joyce Ysker in 1948 and they moved to Anoka, MN, where he accepted a teaching position and went on to become a principal. Carl and Joyce had 2 sons together, however the marriage ended in divorce. Carl then married Marilyn on July 23, 1976, and they lived in Brooklyn Center, MN. After retirement they moved to Pequot Lakes, MN. They had many friends in the Brainerd Lakes area.

Carl is finally at peace and no longer suffering from his many health issues. Thank you to all the staff for his care at Bethany Good Samaritan in Brainerd.

Private family interment for Carl and Marilyn will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on May 3, 2021 at 1:30 PM. Please contact the family for attending due to Covid19 attendee restrictions. Arrangements with Kline Funeral Home, Pequot Lakes.

Larry Wright



Larry Wright Sr, 77, of Pillager and formerly of Pine River, passed away peacefully when the Hand of Jesus took him home on Monday, March 29, 2021. Funeral services will be on Friday, April 9, 2021 at 3 PM at First Lutheran Church in Pillager, Minnesota. Visitation will take place one hour prior to services at First Lutheran Church.

Larry was born on June 22, 1943 to Jay and Dorothy Wright in Pennsylvania. After graduating from high school he was married to Judy Heuton. He was a carpenter and self-employed. After Judy's passing, Larry fell in love and was married to Diane Schneider Strack on October 19, 1995 in South Dakota. He loved antiques, garage sales, and flea markets. Larry and Diane also enjoyed making hand carved hunting and fishing decoys together, and spent a lot of time on each one. He loved playing Rummikub and Hearts. Larry was best known for his big heart and his dedication to his family. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Diane; children Shane (Melanie) Strack, Wayne Strack, Larry (Vanessa) Wright Jr, Lisa (Richard) Rausch, Darla (Tom) Marcy, Tim (Sherry) Wright, Lonne (Bruce) Marquette, Tonya (David) Swenson, and Troy Strack; 22 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jay and Dorothy Wright; first wife Judy; siblings Cindy Herron, Terry Wright; daughter-in-law Melanie Strack; great grandchildren Harlyn Reign Breitenfeldt, and Hailey Joe Albachten.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel- Baxter.

LOOKING BACK



40 years ago, April 9, 1981

Breezy Point Resort begins a five-year, \$10 million renovation project for facility improvements.

The Tire Mart and OK Hardware are highlighted as the Echo's Business of the Week.

30 years ago, April 11, 1991

Developers withdraw their proposal for a casino in Nisswa after overwhelmingly unfavorable public input.

Kevin Merschman joins the Breezy Point Police Department as its newest officer.

20 years ago, April 12, 2001

Pequot Lakes Elementary School Principal Don Lenzen gets a buzzcut in the school gymnasium after students surpassed their goal of collecting 23,000 pounds of food during the March for the Lakes Area Food Shelf drive.

10 years ago, April 7, 2011

Breezy Point man Bill Corner bowls his second perfect 300-point game.

Pequot Lakes senior Kurtis Moody is chosen as the Brainerd Dispatch Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

- Compiled by Dan Determan, Staff Writer

PAGES FROM THE PAST



60 years ago, April 7, 1961

(Headline) Elias Haaland wins jalopy guessing contest

Mr. Haaland guessed the old jalopy would break through the ice at 2:45 p.m. on March 27, which turned out to be the exact time.

The Mule Lake Store on Highway 84 northeast of Pine River, owned and operated for the past several years by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smisek, has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hermanson, of Halstad, Minnesota.

50 years ago, April 1, 1971

(Headline) Coast to Coast grand opening set for April 1-3 & 5

Colonel Van N. Backman of Pine River, Minn., has been selected for promotion to the grade of brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force. (Headline) Cedarwood

Motel now open for business

25 years ago, April 4, 1996

(Headline) P.B. Trail damaged by sledders

(Headline) Rani Tulenchik crowned Miss P.R.

10 years ago, April 7, 2011

(Photo) Kelly Stranne is crowned 2011 Miss Pine River by 2010 Miss Pine River Hannah Zaske.

Pine River resident Mark Edwards filed a civil complaint against the city of Pine River on March 16 in Cass County District Court containing allegations of discrimination and retaliation.

(Photo) Longtime bowling enthusiast Bill Corner, of Breezy Point, recently bowled a perfect game at Pine River Community Bowl at a moonlight bowling event held Friday, March 25

- Compiled by Travis Grimler, Staff Writer

CARD GAMES

500 SCORES

1 p.m. Tuesdays

Pine River American Legion

Tuesday, March 30

► Carol Furnstahl 3300, Bud Johnson 3230, Don Kruta 3230. Cindy Miller won the door prize.

BRIDGE SCORES

Tuesday, March 30

Ideal Town Hall, 1 p.m.

► Duplicate: Enga Wodziazak and Mary Kay Kendall 29.50, Lois Steffen and Bruce Peck 27.00, Chris Brown and Diana Brown 25.50, Shirley Gronholm and Lorraine Northagen 24.00.

SENIOR MEALS

The Senior Nutrition Program still offers a nutritionally balanced meal at 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday in Pine River and Crosslake, but people must pick them up at the door at Heartland Apartments, 445 Snell Ave., in Pine River, or have meals delivered by Meals on Wheels.

To order a meal or Meals on Wheels in Pine River, call 218-587-2921. To order a meal by noon a day in advance or for Meals on Wheels in Crosslake, call 218-692-4271.

The suggested voluntary donation is \$5 per meal for those over 60 and \$8.50 for those under 60. Menus are subject to change.

Meals are served with bread,

margarine and low-fat milk.

APRIL 12-17

Monday

Chicken and noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, peaches, cookie.

Tuesday

Vegetable soup with crackers, meat sandwich, tomato and cucumber salad, brownie.

Wednesday

Chicken a la king, biscuit, carrots, pears.

Thursday

Tater tot casserole, green beans, peaches.

Friday

Chicken enchilada, brown rice, lettuce and tomato, sour cream, pineapple.

DEATH

Blanche "Pat" Taray

Dec. 28, 1928 - March 30, 2021
PEQUOT LAKES, Minn. - Blanche "Pat" Taray, 92, Pine River, Minn., died Tuesday, March 30, in Senior Class Care.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Kline Funeral Home.

Business

Announcements Policy

The Echo Journal will publish business items such as job changes, promotions, new hires, awards, employee recognition, training or conferences attended for \$15 for the first seven inches of space, and \$10 for each additional inch.

Visit www.fccbusiness-announcements.com to submit your announcement.

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