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Angler sets first catch-and-release record for northern pike



A 43 1/2 inch pike caught by a member of the Women Anglers of Minnesota on Mille Lacs Lake sets the first northern pike state record in the Department of Natural Resources' catch-and-release category.

Angler Maddy Ogg caught and released the huge pike Oct. 6 during what she described as a cold and windy day of fishing. She and companions Mike Buckingham and Jenni Buckingham got

an early start that morning, soon landing two fish at the same time.

"On the way to the lake that morning, we saw eight bald eagles and shortly after we started fishing, we landed a double – I knew it was going to be a good day of fishing," Ogg said.

Five hours later, while trolling the edges of plants in 12 feet of water, Maddy had a strike that bent her rod hard. Even though most record-fish

stories include a long dramatic battle between fish and angler, fortune was going their way.

"I had to reel fast because the fish swam towards the boat, causing nearly constant slack in the line," Ogg said.

She landed the pike and now claims the first Minnesota catch-and-release state record for the species. While pike can often be lively once in a boat, in this case the cool temperatures and calm behavior

of Maddy's pike made for an outstanding catch-and-release scenario.

While the 43 1/2 inch pike may have set the record, it likely will not be the only trophy pike pulled from the big lake. Mille Lacs has a growing reputation as a trophy pike fishery, with some fish reaching the mid- to high -40

inch and range and exceeding 20 pounds.

There are two kinds of Minnesota state records: one for catching and keeping the biggest fish in each species based on certified weight; and the other for the length of a caught and released muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon or flathead catfish.

Aitkin Pumpkin Patch



Galen Goble manages the pumpkins at the Women of Today Pumpkin Patch on October 14 in Aitkin. The pumpkins were donated by Dale and Janelle Morris. Ann Schwartz photo

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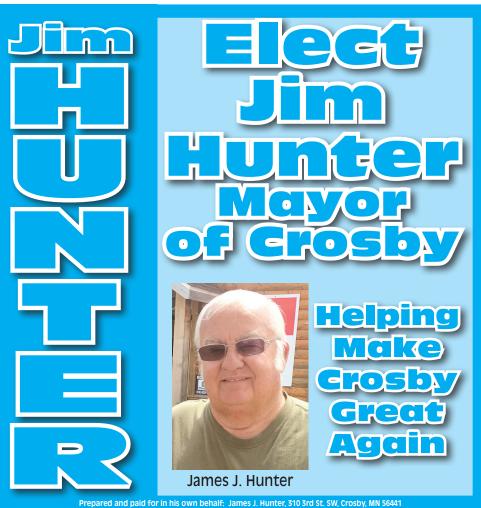
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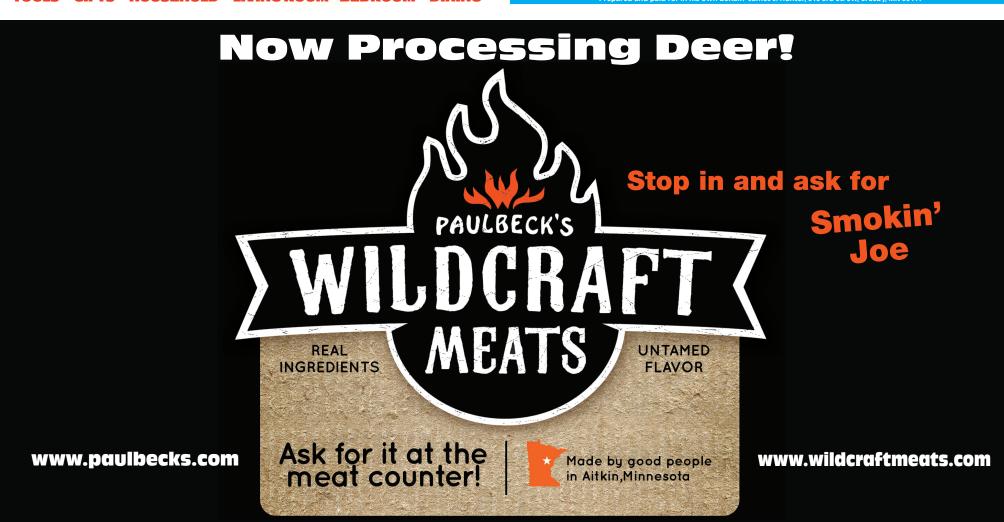
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Crosby Police Chief Kim Coughlin concerned about opinion letters

At the public comment portion of the Crosby Council meeting on Monday, October 22, Deerwood resident and Crosby Police Chief Kim Coughlin sat at the table and addressed the council and Mayor about a letter to the editor in the NewsHopper.

