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FREE Meat Raffle Giveaway Starting at 5:30 p.m. VFW 1727 1/2 mile North of the stop lights in Aitkir Check out our ad on page 3

Former Crosby Mayor **Hunter found not guilty**

former Crosby Mayor James Hunter ended on Wednesday, June 27; and following a short recess the 12-person jury unanimously found James J. Hunter not guilty of a Theft By Swindle charge.

Ed Shaw, Attorney for Hunter, when asked for comment said in a statement, "Mr. Hunter, and myself are pleased with the not guilty verdict in the Theft By Swindle trial that completed today. It has been our position all along that this charge never should have been brought, and we are glad that the jury, after a very brief deliberation, returned a Not Guilty verdict. I was, however concerned to see many City of Crosby officials, who had no apparent role in the case present in

The three day trial for the courtroom for much of the trial, including the Police Chief, and City Administrator. Their attendance, which may have been on official time, raises serious questions about public officials involving themselves in a private dispute.

> "Mr. Hunter handled himself throughout this proceeding with dignity and grace, despite the stress caused by this accusation. Mr. Hunter, myself and many others in the community are pleased that this matter is behind him, and justice was done." There are four lesser charges remaining, which were filed by Lieutenant Randolph of the Crosby Police Department against James Hunter. Trial dates, if necessary, for these charges have not been set.

Brainerd Ski Loons water ski shows

The Brainerd Ski Loons will be performing four free water ski shows at Lum Park in Brainerd this summer. The first show will be held on Sunday, July 8 at 5:00 p.m. This event is great fun for the whole family. Concessions will be available. Free will donations are appreciated. Please bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating. Here a Ski Loon practices a "toe hold," where the skier is using her foot to hold the rope. For more information, find the Brainerd Ski Loons on Facebook or visit their website www.skiloons.com.



Power boat races on Serpent Lake

Mark your calendar to experience the thrills of breath-taking and heart pounding championship powerboat racing along the shores of Serpent Lake at Crosby's Memorial Park the weekend of Saturday and

noon to 4 p.m. There is no admittance fee and concessions will be available.

At the Twin Cities' Power Boat Association's races, some boats will top speeds over 100 miles per hour and

Sunday, July 28-29, from appear to fly on the water.

Cheer on professional race teams as they compete against each other in pursuit of a Championship Title.

For more information, visit cuyunalakes.com or call 218-546-8131.



A Lakeside Concert Event

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 |

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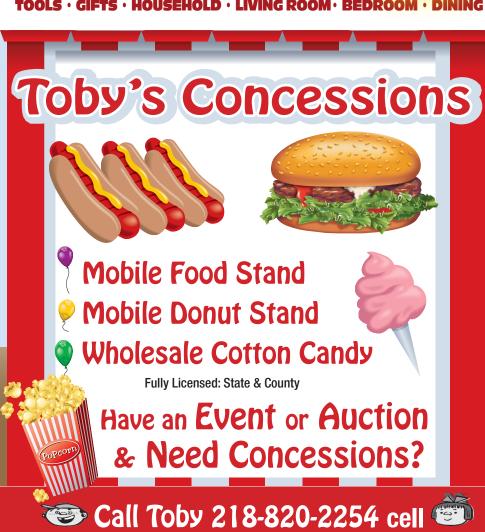
at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge

FRIDAY, JULY 6 AT DUSK

Everyone is welcomed! Food and drink available.











Dakota Road Music, featuring Hans Peterson and Nelson Morlock, will be performing Saturday, July 7, 7 p.m. They craft powerful stories of life and faith woven in colorful musical styles ranging from acoustic ballads to rocking anthems. Their songs of faith and love, hurts and hopes are shaped by a passion for justice and a vision for the church, the neighborhood and the whole world to be peace-filled welcoming places. Their songs touch people of all ages and walks of life. Admission: Adults—\$10; ages 4-18—\$5; children under 4 are free.

Our annual Beef & Corn Feed will be held on Satuday, July 28 from 4:30-7 p.m. Fill your stomach and soul with a great beef dinner and sweet corn. Proceeds are split between local benevolences and Bethel Free Clinic in Biloxi, Miss.

Saturday mornings, July through Labor Day, stop by our Veggie Stand for sweet corn, baked goods, fresh veggies and homemade jellies. All proceeds go to local benevolences. Open from 7:30-11 a.m.

