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Interim superintendent brings well-rounded experience



Charles Rick, Aitkin's interim superintendent of schools.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Charles Rick became the interim superintendent of schools for the Aitkin School District in August and plans to finish out this school year until the district gets a permanent individual on board. Rick, 66, is from Cambridge. He got an undergraduate degree in phy. ed. and

social studies from Minnesota State University at Mankato. He then went on to teach and coach football, basketball, track and wrestling at various school districts in Minnesota and Iowa.

He obtained an administrative degree and worked as a high school principal and a superintendent, also achieving a doctorate in education from St. Mary's University.

Since his first retirement in 2011, he's worked with a program called Troops for Teachers and also as an adjunct professor at St. Mary's and the University of Minnesota Duluth. He continues his work at UMD as an assistant professor in the department of education where he deals with preparation of licensures for principals and superintendents. He works at Aitkin four days a week and also at UMD.

"I am trying to prepare a

path for the new superintendent to come on in July," Rick explained. He is performing

all the duties of the superintendent by overseeing the school district and working

with the school board. He hopes to work on long-term

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Get some fall belly laughs in Aitkin



"Play On," a comedy by Rick Abbott, will be staged at the high school auditorium in Aitkin on Thursday, Friday and Saturday October 25, 26 and 27 at a new time of 7 p.m. A theater group is desperately trying to put on a play, despite the maddening interference from the haughty author, who keeps revising the script. Act I is a rehearsal of the dreadful show while Act II is the near-disastrous dress rehearsal and Act III is the actual performance. Anything that can go wrong does. Tickets are \$8 and on sale at the Aitkin Independent Age and at the door. Local actors, front row from left: Julia Real as Gert the director; Brett Workman, Lord Dudley; Jan Hegman, Lady Margaret; Jen Shereck, Diana Lassiter. Back, from left: Jere Fremling as Dr. Forbes; Kathie Smith as Phyllis Montague, the author; Carly Shereck as Aggie Manville, stage manager; Andrea DelZoppo, Louise Peary, sound technician; Robert Haugly, Stephen Sellers and Annie Courtemanche, Doris the maid.

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Concordia Orchestra in Brainerd

The Concordia Orchestra from Concordia College, Moorhead, will present a joint concert with Brainerd High School Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Spencer Frie, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Tornstrom

Auditorium, 804 Oak St., Brainerd. The concert is open to the public with a freewill offering accepted. For information, email spencer.frie@isd181.org.

The 2018 Concordia Orchestra, conducted by direc-

tor of orchestral activities, Kevin F.E. Sütterlin, will perform Beethoven's "Coriolan Overture", the third and fourth movements of "Symphony No. 3" by Florence price, and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade".

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planning, will develop the next budget and attends meetings where he represents the school district.

"I enjoy working with students," Rick observed. "My role is different now than a classroom teacher but the

bottom line is doing what's best for students. I'm here to use my experience and capacities to find the best way to educate students. It's not about us, the adults, it's about the students. We all should be working to educate all of our

students and prepare them for lifelong learning."

He and the school board are still developing goals but the board expects him to manage the school district for this school year and to support the staff and principals in operations, instruction and curriculum. He'll also offer his expertise for planning for the next phase of construction on the present buildings and the best use of the property outside Aitkin that the school district purchased. He'll also attend activities and get to know local people.

Toni Johns, a former McGregor superintendent, is serving as a consultant with School Exec Connect to help Aitkin select its next superintendent, he said. They will meet with different groups to get feedback on what's needed in Aitkin and develop a profile to guide the school board in its search.

Rick and his wife Valerie have three grown sons who live in the St. Cloud and Minneapolis areas and they have four grandchildren -- two boys and two girls. They love spending time with family. A former athlete, Rick likes to walk, play golf and work out. In the past, he was an athlete participating in baseball, football and wrestling.

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AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tues. Big Book Discussion Open Meeting 6:30 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 pm

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 Wesleylson 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.

Cuyuna 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 Rapids.