Although she didn't explain her exact objections, Coughlin believed the letter entitled, "Cloud looming over Crosby City Hall" was riddled with false information.

The letter to the editor in question, signed by Mike Turner, alleged that there is "negativity and darkness within the Crosby Police Department" and that the "Police Department is running the council. They have intimidated members of the counsel, as well as held things over their heads." It cites an gun incident involving a former council member. The letter states the incident

meeting to the counsel members and police department. They had no recollection of the incident and denied it ever happening. No reports were filed" and "less than a month later, the council member resigned."

Following is a transcript of what was said at the Oct. 22, council meeting:

"I wanted to make the council aware of a series of events that happened," Coughlin said. "And I'm going to be brief, but I want you to be aware of them. On October 6th, in the October 6th NewsHopper edition, Mike Turner put in an editorial riddled with false information — referenced an incident occurred on June 22, 2015.

"On October 8th of this year, I asked to talk to talk to the Editor of the newspaper Eric Heglund. I advised Eric that the things that Mike

"was brought up at a council Turner stated reference to the fore police leadership had a incident in 2015.

> "Eric Heglund responded that Mike Turner was taking a cheap shot, but Eric told me that the editorials give them the NewsHopper readership.

"I advised Eric Heglund that by printing these things without verifying, if they are true, could wreck someones credibility, including the council member that Turner was referring to. I asked Eric to please consider doing some investigative reporting on these types of things, so that someones credibility is not inappropriately or severely damaged. He agreed that it wasn't fair by the end of the conversation. And he seemed to agree it would be the fair and right thing to do.

"In the October 20th edition of the NewsHopper, Mrs. Kelly Aveslgard put in an editorial stating that I asked Eric not to print articles bechance to respond. At no time during my conversation with Eric Heglund was this said. I wanted to make sure the council knew the set of circumstances that happened, because it continues to be a pattern with the NewsHopper and I wanted to advise you of the sequence of events. Thank you."

Mayor Novak and Councilman Paul Heglund thanked

Then Mayor Bob Novak said, "Eric you're sitting here, I'm going to put you on the spot. Would you like to respond?"

Her account of events is not exactly what I had experienced." Mayor Novak responded,

Eric said, "Um, I guess.

"Would you like to say more? We seem to have a disparity here."

don't necessarily want to be the story here."

Novak asked, "Excuse me?"

Eric repeated, "I don't want to be the story."

Novak said, "I'm not looking for a story, I'm just looking for a response, if you have one."

Eric replied, "Well, that's not the way I remember it."

Novak said, "Okay. Well I'm going to make a comment then."

Eric said, "Okay."

Novak continued, "Um, going back to the night that I presided at my first meeting as Mayor of Crosby, I read a statement about my lack of political agenda and a bunch of other things and at the end of it, um, I said this, as a challenge to our local and regional press each of you. I'm going to read what I said in September of 2017: Each of you (referring to the press,

and I was talking local and regional) is in a position to bring us the news and shape public opinion. Please treat your powerful positions with integrity and caution. Strive to report fairly and accurately and without bias. Please resist the temptation to slant any reporting to sway opinion. Just bring us the news with good solid journalism. And it sure the heck seems to bear repeating, because we're constantly going around and around with stories."

Eric interrupted, "But letters to the editor are opinion pieces. I don't write them. I don't slant them."

Novak continued, "I also understand what Kim Coughlin said she said. And it got to the person who wrote the opinion piece only through the person who she talked to and that would be you."

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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, 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

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-

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.