Bethesda Lutheran Church is an ELCA church located off Hwy. 47, just south of Hwy. 18, in Malmo, Minn. We are an active congregation, and if you are a recent retiree or newcomer to the area, check us out to help get to know your community better. And if you haven't met our new pastor, James Muske, please stop in. Sunday summer services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. with refreshments and fellowship between services in the Fellowship Hall.

Ruttgers fireworks, outdoor concert and first-ever outdoor movie night



Summer is in full swing and Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge has a trio of family friendly, open-to-the-public events that celebrate the best of lake country.

October Son

An evening of classic rock n' roll from the shores of Bay Lake, is scheduled for Saturday, June 30 at 7 p.m.

Back by popular demand, October Son plays a variety of rock hits from such bands as the Eagles, Johnny Cash and



October Son will be in concert at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on Hwy. 6 south of Deerwood on Saturday, June 30 at 7 p.m. The event is open the public. Tickets are \$5. Seating is provided, or you can bring your own lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available.

Little River Band. The event is open the public. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the gate or online at https:// ruttgers.com/october-son. Seating is provided, or you

can bring your own lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available. The outdoor concert event is part of the Ruttger's Summer Concert Series, presented by Surly Brewing Company, Coca-Cola and the NewsHopper.

Ruttger's

Bay Lake Fireworks Show at

On Friday, July 6, bring a lawn chair and be ready to ooh and aaah at one of the area's best fireworks shows. The fireworks are set off from a barge in the bay and can be enjoyed from the shores of Ruttger's or from a boat on Bay Lake. Come early, food and drinks will be available, as well as a bonfire and s'mores made with North Mallow artisan marshmallows, and live campfire music.

Moonlight Movie Night

The newest Ruttger's tradition is Moonlight Movie



Night. The public is invited to watch a family friendly movie from the shores of Bay Lake. This week's movie, the beloved classic Forest Gump, rated PG will be projected onto a big screen at 9 p.m. Come early to select a spot to watch the movie on

blankets, or chairs under the starry sky. Popcorn, candy and drinks will be available.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the gate only. For more information, and a complete list of dates and movies for the summer, go to https:// ruttgers.com/moonlight-movie-nights. Moonlight Movie Night is presented by Deerwood Technologies and the NewsHopper.



Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Breezy Point Clinic groundbreaking



Breaking ground on June 25 for Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Breezy Point Clinic are (left to right) Hy-Tec General Manager Mitch Feierabend; CRMC Facilities Director Dan Hoffard, Clinic Manager Cindy Schmitz, CFO Katie Berg, CHRO Caity Eggen, COO Amy Hart, and CEO Kyle Bauer; Whitebirch, Inc., CEO Bob Spizzo; CRMC Board Member Kevin Egan; Rep. Josh Heintzeman; Crow Wing County Commissioner Paul Thiede; Breezy Point Resort General Manager David Spizzo; Breezy Point Mayor Tom Lillehei; and CRMC Board Members Andrea Bedard, Richard Schiller and Dr. Shawn Roberts. The new site is located on County Road 11 across from the hockey arena.

A new physician clinic is under construction in Breezy Point as Cuyuna Regional Medical Center and Whitebirch, Inc., today broke ground on a new, 10,000-square-foot facility to help meet the growing medical needs of north-central Crow Wing County and improve access to quality healthcare.

Named the North Star Center, the project being developed on 20 acres along County Road 11 across from the Breezy Point Ice Arena is scheduled to open in Spring 2019. The clinic will be the anchor of the complex named after the Breezy Point North Stars USA Hockey-sanctioned junior ice hockey team. Other tenants will include a dental

office, other medical related facilities, a gas station and convenience store.

CRMC CEO Kyle Bauer said the medical center recognizes the high level of growth in the region and strives to meet the needs of the communities it serves. The Breezy Point Clinic will be CRMC's fourth physician clinic--other locations include Crosby, Baxter and Longville.

'We continually evaluate demographic shifts, community need, depth and breadth of available services, accessibility, and consumer ease," stated Bauer, adding the organization started project discussions in early 2017. "Our goal is to bring high quality, convenient health care closer to the communities we serve."

One physician and an advanced practice provider will be located at the 7,000-square-foot space. There will be nine exam rooms and a procedure room for outpatient clinic care and additional space available for expansion. Other services immediately available at the new building will include laboratory and diagnostic imaging services.

