

CELEBRATION OF LIFE*Celebration of Life*

Peter Opsal

and

Loren Opsal

Saturday, September 11, 2021.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Baptism River Community Church
Hwy. 1, Finland, MN*Celebration of Life*

Please come help us celebrate the life of

Don "Ribs" PearsonSaturday, September 11th

with Honor Guard at the cemetery 1:00 PM

followed by a lunch and service at the
Moose Lodge (Two Harbors) 2:00 PM

FINLAND FOOD CHAIN PRESENTS

Harvest Booya

A fall harvest celebration featuring

LOCAL FOOD!Booya Stew, Fry Bread, and Finland Produce Stand
featuring local farms**LIVE MUSIC!**The Barstones, Gene LaFond and Amy Grillo,
Steven Solkela and His Overpopulated One Man Band**KID'S ACTIVITIES!**Event running concurrently with
DON'S AUTO REPAIR AND TOWING
CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Saturday, September 18, 2021

10am-3pm

Clair Nelson Center

6866 Cramer Road, Finland

**COMMUNITY THEATRE
ANNE FRANK CAST ANNOUNCED**

Submitted by: Paul Deaner

Lake Superior Community Theatre has completed casting for its upcoming dramatic production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* in order of appearance:

Mckenzie Thums.....Anne Frank
Daren Blanck.....Otto Frank
Deborah Russell.....Edith Frank
Nysjah Lillis.....Margot Frank
Leah Hulst.....Miep Geis
Bryan Lillis.....Peter Van Dann
Rick Frericks.....Harry Kraler
Terri Frericks-Blood.....Petronella Van Daan
Brad Johnson.....Hermann Van Daan
Scott Thun.....Dr. Albert Dussel
Jeremy Kasapidis.....Gestapo Unit Leader
Wally Crabtree.....Gestapo Agent
James Killingsworth Russell...Gestapo Agent

Lead actress McKenzie Grace Thums, an actress/dancer in the 2020 Covid-cancelled *Junie B. Jones* musical, will be entering 8th grade at Kelley High in September. Lead actor Daren Blanck is a theatre acting, singing & directing veteran, instructor at Kelley High and Pastor of Zoar Lutheran Church in Tofte. Stage Manager Jeremy Kasapidis and James Killingsworth Russell will be making their stage acting debuts in the show with all remaining cast members being LSCT veterans. Actors Brad Johnson and Leah Hulst will travel significant distances to pursue their stage acting passions.

Scripts are in-hand with rehearsals beginning in early January. The play opens Thursday, March 24 for a 7-performance run on the William M. Kelley High School Auditorium stage.

The set build of the warehouse hiding place, the "secret annex", is underway and set designer Ann Gumper's 3-day residency to lead the set scenic painting will kick off November 18.

The Diary of Anne Frank, taught in Lake & Cook County schools, is the world-renowned true story dramatization of 13 to 15 year-old Anne, her family and four others, all Jewish, hiding from the occupying German Nazis in Amsterdam, Holland - The Netherlands from 1942-1944 during World War II. The story is based upon Anne's writings on loose leaf paper, notebooks & her diary - a red checkered autograph book. Six million Jews were executed by the Nazis plus an estimated five million Roma, Poles, other Slavic peoples, resistance fighters, anarchists, communists, trade unionists, people of diverse sexual orientation, people with mental or physical disabilities, Jehovah's Witnesses and priests.

The script, the Wendy Kesselman adaption of the Frances Goodrich & Albert Hackett original script and based upon the book *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*, won the 1955 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the 1956 Antoinette Perry "Tony" Award for Best Play.

The public is encouraged to contact play director Paul Deaner to volunteer for crew at 218-353-7509 or deaner@lakeconnections.net.

Covid Update: Pressure on Local Health Care Systems Growing

By Kitty Mayo

While Covid-19 cases remain relatively stable in the area, there is a growing concern that outbreaks throughout the state are beginning to exert pressure on local health care providers.

"Outbreaks of mostly unvaccinated people across the state and country are having an indirect impact of creating a strain on the health care system around the state," said Greg Ruberg, CEO/president of Lake View Hospital and Clinics.

Ruberg says that the primary issue of concern at Lake View is the thin workforce resources available, and the fatigue of employees.

"People are tired, and now with a growing need for hospital beds, staff are feeling the strain more than ever," said Ruberg.

Urging anyone who is not vaccinated to get the vaccine, Ruberg emphasized the urgent need to decrease Covid-19 infections and any hospital related visits that are threatening to overwhelm the system.

"It comes down to you might not need a bed for Covid, but you might for something else, and we can't take that for granted right now, there's no 100% guarantee there will be a hospital bed when you need it," said Ruberg.

- Walk-in Vaccine Clinic Wednesday, September 1st from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. No registration or appointment needed. Held at Lake View Hospital for anyone age 12 and older to get their first or second Pfizer shot. (Those under 18 must have a signed form for parental consent. Form can be downloaded from the Lake County Public Health website, or signed on-site)
- FDA Approval of Covid-19 vaccines came through this week.

According to an article in the Minneapolis Star Tribune by Jeremy Olson, hospitalizations for Covid-19 have gone up by a factor of five in just one month (90 hospitalizations in Minnesota on July 14, 477 hospitalizations on August 19), creating another crisis for hospital beds.

The Tribune article covers how a large increase in Covid infections is causing Minnesota to deny transfer requests from other states, with 93% of ICU beds in the state currently being used (including Covid and non-Covid cases).

Kimber Wraalstad, North Shore Health's administrator in Grand Marais, was interviewed in the article, saying that the regional hospital pressures have forced them to move patients with problems like severe heart problems to hospitals in Wisconsin and North Dakota, rather than Minnesota hospitals for critical care.

To read the full article go to: <https://www.startribune.com/minnesota-icu-beds-filling-again-with-covid-19-patients-some-from-out-of-state>.

The surge in cases is being linked to the very infectious Delta variant, and public health officials say more vaccinations are necessary to avoid future surges.

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13th Annual Labor Day Rummage Sale: Winter & Summer fishing items, shop tools, household items, paintings, etc. Too many treasures to list. 1892 Town Line Rd., Brimson Sportsman's Corner, Brimson, MN. Saturday, September 4th (9-1).

Multiple Family Rummage & Estate Sale: Furniture, Household Misc., Lots of Women's clothes (Sm. - XI). Fri., Aug. 27 & Sat., Aug. 28 (9am-4pm). 5464 Little Marais Rd, Finland and 6536 Timberline Trail, Finland.

Huge Garage Sale: Collector Jim Beam Bottles, old & new tools, fishing equipment, lawn & garden, .22 youth rifle, railroad cast iron, lots of misc. Fri., Sept. 3 (11am - 5pm), Sat. Sept. 4 (9am - 5pm), Sun., Sept 5 (9am - 5pm). 6199 Murphy Lake Rd., Brimson, MN 218-848-2007 call for info or directions.