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Mississippi headwaters habitat resource gains protection



Dick and Barb Schuh protected their Mississippi riverfront property from development through a Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) easement. As of March, landowners working through the Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project have protected 13 miles of shoreline through 10 easements and three fee-title acquisitions. "We love nature and we think this is the way the Mississippi should be kept — as natural as possible," Barb said. Photo Credit: Ann Wessel, BWSR

Bobcats turn up on the trail camera. Timber wolves roam here. Deer abound.

Along his secluded stretch of riverfront, Dick Schuh has encountered bears, caught five different species in three hours of fishing off the dock, and watched a massive insect

hatch rise like fog from the Mississippi River.

"This is just pristine, and we'd like to keep it that way," Dick said as he worked on his dock, where the view is all water and trees. The nearest houses are a mile in one direction, a half-mile in

the other.

By protecting more than a half-mile of shoreline and 166 acres from development with a Reinvest in Minnesota easement, Dick and Barb Schuh have preserved the habitat that inspired them to buy the property 11 years

ago. By linking public lands, their easement maintains a high-quality fish and wildlife corridor.

The Crow Wing County property is exactly the sort of critical habitat the Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project aims to protect through RIM easements and fee-title acquisitions. The project draws from three Outdoor Heritage Fund awards totaling more than \$8.5 million.

The eight-county, 400-mile headwaters reach runs from Itasca State Park through Morrison County.

The unbroken tracts vital to fish, mammals, migratory waterfowl and nesting birds also attract anglers, hunters, and people simply seeking seclusion with a water view.

In Crow Wing County, a two-hour drive from the Twin Cities, shoreland properties accounted for 53 percent of the total value of taxes payable in 2018. The county ranked No. 1 in Minnesota for cabin ownership in 2018, as defined by the Minnesota

Department of Revenue as non-commercial, seasonal recreational residential parcels valued at \$10,000 or more. Cass County, which is more than twice the size, ranked No. 2.

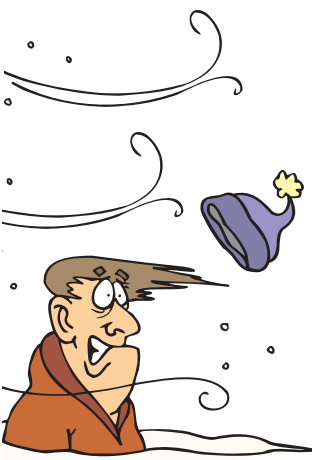
Tim Terrill, the Mississippi Headwaters Board's executive director, has seen the progression: Property owners convert seasonal cabins to year-round residences. Houses pop up — first around the larger lakes, and then the smaller lakes, and then the rivers.

Development breaks up the contiguous habitat so some animals require to hunt, forage, spawn, mate or nest.

"Habitat will fragment way before water quality will degrade. They'll both happen eventually. But the wildlife will (be affected first) because it wants to follow the river," said Dan Steward, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources' forestry management coordinator.

BWSR administers the RIM easements, with ownership

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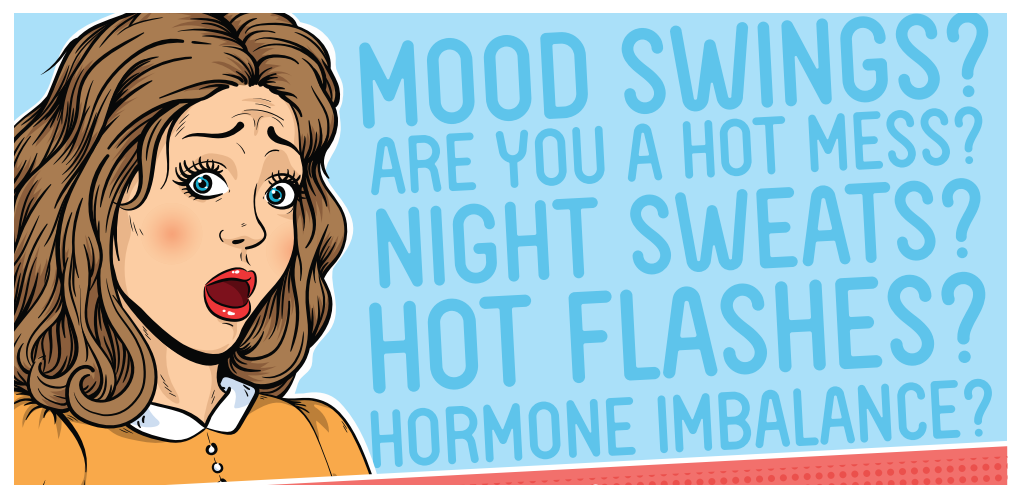
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Getting sappy at Ruttger's Lodge

Participants in the Maple Season Tap Off at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge learned the maple syrup making process, tapped trees, collected sap and enjoyed the fruits of their labor – delicious Sweet Ann's Maple Syrup. Photos are courtesy of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge

Raising funds so grads have a blast

The Aitkin High School class of 2019 has 84 students. The spaghetti night fundraiser held in Aitkin at the Moose Lodge on April 6 was one of several fundraisers run by senior high parents to pay for the Grad Blast. Grad Blast is the night of graduation following the ceremony at Aitkin High School.