Dved 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 AN-GELS 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-

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. 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) 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

White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

October

27th- Saving Hearts 5K Run/Walk for Suicide Prevention at Cuyun Range Elementary School starting at 9 a.m. For more info call 838-6109 27th - Zombie Apocalypse Halloween Spooktac-

ular, 2-7 p.m. at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. This event will not for the faint of heart. Wear

your costume, but beware of zombies. Festivities include the 5k Insane Brain Terror Run - the spookiest 5K you'll run all year! You through esque, wooded course, but beware! There are zombies prowling the course and they're hungry. If you make it through to the finish line with your brain intact, it's party time! Stay for the Post-Race Apocalypse Party featuring a GIANT bonfire with live music, plus ghoulishly good food and hauntingly tasty warm and

cold drinks. 27th - Great River Strings Concert, Dinner and Dance at the C-I Pub's Pine Room in Ironton. Social Hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m., There will also be a "Mystery Diamond" drawing. Tickets are \$35 per person through October 20 and \$40 per person after October 20. Call Mary Aulie, 218-839-1085, and Lynn Foote 218-678-3034 for more info.

27th - Concordia Orchestra will present a joint concert with Brainerd High School Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Spencer Frie, at 7 p.m. 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 concert is sponsored by the Brainerd High School Instrumental Music department.

29th - Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity Annual Meeting, 9 a.m. to noon. Members Co-Op Credit Union, Aitkin. Officer nominations. Discuss annual fundraising.event plan November

3rd - Waukenabo Community Center Hunters' Breakfast and Bake Sale 6 am - noon Breakfast Includes: Eggs (any style), Sausage, Juice, Coffee, Milk and All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes Adults \$6.00, ages 6-12 \$3.00, Ages 5 and under free Directions: From Aitkin take Hwy 169 N to CR 3. Turn West on CR 3 for 1-1/4 Miles. Community Center is on the south

(left) side of the road. 3rd - Cascade United Methodist Church Bazaar and Craft Sale with Grandma's Attic and Bake Sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m., lunch at 11 a.m. Located

on Highway 6 & 210 west of Deerwood 3rd - 9th - Friends of the Aitkin Library will host their used book sale Nov 3-9, 2018 during regular library hours.

6th - Vote General Election.

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8th - Business After Hours at the Ironton American Legion, 5-7 p.m.

10th - Spirit of Christmas Bazaar, Immanuel Lutheran, Crosby 8:30 am-1:30 pm

10th - Bay Lake Area Lions MN Wild Rice Hot Dish Church Cook Off and Craft Sale to help Childhood Cancer Awareness, 9 am - 4 pm at the Deerwood Auditorium. Judging will take place at 10:30 am and the winner will receive a Gift Basket of area products. The Bay Lake Area Lions will serve lunch from 11 am to 2 pm (supplies last). Included in the \$5 lunch is MN Wild Rice Hot Dish, roll, water or coffee. Beginning at 9 am there will be an offering of homemade baked goods and a variety of craft vendors. For more information about the MN Wild Rice Hot Dish Cook Off contact Cathe Picek @ cathe.picek@gmail.com or 218-330-

13th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning event, 'Old Forests, Woodpeckers and Wildlife that Depend on them' Heartwood Senior Living Community, 1:30 p.m.

17th- Turkey Bingo at the Crosby Fire Hall at 6 p.m. Hot dog and chips,\$3. Bake sale and pop are also available. Purchase a turkey raffle ticket for a \$1 donation with a chance to win \$500, \$250 or one of three oven-ready turkeys. Sponsored by the Crosby Fire Department Auxiliary. Must be 18 or older to purchase raffle ticket.

20th - Minute To Win It game nights at the Aitkin Public Library at 6 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required on the East Central Regional Library events calendar at ecrlib.org. 23rd -Fifth Annual Fish House 5K Run and Walk at 9 a.m.



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Cuyuna Range Women's Club meeting

Downsizing and getting rid of clutter will be the topic at the next Cuyuna Range Women's Club meeting on Monday, Nov. 5 at Heartwood in Crosby. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

Leatte Zilka will provide useful tips on making downsizing easier. Zilka describes herself as a life-long organizer. She will share information she has gleaned from personal experiences as well as from

research she has done.

While downsizing can be stressful emotionally and physically, Zilka says it doesn't have to be overwhelming. By following some simple steps, the process is

manageable and will result in reduced levels of stress and anxiety.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Kris Hass-

Guests are welcome.



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OBITUARIES

VERNA ACKERMAN



Verna A. Ackerman, 94, of Aitkin, died Friday, October 19, 2018 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation

Services in Aitkin with Reverend Randy Stauter officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Nordland Township, Aitkin County.

