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# Aitkin family of five at home in Habitat for Humanity house



The home at 210 Minnesota Avenue South after the new sod

was laid in October 2018. By Ann SCHWARTZ

Christy Rian and her four school-aged daughters are settled into their new Habitat for Humanity home in Aitkin.

Located at 210 Minnesota Avenue South, right on Hwy. 169 south of downtown Aitkin, the home is a showcase for the Aitkin County affiliate. It is so energy efficient that it greatly out-performed past homes on its energy star rating. The four bedrooms and

1.5 bathrooms offer enough space for this large fam-

ily. The woodwork is light oak, stained and finished by Geo's Painting, and the nCore, which are Christy Rian.

prisoners in the state system.

The whole community pulled together to make this home a success. Although rising lumber costs and infrastructure drove the cost way over what was budgeted, miracles came about to rescue the project. Iron Range Resources has pledged up to \$25,000 for the two lots on the block for infrastructure such as sewer location and lining, debris removal, excavating,



kitchen cabinets, Handing over the keys to Christy: from left: Marv also in light oak, Bartz, lead carpenter; David Scott, Habitat president; were built by Min- Gary Clark, construction committee manager and

sidewalks, and more.

Originally, the construction committee planned to build an attached garage as Habitat did on its last project – a home in McGregor next to Grand Timber Bank. However, new building codes will not allow an unheated garage, built on a slab, to be attached to a home where the in-floor heating is in the slab.

So, the garage was scratched, the house redesigned, and the build went forward. When a generous anonymous donor (who knew one of the building volunteers) heard about the garage being nixed, they came forward with a \$15,000 donation to cover the cost of an unattached garage and it was built in September.

**Dedication** 

ing Rep. Dale Lueck, former state Rep. Loren Solberg, family, friends and co-workers of Christy Rian, building committee members and Habitat board members and volunteers, gathered for a home dedication on the afternoon of Dec. 2.



Holding candles to bless the house are the family members: from left: Sara, Aya, Aiesha, Jannah in front and Mom Christy on the right. Ann Schwartz photos

Pastor Bob Munneke led the family through a blessing of the home. Gifts were presented to the family, including five quilts from the Ripple River Quilters, four pillowcases by Myna Tweet, a Bible from Alex Schwartz, tools from Tom Plaggman and many other housewarming gifts.

The family went from room to room with candles lit, hoping for peace and happiness in their future in the home.

Christy was also presented with many housewarming gifts from attendees. David Scott, Habitat president, gave the practical gift of new floor mats, as is his tradition. And Phil Tange, chair of the Family Selection Committee, offered a new fire extinguisher.

Health Services (Aitkin's old hospital) is right across the street, kitty-corner.

home. Her employer, Aitkin

"The two older girls timed it and it takes 13 minutes to walk to the high school," Christy shared. The two younger girls can walk to the end of the block for a safe crossing to the elementary school, manned by the Aitkin Police Department.

Christy and Habitat for Humanity are grateful and humbled by the many donors, volunteers and helpers who did large and small things to make this home a reality for this family.



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# STEPHEN FRAUENSHUH, SR



Stephen "Steve" Ray Frauenshuh, Sr, 78, of Mc-Gregor, formerly of St. Paul, died Sunday, December 16, 2018 in Essentia St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth.

Services will be Saturday, December 22 at 1 p.m. in Grace Lutheran Church, Mc-

Gregor. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Pine Needle Cemetery, Shamrock Township, Aitkin County. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

He was born May 23, 1940 in St. Paul to Raymond and Betty (Gagnon) Frauenshuh. Steve graduated from St. Paul Murray High School in 1958. He married Nancy McKinney on July 11, 1959 in a little brown church in the vale in Nashua, Iowa. Steve attended the University of Minnesota with a BSCE (Civil Engineering) in 1963 followed by his Master's Degree. As a construction engineer and contractor, Steve managed the construction of many freeways, highways, bridges, roads and streets across Minnesota and neighboring states. Steve was involved in many community activities. He was a star athlete in high school and became a star spectator and fan of all of his children's and grandchildren's activities. Steve enjoyed traveling with his wife, Nancy, and experiencing cultures of Central and South

America as well as much of the United States. He especially loved the North Shore of Lake Superior. Steve also enjoyed reading, bird and wildlife watching, gardening and love and companionship of many family pets over the years. The most important thing throughout Steve's life has been his family and all the special moments, projects and adventures he shared with them.

