

# Hackensack American Legion Auxiliary installs officers



**Submitted Photo**  
Hackensack American Legion Auxiliary Unit 202 installed officers for 2022 during the June monthly meeting. Installed by Past President Donna Williams and outgoing Sergeant-at-Arms Laurie Haraldson were executive member Ann Zeman (front row from left), Secretary Donna Allert, President Bonnie Dupre, Sergeant-at-Arms Donna Williams, First Vice Sue Capelle (back row from left), Treasurer Maryellen Morley, Second Vice and Historian Char Wilkes and Chaplain Laurie Haraldson. Not pictured are executive member Lisa Arkulary and membership chair Nancy Albrecht.

# Essentia Health relaxing visitor restrictions

As the prevalence of COVID-19 declines across the region, Essentia Health is returning to pre-pandemic patient visitation in its hospitals and clinics. Like many health systems, Essentia Health responded to the public health crisis in spring 2020 by limiting visitors to its facilities. This was done to protect patients, staff and the community. As COVID-19 ebbed and flowed, policies were adjusted accordingly. These changes are based on the availability of space in each of Essentia Health's units. Thus, visitors may still be limited in certain units. Similarly, some restrictions remain in place at long-term care facilities. Contact the long-term care facility you're interested in for the most up-to-date information. Essentia Health will continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as state departments of health. Masks are required among everyone within its facilities and all patients and visitors will still be screened for symptoms of COVID-19. Additionally, no outside food or beverages will be allowed. Visitor restrictions remain in place for COVID-19 positive patients, as well as patients suspected to have COVID-19.



**40 years ago, July 9, 1981**  
The Brainerd Braves scored in the ninth inning to edge the Pequot Lakes/Nisswa Lions 4-3 in Great Central League amateur baseball action. Crosslake's Miss St. Patrick's Day Anne Woog is set to participate with 25 other upper Midwest queens in the Minneapolis Aquatennial's gala celebration.

**30 years ago, July 11, 1991**  
Tornadoes swept through the lakes area over the July 4 weekend, resulting in wide-spread damage. A main path for the storm was across Gull Lake and North Long Lake.

A survey by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources indicates that the Whitefish Chain of lakes is used more for boating, skiing and sailing than it is for fishing.

**20 years ago, July 12, 2001**  
Chris Nick of Pequot Lakes was nominated for the Minnesota Teacher of the Year award. Nick is one of 125 people nominated from a pool of 68,000 teachers across the state.

More than 70 junior golfers took part in a tournament at Crosswoods Golf Course.

**10 years ago, July 7, 2011**  
The historic Pequot Lakes fire tower is closed to the public following the installation of a chain-link fence and locked gate.

Internationally renowned figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi and her husband - NHL defenseman Bret Hedican - make an appearance at Turtle Town Books & Gifts in Nisswa.

- Compiled by Dan Determan, Staff Writer

## BIRTHS

**Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center, Brainerd**  
Cody and Emma Thomsen, Crosslake, a boy, Reed James, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, June 7, 2021. Grandparents are Robert and Gail Clement, Wayne and Lani Thomsen and Peggy and Tim Holtz. Kirsten and Taylor Hedstrom, Pequot Lakes, a girl, Dacotah Jane, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, June 8, 2021. Grandparents are Nina Hedstrom, Backus, Joy Blasing (Lance), Pequot

Lakes, and Kathy and Lenard Blasing, Pine River.

**Lakewood Health System, Staples**  
Ashley and Andrew Hayes, East Gull Lake, a boy, Berkley Jerry, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, June 17, 2021. Johanna and Jordan Rudbeck, Lake Shore, a boy, Palmer James, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, June 21, 2021. Jessica and Andrew Rooney, Pequot Lakes, a boy, William Charles, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, June 23, 2021.

## Donald Edward Kremer

Donald Edward Kremer passed away Sunday, June 27th, 2021, at his home on East Twin Lake in Pequot Lakes, MN. He was 82 years of age. He is survived by two sons: Ken and his wife Ruth Kremer of St. Michael, Minnesota and Kurt and his wife Melanie of Lakeville, Minnesota, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

Born on February 7, 1939, in Wells, MN, Donald was the son of Lawrence Clement and Genevieve Ethilyn Bethania (Hobert) Kremer. He was third of 5 brothers and 2 sisters.

Don attended elementary school in Wells, Minnesota and graduated from Wells High School in 1957. In high school, he was active in football, basketball, track, W (sports) Club. He sang in the school choir, acted in school plays, and worked on the school paper.

In 1956, Don joined the Minnesota Army National Guard attached to the Albert Lea unit. He served 9 years and Honorable Discharged as a Platoon Sergeant First Class E7 while serving in Alaska.

In 1957, Don began his diverse career as a painter with his father's painting business "Kremer's Painting". He painted several houses throughout the years. He also worked for the Wells Post Office, as a salesman for the Jewel Tea Company, and as a machine operator for the Banquet Canning Company. Don married Arlyss E. Rollenhagen in 1960 in Wells, MN.

Don began his law enforcement career in 1963 as a deputy for the Freeborn County Sheriff's Department in Albert Lea, MN. He graduated from the Minnesota Highway Patrol Officers Candidate School in 1966 and was stationed at the Windom Patrol Office, Marshall District until 1983 when he transferred to the Staples and Brainerd office. He retired as a Station Sergeant from the Minnesota State Patrol in December of 1997.

He continued to work following his retirement, becoming Chief Security Officer of Madden's Resort in 1999. He also served as a part time Court Officer for the Crow Wing County District Court for 13 years and served civil process papers for area attorneys.