She was born April 27, 1924 in Kimberly Township, Aitkin County to Oscar F. and Nora (Smith) Johnson. She graduated from Aitkin High School in 1941. Verna was married to Lynn F. Ackerman on December 25, 1942 in Kimberly Township. She worked for a time at the Aitkin Hospital as office manager. She also worked on the family farm and was a homemaker and mother. She was the treasurer for the Lone Lake Country School Board and was a member of the United Methodist Church and its women's circle. She enjoyed dancing, traveling, going on road trips and Sunday drives, watching the deer, sewing, embroidering needle work, flower gardening and making crafts for the church craft fair.

Verna is survived by her daughter, Ellen Smith, Fridley; sons and daughters-in-law: Jerry and Susan Ackerman, Aitkin; Ron and RaeLynn Ackerman, Green Lake, WI; Scott Ackerman, Elk River; 9 grandchildren: Ray Smith, Shannon Redlin, John Smith, Jeff Ackerman, Amy Murzyn, Stacy Mancl, Mallory Winger, Seth Corbin, Olivia Ackerman; many great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Lynn F. Ackerman on June 2, 2015; sister, Ruby Gruhlke; brother, Bernerd Johnson; and her parents.

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.

DORIS PEARSON



Doris Lorraine (Falk) Pearson, 93, of Aitkin, died Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at Aicota Health Care Center where she had been a resident since 2016.

A Celebration of Life was on Sunday, October 21. Burial was in the Glory Cemetery.

She was born February 22, 1925 in Braham to Roy and Lorraine (Eklund) Falk. Her family later moved to Duluth. In 1944, she graduated from Denfeld High School. She worked as a telephone operator during this time and was always proud of her work experiences at "the phone company". She married Albin (Beanie) Pearson on February 13, 1945 at the Salvation Army in Duluth and celebrated 70 years together in 2015. After Albin was discharged from the military later in 1945, they moved to the Glen/Malmo area and began farming. It was there they raised their five children. Doris worked for Clint Wyant, Attorney, and the Aitkin Abstract Company for a number of years before she retired. She loved gardening, playing Rook, travel, jigsaw puzzles, campfires, watching birds, the Twins, canning and even fishing if she had the chance. She was an active member of Glory Baptist Church where she served in a number of positions, was a Sunday School teacher and a member of Women's Ministries.

Doris is survived by her three sons and daughters-in-law: Steve and Evon Pearson, Allen and Sandy Pearson, and Greg and Cathie Pearson, all of Aitkin; two daughters and sons-in-law: Kathleen and Mark Campbell, Garrison, and Lenore and Stuart Rapoport, Brooklyn Park; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albin in 2015; her parents; two brothers, Ken and Don; and one great-granddaughter, Lilian Pearson.

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.

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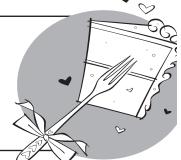
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Leland Alan "Ole" Thornbloom, 89, of Aitkin, died Friday, October 19, 2018 in Aicota Health Care Center,

Aitkin.

Services will be Saturday, November 3, at 1 p.m. in Sorensen-Root-Thompson

Funeral Home, Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Military Honors will be provided by Aitkin American Legion Post

#86 an Aitkin V.F.W. Post #1727. Memorials are preferred to the Nature Conservatory or the Jaques Art Center.

He was born December 31, 1928 in Sauk Centre to Swan and Nellie (Gray) Thornbloom. Ole is a veteran of the United States Army who served during WWII. He married Evelyn Jacobson on May 28, 1955 in Aitkin. Ole enjoyed carving and

painting duck decoys, building canoes, golfing, fishing and spending time outdoors.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-inlaw: Greg and Laura Thornbloom, Aitkin; Mark and Liz Thornbloom, Aitkin; Richard and Dawn Thornbloom, Maple Grove: daughter and sonin-law, Karen and Larry Langlois, Duluth and; five grandchildren: Marla (Stephen) Decker of Hastings, Neal Thornbloom of Aurora, Amanda Langlois of Duluth, Brooke Langlois of Duluth and April Kellerman of Aitkin; two great grandchildren. Trevor Kellerman and David Decker: sister. Darlene McLennon of St. Paul.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; parents; sisters, Gladys Nesseth and Thelma Thornbloom.

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.