"CRMC is excited to partner with Whitebirch and City of Breezy Point to provide a new clinic in an area where numerous patients already receive our services. It is our goal to bring as many services as we can to the patient," said

Project developer Bob Spizzo, CEO of Whitebirch,

Inc., the parent company of Breezy Point Resort, spoke about his vision for the area and emphasized that Whitebirch's goal is to provide a welcoming and comfortable environment for visitors, staff and patients while reflecting its leadership in environmental initiatives. He added that wherever possible, local construction firms will be utilized for the project.

Tom Lillehei, Mayor of the City of Breezy Point, welcomed CRMC to the community and thanked Whitebirch for the development of the North Star Center which will become the showcase entrance to the city.

The new clinic, like all CRMC satellite locations, will be connected to the MyChart electronic health record system, so all patients' vital medical information is available to any CRMC provider, no matter where they are seen, for better coordinated care.

Whitebirch, Inc., was established in 1974 to develop and market approximately 3,000 acres surrounding the Breezy Point Resort which was founded in 1921.

Whitebirch originally concentrated its activity on the development of subdivisions for single family residential lots and camping sites. The resort was acquired by Whitebirch in 1981 and the company began developing and marketing condominium interval ownership units. Today, the family-owned resort includes three golf courses, a boat marina, ice arena, four restaurants, four bars, recreation center, 400 rental units, 50 retirement townhomes, and 1,700 camping lots.

CRMC has provided healthcare to the region for more than 50 years. More than 950 physicians, nurses, health care professionals and support staff work together to provide patients and their families with positive, proactive, patient focused, and family centered care. The organization is home to over 40 primary care and specialty physicians. In addition to its Crosby hospital, Care Center, Ambulance, Surgery Center, physician clinic and senior living community, CRMC has outpatient clinics in Baxter and Longville.

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Ongoing Events:

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. 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

Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1 st 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 Weslayson 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.

Cuvuna 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

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.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

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,

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info.,

Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

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.

McGregorTOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-

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FREE Meat Raffle Giveaway Every Wednesday Starting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 4,11,18 & 25

3rd Friday Dinner

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Friday, July 17 at 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Mark Your \$10 per plate • Children under 12 - \$5 per plate Calendar!

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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 & Au-

gust 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. Ait-

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.operationminnesotanice.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

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 Immanual 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 Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

30th - Author Signing and Workshop hosted by Restoration Books and Gifts and The Priceless Journey 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Restoration Books and Gifts, 111 W. Main Street, Crosby. Please call 218-545-4673, if attending the workshop

30th - "October Son" in concert at Ruttger'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 lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available.

2nd - All widows and widowers are welcome to attend the Widow Friends meeting at 11 a.m. at Lum park in Brainerd for a potluck picnic. Any questions please call Linda at 218-829-7289.

6th - Fireworks spectacular at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge at dusk. One of the best shows in the area! Open and free to the public.

6th & 7th - Iconic Fest, at the Green Lantern, nine miles east of Brainerd on Highway 18. On Friday, July 6 the gates open at 4 p.m. 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. For more information go to www.iconicfest.com

7th - Moonlight Movie Night featuring "Forrest Gump"at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge, 9 p.m. A family-friendly movie projected onto a big

8th - Brainerd Ski Loon FREE water ski show at Lum Park in Brainerd at 5 p.m. This event is great fun for the whole family. Concessions will be available. Free will donations are appreciated. Please bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating. For more information, find the Brainerd Ski Loons on Facebook or visit their website www.skiloons.com.

10th - Retired U.S Diplomat, Tom Hanson Returns to Lakes Area Unlimited Learning with Diplomacy Update 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Heartwood Senior Living, 500 Heartwood Dr., Crosby. Non-members welcome \$5.00.

11th - Waukenabo Dance, "Jerry B" 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 11th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce

18th annual Golf Tournament at Cuyuna Rolling Hills. 12th - ANGELS is having an Alzheimer's Work-

shop. This educational event will be taught

For More Area Independence Day Festivities See Page 6





Deerwood American Legion

Walter Scott Erickson Post #557 23659 Forest Rd, Deerwood • 218-534-3215 Pizza is first Thursday of the month.

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OBITUARIES

BRUCE PIRNER



Bruce Eugene Pirner, 80, of Ironton died on Friday, June 22, 2018 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby. A Memorial Gathering was held from noon to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 29, 2018 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby with a prayer service

at 2:30 p.m. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

He was born in Aitkin on January 31, 1938 to John and Isabelle (Frederick) Pirner. Bruce married Carol Ann Marcum on June 25, 1960 in McGregor.