Students are locked in all night to give them a safe party

alternative. The theme of the evening remains a mystery but for sure there is fun, good, games and prizes in store.

In addition to the recent spaghetti dinner, the Grad Blast Committee held several bake sales, a pancake breakfast, bean bag tournament and silent auctions. They've also sent letters to community people asking for donations. They've

raised about \$12,000 with the goal of \$20,000.

The next Grad Blast event is a car show on Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. at the Landing and Beartooth Hardware parking lots in south Aitkin. Food and beverages will be for sale. There is an entry fee for the car show. For more information, contact Seth Jacobs at 218-851-6648.



Melissa and Lydia Magnuson sell tickets. Ann Schwartz photos



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Ongoing Events:

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30, Mon. Step Study 7:00pm Open, Tue. Big Book Discussion Meeting 6:30pm Open, Open Meeting 8:00pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9am.

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 pm

Aitkin Lions meet on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm at the Aitkin Forty Club restaurant. Call 218-839-3954 for more info.

Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1st 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.

Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.

Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyan Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295

Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-9271383.

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 218-927-4558.

Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.

Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, 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, 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.

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@mfaf.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

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Food Shelf (Emily) First Wednesday of the month for produce and bakery only, 9:30 - 11:00 am. Third Wednesday distribution 9:30 - 11:00 am, followed by Thursday distribution 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Enter from south door.

Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm

Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.

Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd. This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.

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

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 ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

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

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

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. Aitkin, MN

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 am.

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.

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

April

13th - Poet-Tea Reading at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby 10:30-11:30 a.m. Bring a poem to read. Register at the library by calling 218-546-8005.

13th - Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library Easter Egg Hunt at the George H. Crosby Memorial Park in Crosby, 1-2 p.m. children ages 2-10. Bring a basket. In case of inclement weather, the event will be in the library.

16th - The USDA/NRCS Local Work Group Meeting will be held at the USDA Ser-

vice 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 extension 3.

20th - Lakers Lions Annual Easter Hunt at Emily City Hall for children ages 2-10, 10 a.m. sharp. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring your own bag or basket.

20th - Gymnastic Easter Event at Heartland Dance and Gymnastics in Ironton, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy gymnastics obstacle course, playing games to win prizes and hunting for Easter eggs. This is a free event and open to everyone.

20th - Jaques Annual Meeting in Aitkin at 1:00pm. community is invited.

20th - Hallett Center of Crosby Underwater Easter Egg Hunt, 1-1:30 p.m. Free for children. Collect eggs and choose a prize.

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

26th - 'Stray Cats' Lee Rocker Concert in the Chalberg Theatre on the Brainerd campus of Central Lakes College. at 7:30 p.m. This is a change in venue from Tornstrom Auditorium. Contact the box office at 855-8199.

26th - Taste of the Cuyuna Lakes event at Rutger's. Wine & beer tasting and chef's presentations. Cost is \$50 per person. Call 218-545-8802 for more information and tickets.

26th -28th - Yoga Festival at Rutger's Bay Lake Lodge in Deerwood.

27th - Crappie Flop Fishing Contest Call 218-546-6912 for more information. 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.

May

2nd - Garden Club Of Cuyuna Lakes Free Class Join U of M Master Gardener Coralee Fox at Mixed Company from 5:30 -7:00 pm. There is no charge to attend and reservations are not necessary.

2nd & 3rd - Immanuel Lutheran Church of Crosby Rummage and Bake Sale.

4th - Bay Lake Area Lions Crafts, Cake & Coffee, 10 a.m. - 3p.m. at the Deerwood Auditorium

6th - Cuyuna Range Women's Club Salad Luncheon, noon, Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood.

11th - Deerwood Lakes Lions Mother's Day Tea at the Cascade Methodist Church in Deerwood, noon to 2pm, \$15.00 Call Lion Nancy at 218-831-5683 to make a required reservation.

16th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours at Red Rider, Crosby's newest resort and campground near the Cuyuna Country Recreation Area, 5- 7 p.m. As a courtesy to the host, advanced registration is recommended by calling the Chamber at 218-546-8131.

17th - Pike-A-Palooza at Rutger's Bay Lake Lodge, a catch-and-release Northern Pike Fishing Tournament and Fish Fry. Call 218-678-2885.

31st - June 1 - Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Annual Fishing Challenge. Two-person teams can compete in one of five divisions: pike, walleye, bass, panfish, or the popular mixed bag division at Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake For more info contact Bernie Barringer, Tournament Director at 218-820-8459

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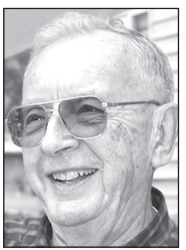
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OBITUARIES

ELDON REEVES



Eldon A. Reeves, 87, of Bay Lake Township, formerly of Bloomington, died on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

Memorial Service will be held Saturday April 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, 21276 Archibald Rd., Deerwood. Visitation begins at 12:00 p.m. Burial will be at the Bay Lake Township Cemetery.