NEWSHOPPER Deadlines are Mondays at Noon

LELAND THORNBLOOM

CH-DIRECT

* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Adult Sunday School 9 am; "Elevate" youth group for 7th-12th graders, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

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, Hwv. 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; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-

Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617. Worship 9 and 10:30, theiournevnorth.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.

Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun 10:30. Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.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

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

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.

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. 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.

 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 Inglewood 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.popbaxter.org Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — Good Shenherd Free Lutheran Church Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellowship 11, Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www.

goodshepherdfreelutheran.church 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-

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

Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30: handicapped accessible.

10:30; 218-534-3069.

10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

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.

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. - Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship McGrath

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

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 Bange 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.

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

Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist. org; 218-927-4107

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

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9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped ac-

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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Vote for Captain Scott Goddard

As the former Chief of Police for the Crosslake Police Department, I write to urge the citizen of Crow Wing County to vote for Captain Scott Goddard for the next Sheriff.

During my 23 years of serving the city of Crosslake, I came to know Captain Goddard well and had many opportunities

to observe his leadership and management skills. There is no question, in this race; Captain Goddard is the only logical choice. He has been an innovator in the county by bringing the ALICE program to businesses and schools to help reduce the real risk of violence. He also brought the VITALS app

to the Sheriff's Office ensuring all deputies are outfitted with this tool. Further, he worked with me as a Chief of Police and with other Chiefs in the county on the START program which takes a proactive stance in dealing with mental health

Robert Hartman, Crosslake

Vote for Scott Goddard for Sheriff

The County Sheriff's race this year holds significant importance to me as the wife of the retiring Sheriff Dahl who has dedicated almost 32 years protecting and serving others. Having highly trained personnel and the best equipment available is imperative in ensuring our citizens and law enforcement officers safety. Officers put their lives on the line every day and it's imperative that the Sheriff, as the chief law enforcement officer in the county, put their safety first. As a wife and mother, I knew there was a possibility that my husband may not come home because of the dangers of his chosen

career. Captain Scott Goddard and his family know that fear far too well as he was shot in the line of duty five years ago. Scott Goddard has always been there for our citizens, deputies and especially our families. Please vote Goddard as our next, most qualified Sheriff.

Sue Dahl, Brainerd

Goddard only qualified candidate

I would like to encourage all voters in Crow Wing County to vote for Scott Goddard in the upcoming election. I had the pleasure of working alongside Mr. Goddard for most of his career at the Sheriff's Office and know him to be a man of

integrity, honesty and dedication to service.

A Sheriff is responsible for law enforcement operations as well as corrections, dispatching, civil service and records. Mr. Goddard has supervisory experience in all these areas and has shown outstanding leadership.

His personal attributes and law enforcement experience clearly makes him the only qualified candidate for this position.

Lt. David Larson, Lake Shore

Vote for Goddard

I had the opportunity to work with Scott, when I worked at Crow Wing County; and he is without a doubt the most qualified person to be the next Sheriff for our County. Scott was always available to

assist, whenever I reached out to him, even though I worked in a different department. I was most impressed with how he handled working with and talking with citizens during stressful situations. Scott is

a man of integrity, honor and compassion.

Please join me in voting for Scott Goddard for Crow Wing County Sheriff.

Chris Pence, Merrifield

Pickar a leader with integrity

Pat's seven years of military service has shaped him to the leader this community needs.

His leadership skills come from deep inside, who he is and the values that have shaped and defined him.

A good leader has the ability

to communicate effectively, has the innovation to bring new methods and ideas to the job, knows what ideas are effective, has honesty and integrity and is a relationship builder in the community. Pat Pickar has the integrity of being honest and having strong morals and principle we look for in a leader.

A leader like Pickar inspires me, built on his foundation of his shared core values.

Vote Pickar Nov. 6th. Lauren Leaf, Baxter

Public trust

On Oct. 12, Channel 5 news reported Eden Prairie police and the county attorney fired a police officer for altering a search warrant. Eden Prairie and the county are forced to throw out over 30 cases the detective was involved with, stating his actions rendered him untrustworthy.

The city council and Mayor of Crosby support, defend, and employ police leadership that lie, distort the truth, conduct biased and prejudiced investigations. The evidence is in BMS Case No 17-PA-0260, which can be viewed online. (https://drive.google. com/file/d/1hIBBmSsFdAw-WV_yA6MS6xNGP9Y2Sz5Fx/ view) BMS Case No 13-PA-0659, 13-PA-0660.