Don enjoyed flying as a private pilot of both Cessna and Cherokee aircraft along with walking, boating, motor home traveling, and working around the yard and home.

Services will be held at the Pequot Lakes Baptist Church on July 7th at 1pm. His grandsons Tanner, Ben, Charlie, Henry and Alex Kremer will serve as honorary pallbearers. Don's remains are interred at St. Casimir Cemetery. Arrangements made with the Brenny Funeral Home of Baxter, Minnesota.



## Darlene Olson

Darlene (Schmidt) Olson, 83, of Jenkins, passed away December 7, 2020, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday July 16th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes. Cake and refreshments will be served after the service. Arrangements are with Kline Funeral Home, Pequot Lakes.



# Blood shortage spurs call for donations

Facing one of the worst blood shortages in recent memory, health care leaders are urging people to consider donating.

Already, the shortage has forced some hospitals across the country to delay elective surgeries. The situation is mainly fueled by the COVID-19 pandemic. Fewer people donated blood during the pandemic and there is a backlog of procedures after many were postponed due to COVID-19.

Supply is low for all blood types, even Type O-negative, which is especially concerning because of its universal acceptance; anyone can receive O-negative blood despite their blood type.

While Essentia Health has largely been able to navigate the shortage thus far without significant interruptions, the risk is pronounced.

"Severe shortages of blood components pose significant risk to normal hospital operations and could result in the delay of elective surgeries, thus disrupting crucial patient care," Dr. Maria Beaver, a pathologist and transfusion services medical director at Essentia Health, said in a news release.

"In our experience, summer blood supply tends to be lower on average, and this is further heightened by the COVID pandemic. At the same time, summer months tend to bring a larger number of trauma cases, thus the need for blood increases. A healthy and continuous blood supply is crucial for normal operations and excellent patient care.

"We strongly encourage healthy people to consider the gift of donation to replenish the blood supply both within and outside our region," Beaver said.

It's said that every two seconds in the U.S. someone will need blood. And blood from one donation can save up to three lives. Donation opportunities abound.

Visit [aabb.org/for-donors-patients/give-blood](http://aabb.org/for-donors-patients/give-blood) to find the blood-donation center, as well as upcoming blood drives, nearest you.

To be eligible to donate blood, you must be 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

## Elaine Satre

Elaine Satre, beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, passed away December 15, 2020, at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd at the age of 70. She was born to Alvin and Carol Kline on November 12, 1950, the oldest of 4 children.

Elaine worked at the Good Samaritan Society for many years and then at the Housing Authority in Willmar, MN. She moved back to Pine River and was a phlebotomist for a short time before taking over the bookkeeping at K&K Lumber and also returned to work at the Good Samaritan Society during the time her father was in their care.

Elaine enjoyed playing guitar, singing, cards, bowling, trips to the casino and spending time with family and friends. She had a great sense of humor and a contagious laugh. Her family misses her dearly and will cherish all the memories of Elaine and the joy she brought to us all.

Elaine was preceded in death by her grandparents, mother and father, and son, David. She is survived by her son, Jason (Camey) Langerman; grandchildren: Camdon, Nolan, Taylor; sister, Deb (Bruce) Pappas; brothers, Rod (Diane) Kline, Denny (Thais) Kline; and many nieces and nephews.

Please join us in celebrating Elaine's life at the Pine River American Legion on Saturday, July 10 from 1 to 3 PM. A private family burial was held earlier. Arrangements are with Kline Funeral Home, Pine River.



## Lorraine Carter

Lorraine Bernice (Young) Carter, 94, of Pine River, was born February 23, 1926 and passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Senior Class Community.

Friends and family are invited to attend Lorraine's funeral service on July 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Pine River, with visitation one hour prior.

Interment will be held at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Pine River for Lorraine and Alfred H. Carter (September 10, 1927-December 25, 2019) immediately following the service. A luncheon will be held at the Pine River Legion. Arrangements are with Kline Funeral Home, Pine River.



## Miles Delano Johnson

Miles Delano Johnson age 87 of Crosslake, MN (formerly of Crystal, MN) passed away December 5th, 2020. Funeral service will be held Thursday, July 15th, 2021 at 1:00pm. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at Elim Lutheran Church, 3978 W. Broadway Ave, Robbinsdale, MN. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Hope Lodge, Rochester MN or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

# Two local blood drives scheduled

The American Red Cross will host two area blood drives:

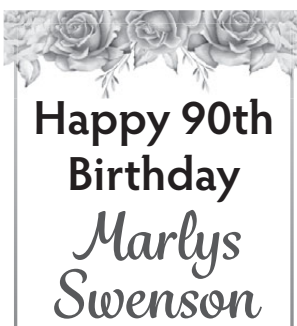
- Tuesday, July 13: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pequot Lakes High School.
- Wednesday, July 14: noon to 6 p.m. at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Crosslake.

The American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage that is negatively affecting blood product availability across the country. Donors of all blood types - especially type O and those giving platelets - are urged to make an appointment to give now and help ensure hospital shelves are stocked with blood products.

While summer is traditionally a time when blood donations decline, this year is particularly challenging as many Americans receive their vaccinations and resume summer activities after more than a year of limited interactions and travel, leading to lower donor turnout.

Donors are needed now to prevent further delays to patient care. Schedule an appointment to give blood now

by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.



Join us for an open house to celebrate!  
Saturday, July 10th  
3pm to 6pm  
at Jenkins VFW