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 meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Heartwood Senior Living Complex. Social begins at 5:30pm followed by Dinner/Meeting at 6:00pm. We are very involved in community events and would love to have you join us. If you would like to come to a meeting and see what we do or going to be doing, please call Lion Nancy at 218-678-4165 and let me know by the Thursday before our meeting.

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.

Emily Community Care N Share is serving meals on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church, Highway 6, Emily

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 (Emily) First Wednesday of the month for produce and bakery only, 9:30 – 11:00 am. Third Wednesday distribution 9:30 – 11:00 am, followed by Thursday distribution 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Enter from south door.

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, Mora.

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.

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 ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

McGregor VFW hosts a dance 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 & August 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. Aitkin, MN

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.operationminnesotanic.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 am.

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) 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 Malmö Evangelical Free Church, Malmö & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmö. 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 Immanuel 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 (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

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25th - Crow Wing County Genealogy Society meeting at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd. Social hour 6- 7 pm and your chance to use FHC resources with help from Society members. After a short business meeting at 7- 7:30 pm, the evening will be spent researching Ellis Island web sites. Bring ancestor names and info on who may have come through Ellis Island or Castle Gardens. Any questions call: 828-9178 or 851-4819.

26th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning Fine Dining at Ruttger's on the Bay, 6- 9 p.m. Call or e-mail Diane at 927-4380 or dplanstad@gmail.com

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CAROL HALDA



Carol Elizabeth Halda, 93, formerly of Deerwood, died on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at Woodland-Good Samaritan Society. Funeral service was held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Cascade Methodist Church in Deerwood. Interment was in the Riverside Union Cemetery. Carol was born to Albert and Nancy (Houts) Peterson on December 8, 1924. She married Roy Halda and together they owned and operated Roy's Café in Deerwood.

She is survived by her son, Tom of Brainerd; daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and David Soderman, Gilby, ND; sister, Ruth Summner, California; six grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; 10 step great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; eight step great-great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roy; son, Keith; step-sons LeRoy, Vernon, and Eldon; sister, Janet Gilpsie; and two step grandsons. Arrangements were with Halvorson Johnson Funeral Home, Brainerd.

JEANE FRANCIS



Jeane Alta Francis, 93, of Aitkin, formerly of Freemont, OH, died Wednesday, October 10, 2018 in Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin. Private family services will be held at a later date. She was born January 12, 1925 in Wirt Township, New York to Glen and Mary (Deisroth) Corbin. Jeane married John W. Francis on November 28, 1946 in Friendship, New York. Jeane was a Librarian for the Freemont Ohio School System for many years. She enjoyed birdwatching and all things

nature. Jeane is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: John and Pat Francis, Aitkin; Robert and Cheryl Francis, Leland, NC and Richard and Caren Francis, Worthington, OH; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and her beloved cat, Alex. Jeane was preceded in death by her husband John in 2013; parents and eight brothers and sisters. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

SHIRLEY CIESINSKI

Shirley Jean Ciesinski, 81, of Garrison died Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the Mille Lacs Health System in Onamia. A funeral service was held Thursday, October 18, 2018 at the Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison with Rev. Juli Sutton-Deem officiating. Burial will be in the Shelby Cemetery in Shelby, NE on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 10 a.m. Jean was born October 27, 1936 at Shelby, NE to Floyd and Norma (Rosenberry) Hester. She grew up in Shelby. She married LeRoy Ciesinski on April 27, 1963 at Port Hueneme, CA. They lived there until 1967 when they moved to Kodiak, AK. They moved back to Port Hueneme, CA in 1968 and lived there until the end of 1970. They then made their home on Minnesota Point at Duluth, until 1975 and then moved to Schuyler, NE until 2003 when they moved to Garrison and have lived in Garrison since. She

