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Former mayor Hunter found not guilty again

A jury found former Crosby mayor, James Jesses Hunter, not guilty on two counts of unlawful gambling in Crow Wing County District Court on Friday, March 22.

This is the third time that a jury has found Hunter, 70, not guilty. In 2018, he was acquitted of theft by swindle and second-degree assault. A third felony of receiving stolen property—a firearm—was dismissed by Crow Wing County Attorney Don Ryan.

Elected in November 2016, Hunter was serving as the Mayor of Crosby, when the Crosby Police Department filed charges against him back in March 2017. After his arrest, he continued serving as the mayor until he resigned in August 2017.

Hunter's attorney Ed Shaw, said that both he and Hunter were pleased to see this charge against him resolved with another not guilty ver-

"The citizens of Crow Wing County have consistently rejected the accusations leveled against him by the leadership of the Crosby Police Department," said Shaw. "Tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars have been wasted in a politically motivated investigation of a law abiding citizen. The citizens of Crosby deserve fair and honest leadership in their police department. We hope that they will soon have it."

Hunter still faces two charges by the Crosby Police Department of selling vehicle financing without a license (gross misdemeanor) and falsely reporting a crime (misdemeanor).



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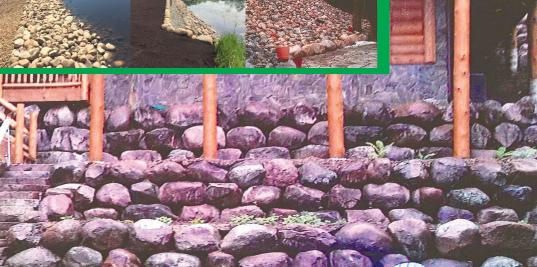
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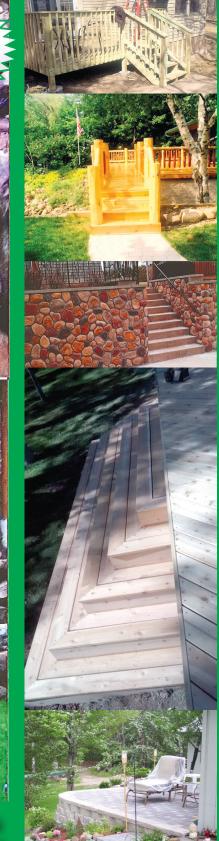
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BARBARA BLOOD



Crosby died on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 as a result of an automobile accident.

Memorial services for Barb and John will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at the Cascade United Methodist Church in Deer-

wood. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Sunday.

Barb was born on October 10, 1948 in Crosby to William and Elaine (Evans) Robinson. She graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1966. Barb married John Blood on August 13, 1966 in Ironton. She was an area

Barbara Jo Blood, 70, of cook; and her employment included: Roy's Café, Sun Down Café, North County Café, Jim's Lunch, Timber's Diner and the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center. Barb is survived by her son and daugher-in-law,

> John and Kris Blood, Jr. of Deerwood; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Pete Bratsch of Robbinsdale; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and Karen Northburg of Aitkin. She was preceded in death by her parents;

> husband, John on March 15, 2019; stepfather, Francis Northburg; brothers: Marlin and Harold Robinson and Darrel Northburg; and a sister, Sandra Arruda.

> Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby

TIMOTHY KRUSE



Timothy David Kruse, 54, of Crosby died Thursday, March 21, 2019 at Hennepin Health Care in Minneapolis.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday March 31, 2019 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with

Reverend Mike Ball officiating and providing music. Visitation will be 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home and will continue one hour prior to the service on Sunday. Burial will be in Fleming Cemetery.

He was born July 13, 1964 in Saint Paul to LeRoy H. and Darlene M. (Witter) Kruse. Timothy was united in marriage to Lori Ann (Fliegel) on June 29, 1995 in Aitkin. He worked for Mille Lacs Electric and then for the Deerwood Post Office.

Timothy is survived by his wife, Lori Kruse of Crosby; son and his fiancée, Trevor and Erin Kruse of Breezy Point; mother, Darlene Vortherms; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Tom and Pat Fliegel; brothers and sister-in-law: Neil and Beth Kruse of Aitkin, Dale Kruse of Brainerd; and Scott Vortherms of Sturgeon Lake; sister and brother-in-law: Cindy and Jeff Zumwalt of Mounds View; nieces and nephews: LeRoy Kruse, Vanessa Kruse, Jake (Zona) Kruse, Jared Zumwalt, Kenzie Zumwalt, Tia Zumwalt, Cody Zumwalt; great niece, Kaylana Kruse; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, LeRoy H. Kruse and his mother-in-law, Joann E. Fliegel. 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.

