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## Shooting complaint

Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard is seeking assistance from the public on any information on a shooting complaint at a residence on the 18000 block of Highway 18, east of Brainerd.

The sheriff's office received the complaint at 8:43 p.m. Saturday, March 2.

When deputies arrived they learned several shots were fired from the highway toward the house. Deputies confirmed rounds hit the occupied home. No one in the residence was injured.

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# OBITUARIES

## RICHARD RYAN



Richard "Dick" Joseph Ryan, 82, of Hill City and Aitkin died Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Fr. David Forsman officiating. Interment was in the St. Thomas Cemetery in Aitkin.



Richard was born November 2, 1936 in Aitkin to Joseph and Caroline (Hassman) Ryan. He grew up and attended schools in Aitkin attending Maryhill Academy and then the Aitkin High School from which he graduated. He then attended St. John's University for a time. He served in the U.S. Navy in the late 1950's and after four years returned home after his discharge. He worked a few jobs before Red Keenan offered him a patrol officer job in Aitkin. He took that job and also worked as a rural postal carrier for a time. He served as the Chief of Police in Aitkin from 1981

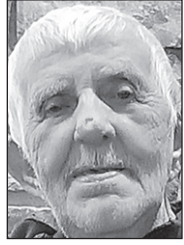
to 1991 when he retired. He then spent time in Canada at his cabin. He has lived in Hill City with his son for the past two years prior to going to the Aicota Health Care Center 5 months ago. He enjoyed duck and deer hunting, fishing, wild ricing and making maple syrup. He had been very active in the Aitkin Little League youth baseball and the Aitkin Golden Gloves youth boxing program.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law: Tom and Wendy Ryan, Hill City; Tim and Kathleen Ryan, Aitkin; daughter and son-in-law, Tamara and Kory Huft, Sioux Falls, SD; five grandchildren: Matthew, Emily, Elizabeth, Johnathan, and Grace and one great grandson, Jameson; brother and sister-in-law: James and Diane Ryan, Aitkin and sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Rick Godfrey, Oklahoma City, OK.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Teresa; brothers: Mike and Jack and sister, Anne.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## ALFRED HINDERMANN, SR.



Alfred Harry Hindermann, Sr., 88, of Crosby died on March 4, 2019 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2019 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors given by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557, Deerwood. Visitation was be one hour prior to the services at the church on Friday.



He was born in Fort Ridgley, MN on September 23, 1930 to Harry E. and Clara (Hogan) Hindermann. From 1952 to 1953 he served in the U.S. Army as a Medic during the Korean Conflict. Alfred married Carolee Myers on February 21, 1955 in New Ulm. He retired in 1981 from Amer-

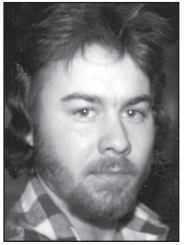
ican Artstone where he was a Silo Builder. They moved to Deerwood in 1985. Alfred was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Deerwood.

Alfred is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law: Harry Hindermann, Shakopee; Michael and Deb Hindermann, Doon, IA, and Alfred and LaVonne Hindermann, Jr., Hutchinson; three daughters, Debra Rustman, Alexandria, Theresa Felsheim, Brainerd and Joy and Brett Smith, Baxter; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Carolee, in 1999; great granddaughter, JaLysa Cook; daughter-in-law, Beth Hindermann; an infant sister, Anna; sisters and brothers-in-law, Alice and Merle Marstone, Bernice and Howard Hartmann; mother and father-in-law, Daniel and Bernice Myers; sister-in-law, Marilyn Miller; and brothers-in-law, Clarence and Duane Myers.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

## GARY NICHOLS



Gary L. Nichols, 60, of Nokay Lake Township died on Friday, February 22, 2019 at his home.

A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Visitation will be one

hour prior to the services at the funeral home on Saturday.

He was born in Brainerd to Lyle and Betty (Johnson) Nichols. Gary attended schools in Pine

River, Brainerd, Deerwood and Crosby. In the late 70's he worked construction for the pipe line in Texas. Gary had a love for woodworking. He owned and operated N & H Builders of Brainerd.

Gary is survived by his father, Lyle Nichols, Aitkin; son, Tyler Snook, Fargo, ND; brother, Greg Nichols, Brainerd and sister, Cindy Dorr, Bemidji; a special cousin, Doug Johnson, Brainerd; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gary is preceded in death by his mother, Betty Nichols.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

# READER RIBBETS

## Best luck in new Mall Cop careers

Recent ramblings of the Crosby police leadership on the radio, spoke of how terrible arbitration is. In Feb. 2019, the MN Supreme Court reversed a court of appeals decision that overturned an arbitration report. In the analysis, the court stated: Generally, arbitrators serve as the "final judge of both law and fact, including the interpretation of the terms of any contract".

The court's decision reinforces the validity and importance of binding arbitration. BMS Case No 17-PA-0260 (read at [www.NewsHopper.net](http://www.NewsHopper.net)) found the police leadership lied, distorted the truth, altered documents, conducted biased, prejudiced investigations and interviewed their own officers

using criminal tactics. The police leadership stated it is difficult to drive bad cops out of the business. That is true. Letters to the editor exposing them takes time — effort that is well spent.

Crosby is lucky, the officers in the PD are professional, credible, and have earned respect, despite the leadership dragging them into their fight looking for empathy for their egregious acts.