enjoyed knitting, quilting, and crocheting. She volunteered with the Mounted Eagles Program for handicapped individuals in Brainerd. She also enjoyed dancing, line dancing and clogging. She was a member of the Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison and also a member of the Garrison VFW 1816 Auxiliary and served with their color guard. She had spent many years as a semi-truck driver with her husband traveling the United States. She is survived by her husband LeRoy Ciesinski; children: Cindy Fox, Jerry (Rose) Bailey and George (Lezlee) Ciesinski; four grandchildren: Anthony Joseph Ciesinski, Becky Nelson, five Daniel Bailey, and Jessica Sparks; Great Grandchildren: Zonie Nelson, Zearina Nelson, Jackson Bailey, Natlee Sparks and Nora Sparks; and two sisters: Donna Rodercord and Clara Armstrong. She was preceded in death by her parents, children: Bobby Barker, Donald Barker, Charles

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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. Hayden Loven; Sunday Morning Service 10:45
Crosby — Interim Pastor Greg Kalyvas; 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; hillcityyagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

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. 10 AM. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm.
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. 5 p.m.
Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmsterniys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Elias Gieske, Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession Sun 7:15-7:45 am.
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 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
Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Brian Erickson: Worship at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:45 pm
Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake.net
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.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
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 nursery for Sun. service. Sun. service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9am on Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9:30am- 5pm.
Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10
Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Ingleswood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.ppbaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, 5878 Pine Beach Rd, Brainerd - Pastor David Franz. 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); Worship 8:30; 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 School 9:15.
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 8:45.
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; handicap accessible.
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
Isle — Trinity (Missout 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 & 3rd Sun.

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.
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); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd 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 Irontale 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
Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 218-927-4107

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
Pequot Lakes —28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED METHODIST
Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett ; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.
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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Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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Privilege to elect Scott Goddard

Being a former military member, police officer, deputy sheriff and 19 year Police Chief for the City of Breezy Point, I know first hand what it takes to run an effective law enforcement agency. I’ve known Captain Scott Goddard for 24 years and have had the opportunity to watch him grow in his leader-

ship and management skills and I cannot express enough how fortunate the citizens of Crow Wing County are to have him as part of the current leadership team at the Sheriff’s Office. The voters have the privilege to elect Captain Goddard to the highest law enforcement position in the county on November 6. With-

out question, the only logical choice, for so many reasons, is Captain Scott Goddard. He will continue to work towards curbing the drug epidemic, working with local partners to address the rising mental health issues and explore new ways to keep us safe.

Steve Rudek, Brainerd

Vote for Pat Pickar for Sheriff

Pat Pickar is a proven leader. Pat has served in leadership roles in police administration, our military, private business and on state and national levels within the United States Police Canine Association. Pat is dedicated to the community. He serves in many civic groups and as a youth basketball

coach. Pat and his family volunteer together. I have known Pat since high school and we worked together for most of our careers. Pat is one of the most compassionate deputies I have ever worked with. Pat has brought food to families that needed it, had coffee with a widower he had never met

before just so the gentleman had someone to talk to and has spent time with a youth to help him fight depression. These are just a few examples of his compassion. Pickar is a compassionate, forward thinking, experienced leader. Please vote for Pat Pickar.

Jamie Lee, Deerwood

Support for Scott Goddard

I am writing in support of Scott Goddard for Crow Wing County Sheriff. My family has had a vacation home on Nisswa Lake since 1957. As a seasonal resident and taxpayer in the county, I view law enforcement as critical and vital for the protection of my property all year round and my family when in residence at Nisswa Lake.

I personally have more than 25 years of experience in supervisory/management positions while working at 3M Company in R&D Management. The effectiveness of any organization is dependent on the leadership of that organization. When choosing a new Sheriff, the focus of the voters should be on the leadership skills and

experience that the candidate brings to that position. Scott Goddard’s experience and demonstrated leadership in his roles as Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain within the Crow Wing County Sheriff Department makes him by far the strongest candidate.