RYAN ERICKSON



Cohasset, MN died Sunday, March 24, 2019.

Memorial Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019 with a visitation one hour prior to the service at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 35568 Foxtail

Lane, Cohasset with Pastor Mark Peske officiating. Inurnment was in Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Columbarium.

He was born September 2, 1974 in Grand Rapids to Randy and Deborah (Bobich) Erickson. Ryan graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1993. He was a member of Our Redeemer

Ryan Lee Erickson, 44, of Lutheran Church. Ryan had a gentle heart and was the kindest man. When he met anyone new, he enjoyed telling them he had a job and told his parents that he met a new friend. He also loved to hunt, fish, and travel.

> Ryan is survived by his parents: Deb and Randy Erickson of Cohasset; maternal grandmother, Jane Bobich of Grand Rapids; sister, Janelle Verke of Eagan; two nephews: Jaxon and Alex Verke.

> He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents: Gordon and Corinne Erickson; and maternal grandfather, Pete Bobich.

> Arrangements were with Andrews-Libbey Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Grand Rapids.

BETTY LABORDE



Betty Jean LaBorde, 90, of Crosby died on Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby. A Memorial Gathering will

be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Emily City Hall. Burial will be at the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.

She was born on December 4, 1928 in Crosby to Louis and Vera (Gordon) Moritz.

Betty is survived by two sons and daughters-inlaw: Daniel and Jean LaBorde, Anoka; and Patrick and Susan LaBorde, Crosby; two daughters and sons-in-law: Loretta and Kerry Esler, Grand Rapids; and Darlene and Mike Hendrickson, Ironton; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Ray and Janice Moritz; Gene and Marilyn Moritz, all of Crosby; one sister, Marjorie Wheeler of Merrifield and brother-in-law, Tony Stockard of Emily.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clifford; daughter, Kathy Stockard; three grandsons: Luke Stockard, Curtis LaBorde and Patrick LaBorde.

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Two dead after head-on accident

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A head-on crash, involving two vehicles on Hwy. 6 near Black Lake Road, north of Deerwood on Wednesday, March 20, killed a 70-year-old Crosby woman and 54-yearold Crosby man.

The state patrol reported that about 7 a.m. on Hwy. 6 the Chevrolet Malibu, driven by Timothy D. Kruse, 54, Crosby, was traveling westbound and the Chrysler 300, driven by Barbara Jo Blood, 70, Crosby, was traveling eastbound. The Chrysler crossed over the centerline and struck the Chevrolet head on.

In critical condition, Kruse was air-lifted to Hennepin

County Medical Center in Minneapolis, where he died the following day.

Blood was pronounced dead at the scene. Blood's death comes less than a week after her husband, John A. Blood, 73, of Crosby, died March 15 in Zimmerman of an apparent heart attack.

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

ALLIANCE

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

Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30. McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10

Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwv. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Hayden Loven; Sunday Morning Service 10:45

Crosby — Interim Pastor Greg Kalyvas; Worship 10:30 Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45

Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger: SS 9: Worship 10: Kids

Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

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

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com

Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor 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.

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Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

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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

Aitkin - Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE.,

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

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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,

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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.

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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.

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Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun. Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

Crosby —Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682. Crosslake - Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie

Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs;

Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15. Garrison - Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sut-

ton-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.

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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.

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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.

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Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA): Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday

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.

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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

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Cuyuna Range economic revival: food, lodging, tunnel, splash pad and more



Formerly Crosby Super Valu — many decades ago — this building will be the home to Rafferty's Pizza on the ground floor and hotel rooms upstairs.

on Crosby's main street this

summer, Victual is a retail

store that will sell artisan

cheeses, cured meats and

pates (charcuteri); packaged

gourmet foods, specialty dis-

tilled liqueurs and fine wines;

dinnerware, cocktail accesso-

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Rave Creamworks, in the

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flavors of ice cream that is

lactose free. The space will

also feature an outdoor patio

for special events and ample

parking with bicycle racks

Down the street, the Iron

Range Eatery has already

proven a popular spot for

special and everyday meals.

This summer, they will open

a new patio with a fire pit for

A lack of places for moun-

tain bikers and tourists to stay

in the Crosby area has led

to the development of more

The Red Rider Resort, sit-

uated next to the Cuyuna

County Recreation area in

Crosby, has eight cabins

and tent and RV sites on the

Manuel Mine Pit Lake that

evening campfires.

"pontoon party platters" and

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By ANN SCHWARTZ

The first revival on the Cuyuna Range was about 100 years ago when mining brought prosperity to the region. Immigrants from all over Europe came to the Range to work in the mines and the dozens of other businesses that supported the town.

