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# New member was appointed to the Chickamaw Beach City Council

CHICKAMAW BEACH — Donald Johnson was sworn in as a new city council member by Susanne Henk at the June 18 Chickamaw Beach City Council meeting.

Lindsay Lindstrom, who was appointed mayor in May after the death of former Mayor Murel Backman. Lindstrom was unable to attend the June 18 meeting, according to correspondence with LeAnn Sand.

# Crow Wing County DFL to host meet-and-greet fundraiser

BRAINERD — The Crow Wing County DFL unit along with former State Rep. John Ward will host a meet and greet/fundraiser for 8th Congressional District candidate Jen Schultz from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, June 30, at Lum Park (1619 NE Washington St.) in Brainerd, Pavilion 1.

State House District 6B candidate Emily LeClaire will also be part of this event.

There will be free root beer floats, a free music

concert by Ahni, live auction and rally/speeches by guests. Those guests include State DFL Chair Ken Martin, former State Sen. Don Samuelson, former State Rep. Joe Radinovich and former U.S. Congressman Rick Nolan.

This event will be held rain or shine in the covered pavilion.

RSVP to Adrienne@JenSchultzForCongress.com. Drop-ins are welcome.

# Crow Wing County DFL hosts July 27 garden party

BRAINERD — The Crow Wing County DFL will host a garden party from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, July 27, at 20663 Carolyn Lane, Brainerd.

The event will include food, entertainment, prizes, silent and live auctions and messages by DFL guests.

Early bird tickets are \$40 per person through July 15, then prices rise to \$50 per person. Tickets may be purchased at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/garden-gala>;

at the Crow Wing County DFL office, 223 Washington St., Brainerd; or at the gala.

Of the ticket price, \$30 qualifies for the political contribution refund at <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/political-contribution-refund>

Party wear including hats, fascinators and seersuckers is encouraged. Men are encouraged to think beyond their usual summer outfits.



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Boy Scouts perform a traditional flag folding ceremony as the symbolism of each of the folds is explained during a June 14 flag retirement ceremony at the Pine River American Legion.

# Flag retirement ceremony puts tattered banners to rest

PINE RIVER — Pine River American Legion Post 613 and local Boy Scouts worked together to honor the nation's flag with a flag ceremony Friday, June 14.

The Scouts folded the

flag during a reading explaining the 13 folds. Worn flags were presented to representatives of the Scouts, a Pine River police officer and Pine River firefighter to dispose of in a

## Richard “Rick” Flaws

Richard “Rick” Wade Flaws, age 51 of Merrifield, died due to complications of a stroke on June 19, 2024 at United Hospital in St. Paul. He was born March 2, 1973 in Grand Forks, ND to Richard and Twyla (Shellum) Flaws. Rick married Ann Tessmer on July 8, 2001 in Merrifield and they had two daughters.

Rick was the owner and operator of Evergreen Electric, Evergreen Storage, and Storage Boxes Etc. He was a member of Crosslake Lutheran Church. Rick was an avid outdoorsman. He loved going on fishing and hunting trips, and attending concerts with family and friends. He loved and lived large. He will be greatly missed.

Rick is survived by his wife Ann Flaws; his daughters, Elisa Flaws and Emma Flaws; his parents, Richard and Twyla Flaws; his sister, Melonie Flaws; nephew Finn Torkelson and maternal grandmother, Orphie Shellum, all of Merrifield. As well as many other family and friends.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at Crosslake Lutheran Church in Crosslake, with a luncheon to follow at Zorbaz in Crosslake. A visitation will be held on Tuesday at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A private burial will be at the Evergreen Cemetery in Center Township at a later date.

For livestreaming go to [crosslakelutheran.com](http://crosslakelutheran.com).



## Bernard H. “Butch” Lodin

Bernard H. “Butch” Lodin Jr., of Backus, MN, formerly of Moorhead, MN, passed away at home on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Butch married his wife, Dianne (Armbrust) Lodin on April 11, 1964, and they were married for 60 years. Butch owned the South Moorhead Brookdale Dairy Queen Brazier.

Butch is preceded in death by his son, James Lodin. He is survived by his wife, Dianne; sons, Steve Lodin (Jill), and Neil Lodin (Karen); daughters, Lisa Lodin, and Tamara Klein (Brian); sister, Marilynn Lodin; and 9 grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hackensack, MN. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brenny and Kline Funeral Home, Pine River.

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## BRIEFS

### About Fact to collect donations for Eagle's Healing Nest

PEQUOT LAKES — About Face on Main Street in Pequot Lakes will collect donations for Eagle's Healing Nest on Saurday, July 6.

About Face will collect such items as toilet paper, laundry detergent (preferably pods), floor cleaner, non-perishable food, ground coffee, paper towels and water.

The goal is to fill a trailer with items for veterans at The Eagle's Healing Nest.