Rich Newell, Nisswa/Woodbury

Scott Goddard for Sheriff

I would like to encourage the voters of Crow Wing County to seriously look at both candidates running to be our new sheriff. Comparing both candidates, you can come to the conclusion that Captain Scott Goddard is experienced, prepared and ca-

pable of handling a budget while managing the 130+ employees. As a retired registered nurse, I understand the importance of experience, certainly a necessity in the orchestration involved with being the sheriff. Civic group involvement is important, but

experience is crucial for the safety and well being of the people of Crow Wing County. Please do your homework and vote on the facts. Scott Goddard is the candidate ready to move forward as the new sheriff of Crow Wing County.

Sharon Kramer, Baxter

Vote for proven experience

As a teacher and parent, I am always concerned about the safety of our children in schools. I was impressed to learn that only one candidate for Crow Wing County Sheriff, Captain Scott Goddard, has been a leader in bringing the ALICE program to area schools and workplaces. Captain Goddard has spent

countless hours training school personnel, business owners and community partners in active shooter protocols. His compassion for all people shows his commitment to the mental health education, awareness and local resources. This includes ensuring our citizens have the best personnel working in the Sheriff’s

Office along with technology and equipment needed to protect and serve us. Captain Goddard is a strong leader with an impeccable work history who will hold staff accountable to the citizens of Crow Wing County. Please join me and vote for proven experience, Captain Scott Goddard.

Dallas Ruud, Breezy Point

Goddard same leadership qualities

I attended the Crow Wing County Sheriff’s forum on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 when Pat Pickar mentioned working under several sheriffs, including Sheriff Ross. My husband, Dick Ross, hired both Deputy Pickard and Captain Scott Goddard.

I know that Dick saw unique leadership abilities in Scott Goddard. I know he was ex-

tremely proud of Scott’s impeccable work ethic and his continued rise through the ranks to his current position of Captain. Under the leadership of the current Sheriff Todd Dahl, there is a reason why Captain Goddard has been promoted and Deputy Pickar has not. Dick himself rose through

the ranks from deputy to Chief Deputy under Sheriff Chuck Warnberg and was then elected as Sheriff of Crow Wing County. I am honored to have the opportunity to vote for Scott Goddard, who has the same leadership qualities and experience as Sheriff Dahl and my husband, Dick Ross.

Renee Ross, Brainerd

A time for new vision: Vote Pickar

When a time for fresh vision and energy is needed in the private sector, it is pretty simple, hire a new leader. When fresh vision is needed in our community, we rely on elections. Those at the top, tend to promote people who will support their agenda and continue their way of thinking. It’s time for a fresh vision and

renewed energy in the Crow Wing County Sheriff’s Office. I’ve known Pickar for almost 20 years. I have seen Pickar in many different roles; A father, K9 trainer, coach, business owner and friend. As president of the United States Police Canine Association, overseeing four states and Manitoba, Canada, Pickar was open to

new ideas in advancing our organization. No doubt, Pickar will do this for the sheriff’s office. Electing Pickar for sheriff will bring new perspectives, fresh ideas and a renewed energy, which has been overlooked by the current statusquo.

Jeremy Halek, Rogers

Letters to the Editor of a political nature will be published in the NewsHopper through Saturday, Nov. 3. However, letters bringing up issues or accusations that a candidate cannot respond to prior to the election will **NOT** be published in the Saturday, Nov. 3 issue. All letters must include writer’s full name, address and telephone number for authentication.

OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH PERRINE



Elizabeth Jane “Liz” Perrine, 86, Aitkin, formerly of McGregor, died Friday, October 12, 2018, at River’s Edge Assisted Living in Aitkin. Services were held Friday, October 19 at 11 a.m. in Holy Family Catholic Church, McGregor. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment was in Pine Needle Cemetery, Shamrock Township. Liz was born on August 17, 1932, in Cornell, WI, to Victor and Margaret (Lorenz) Constans. As a young girl Liz moved to Blue Earth, MN, and graduated from high school in 1950. Liz married her high school sweetheart, Don Perrine, on May 2, 1953, in Blue Earth. During their first 20 years of marriage, Don worked as a band director in Iowa, during which time they were blessed with seven sons and one daughter. Although Liz worked at various jobs or volunteer positions in the healthcare field, Liz’s primary focus was being a wife and mother. She excelled at this position. In later years, she was promoted to the position

