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Stifter returns to Aitkin as superintendent of school district By ANN SCHWARTZ



Dan Stifter, former dean of students and athletic director in Aitkin, is the new superintendent of Aitkin Public Schools

Dan Stifter, 54, is the new

superintendent of Aitkin Public Schools. He was selected by the school board on Feb. 11 and will officially take over his duties in July.

Growing up on a farm at Winsted near Hutchinson, Stifter has been involved in wrestling since fourth grade. He taught for a couple of years in South Dakota and then came to Aitkin in 1992. He taught social studies and coached wrestling and football, eventually taking over as head wrestling coach. He ended that tenure in Aitkin as a dean of students and

athletic director for two years.

He then served in principal positions in Menahga and then Pierz. While working in Pierz he commuted and his family moved back to Aitkin.

Dan and his wife Karen have a son Nathen, a ninth grader at Aitkin. Daughter Jennifer attends North Dakota State University and son Levi runs a mowing and snowplowing business in Aitkin. Karen returned to being a daycare provider with limited clients.

What made Stifter stand out to the school board? "I think it was my connection to the community and my familiarity with the school district. This is where I want to be and I'm here to stay."

What draws him to Aitkin? "There is strong community support for our schools from families. Parents and grandparents show up -- they value what is going on. They care about what the school district is doing and want to be part of it."

Stifter also loves working in small towns where there are lots of connections and local pride. He is excited to be back and working with former colleagues and past students and athletes he coached.

He is ready to take the Aitkin School District forward and create a shared plan – even if that means some tough conversations along the way. "It is better for school district employees if community people have positive views of the school and a good attitude toward district employees. This community is accepting and understanding."

When not working, Stifter likes the outdoors, fishing and attending school events. He'll continue to volunteer with the wrestling program.

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OBITUARIES

MONICA BUCHITE



Monica Ann Buchite, 21, of Baxter died in Burley, ID on Monday, February 18, 2019 as a result of an automobile accident.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church

in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Visitation will be at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. and one hour prior to the services on Saturday.

She was born in Crosby on November 22, 1997. Graduating from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 2016. She was active in the acapella choir, volleyball and basketball. Currently, she was employed with TJ Maxx in Baxter. She was known for her contagious smile; it lit up the room when she walked in. Monica was an awesome aunt and was looking forward to motherhood. She had a love for baking, traveling, the outdoors and her dog Winston.

Monica is survived by her parents: Becky (Mike Bock) Buchite of Brainerd and Timothy (Linda) Buchite of Barrett; grandparents: Neal and Cheryl Buchite of Nisswa and Mary Bock of Brainerd; boyfriend, Ryan Cordie of Baxter; nine brothers: Andrew (Melissa) Domben of Crosby, Cody Buchite of Baxter, Troy (Amanda) Thompson of St. Joseph, Christopher Thompson of Minneapolis, Andrew Thompson of Duluth, Mike (Danie) Bock of Brainerd, Andy (Kristen) Bock of Baxter, Jeff Bock of Brainerd, and Tyler (Megan) Bock of Baxter; four sisters: Maggie (Jordan) Moss of Aitkin, Jennifer (Bruce) Powlish of Moorhead, Maryann Thompson of Moorhead, and Megan (Zach Sibbert) Bock of Baxter; niece and nephews: Olivia and Nathan Domben, Noah and Zeke Moss and Charlie Thompson; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.



Patricia Ann (Kolb) Simpgraduated from McGregor High School in 1950. son, died Thursday evening, February 21, 2019 in the Hartville Care Center in

PATRICIA SIMPSON

Hartville, MO at the age of 86years, 11 months, and 3 days. Funeral service will be 2:00

p.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in McGregor.

She is the daughter of Russell C. and Betty Jane (Ward) Kolb, and was born on March 18, 1932. On November 8, 1952, she married James Simpson and the two were together until his passing in 2008.

Pat is survived by her sons and daughters-inlaw: James Jr. and Mary Simpson Clinton, IA; Terry Simpson, Grovespring, MO; Robert and Jeanie Simpson, Springfield, MO, and Bruce Harrison, Chickaloon, AK; nine grandchildren: Sheila Coble, Josh Simpson, Marta Duff, Javen Simpson, Alana Simpson, Sarah Clark, Gavin Clark, Kari Clark, and Jerry Clark; 11 great-grandchildren; a host of cousins, other relatives, and many caring friends.

Pat was born and raised in Minnesota and

Two short years later, she met and fell in love with James Simpson and they were wed on November 8, 1952. Shortly after they were married, they moved to Alaska and started a family. After all the kids were grown, Pat and James decided to retire and move to the Hartville area where they stayed and made a new home. Pat was saved at an early age and attended the First United Methodist Church until James' passing. She then later attended the Little Creek Baptist Church as often as she could. Pat was very interested in genealogy and was a charter member of the Lebanon Genealogy Foundation in Lebanon, MO. She had traced her lineage back to the colonies and the Revolutionary War and became a member of the Daughters of the Colonies and Daughters of the Revolution. Genealogy and history meant the world to Pat. Pat was a loving mother not only to her children, but also to the children she fostered and helped

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

them find a new home. She was a compassion-

ate woman that loved and cherished her family.