Bruce is survived by his sons and daughtersin-law: Tim and Monica Pirner, Minnetonka; Mike and Kristin Pirner, Bloomington; Greg and Shelbi Eckman Pirner, New Brighton; and Tom and Tricia Pirner, Champlin; one daughter, Leslie (David Pautz) Marcum, Edina; seven grandchildren; sisters and brother-in-law: Paulette Peltoma, Duluth; and Donna and Marin Tahja, Duluth; brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Kathy Pirner, Coon Rapids.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Al Pirner and sister, Linda Cummings. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

DR. BRADLEY PETERSON



Dr. Bradley Warren Peterson, 54, of Deerwood died on Thursday, June 21, 2018. He was born in Lake City on September 21, 1963 to Warren and Mildred (Fritze) Peterson.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday,

June 30, 2018 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Visitation will be held on Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and also one hour prior to the services at the church on Saturday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. If so desired memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

Brad graduated from Lincoln High School in Lake City, class of 1982. He married Sue Olson on June 20, 1992 in Spicer. Brad graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School in

1988. In 1995, he completed his residency at Creekside-Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. He has been practicing medicine at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center from 1995 to the present. Currently, he was the clinic Director of the CRMC Baxter Clinic. Brad was a member of the American Academy of Family Practice and the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. He was an avid sportsman. He loved hunting, fishing and working his golden retrievers.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; son, Logan of Deerwood; two daughters: Lauren and Lily both of Deerwood; brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Danita Peterson, St. Paul and sister, Jane Moechnig, Woodbury.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

SHEILA MERRITT



ritt, 52, of McGregor, died tragically in an ATV accident on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. A Celebration of Sheila's Life was held Friday, June 29 at 4 p.m. at the McGregor Community Center, McGre-

Sheila Marie (Murdock) Mer-

Sheila was born on March 24, 1966 to Darlene and Dennis Murdock in Aitkin. She attended McGregor Elementary School and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1984. She met her first husband, Scott Mate` and devoted her early life to being a wife and mother. She worked part time at Birchwood Café in Aitkin. Later, she had an opportunity to own and operate Mark's Bar in McGregor which she owned for five years. She then worked for The School House Café in McGregor and then The Roasting House in McGregor where she honed her already amazing culinary skills. She then went into business for herself. With the help of her current husband, Bob Merritt, they started Northwoods Catering. The business grew so she recruited her sister Mary Priem to move back to help her. In 2016, Sheila won the People's Choice Award at the Aitkin Gala for her catering. That same year she was awarded Business Woman of the Year by the McGregor Chamber of Commerce. Sheila served on the McGregor City Council for several years and was a member of the McGregor Lions Club and regularly catered their meals. She would often volunteer her services to cook the monthly community meal. Sheila shot trap for several years. First for Ekelund Lumber and later for Northwoods Catering where she won "Top Gun" many years. She was also the driving force behind Family Fun night every Thursday night in McGregor. She enjoyed riding ATVs, fishing with her husband and hosting family and friends BBQ and bonfire nights. At the time of her death, she put aside her personal plans to go cut grass for a lady she took care of. At her own expense, rain or shine every Wednesday she would drive to the nursing home in Carlton to bring this lady coffee and treats and play bingo because this lady had no one else. Sheila always said, "Kill 'em With Kindness" and ironically, it was her kindness that killed her.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Merritt, McGregor; sons: Anthony Mate', Alexandria and Noah Leone, McGregor; daughters: Ashley Mate', Aitkin and Danielle Merritt, Colby, WI; mother, Darlene Erickson, McGregor; father, Dennis Murdock, Anderson, SC; brother, Steve Murdock, McGregor, sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Jeff Priem, McGregor; father-in-law, Bob Merritt, Jr. of Tamarack; sister-in-law, Tabatha (Matt) Peters, Palisade; brother-in-law, Adam (Amanda) Merritt, Wright; nieces: Amanda Dropps, Chloe Merritt and Alyssa James; nephews: Sam Priem, Nathan Weise and Hunter Merritt; grand nephews: Blake James, Austin Murdock, Aiden Murdock and Avery Murdock along with untold numbers of friends.

She is preceded in death by her aunts: Bonnie Tillman and Barb Orth and her mother-in-law,

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

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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; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-

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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. Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.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; Con-

fession 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; 218-326-0711; 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 thelogchurch@crosslake. 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.

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Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship

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

9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

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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 Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www. christbaxter.com.