of grandmother, and later, great-grandmother. Liz and Don provided their children with an idyllic childhood both in Iowa Falls, IA, and later on the shores of Big Sandy Lake near McGregor. Life was filled with camping, boating, water skiing, skating, hockey, sledding and many games of “Kick the Can”. Liz was known for her brownies, pies, and potato salad. She enjoyed reading and paint by number and was the most loyal McGregor Merces fan ever! Liz is survived by her sister-in-law Linda (Dennis) O’Neil, Winnebago; children: Mark (Megan Dickey), Ashland, WI; Pat (Judy Lounas), Aitkin; Tim (Jody Gearhart), Breezy Point; Mitch (Mary Koerber), Cologne; Paul (Judy Sheperd), McGregor; Mary (Mark Vinje), Aitkin; Chris (Jessie Faust), Waverly, IA; and Tom (Julie Wencil), Crookston; 34 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Liz was preceded in death by her husband, Don; parents; brothers: Louie, Richard, Bill and Wendy. Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

JOHN AKERSON



John Robert Akerson, 79, of Palisade died Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 11 a.m. from the Journey North Church in Aitkin with Rev. Barry Hite officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at a later date in the Union Cemetery in Cambridge. Military honors will be provided by the Aitkin American Legion and VFW Posts. John was born February 2, 1939 at Center City, MN to George and Alice (Erickson) Akerson. He grew up and attended schools in Lindstrom and graduated from the Lindstrom High School in 1957. He then served in the U.S. Air Force from 1957 to 1960. He served in Sherman, Texas, Indianapolis, Indiana and Thuley, Greenland. He married Ardy Thompson on November 13, 1958 in Roseville, MN. Upon his discharge they made

their home in Lindstrom where he worked on a pipeline. He then went to school to become a draftsman. He worked for Smith Systems in Princeton and then for Arctic Cat before going to work for MOTEK in Cambridge, where he worked in sales. He retired in 2001 and they built their retirement home on Round Lake near Palisade and have lived here since. He was a member of the Hilltop Chapel, the Aitkin Classic Car Club, MSRA, and the Up North Club. He enjoyed old cars, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and camping. He is survived by his wife, Ardy Akerson, Palisade; sons: Steven Akerson, Braham; Todd Akerson, Cambridge; five grandchildren: Erin (Ryan) Ellis, Heather Akerson, David Akerson, Tori Akerson, Gregory Akerson; four great-grandchildren: Audriana Ellis, Rogan Ellis, Beckett Ellis, Anelia Ellis. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, David; sister, Nancy and stepbrother, Norman. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

Citizens of Crosby please wake up

I attended a city council meeting to present a signed petition to stop former Mayor Lattery and the council from allowing a bike trail on 3rd Street S.W. in which another resident and myself had stopped with a petition. I attended another council meeting with a state of MN Hwy. Dept. employee to discuss and agree on the upcoming changes that are going to be happening to Main Street (Hwy. 210). The MN Hwy. Dept. employee told the council that it wasn’t possible or safe to combine vehicle and bicycle traffic. The Mayor brought up putting a 13

foot sidewalk on one side of the street. The MN Hwy. Dept. employee stated that it was possible however, the city would lose space for parking, the lanes would be more narrow and the opposite sidewalk would be more narrow. The council voted in favor of the 13 foot sidewalk on the north side of Main street. The Crosby Police Department doesn’t monitor our pedestrian cross walks nor do they monitor the speed on Main Street. I have witnessed several incidents of pedestrians and/ or bicycles almost getting hit by cars [whose drivers] are either on

the phone, texting or speeding and not paying attention. Calls have been made to the Police Department regarding these issues, and nothing gets done. I could go on and on but why? The people of Crosby do absolutely nothing unless it directly affects them. The people of Crosby should put an end to the Police Department governing the City Council. The city administrator needs to stay out of the squad cars and do the job we are paying her to do. Wake Up Crosby! Mike Turner, Crosby