Steve is survived by his loving wife of 59 1/2years, Nancy Frauenshuh; daughters and sonsin-law, Louann and Bill Huebsch; daughter, Suzanne and Bob Geatz; son and daughter-inlaw, Stephen and Cheryl Frauenshuh, Jr.; nine grandchildren: Ben Huebsch (Ashley Green), Dan (Katie) Huebsch, Jake Huebsch, Bridget (Dave) Bohn, Joe (Tammy) Frauenshuh, Trent Meld, Clint (Stephanie) Meld, Levi Meld and Sierra Geatz; four great grandchildren, Matthew Bohn, Olivia Bohn, Presley Meld and Athena Meld; brothers and sisters-in-law: Ronald and Elda Ann Frauenshuh and David and Sandra Frauenshuh; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends and his two adopted stray cats, Sweetie and Honey.

Steve wass preceded in death by his parents; sister-in-law, Phyllis Frauenshuh; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Chuck and Kathleen Wieck. Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest LINDA THOMPSON



Linda Rose Farah Thompson. 70. of McGregor died unexpectedly Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the St. Cloud Hospital with her family by her side.

Funeral Service were held Monday, December 17, 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church

in McGregor with Father David Forsman will officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, McGregor.

She was born August 11, 1948 to Roger Louis and Helen Louise (Hetzel) Cunnien. She graduated in 1966 from St. Bernard High School in St. Paul. Linda was married Edward James Farah on January 23, 1971 in McGregor. Edward died August 5, 2004. Linda married Gary Eugene Thompson in 2014 in McGregor.

Linda worked as a secretary for the Alternative Education Program in the McGregor School district and as Secretary for the Holy Family Catholic Church in McGregor for many years. She was an avid dancer, and enjoyed being at the lake,

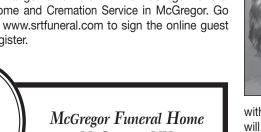
fishing, and spending time with family and friends. Linda loved and was very proud of her children and grandchildren. She was a hospice volunteer, a member of the VFW Auxiliary and Holy Family Catholic Church in McGregor.

Linda is survived by her husband Gary Eugene Thompson; mother, Helen Cunnien Pollreis; daughters and sons-in-law: Emily Farah and Jon Miller, Elizabeth and Bill Dean, Kay and Ron Dehn; son and daughter-in-law: Thomas P. and Jaime Farah; 10 grandchildren: Drew Dean, Kellan Miller, Jadalyn Dehn, Zane Miller, Mason Dehn, Paige Dean, Jackson Farah, Jolene Farah, Londyn Farah, Brede Miller; sisters and brothers-in-law: Sue and Bill Fox and Jeanne and Gary Tast; many other relatives and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roger Louis Cunnien; and her first husband Edward James Farah.

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

# **BETTY STEBBINS**



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Normally, NewsHopper deadlines are Mondays at Noon. However, the deadline for the Jan. 5 NewsHopper issue (after the New Year) will be Fri., Dec. 28.



Betty Jane Stebbins, 96, of Aitkin, died peacefully on Friday, December 7, 2018 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. Memorial service will be

11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at the United Methodist Church in Aitkin with Reverend Dawn Houser officiating. Visitation

will be one hour prior to the service at the church. She was born to Howard E. and Olga (Iverson) Smith, Sr. on July 17, 1922 in Riverside, IL. She graduated from Marshall High School in Minneapolis, in their "sight saving class". She obtained a BA in Sociology at Hamline University in St Paul. After graduating she traveled to Los Angeles and met her future husband at the Palladium in Hollywood. Betty married Frank Stebbins in 1949 in Aitkin and that is where they made their home. The family took summer vacations on the North Shore, Pacific NW, and California.