Three failed attempts to prosecute a private citizen brings their level of expertise to the Keystone Cop average, as it keeps people laughing. The tragedy, they have cost the citizen thousands of dollars to defend himself, the officer has

been damaged. I agree with the police leadership, bad cops need to be terminated, the city council and Mayor terminated the wrong ones.

Best of luck to both in the private sector, enjoy your new career as mall cops. Mall of America, West Gate Mall, Ridgedale Mall could use the leaderships expertise for loss prevention. They would succeed as Mall Cops.

It should be noted that the losing council in the MN Supreme Court reversed decision is Crosby's current labor attorney.

*Kelly Avelsgard  
Concerned Observer  
Deerwood*

# LEGAL NOTICES

## (Published in NewsHopper 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  
3.65

## (Published in NewsHopper Sat., March 2 & 9, 2019) 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  
Libby Township  
2.1

## (Published in NewsHopper Sat., Mar. 2 & 9, 2019) 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  
4.02

## (Published in NewsHopper Sat., Mar. 2 & 9, 2019) 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  
2.25

## (Published in NewsHopper Sat., March 2 & 9, 2019) BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE AND REQUEST 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:

Katrine Drive - 11,450 LF by 22 feet wide with a 125 LF by 32 foot wide approach

Road project to be completed prior to 9/01/2019.

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  
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# Female Brainerd graduates accomplishments highlighted for history month

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
The hallway of Brainerd High School swarmed with people March 4 at the opening event for the Legendary Women of Brainerd Public Schools.

An exhibit by the same name, located in the showcase in the media center in Brainerd High School's northwest corner, features 20 women from various graduating classes. Although from different walks of life, and with varying interests and vocations, this exhibit is meant to inspire.



Lisa Salo, retired from the Brainerd School District.

"We want this to inspire and empower all of us," noted Lisa Salo, chair of the organizing committee, who gave opening remarks. "We especially want to inspire little girls and young women. This

is the first of many exhibits and we want to continue this journey to highlight Brainerd graduates of varied interests and walks of life."

This year, 20 women are featured in the inaugural exhibit, which coincides with National Women's History Month. The women include: Shelly Boyum-Breen (BHS 1992); Stephanie White (BHS 2004); Michelle Kraklau Andres (BHS 1995); Erin Twamley (BHS 2005); Lissa Waller Carlino (BHS 1998); Jessica Kramer Ryan (BHS 1990); Yen Chu (BHS 1989); Tiffany Templeton (BHS 2002); Jama Davidson (BHS 1982); Kaylo Brooks Gustafson (BHS 1993); Jeanne McDowell Larson (BHS 1966); Hailley Hinrichs (BHS 2015); Sharon Schockley Kramer (BHS 1961); Quinn Nystrom (BHS 2004); Gail Dailey Helmer (BHS 1978); Jennifer Erickson (BHS 1997); Peggy Kriha Dye (BHS 1987); Meg Knutson (BHS 2002); Alena Grabowski (BHS 1991) and Kate Engelbrecht (BHS 1994).

Legendary Women of Brainerd Public Schools tells the individual stories of 20 incomparable, extraordinary Brainerd Public Schools women graduates from diverse class years and life

experiences, both within the schools system and after graduation from BHS," according to organizers.

## One women's story

Graduating in 1978, Gail Dailey Helmer was the first generation of young women who grew up under the Title



Gail Dailey Helmer was an outstanding high school athlete in the 1970s.

IX act, which opened the door for girls' high school sports.

Following her non-traditional path, Gail now works as a plumber and medical gas fitter. She was the first female pipefitter at the former Potlach Paper Mill in Brainerd.

She is married to Brian Helmer, retired, BHS class of 1972. Together, they have raised eight children and have 17 grandchildren.

Gail played four sports in high school (volleyball, basketball, track and softball) and later played basketball at St. Cloud State University and Brainerd Community College, where they were state champions.

She went on to spend a year in Sweden as a foreign exchange student and then got trained and was the first woman pipefitter at the former paper mill in Brainerd.

When the mill closed she joined the local union and went back to school in Michigan to become a plumber. She also took training in medical gas fittings.

She works for RJ Mechanical now, out of Mora, and travels around the area and Twin Cities for various projects. "I've been lucky for the last year or so because there has been work in the Brainerd area - at the Brainerd and Crosby hospitals and the Crow Wing County Museum."

When not working, Gail is a self-proclaimed "junk collector." She loves to preserve items from the past and attends all sorts of sales and actions, looking for items to salvage that can be used in gardens. She holds a big sale each year and spends all the

proceeds from her sale over the following year - acquiring more junk.

She believes that Carol Miller, her college basketball coach, Joey Halverson of Brainerd and John Erickson, exhibit archivist and curator, had a hand in her nomination.

## About the exhibit

Each woman in the exhibit will have a special collection in her name in Brainerd Public Schools Archives. That collection will include artifacts and an expanded biography



John Erickson, curator and archivist. Ann Schwartz photos

of each woman.

The exhibit opening was intentionally staged during National Women's History Month, itself a celebration of women's accomplishments in the life of America, and is intended clearly to demonstrate

the very special competencies of these women from all walks of life and of all ages. These women provide role models to male and female Brainerd students.

The exhibit may be viewed during school hours, but during school hours visitors should enter BHS through the main entrance on South Fifth Street and are required to report in at the front desk. The exhibit will continue throughout this 2019 school year and into the summer if remodeling projects allow it.

If you wish to recommend a woman graduate of Brainerd for consideration in subsequent years, please contact Archivist /Curator John Erickson at 218. 330. 1780 or via email at bps.history@isd181.org.

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