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Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, 5878 Pine Beach Rd. Brainerd - Pastor David Fran Summer Schedule Worship 9, Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m. Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.llchurch.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 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

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; handicapped accessible.

& 3rd Sun.

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

 $\label{eq:mcGrath} \mbox{McGrath} - \mbox{Grace}; \mbox{Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.};$ SS 10; Worship 11.

McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship

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. Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

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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 Irondale 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

Crosslake - Rev. Mark Ford from 1st Presbyterian Church of Brainerd will be preaching at the 9:00 service; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Road;

218-692-4769 McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED

Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9. Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9 Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship

follows; handicapped accessible. Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30;

fellowship follows: handicapped accessible. Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10

McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible. Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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Author Sarah Malanowski,

will talk about her new book "You are Priceless." Her book includes the testimonies of 22 other women that have experienced the power of redemption in Jesus Christ. Sarah's prayer is that you will trade your feelings of inadequacy and unworthiness for the truth that you are Priceless, and that you too will experience the power of

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After the workshop there will be time to meet and talk to the author, and purchase her personally autographed book.

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loves you!

Honoring June 14th Flag Day, the Aitkin American Legion Auxiliary visited 34 Veterans in local care centers.

Pictured with Navy Veteran Harry Salo of Aicota are Josh Hughley, Aitkin County Veteran Service Officer; Pauline Moore, Linda Lueck, Roberta Elvecrog, Bonnie Mickelson and grandchildren of Roberta and Bonnie. Not pictured are Carol Shields and Barb Jones.



NANCY GOURHAN



Nancy Louise Gourhan, 71. of Bay Lake died on Friday, June 22, 2018 at her daughter's home in Stanchfield.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood. Burial was at the Bay Lake Cemetery.

She was born on March 3, 1947 in St. Paul to Harry and Dorothy (Myers) McKenzie. She graduated from St. Agnes High School, Class of 1965. She married Dennis Gourhan on October 21, 1967. Nancy was a retired owner of Little Pine Wood Specialties. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood.

Nancy is survived by her son, Denny (Molly Bordwell) Gourhan, Baxter; four daughters: Melinda (Norm Michels) Seamon, Dalbo; Tammy (Jason Carlson) Johnson, Stanchfield; Tina (Jim) Morrow, Princeton; and Amanda (Cameron) Shimek, Princeton; 15 grandchildren; brother, Bob (Penny) McKenzie, Oakdale; and sister, Barb Mallow, Aberdeen.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Dennis.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

PAULINE RUBOW



Pauline J. Rubow, 90, of Crosby died on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in

Funeral services were held

She was born on July 13, 1927 in Duluth. Pauline married Orville Rubow on May 12, 1955 in

Minneapolis. She was a member of the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood and the Bay Lake Area Lioness.

Rubow of Avon, CT; one brother, Edward (Lenora) Daly of Duluth; four grandchildren and six great

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville in 2012; son, Paul Rubow and a brother,

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral

Citizens of Crosby, I am not AFRAID to speak. the person you should be listening to or calling. That is 100% the point of my letters.

Your Police leadership was found to have lied in a wrongful termination lawsuit, costing you the taxpayers, hundreds of thousands of dollars. That is 100% accurate.

As a graduate and proud Ranger, Crosby is like my home too. It is 100% accurate it should not be my place to be as vocal as I am about the resignations or termination of the police leadership. Unfortunately, many in Crosby are unaware, don't care or are

Action must be taken in Crosby

It's 100% accurate your city council members should call for the resignation.

It's 100% accurate you, as citizens of Crosby, demand for their resignation.

It's 100% accurate the officers in their command should call for it.

It's not getting done.

It is 100% accurate for me to point out the magnitude of their actions.

great job your police officers

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It's a 100% violation of the

are doing. I am questioning the actions of only two, the TWO who LIED.

It is difficult to maintain the attention of some officials running your city. Especially when they publicly state, "they are

doing a good job." Lying is a good job? Once a liar, always a liar, because you must to lie to cover up the lie. And the council members support that 100%?

I am not the one who needs to correct this, you, Citizens of Crosby, are 100% responsible.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood,

Concerned Observer

Reminder: get out and vote

Vote in the primary and general, if you have those options. What a great right this is to be part of choosing those we want to represent us. However, we must remember when they are asking for our votes, we all know from past experiences once in office it seems they've forgotten those promises. I like to say, they go along to get along many times!