In the 1990s and early 2000s, downtown Crosby and Ironton faded as one business after another closed their doors. Practical department stores and dime stores closed, while new antique and thrift stores started a mini-revival.

Now, with the popularity of mountain biking, tourism, brewed beer, thrift shopping and fine dining, the Cuyuna Range is experiencing a renaissance of development. Here are a few things in store for the near future:

New food coming

Rafferty's Traditional and Woodfired Pizza secured its wine and strong beer license recently from the Crosby City Council and hopes for a May 1 opening on Main Street and 1st Avenue Southwest in downtown Crosby.

The 1900 two-story brick building has been stripped to its brick walls and a second-floor deck lets diners enjoy views of Serpent Lake.

Victual and Rave Creamworks is a new business with two venues. Opening board, fish for rainbow trout, canoe or kayak. There is a short ride down to the access trail connecting to Cuyuna Recreational trails that are open year around for Fat Tire bikes, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Upstairs in the Rafferty's Pizza building, Cuyuna Hospitality will open the Crosby Lofts in May. The eight hotel rooms have in-suite bathrooms and highlight the features of the old building. Lodgers will also use the second floor deck. A secure place to store bikes, lockers and a bike wash are also provided.

The city of Crosby's Memorial Park Campground on Serpent Lake has been improved. This popular campground quickly fills up each summer and there is a sandy beach and boat launch on the lake.

Crosby has a hardware store again. Ace Hardware is open at 5 West 3rd Avenue and stocks paint, lawn and garden, tools and everything you need to fix and repair your home - along with helpful staff.

A Dollar General Store recently opened in Deerwood. And the former Abbey House/Skogmos Department Store building in Crosby was remodeled with all new electrical, plumbing, bathrooms, insulation, paint, vintage features and huge display windows. It is listed on LoopNet. The owner is also renovating a second property on Main Street that will also be available for rent.

Deerwood

The city of Deerwood will be a hopping place this summer. In addition to the new Dollar General, Deerwood Bank is undergoing a complete remodeling with an updated lobby and a pneumatic tube systems installed at the drive-up lanes with monitors for customers to interact with

and deeper. One can paddle- the staff. This building was last project will be let this month remodeled in 1974.

> This summer, when Hwy. 210 between Brainerd and Ironton is under construction, traffic will be detoured through Deerwood to Hwy. 18. A mini roundabout will be built in Deerwood in mid

(March 2019) while the highway will be closed from July 8 to August 28 to construct the tunnel. The detour will follow County Roads 30 and 31. **Health Care**

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center is doing extensive re-



Deerwood Bank in Deerwood is undergoing its first extensive remodeling since 1974. Ann Schwartz photos

June with the highway set to close after the 4th of July. The detour will stay in place until October or November.

The long-awaited Splash Pad fun feature in Deerwood in the park behind the auditorium will be constructed this year. The city council entered into a contract with Vortex. The project is expected to cost \$125,555, of which \$108,500 is already raised. The city will explore Iron Range Resource grants.

Transportation In addition to the reconstruction of Hwy. 210 this summer, the highway will also be reconstructed through the cities of Ironton and Crosby in 2021. A local committee is in place and working on plans for that huge project.

North on Hwy. 6 a tunnel will be drilled underneath for bikers and walkers to stay safe on trails. The pedestrian tunnel will connect the paved Cuyuna Lakes State Trail between Portsmouth Mine Lake and Croft Mine Historical Park in Crosby.

The project is led by the city of Crosby in partnership with MnDOT and MnDNR, and will improve motorist and pedestrian safety, according to MnDOT. The bids for the modeling at the main hospital site in Crosby. According to information from CRMC, the two-year \$13 million project includes a new stateof-the-art outpatient clinic and interior remodeling to expanded orthopedics and pain management services and to house a new spine surgeon.

"To make room for the new clinic expected to open in fall 2020, underutilized areas of the Care Center will be consolidated and the Cancer Care Center and Rehabilitation departments will be relocated for patient convenience," CRMC reported in a news release.

The Care Center's nursing home population continues to decline, with the average daily census falling from 113 to the low 80s. The Care Center will be updated and reorganized to accommodate a future population estimate of 75 beds. Growth in assisted living had led to this decline.

During construction, several services for patients will be moved.

CRMC and GuidePoint are celebrating the opening of their new Breezy Point locations with a Business After Hours social on Tuesday,

April 9, for Chamber of Commerce members from Cuyuna Lakes, Brainerd and Nisswa.