These documents require the police leadership be terminated immediately and the county attorney's office may want to investigate these documents.

The honesty and integrity

of the police leadership shall forever be called into question, their continued employment is destructive, and the council and Mayor may be held personally liable for their failure to protect the lives and property of their citizens from lying police leadership. Elected city officials do not have the luxury of ignorance when in office, they must perform their civic duties and when they fail, they can be voted out. Vote in November for people who will not tolerate violations of the public trust, your trust, and who will protect your checkbook.

Kelly Avelsgard **Concerned Observer** Deerwood

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.

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Oct. 27 & Nov. 3, 2018) **LIBBY TOWNSHIP** NOTICE OF ELECTION

OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Libby Township, County of Aitkin. State of Minnesota, that the Election of Town Officers for Libby Township will take place on Tuesday, November

by mail ballot. By mail ballot, voters will elect: one supervisor, supervisor position "A," for a four (4) year term; one supervisor, supervisor position "B," for a four (4) year term; and one treasur-

6 2018, and will be conducted

er for a four (4) year term. The ballot for Township Officer elections is included as part of the General Election ballot that has been mailed to all registered voters in the township.

JANE GRIMSBO, Clerk Libby Township

Goddard groomed for the position

It was said in a recent writer opinion that Captain Goddard has been groomed for the position of Sheriff by others. That's true. Effective and knowledgeable management teams develop their personnel as a part of succession planning. All personnel are developed and given various opportunities to advance, and grow for the future.

Captain Goddard has earned all of the Sheriff's Office positions he's held, Sergeant, Lieutenant and currently number three in command as Captain, through promotional selection processes. Those who have not advanced in rank either did not participate in promotional opportunities, or were not successful in their attempts.

Captain Goddard has an unblemished personnel file and impeccable work record. He treats people with respect, courtesy and is not arrogant. He is knowledgeable in all Sheriff's Office operations with factual, not fictional, tenured leadership experience.

Vote Goddard, the only real

Dennis Lasher, Baxter

Goddard clearly best choice

As a father, husband, local businessman and community volunteer, I have taken special interest in the Crow Wing County Sheriff's race. I have had the privilege of working with Captain Scott Goddard during the past 10 - 12 Ice Fishing Extravaganzas and have been extremely impressed with his professionalism and knowledge in providing transporta-

tion and personal safety to the more than 13,000 participants and the thousands of volunteers who come together for the largest ice fishing contest in the world. His leadership and collaboration skills are impressive as he works diligently with a cool, calm, and collected personality. Captain Goddard "thinks outside the box" while maintaining his law enforcement integrity. I rest easier knowing that Scott Goddard is working for the citizens, business owners and visitors of Crow Wing County. Scott Goddard is clearly the best choice for Sheriff!.

M. Cory Jay, Nisswa

[Submitted via the email of Andy Galles — a Sergeant at the Crow Wing County Sher-

Vote Scott Goddard for Sheriff

As a retired Minnesota State Patrol Dispatcher have worked with many honorably and hardworking law officers throughout my career of several decades. I've been extremely impressed with Scott Goddard's credentials and work history. He began his career at the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office as a deputy and through hard work and dedication has

risen through the ranks to his current position of Captain. During his career he has been responsible for supervising many of the divisions of the department. He's been part of the current Sheriff's administrative team who has added specialized investigative personnel to better serve us. As a husband, father and grandfather, I am grateful for this technology and

personnel. In meeting with Scott, I have found him to have an open mind and is a good listener. His calm personality and strong work ethic is impressive. I'll be voting Scott Goddard for Sheriff November 6.

Mike Marohn, Brainerd

[Submitted via the email of Andy Galles — a Sergeant at the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office]

Elect Scott Goddard for Sheriff

The mission statement of the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department states "With courage, honor, and integrity we protect the rights and dignity of all citizens. In partnership with our communities, we strive to preserve the peace and are dedicated to excellence in the delivery of public safety services." Crow Wing County citizens will be voting for a new sheriff to carry out

that mission statement. For the past twenty years, the last twelve in a supervisory/ managerial role, Captain Scott Goddard has certainly served the sheriff's department with courage, honor and integrity. He made his personnel file available to the public which shows an impeccable work record. Scott is a family man, community volunteer, and a strong law enforcement officer

who serves with compassion and a calm temperament. Captain Scott Goddard is clearly the person we want in charge of our family's safety. Please join us in electing Scott Goddard sheriff!.