Betty's dream was to be a homemaker, mother,

and to have several children so they could play

together. Betty was passionate about classical

music, reading, and travel. She wrote to many pen-pals as a youth and was able to meet several of them. She received numerous orchids at her wedding from her Hawaiian pen-pal.

Betty is survived by her daughters and sonsin-law: Holly and John Grothe, Hibbing; Jill Stebbins, M.D., Minneapolis; Laurie and Ken Brackee, Northfield; and Cindy and George Hemmerich, Milaca; nine grandchildren: Caitlin Hemmerich, D.D.S. (Kevin Ha), Minneapolis; SJ Hemmerich (Trixie Maples), Madison, WI.; Celia Hemmerich (Joe Strangfeld), Minneapolis; Natalie Hemmerich, Madison, WI.; Charlotte (Emilio) Pulito, New York City, NY.; Theodore Brackee, Northfield; Sadie (Roy) Ash, Milaca; Sam Hemmerich (Shelby Wild), Mound; Joseph (Haley) Hemmerich, Milaca; four great grandchildren: Olivia, Emily, Brinley and Mae; and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; son-in-law, Mark Hemmerich, DVM (Jill Stebbins); and her brother, Howard E Smith, Jr.

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.

\* 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, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

# **ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Hayden Loven; Sunday

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 Todd 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; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10

# 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 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.

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;

Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

# HEBREW/MESSIANIC

Worship 10:15

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 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 &

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fello 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 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.shep-

herdofthelake.org. Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible) Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship

10:30; 218-534-3069. Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.

Isle - Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30. Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10. Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun.

10, Service 11, fellowship follows. Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 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,

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 (FLCA): 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 Irondale Town Hall\*. Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

# **PRESBYTERIAN**

Crosslake – Rev. Mark Ford from 1st Presbyterian Church of Brainerd will be preaching at the 9:00 service: Bible study on Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Road; 218-692-4769

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

# **REFORMED**

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

Aitkin - Pastor Peter Emig; Worship Sat. 9:30 a.m., Bible Study 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.

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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 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

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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# **Kronstedt awarded Medal of Valor**



Medal of Valor winner Sgt. Adam Kronstedt (right) and his wife Charlene Kronstedt.

Sgt. Adam Kronstedt, of the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office, received the Medal of Valor from the Minnesota Sheriff's Association Dec. 10, gaining recognition for his life saving efforts to save a drowning victim.

Kronstedt responded to a call on June 7, of a male in the water yelling for help on Gilbert Lake north of Brainerd. Kronstedt entered the water with a life jacket and rope, swam into the channel where the victim was last been seen, let go of the rope and life jacket and dove under water. He emerged within seconds, re-

positioned himself, and dove again. He resurfaced with the victim. He grabbed the rope and life jacket. He and the victim were pulled to shore by other responders.

The 66-year-old Brainerd man was transferred to an ambulance, where paramedics performed lifesaving measures but were ultimately unable to save him.

"Sgt. Kronstedt's bravery and self-sacrifice undoubtedly involved risk to his own life in an attempt to save another. This performance of duty by Sgt. Kronstedt is a common standard of his extraordinary merit," Chief Dept. Dennis Lasher said in a news release.

Kronstedt received the award at the Minnesota Sheriff's Association winter conference in Alexandria.