### Lakes Prostate Cancer Fund support group to meet June 27

EAST GULL LAKE — The Lakes Prostate Cancer Fund support group will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 27, in the second floor Audubon meeting room at Crag-un's Legacy Golf Club-house in East Gull Lake.

The mission of The Lakes Prostate Cancer Fund is to promote public awareness of prostate cancer and provide vital information via casual and informative support group experiences for men and their caregivers.

The support group is free and spouses/caregivers are encouraged to attend. Anyone who is concerned about this all-too-common but deadly disease should consider attending as prostate cancer will impact one in seven or more men in the United States this year.

Information is key to early detection and cure. For more information, visit [www.lpcfund.org](http://www.lpcfund.org) or contact Gary Harris at 763-360-3571 or [gary@lpc-fund.org](mailto:gary@lpc-fund.org).

## OBITUARIES

### Emilie Fitch

Emilie (Pepper Morris) Fitch passed away May 28th, 2024, just six days before her 81st birthday.

Emilie was a bright, compassionate person who especially loved children. She graduated from West Chester University with a teaching degree and went on to teach at elementary schools in Delaware and Michigan.

Emilie was a loving mom and advisor to people of all ages: the littles and young and grown adults. She cherished her time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Emilie loved the beaches of her hometown Lewes, Delaware.



Emilie had broad interests, was well-read, and traveled around the world to places like Monte Carlo, Taiwan, China, France, Italy, Hong Kong and more.

Emilie was a partner in Fitch and Kral, an importing company of unique gifts and accessories. She was a church administrator of the Messiah Methodist Church in Plymouth and used her creative skills to develop a Vacation Bible School curriculum. Emilie also worked with children on the Great Books Project and volunteered on the Wayzata Hockey Board. Emilie offered her time and talents to all the communities she lived in throughout her life.

Since moving to Northern Minnesota, Emilie filled her days making over her home, filling the interiors with blues and greens to reflect her love of her hometown, establishing planting beds, and planting trees and flowers. She appreciated the beauty of God's world. Emilie loved her time with her Northern Minnesota family and the wonderful folks at Grace United Methodist Church.

Emilie is survived by her husband Dean; three sons, Nick, Andy, and Greg, as well as nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by many.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 at 12:00PM at Grace United Methodist Church in Pequot Lakes, MN.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Pequot Lakes.

### Donald Stehr

Aug. 17, 1948 - June 19, 2024

BRAINERD, Minn. - Donald Stehr, 75, Backus, Minn., died Wednesday, June 19, in St. Joseph's Medical Center.

Services were previously held. Burial will be in Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, Minn.

Arrangements by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel.

### PAGES FROM THE PAST

#### 85 years ago, June 30, 1939

Share sales at half-way mark for creamery

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shiffer this week announce the sale of the Lake Region Hotel to J.W. Pattison of Rochester.

#### 60 years ago, June 26, 1964

(Headline) Marvin Lundin moves up in Arrow-head Association

(Headline) Tom Switajewski lands lunker wall-eye from Pine River Main Street

#### 40 years ago, June 28, 1984

The Community Van will be furnishing free shuttle services from 10-4 p.m. on Saturday with stops at the Dam, the Arts and Crafts Fair and the other activities.

Monday afternoon the boathouse owned by Sheriff Louis Chalich burned along with two boats contained therein.

#### 20 years ago, June 24, 2004

(Headline) Local residents return 60-year-old Bible to proper owner, an 82-year-old veteran in Georgia

Pine River-Backus School Board member Ed Bettino stepped down from his position this week due to the recent hiring of his wife, Cathy, as the district's new superintendent.

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### LOOKING BACK

#### 50 years ago, June 27, 1974

Pequot-Nisswa opened scoring in the first inning against the Brainerd Braves when Pee Wee Thompson singled and Wayne Wallin doubled off the center-field fence.

(Photo) June 29 marks the 25th anniversary of Brainerd's Paul Bunyan Amusement Center. Shown standing with Babe the Blue Ox is owner Larry Lopp.

#### 40 years ago, June 28, 1984

One of the “most beautiful drives in the state” is deteriorating, and Nisswa Mayor Dennis Lueck is attempting to reverse that trend with tighter county zoning between Brainerd and Pequot Lakes.

(Photo) Sandy Bacher, left, working her monthly shift at the Strawberry Patch in Pequot Lakes. Cathy Malecha, right, set up the cooperative style gift shop that features handmade items by 40 area artists.

#### 25 years ago, July 1, 1999

Kevin Ricke, of Wadena, hired as assistant principal in Pequot Lakes.

(Headline) Running on empty at Lake Shore City Hall — Staff woes plague city; solutions divide council

#### 10 years ago, June 26, 2014

Ross Krautkremer appointed to fill Nisswa City Council seat vacated by Tina Foster.

Crosslake Community School approved for online high school by the Minnesota Department of Education.

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