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JODI PEDERSEN



Jodi Lynn Pedersen, 62, of Aitkin died Sunday, February 17, 2019 in Essentia St. Mary's Medical Center,

A Celebration of Jodi's Life will be held in early Summer. She was born October 5, 1956 in St. Paul to Ernie and

Ann (Vaughn) Athen. Jodi was united in marriage to Larry Pedersen in Anoka. She enjoyed gardening, watching the birds, fishing for Northern, sitting on the deck at the lake, bowling, watching the Vikings, watching drag racing, watching her soaps, playing candy crush and especially spending time with her family and friends. Jodi had a great sense of humor and will be dearly

Jodi is survived by her daughter, Jessica Gilbertson; grandchildren, Julie (Tim Torell) Klitsch, Devon Gilbertson and Addie (Nathan Lindgren) Gilbertson; great grandson, Reid Lindgren; brother, Ernie (Cyndi) Athen; sister, Traci Schendel; nieces and nephews, Virginia (Nate) Baumgardner, Mia (Donte) Schendel and Paul Schendel many great nieces and nephews; friends, Kathy and Dave Reibel and friends from the Palisade Muni; pets, Parker and Reno.

Jodi is preceded in death by her husband, Larry; parents; pets: Susie "Doozer" and Sadie. Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online quest

* 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

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

CATHOLIC

Wed., 7 p.m.

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; Worsh

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

EVANGELICAL FREE

*Brainerd - St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

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.

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 Worshin 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

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

Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion,

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 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 (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. NON-DENOMINATIONAL Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Wor-

ship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street,

Brainerd, 218-454-0984 **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 - Worship 10; 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 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. aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30

1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED METHODIST

Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible. Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett

; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows. Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.

follows; handicapped accessible.

Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9 Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship

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 WESLEYAN 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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READER-RIBBETS

Best of luck

The City of Crosby has a brighter future with the departure of half of the Crosby police leadership.

The city council and Mayor are now faced with the positive struggle of finding a new police chief. The old chief should not be involved. The current police leadership can't be trusted in the process. BMS Case No 17-PA-0260, read on www. NewsHopper.net, BMS Case No 13-PA0659, 13-PA-0660 are the documents proving they're of no value.

The current leadership is biased and prejudiced and have been for years and are known to mislead council and Mayor. prosecute a prominent citizen is more evidence.

The police leadership's honesty and integrity shall forever be called into question, their current employment is destructive. If the current leadership wants to go, let them, fire them, demand their resignation.

The game of waiting until retirement is not a wise choice. It's not worth the effort or time. There are qualified police officers ready to take over immediately.

The liability of keeping the current leadership is a risk that will reap no reward or return

Three failed attempts to on the city's money. It is time for the council and Mayor to control the situation, shine with their efforts, intelligence, due diligence, get a tight grip on the purse strings, and prove they can lead your community. Opportunities like this do not come often during a person's period of public service, it must be taken seriously.

Congratulations to the current council and Mayor, all eyes are on you — think about the future of your community and make the best long-term choice for Crosby. Best of Luck.

Kelly Avelsgard **Concerned Observer** Deerwood

Musicians and sponsors wanted

Beginning June 13 and continuing through August, the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce begins its 13th year of coordinating Music in the Park, a free live music events for the community at Crosby Memorial Park on Thursday evenings.

Please consider assisting the Chamber, as a musician, vendor or sponsor, in making Music in the Park one of the

most enjoyable and successful summer events in the area.

Sponsorships are necessary to be able to continue to provide Music in the Park for the community at no cost.

Vendors may also participate through the "Park Avenue" program. For a small fee, vendors can rent space and market their product or service at an event that is typically attended by more than 450 people.

Musicians interested in performing should contact Shawn or Clark Hamdorf at shamdorf@hotmail.com. A music sample, biography, photo and signed contract must be on file at the Chamber by Monday, April 22.

For more information and to obtain a sponsorship form, contact Jessica Vukelich at 218-546-8131.

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Sat., March 2 & 9, 2019) **LIBBY TOWNSHIP** ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Libby Township, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Palisade Community Center. The Annual Meeting will commence at 2:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2019 JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT, Clerk

Libby Township

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

The Board of Audit of Libby Township will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Palisade Community Center on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2019 JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT, Clerk

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND **ANNUAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to the voters of Wealthwood Township.