Remember you do not have to vote for the candidate's name that is stamped on the ballot. It is your right to do a write-in of a legitimate person's name, if you feel the name stamped on the ballot does not have the important qualifications to make your/our lives better, or perhaps you may feel it will be the same old, same old policies and procedures.

Until you have visited county and city meetings, just remember you have no right to complain behind the scenes. You need to know who these members are not only at elected meetings but others put together meetings which are open meetings, too. Observe for yourself who these members are and what are these members contributing to our lives, what kind of stipend, in other words, how much are they getting paid for just perhaps showing up?

The first district for Aitkin County commissioner has two running, the incumbent and another gentleman, who I feel takes time to get to know what is going on, what we need, yet not spend our hard-earned tax dollars foolishly. I feel we need new ideas, new blood not the same old, same old representative that I feel has been around long enough. We need a new person that considers what is best for all of us as constitutents in this first district, not just a chosen few. This current incumbent county commissioner is a person with long history of been on this board and that board, which I feel, means nothing. I feel you need to go watch the action!

Do your research and homework before just marking that ballot. There is lots of accurate information out there. PDF files on candidates running for our local offices. Don't be fooled, or just take anyone's word that one or the other would be good to fill certain shoes. Once in office we are stuck with them, good, bad, or indifferent. Make the right choices for several very important openings in our local, city and county government.

Do a write-in, you don't have to follow the sheep over the cliff! Georgia J. Johnson, Aitkin



at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2018 at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Burial was at the Bay Lake Cemetery.

She is survived by one son, Kenneth (Judi) grandchildren.

Patrick Tilberg.

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80. of Aitkin died Sunday, June 24, 2018 at the Aitkin Health Services.

A memorial service will be held Monday, July 2, 2018 at 11 a.m. from Glory Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Stauter officiating. A visitation

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will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Malmo Cemetery.

She was born September 21, 1937 at home in Glen and was delivered by her midwife grandmother Storm. Jane was the voungest of seven sisters. She attended the Clear Lake country school and graduated from the Aitkin High School in 1955. She then went to Alaska where she lived for a few years and then moved to California. She married Gordon Thomas and raised her family. Jane had many careers including homemaker, office manage and many years with AT&T. She returned from California in 1982 to Minnesota and married Pat Humphrevs in 1986. They made their home on Lone Lake and have lived there since 1994. She

Jane Meyers Humphreys, was a very active retiree in her community. She was a volunteer secretary at the Bethesda Lutheran Church in Malmo for eight years. She was also active in her church homemaker's organization, using he many talents in sewing, knitting, crocheting and painting. Jane loved to travel but above all else was her love for her family and her devotion to God that brought her the most joy. She was surrounded by family and friends in her last days.

She is survived by her husband, Pat of Aitkin; sisters: Myrtle Savage, Freemont, CA; Corrine Walker, Wasilla, AK; children: William (Kristen) Thomas, International Falls; Mark (Bobbi) Thomas, North Plains, OR; Sonia (Randy) Haag, Savage, MN; stepsons: Kevin (Tina) Humphreys and Todd (Benita) Humphreys all of Spokane, WA and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oaker and Edith Meyers; sisters: El Dora, Doris, Mabel and Pauline.

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Saturday, June 30

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Rabbit Lake Parade of Boats- noon. Meet at the boat landing. Parade will go clockwise beginning with East Rabbit Lake and then West Rabbit Lake.

Sunday, July 1

Swatara - Old Settler Picnic, Baseball Game and Potluck - noon, Swatara Community Club.

Monday, July 2

Nissawa - Fireworks show at Grand View Lodge, The Pines will begin at dusk. Public is welcome.

Tuesday, July 3

Onamia - Food court opens 11 a.m., beer garden 4 p.m., parade 6:30 p.m. & street dance with Hangfire at 8 p.m.

Pequot Lakes - Food vendors 5:00 p.m., beer garden 5 - 10:00 p.m., bean bag toss tournament (\$10 per Team / 2 players) 6:00 p.m., music by SOLO 6:30 p.m., fireworks after dusk.



Wednesday, July 4

Aitkin County Fairgrounds - Rides & concessions open at 3 p.m., Fleming Methodist Pie Social at 4 p.m., tractor parade 5 p.m., reading of the Declaration of Independence 6 p.m., Presentation of Colors 7 p.m., community band performance 7:30 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

Brainerd - Free corn feed hosted by the Brainerd Eagles at noon; parade, 4 p.m.; music 6:30 p.m. at Brainerd High School Parking Lot; presentation of flag and National Anthem 10 a.m.; fireworks 10:15 p.m.