All members are invited to meet staff and tour the new clinic and pharmacy located at 30833 North Star Drive, just across County Road 11 from the Breezy Point Sports Center, from 4:30-6 p.m. Refreshments and beverages will be provided by Breezy Point Resort and everyone will get an outdoors safety and first aid kit. There will also be live entertainment and drawings for door prizes.

The clinic and pharmacy are anchors of the new North Star Center complex named after the Breezy Point North Stars USA Hockey-sanctioned junior ice hockey team being developed on 20 acres by White Birch, Inc.

Services immediately available at CRMC's new clinic include laboratory and diagnostic imaging. Specialty surgery and orthopedic services will also be available on certain days of the month. Future services planned include obstetrics/ gynecology and reflux and heartburn. In addition to medication, GuidePoint will gifts, cards and home décor. Pharmacist Lisa Iverson will staff GuidePoint.

CRMC's \$3 million, 10,000 square-foot facility includes nine exam rooms, a procedure room, laboratory, X-ray room, central nurses' station, registration and welcoming patient area. Dr. Mark Berntson leads the medical staff which also includes nurses, laboratory technologists, phlebotomists, diagnostic imaging technicians and receptionists. Eventually, the clinic will employ 16 staff. The clinic will also be open on Saturday mornings.

While we have covered an exhaustive list of projects and improvement here, no doubt some project or improvement was missed. Hurrah for that as we can do another article in six months about the explosion on the Cuyuna Range.







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If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

KIM MILLER Clerk, Kimberly Township

READER-RIBBETS Collecting supplemental income

The current city council and city crew of Crosby was given

Mayor of Crosby are negligent in job performance.

They're fed biased, partial information from one person who is not paid to think they're supposed to provide all information for the council and mayor to discuss and follow the council and mayor's lawful requests. This one person can abuse their power and place Crosby, the council and mayor at risk.

An example: recently, the

an order to jet a frozen private sewer line (the city sewer had no issue) of a sitting city council person, even if it meant paying overtime. There are multiple photographs of the crew hard at work providing this council person with this special favor

This is consistent with what is wrong with Crosby. The council and mayor are simple retired folks collecting \$500 of supplemental income without

having to perform — just say everything is ok, everyone is doing a great job, let's keep our heads in our third point of contact and don't look, all is well.

The people (who are putting their effort, time, and hardearned money to improve their investments in Crosby) do not deserve to have their efforts thwarted by one person's abuse of power.

The citizens of Crosby must come first. The city council and mayor must return the

government to the people and take control of the city's future.

If they don't want to do the job, get out of office; there are people who will.

Crosby took a positive step last election, they voted for the right person, one that intends to do the job you're paying them to do, and get your government back in your hands.

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ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.

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Aitkin Lions meet on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm at the Aitkin Forty Club restaurant. Call 218-839-

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Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

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

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

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

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.

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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

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Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.

Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal sponsored by AN-GELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

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 Eve 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 9:30am at Aitkin Library, 7:00pm at 112 1st Ave SW - house next to New Life Church. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12 step program fashioned after AA. Not a diet club, no dues or fees or weigh-ins. For more info: OA.org, or call meeting contact Cheryl at 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.

1st - Master Gardener, Jennifer Knutson, will be the featured speaker at the next Cuyuna Range Women's Club meeting at Heartwood Senior Living Community in Crosby. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Guests are encouraged to attend. New members are always welcome. Dues are a bargain at only \$5 per year.

4th - Free Herb Class: Garden to Table, 5:30 -7:00 pm, at Mixed Company 128 West Main Street, Crosby

5th - Sara Thompsen will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Live Well Nightclub and Coffee Bar in the Journey Church, 5459 CR 18 (next to the Nisswa school) www.grassrootsconcerts.org

6th - 18th Annual Cuyuna Range Whitetails Banquet at Hallett Center of Crosby.

9th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning: Self Healing Communities 1:30 pm -3 pm at Heartwood Senior Living. Everyone is welcome, residents of Heartwood are free, non-members \$5.00

16th - The USDA/NRCS Local Work Group Meeting will be held at the USDA Service Center at 130 Southgate Drive in Aitkin from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. This meeting is open to the public. If you have questions about the meeting or would like to attend, please call the USDA/ NRCS office in Aitkin at 218-927-2413 exten-

26th - Peter Mayer will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Live Well Nightclub and Coffee Bar in the Journey Church, 5459 CR 18 (next to the Nisswa school) www.grassrootsconcerts.org

29th - The final Verse Like Water reading of the year will be Pulitzer Prize winning poet Peter Balakian, at noon in the Chalberg Theatre. This event is also free and open to the public.









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