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Nights under the lights as Crosby and Aitkin welcome Christmas

By ANN SCHWARTZ
After battling the weather for several years, the Cuyuna Christmas was moved to Heartwood Senior Living Community this year.

Held on December 5, Cuyuna Christmas included indoor and outdoor activities, including horse-drawn wagon rides, reindeer, performances, the Clauses, crafts and more. It was sponsored by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce and the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center.

The next night, Aitkin welcomed Christmas at the refurbished Mississippi Showboat. As promised last summer

when the showboat was dedicated at the Aitkin fairgrounds, Christmas lights lit up the boat. There was free food, a bonfire, music, drinks and Christmas cheer, including Santa Claus. There were drawings for Aitkin Bucks as customers had a flyer stamped at participating retailers earlier.

The event was sponsored by the Showboat of the Mississippi Committee of the Aitkin Chamber of Commerce.

Be sure to drive by the showboat on Minnesota Avenue North in Aitkin at the entrance of the fairgrounds to see the new lights.



Aitkin's Mississippi Showboat is refurbished and aglow with lights and decorations.



Horse-drawn wagon rides delighted riders during the Cuyuna Christmas celebration at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby.



Formerly known as Christmas in the Park, Cuyuna Christmas was moved to Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby.

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OBITUARIES

VEVA RICHARDS



Veva June Richards, 90, of Aitkin, died Saturday, December 8, 2018 in Aitkin Health Services, Aitkin.

Services were Friday, December 14, at 11 a.m. in Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial was in Bennettville Cemetery, Hazelton Township.

She was born November 5, 1928 in Aitkin to Clifford and Harriet Wilson. Veva married Wilbur Richards on December 2, 1950 in Crosby. She worked at Sears Café of Minneapolis as well as Fred's Café of Aitkin. Veva was a member of

Moose Lodge #1060 of Aitkin and was involved in Aitkin Head Start. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and visiting with friends and family. Veva loved her nieces and nephews.

Veva is survived by her sister, Bertha Sanvig, Aitkin; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and her cat, Dolly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur; parents; son, Patrick Richards; siblings: Myrtle Kimball, Claudine Hammond, Faye Larson, Violet Wilson, Marjorie Green, Ilo Vorce, Altha Wilson and Allen Wilson.

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.

READER RIBBETS

All evil needs is for good people...

All evil needs is for good people to do nothing. The city council and Mayor of Crosby are doing nothing. Two employees have lied, distorted the truth, conducted biased and prejudiced investigations, altered documents, made 3 ring binders disappear, even misled the council and Mayor about what an investigation found. In Brady v. Maryland, officers who lie, do not present all the evidence, attempt to create criminals in violation of an individual's Constitutional rights. Mark Twain wrote "It's not what people know that scares me, it's what they think they know that just ain't so that does". Ignorance of the law is not an excuse, in Crosby, the city council and Mayor prefer ignorance and allow abuse of the law and the public trust within their city. Even the smallest amount of evil will corrupt a system, the position of council and

Mayor deserve everyone's respect, except when the failure to uphold the rights of the citizens, governance by what one thinks rather than the law, allowing the Constitutional rights of the citizens to be stepped on is not only ignorance, but disgraceful. The city council and Mayor of Crosby have allowed two

compromised employees' to taint and corrupt the legal system of Crow Wing County. The council and Mayor are supposed to be the good people that do something, they have the power to take away what evil needs..

Kelly Avelsgard
Concerned Observer
Deerwood

LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Dec. 15 & 22, 2018)
WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for the Township officers to be elected at the Wealthwood Township Annual Meeting which will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Filing hours will be open Tuesday, January 1, 2019 and will close January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Filing hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the office of the Clerk Office will be closed on legal holidays.

Call for an appointment 218-678-2880.

Offices to be filled are one Supervisor for a three (3) year term and one Clerk/Treasurer for a two (2) year term.

Filing fee is \$2.00.
Dated: December 10, 2018
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk
Wealthwood Township
4.78

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, Dec. 15 & 22, 2018)
KIMBERLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for township officers to be elected at the Kimberly Township Annual Meeting, which will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Filing hours will be open Tuesday, January 1, 2019 and close at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Filing hours by appointment, please call 218-549-0615.

Offices to be filled are Supervisor for a three (3) year term, and Treasurer for a two (2) year term.

Filing fee is \$2.00.
Dated this 10th day of December 2018
KIM MILLER, CLERK
Kimberly Township
4.35

Defibrillator received for Cuyuna

Cuyuna Police Department was the grant recipient of a Phillips Automated External Defibrillator or AED. The grant was applied for through the Minnesota State Fraternal Order of Police and Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. "You always hope that you never need an AED," said Cuyuna Police Chief Jesse Smith, "but you're sure glad first responders have one when you do. We can't thank the MN Fraternal Order of Police and Firehouse Subs enough for their donation that will help our police officers as first responders."



Deputy Chief Pat Pickar received the Phillips Automated External Defibrillator on December 5 from Fraternal Order of Police National Trustee Ruben Marichalar.

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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.

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Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.

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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 Wesleyan 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. 218-927-1383.

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, dona-

tions 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.

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

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.

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.

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

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 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 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.

December

15th - Christmas Bird Count Routes will be distributed at 8 a.m. at the North Country Cafe in Crosby. Come early and enjoy a great breakfast and conversation. All birders from beginners to experts are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Butch Ukura through Facebook

18th - 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 eclrlib.org.

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