# READER-RIBBE

# What took so long?

In March 2017, the Crosby Police Lieutenant recommended to the County Attorney's Office that James Hunter be charged with possession of stolen property based on a firearm that the Crosby Police Department found at a business operated by a different individual in a building owned by Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Hunter had a collection of over 50 firearms and this was the only gun that the Lieutenant said was stolen. In a recent letter to the editor, the Crosby Police Chief claimed that the gun was hidden in the store by Mr. Hunter. This statement is false for two reasons: the business was not owned by Mr. Hunter, it was owned by a different individual, and the gun was not hidden. It was kept in a file cabinet, a normal place to store a pistol in a place open to the public. Nineteen months after the charges were filed, in October, 2018, the Crosby Police Department produced a report from a 1994 theft in Oakdale, MN, near the Twin Cities, that which may or may not have referred to the gun found in 2016. Even if the gun found at the store was the same gun that had been stolen 22 years before, how could Mr. Hunter have known that the gun had been stolen?

The Crosby Police Chief seeks to blame others for pursuing a charge against Mr. Hunter with no evidence whatsoever. She has made repeated false statements that the gun was hidden, when it was not. The Crosby Police Department has spent untold hundreds of staff hours seeking to prosecute Mr. Hunter for three crimes since March, 2017. Two of the charges have led to not guilty verdicts after jury trials and very brief jury deliberations. The third charge, the stolen property charge, was finally dismissed by the Crow Wing County Attorney's Office in November, 2018 after the Crosby Police Department provided no evidence to support the accusation that Mr. Hunter knew the gun was stolen.

These three charges represent a campaign by the Crosby Police Chief, and her Lieutenant to discredit and attack Mr. Hunter by filing false charges against him, and by repeatedly making false statements about him. The Chief and Lieutenant have harassed many other citizens of Crosby, they have intimidated journalists and have attempted to silence their increasing number of critics. Despite this repression, more and more citizens are speaking up and demanding that their Police Chief and Lieutenant resign, and be replaced by leaders who will protect and serve their city.

Edward R. Shaw **Ed Shaw Law** 

[Attorney for James Hunter]

# Lueck gains post on environment and natural resources committee

State Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, has accepted an appointment to serve as the Republican lead on the House's Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division when the 2019 legislative session begins Jan. 8 in St. Paul.

Lueck, entering his third term in office, has been a member of the House Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance Committee this biennium. He said House District 10A is a diverse area with numerous issues which fit squarely within the environment and natural resources realm, making him a good fit for a leadership position on the policy panel.

"Decisions this committee makes will directly impact our part of the state in a number of ways, so I am pleased to be in a leadership position that will allow me to positively influence outcomes," Lueck said. "I very much am looking forward to serving a minority lead on the Environmental and Natural Resources Policy Division and am grateful for the vote of confidence that has been place in me to handle this responsibility."

The full committee roster is in the process of being finalized for the upcoming

# MARGERY HOWARD

Margery Lena (Davies) Howard died Thursdav. December 13, 2018. She resided at Aitkin Health

Memorial services were held at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin on Friday, December 21 at 11 a.m., with Pastor Jon Yarger officiating. Committal was in the Howard Family Cemetery.

She was born in Ipswich, SD on December 2, 1919. She was the third child of Chester and Ella Davies. When Marge was eight, Chet and Ella loaded the family in the car and moved from South Dakota to a farm in rural Aitkin. She attended Spencer School and Aitkin High School. She graduated in 1937, and went on to graduate from Crosby Teacher Training. She taught for seven years at different country schools in the Aitkin and Palisade area. After being engaged

for five years, Margery and Francis Howard were married on September 15, 1944, while he was home on leave from the Army. They raised their six children in a loving home on a farm just outside of Aitkin. After the kids were out of school, Marge was Bailiff for Aitkin County for 22 years. She was an active member of Bethesda Lutheran Church of Rossburg, where she had served as Ladies Aid President, and organized the Turkey Dinner for many years. She was also a 4-H leader, Boy Scout Den Mother, and Girl Scout Leader, along with anything else that involved her children. Marge belonged to Rebekah's Lodge, and was a member of the Moose Lodge, Legion Auxiliary, and Aitkin