Crosby - Kiddie parade begins in at 10:30 a.m. at post office & and former Heartland Cafe. Kiddie parade continues down Main Street to SuperOne. Call Jodi Christopher at 330-0849 to enter. Parade begins in Ironton at 11 a.m. continues through downtown Crosby. Serpent Lake boat parade 4 p.m. Boats should line up at the Crosby fishing pier near city hall for photos and judging at 3:45 p.m. Call 781-223-0258 for more info. Activities and live music in the Crosby Memorial Park all day with a beer garden, food vendors, live music & activities. Fireworks at dusk.

Fairfield Township - Reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Fairfield Town Hall 9:00 a.m. The Fairfield Town Hall is located approximately 15 miles north of Crosby or 5 miles south of Emily on Highway 6 just north of the intersection of State Highway 6 and County Road 36. There will be a short program of patriotic readings and singing with light refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome and encourage to attend.

Glen Parade - 5k walk /run beginning on North Clear Lake Road 8 a.m., parade lineup 10 a.m., parade led by Aitkin County Sheriff Scott Turner 10:30 a.m., FREE lemonade. Bring tray for lemonade and lawn chair. For more info, Glen Store, 320-684-2229. Garrison- Fireworks display over Mille Lacs Lake starting at dusk at

Garrison Bay.

Ironton - Ironton Fire Department Auxiliary Pancake breakfast, 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. at the Ironton Legion \$6 for adults, kids 12 & under \$4.

Wednesday, July 4 Cont.

McGrath - Free pancake breakfast 7 - 9 a.m., kiddie parade 10:45 a.m., parade 11 a.m., food concessions noon, kids' games and logging contest 1 p.m., horseshoe toss at Pour Lewey's 1 p.m., turtle races at Pour Leweys' 2:30 p.m., street dance with music by Buzzardz 7-10 p.m. Also car show, flea market & beer

Pequot Lakes - Fireman's pancake breakfast 7 - 11a.m. at Pequot Lakes Fire Hall; flea market, craft fair & food vendors at Trailside 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.; bungee trampoline & kids climb, Trailside Park South 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Money in the Haystack, and Golden Bobber Hunt, Trailside Park North 10 a.m.; kiddie parade & bed races at band shell registration 10:30 a.m.; Kiddie Parade, Veterans Memorial Walking Path; Bed Races, Paul Bunyan Trail (Trailside Park North) at 11 a.m.; main parade at noon.

Round Lake Boat Parade - 1 p.m. Grand marshals are Tony and

Spirit Lake Boat Parade - noon, gather at June's at the north end of the lake. Potluck follows at June's. Plates silverware & napkins provided. Bring lawn chairs. Trophy for most patriotically-decorated boat. All are welcome.

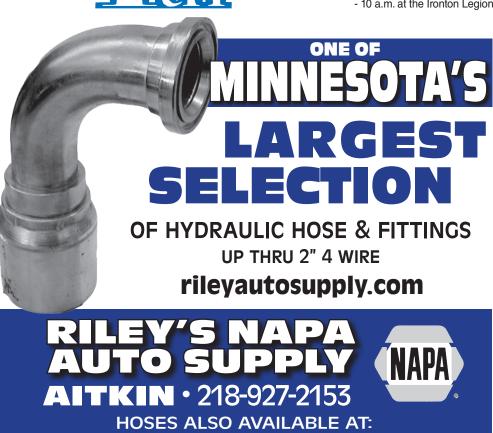
Friday, July 6

Bay Lake - Fireworks display at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge at dusk. Bring a lawn chair and be ready to "ooh" and "aaah" at one of the area's best fireworks shows! Come early, food and drinks will be available for purchase, as well as a bonfire and s'mores made with North Mallow artisan marshmallows and live music around the campfire.

Saturday, July 7

Aitkin- Hanging Kettle Boat Parade - 1 p.m. Meet 12:45 p.m. on east side of the point. All neighbors on Hanging Kelltle, Diamond and Ripple are welcome.

Farm Island Boat Parade - Gather at noon at the south landing.



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Doug Larson stages gallery show at the Beanery in Aitkin



Doug Larson will display his photographs on Saturday, June 30 at the Beanery in Aitkin to help the bees. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ You may know Doug Larson, 33, Aitkin, as the pleasant clerk at Aitkin's Office Shop who helps you find just the right folder or electronic cable that you need.

But Doug's passion is photography and independent filmmaking.