The annual election of Wealthwood Township will be held at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, to elect one Supervisor for a three (3) year term and one Clerk/Treasurer for a two (2) year term. The polls will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The annual meeting will convene at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Dated: February 15, 2019 LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE

Wealthwood Township Board regular meeting will be changed to Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 7 p.m. due to the Annual Meeting and Election at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Dated: February 15, 2019 LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township

Deadlines are

Mondays at Noon

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., March 2 & 9, 2019) **BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP**

NOTICE AND RE-QUEST FOR BIDS

The Town Board of the Town of Bay Lake will accept sealed bids for Bituminous Reclamation, Aggregate Base Class 5, Bituminous Paving, Class 1 Shouldering:

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Specifications obtainable from the Town Attorney: Virginia J. Knudson, 302 South Sixth Street, Brainerd, MN 56401, (Telephone 218-829-1451) Bids must be received by the Town Clerk by 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 9th day of April, 2019. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities. Authorization for the sealed bidding process to be completed by Donald Hales and Virginia Knudson.

The successful bidder must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2019 CAROL PUNDT, Clerk Town of Bay Lake

Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

Last week was very busy. Monday we paused at the Legislature to welcome the tribal government leaders from the 11 federally recognized Native American Tribes in Minnesota. The full day session was an excellent opportunity to learn more about the history of Native Americans in Minnesota and the challenges they face today.

I want to express my thanks to Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin of the Mille Lacs Band and Chairman Kevin DuPuis of the Fond du Lac Band for providing a straight forward examination of the often very difficult history we share. While we cannot change the past, I share their focus and optimism that by working together we can resolve the many challenges our children and grandchildren face as we

move forward.

We got a look at the governor's budget proposal this week. It would add more than \$3 billion in new taxes, I will provide details in the next several updates.

On a more pleasant note, let's jump to last Friday morning's Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board meeting at Eveleth. I am pleased to report that the board issued a favorable recommendation to IRRRB Commissioner Phillips on a loan participation agreement with American Peat Technology.

IRRRB participation will be at \$750,000 as part of a \$7.37 million plant expansion project. The project will allow APT to significantly expand the production capacity at the Spencer Township plant. APT is a leader in producing specialized seed

coatings for the agriculture industry and a unique granule absorbent product for pollution control systems.

We also issued a favorable recommendation on a \$350,000 grant proposal to the city of Crosby for sewer and water utility work to support a new hotel/lodge in Crosby. This grant will mitigate some of the public infrastructure costs to the city that are necessary to support construction of 35,000 square foot, 50 room hotel within the city.

The project will add a much needed element to the local economy. Currently there are no lodging accommodations on this scale in Crosby to support visitors to the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area.

Representative Dale Lueck Minnesota House District 10B



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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.

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. 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-

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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,

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday

Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.

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

Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.

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

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed, each month, at 1 pm, at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

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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.

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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.

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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 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.

1st - Friday FUNdraiser with S.A.M. at the Moose Lodge in Aitkin 4:30 p.m.

1st & 2nd - Bake Sale hosted by 1st Congregational Church at All Through the House, 116 Minnesota Avenue N., Aitkin

2nd - 22nd Annual Gun Show at Deerwood Auditorium 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Buy, sell or trade. Sponsored by the Deerwood Civic and Commerce.

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askdrsmith.com featuring Dr. Murray Smith Ways to start a detox

Last week, we introduced the idea and reasons for "detoxifying" our bodies. Remember, we recognized that our bodies our being hit by an ever increasing number of toxins in our food, water and air and even that toxins can even come from within from our normal bodily functions. Further, we said that these can toxins build up over time and can cause an ever increasing number of symptoms.

So let's look at some ways to prepare for cleansing our bodies by detoxifying. One good way is to think of it like preparing for a journey. Deciding why we're going and where we're going are great ideas to get clear in our mind before we begin. Making a written list of the reasons for doing a cleanse can be an important tool once you begin, in the event you go through some difficult times. A reason might be to have less pain, fewer headaches, or wake up easier. Keeping a record of the intensity and frequency of these reasons prior to, during, and after detox will help us see the value and progress of our efforts.

If it's weight, log your weight, but also take some measurements of your waist and hips before, during and after - so you have a record of how it has worked for you.

Next, going through the cupboards and liberating (throwing out) the junk is a great start. It's easier to avoid items not on the "allowed" list if they aren't there. Having a preplanned schedule

of meals (with the recipes pre-planned) can be a wonderful way to make the process easier, more enjoyable and, frankly, less stressful. Setting aside the time for this food preparation is also important.

Speaking of setting aside time, allowing for relaxation and generally slowing down is very important for relieving mental emotional stress and clearing your mind. Don't forget to plan an exercise routine into the process. This will augment your other efforts.

For some, it may be important to get the advice of a health care professional with extensive experience in detoxifying to smooth out the path. They can help troubleshoot symptoms you may have and even recommend high quality supplements that enhance your success in all areas. Finally, eliminating foods that are common offenders such as dairy, gluten and refined sugars can help almost from day one.

Don't forget to hydrate, hydrate, hydrate (drink a lot of pure water!) It will help in a wide variety of ways and is good for you even after you finish.

Next week we'll look at some different methods to detoxifying.

Dr. Murray Smith is the co-founder of SHIFT Integrative Medicine serving the Cuyuna Lakes and Brainerd Lakes areas of central Minnesota for over 25 years.

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