The lies in Crosby continue

Attacks and false accusations were expected once the truth of the findings from the arbitration reports were exposed. It was not expected the city council and Mayor would permit the police leadership to misrepresent themselves in a public forum and lie to their faces. In a recent rambling to the city council of Crosby, the police leadership indicated the State Auditor had an interest in an editorial in the Courier. I reached out to the Auditor’s office; they have replied. Preliminary communication indicates, it’s outside their scope of duties. Written verification of information is pending, but it appears the police leadership lied again. BMS Case No. 17-PA-0260

(which can be viewed online https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h1BBmSsFdAwWV_yA6MS6xNGP9Y2Sz5Fx/view), BMS Case No. 13-PA-0659, 13-PA-0660 is the evidence the police leadership lie, distort the truth, alter documents, conduct biased and prejudiced investigations. They made it virtually impossible for the council and Mayor to pass fair judgment. The Crosby police leadership detained the owner of a local newspaper for 15 minutes before entering a Crosby council meeting to perform their job. They asked the newspaper to submit letters to the editor to their office before print to verify accuracy, ensure the letters contain no lies, and provide the

police leadership a chance to respond. If they did not respond to an article, they asked the newspaper to not print the article until they did. The continued employment of the police leadership is destructive, their honesty and integrity shall forever be called into question. The city council and Mayor could be held personally liable for their failure to protect the lives and property of their community. Vote in November for people who will not allow employees to misrepresent themselves or lie to their faces. Kelly Avelsgard, Concerned Observer, Deerwood

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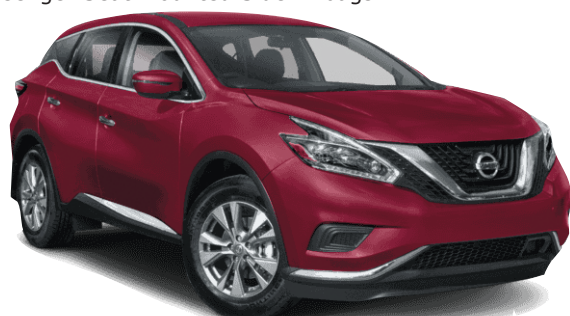
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PANORAMIC MOONROOF, NAVIGATION
LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$15,998

2015 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5SL



#10AD006P

TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE, LEATHER HEATED SEATS, MOONROOF,
NAVIGATION, BLUETOOTH BACKUP CAMERA
LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$16,998

2015 JEEP PATRIOT LATITUDE



#10AC845T

FACTORY REMOTE START, HEATED SEATS,
AUTOMATIC, ALLOY WHEEL
LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$11,487

2009 TOYOTA TUNDRA SR5



#10AC954T

CREWMAX POWER DRIVERS SEAT, BUCKET SEATS,
TOW PACKAGE, TONNEAU COVER, RUNNING BOARDS
LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$16,987

2009 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER SS



#10AC982T

ALL WHEEL DRIVE, DVD PLAYER, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS,
6.0V8, TOW PACKAGE, ONLY 103K MILES
LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$18,998

2011 TOYOTA FJ CRUISER



#10AC740T

SUPER CLEAN, LOADED WITH OPTIONS!!!
LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$21,487

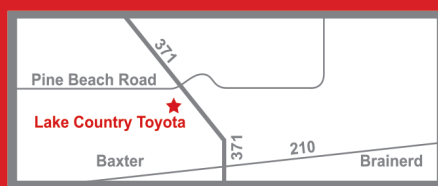
2017 NISSAN ARMADA SV 4X4



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HEATED SEATS, POWER LIFTGATE, NAVIGATION, BACKUP CAMERA,
POWER DRIVERS SEAT, PARKING SENSORS
LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$29,498



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