County Historical Society. Marge loved to play Scrabble and do crossword puzzles. She was an avid quilter, embroidering and hand-quilting many of her own quilts, and also doing quilting for others. She won several grand champion ribbons at the Aitkin County Fair, which she attended every year. She looked forward to any, and

all, family gatherings. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Wayne "Duff" Howard, Ottertail; Roger and Linda Howard, Aitkin; daughters and sons-in-law: Jill and Mark Herron, Merrifield;

Lorelie and Bruce Robinson, Palisade, and Lael and Francie Vaith, Aitkin; brother and sister-inlaw, John and Shirley Davies, Crosby; sisters-inlaw; Shirley (Everett) Davies of Aitkin, Babe (Maynard) Davies of Florida, Betty (Larry) Howard of Aitkin, and Darlene (Richard) Howard of Brainerd; 15grandchildren, thirty-six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She preceded in death by her husband, Francis; son, James; grandson, Krane; sisters: Bernice Klingelhofer, Leota Howard, Erma Killeen, and brothers: Glenn, Donald, Larry, Maynard, Calvin, and Everett.

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.

# **Nothing personal**

Elected officials are not supposed to have a personal agenda. They are undertaking massive responsibilities for little money, that include due diligence, fiscal, listening, prevention, fixing, managing personnel, budgeting, working with other entities, seeking truth, supporting and defending the public trust.

Elected officials do not have the luxury of ignorance, they must make the best decision for the community every time they have the chance and they must leave their personal agenda aside. That's what makes their positions vital to the community, they can't afford to make mistakes, their actions have impact for years.

The city council and Mayor of Crosby have been negligent in their duties to protect the citizens and they are making a huge mistake by allowing

lying employees to continue and letting it become per-

It's understandable, even difficult, to believe when people you must trust are the very ones who lie and distort the truth and mislead you. Trust is everything, once it's broken, sorry means nothing, that's why the difficult job to terminate lying employees is vital to the city.

A violation of the public trust burdens the city, the council, Mayor, and you the citizens, and it should never

be tolerated or accepted. Mistakes can be made, behavior is not a mistake, lying employees who continue to lie don't deserve options, they deserve to be fired, immediately. Failure to perform this elected position requirements will have lasting consequences for the city, failure to fire lying employees should not be taken personal, it is the professional thing to do and what should be expected.

Kelly Avelsgard **Concerned Observer** Deerwood

(Published in NewsHopper

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**KIMBERLY** 

**TOWNSHIP** 

**NOTICE OF** 

CANDIDATE FILING

**FOR TOWNSHIP** 

**OFFICE** 

the time of filing affidavits of

candidacy for township of-

ficers to be elected at the

Kimberly Township Annual

Meeting, which will be held

January 1, 2019 and close

at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Janu-

ary 15, 2019. Filing hours by

appointment, please call 218-

Offices to be filled are Su-

pervisor for a three (3) year

term, and Treasurer for a two

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(2) year term.

Filings will open Tuesday,

Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Notice is hereby given for

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WEALTHWOOD **TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP** 

**OFFICE** 

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Fillings will be open Tuesday, January 1, 2019 and will close January 15, 2019 at 5:00 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

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**issue** (after the New Year)

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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

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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!

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Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

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Christmas Schedule

Aitkin - St. James Catholic Church, Caroling 3:45 p.m., Mass 4

Crosby - Assembly of God Church, Christmas Eve Service, 5

Crosby - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Candlelight Services at

Deerwood - Cascade United Methodist Church, Christmas Eve

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Outing - Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Candlelight Service,

Palisade - Hilltop Chapel, Christmas Eve Candle Light Family

Aitkin - St. James Catholic Church, Christmas Mass 9 a.m.

Aitkin - First Lutheran Church, Community Christmas Dinner

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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,

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, 218-824-5228

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. 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 218-820-9725.

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

# **Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Business After Hours**

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