Dave and Karen Munsterteiger, Brainerd

[Submitted via the email of Andy Galles — a Sergeant at the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office]



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Eric said, "Okay, I did some research, after the fact, found out what she told me was a lie."

Novak said, "Well, that's an interesting statement."

Eric said, "According to Shelly, Shelly Turner. She was involved in the event. If you want to go further, we can go further."

Novak said, "I asked you, if you'd like to sit down and make a statement. I'm giving you the opportunity. It's up to you if you want to go further. Apparently your story doesn't jive with our chief."

Eric responded, "I'm just talking to the person that was involved in the process of trying report a crime."

Novak said, "Ah, however you just said I understand what she told me is lies."

Eric said, "What she [Coughlin] told me was lies."

Novak said, "I understand."

Eric replied, "Because I'm always being accused of lying."

Councilman Paul Heglund made a request, "I got something to say Bob when you're done."

Novak said, "I'm done."

Paul said, "I got something to say, Eric. I remember when this happened it was a council member that they accused of shooting up the neighborhood."

Eric said, "Correct, not shooting up the neighborhood, but pointing a gun at people."

Paul said, "Okay, but here's the deal. They said he resigned shortly after that incident happened. He resigned over a year, year and a half after that. Not because of the incident, but because somebody sitting up here, the ex-mayor. He couldn't take it anymore — his business. He was getting phone calls all of the time. He was

an electrician, so that's why he resigned. He didn't resign because of that."

Eric said, "It's an opinion piece written by an individual. I didn't write it."

Paul said, "That opinion is a lie."

Eric replied, "It has elements of truth to it."

Paul said, "No it doesn't, because I sat right here when it happened. And I remem-

ber exactly what happened." Novak banged the gavel and discussion ended.

Later, before the end of the meeting, Coughlin returned to the council chambers and read aloud an private Facebook instant message between Eric Heglund and Shelly Turner-Greely, stating that Shelly thought Eric Heglund was Paul Heglund.

Coughlin then read a previous Facebook instant message from Eric to Shelly Turner-Greely, as follows:

"I was stopped by the Chief of Police last night in the lobby before entering the Crosby Council meeting. She told me that Mike's letter was completely false, not just old news. She claimed she had done the investigation, not because of a call, but after seeing a Facebook post. I gather from your message you know the truth, if this event was used by the Chief to force the councilman to resign. I am not reporting, just doing research — if I am being lied to and by whom." (Thank you Eric) [Coughlin did not include the part in () at the end of her reading]

Coughlin then read a private Facebook instant message from Shelly Turner-Greely, about her brother, Mike Turner, writing a letter to the editor, which brought up an old issue about a neighbor.

Then Coughlin read Minnesota State statute 609.77 FALSE INFORMATION TO NEWS MEDIA: Whoever,

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At no time did the Mayor or any member of the council, ask why this information or the instant messages were being relayed to the council. Other council actions

Councilperson Robyn Wolfe talked about a street light on 5th Ave NE that there was a complaint about. Adolph Rono has adjusted it to hopefully correct the problem.

Council unanimously approved several resolutions. [Please note: The Mayor references these resolutions by number. The information here is only what is mentioned or discussed at the meeting.]

Council unanimously ap-

proved payment for estimate #1 for the Lakeshore Drive project to Anderson Brothers.

Council unanimously approved Adopting Assessments for Lakeshore Drive.

Mayor Novak asked to get window coverings for council chambers.

Clerk Treasurer Administrator read a report from Building Inspect Scott Sadusky who wasn't present at the meeting.

City Engineer Phil Martin talked about the Hwy. 6 multi-use tunnel.

After some discussion about the Cross Avenue project options, it was decided to approve the lower cost patch possibly eliminating assessments to the owners. Council unanimously approved this.

Pavement evaluation map was reviewed with city street information provided by Phil Martin.

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Families bought tickets for the Aitkin Women of Today Pumpkin Patch on October 14 from Shanna behind the great pumpkin. Ann Schwartz photos



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