Doug grew up in Redwing and attended Central Lakes College, gaining a degree in theater tech. He exceled in competitive speech and creative expression when he was in school — winning a conference championship.

He and wife Sharon, who works at Brandl Motors in the detail department, and their shepherd/husky dog, Loki, live in a trailer court

just outside Aitkin.

Doug starting shooting videos and local events and car shows and posting them on Youtube. He also took still photos.

"I hadn't thought about going into photography but then folks began to offer to purchase my pictures," he said in an interview.

He held a Starving Artist Show last October at the 40 Club Convention Center, where his movies were screened and his photos displayed.

"Because I like to include giving back to the community, we tied donations to the local food shelf and a food drive in with the show. We took in \$152 in donations and 150 pounds of food with the show."

"It was deemed a success. Everyone had a good time and a good review was given to the local newspaper."

He is planning a show on Saturday, June 30, at the Beanery Café and Roastery in Aitkin - a more intimate venue. His photos that include flowers and bees will be displayed and prints will be for sale.

It's called the Northern Buzz Gallery Show and it will feature sweet treats in this "Celebration for honey enthusiasts of all stripes."

To help the bees, who can't accept cash donations on their own behalf, Doug will give away packets of wildflower seeds, in hopes that folks will plant them on

their property to help their local bees.

"The best thing they can do is feed the bees," he explained. "The wildflowers are beautiful and their nectar is good for the bees."

The free show will include a chance to mingle with the artist and sample beverages and snacks.

Filmmaker

Doug's video work can be accessed through oldcrappycouch.com. He is currently working on a project for Amazon.

He likes to put together stories about "haunting history," such as Bertha Maynard's lonely grave at the Trout Lake Cemetery near Bovey. It was rumored she was a witch but the truth was she died of typhoid and that when other graves were moved due to flooding she wasn't disturbed and that is why her grave stands by itself.

Clinton Harris is rumored to be a ghost from the Milford Mine Disaster on the Cuyuna Range. That is a subject of another documentary.

And in the Little Falls area,

there is the unsolved Darling Church Murder from April 10, 1905. Annie Kintop, 24, was walking home in Darling Township after getting off the train from visiting her sister. She was found dead and beaten by the church. There were rumors that one could hear a young lady's voice in the area.

The murder remains unsolved; and about a year after Doug shot his video, the abandoned church was burned down in an arson fire.

Doug uses a combination of professional and cheap cameras and his I-Phone to shoot his films. He sets up three cameras for each shot — which is quite a challenge and hectic — which give him unique angles and creates the mood he is looking for.

"I'm happy to hear people's ideas for local stories on haunting history," he said.

We never know what sparks of creativity burn in those we encounter in our everyday world. Doug would love to see you on Saturday, June 30, at the Beanery, from 4-8 p.m. as he celebrates the bees and all things honey.

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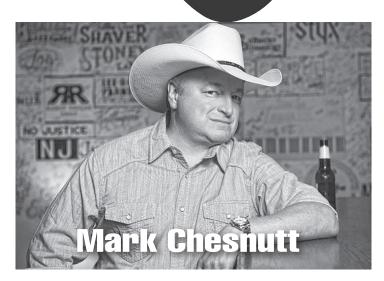
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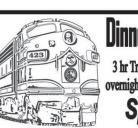
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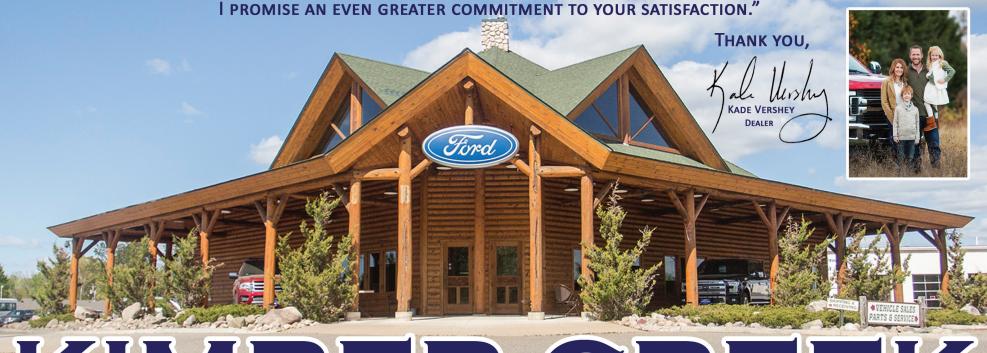
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