Eldon worked as Controller and Secretary for Toro Credit Company until he retired and moved "up north" with his wife, Lavonn. As a private

pilot and amateur (ham) radio operator, Eldon was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club. He was also active in the community as a member of the Bay Lake Area Lions Club and Salem Lutheran Church.

Eldon is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Lavonn; son, Craig (Colleen); and daughter Renee (Robert) Northway; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents, Arno and Averil Reeves of Windom, MN.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

MARILYN NELSON



Marilyn Joanne Nelson, 87, of Bay Lake Township died on Monday, April 1, 2019, in Crosby.

Marilyn requested no funeral or memorial service, and that any memorials in her honor, may be donated to Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Larry Foote, 23569 435th Ave. Aitkin, MN 56431.

Marilyn was born in Minneapolis on November 6, 1931; to William Ora and Hazel Viola Miller. She grew up in North Minneapolis, in a nice middle-class neighborhood and graduated from North High. She married Eugene L. Nelson, in March 1951, and together raised four children, and shared 56 years, until his death in 2008. She was transplanted with her family, to Carrollton, TX, for 45 years. Having begun her Civil Service

Career in Minneapolis, at the Fort Snelling VA; she continued working in Texas with various Government Agencies. With 21 years of service, the longest being the Department of Defense, Marilyn was awarded "Woman of the Year", by that agency. Although she endured much throughout her life, she remained who she was, and continued on with grace, faith, and love. Our mother lived the words of Mother Teresa, by doing, "small things with great love".

She is survived by her daughter, Gina L. Nelson; son, Stacy R. Nelson; a granddaughter; four great-grandchildren; niece, Susan M. Persons; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Marilyn was preceded in death by, her daughter, Mary Kay Nelson; son, Blair Eugene Nelson; husband Eugene L. Nelson; and sister, Vera J. Persons.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

CHARLES RICH



Charles H. Rich, 72, died on April 1, 2019.

Viewing, and Gathering of Memories were held on Friday, April 12, 2019.

He was born in Aitkin, on April 1, 1947. Charlie served four years in the Navy, and nearly

30 years at Honeywell.

Charlie is survived by his friend, Char; children Lori (Jim), and Ted (Theresa); four grandchildren; brother, Sonny; several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are pending with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. www.srtfuneral.com

ELLEN BOVEE

Ellen Marie Bovee, 66 of Aitkin died Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Saint Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud. Funeral service was on Monday, April 8, 2019 at Glory Baptist Church, Aitkin with Reverend Gary Espeseth officiating. Burial was in Diamond Lake Cemetery.

She was born May 16, 1952 in Aitkin to Melvin and Edna (Copley) Jacobs. She grew up in the Aitkin area and attended the Lone Lake Country School and then Aitkin Public Schools graduating from Aitkin High School in 1970. After graduating high school, she attended North Central Bible College in Minneapolis. Ellen married Duane Lee Bovee on April 1, 1972 at the Assembly of God Church in Aitkin. She was an active member of the Assembly of God in every community that she lived. She owned and operated Queen Fashions clothing store in Woodbury. She also was a business owner as a florist, cake decorator, and catering. She was an accomplished seamstress donating her time hemming, sewing, and tailoring. She did this out of love for those

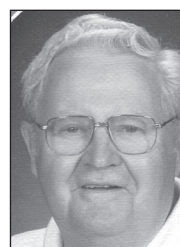
that could not afford or that needed the help. She loved being a mother and grandmother not just to her own family but to their friends as well. Ellen served and loved the Lord all of her life.

Ellen is survived by her husband, Duane Bovee, Aitkin; daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Robb Reiser, Hurlley, MS; son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Angilee Bovee, Durand, WI; daughter-in-law: Melissa Hicks (Joe), Hastings; son, Andrew Bovee, River Falls, WI; 12 grandchildren: Jacob, Joel, JulieAnn, Zachary, Savannah, Michael, Laryssa, Mikayla, Cody, Callie, Rylee, and Sydnee; sisters and brothers-in-law: Lois and Joe; and Ruthie and Emery; many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter; and son Stephen.

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.

GARY ANDERSON



Gary L. Anderson, 83, of Bay Lake Township died on April 2, 2019 at his home.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. He was born on September

15, 1935 in Minneapolis. Gary was a founding member of the New Hope Alcoholics Anonymous. Celebrating 50 plus years of sobriety. He was a member of Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison and the local 633 union. Gary was the creator of the fishing lure display at the Minnesota Fishing Museum in

Little Falls.

Gary is survived by his wife, Gloria; one son, Aaron (Lonna Kovarick) Anderson of Garrison; two daughters, Denise (George) Carlson of Walker and Brenda (Dave) Barnes of Buffalo; a step son, Dennis McNurlan of Richfield, a step daughter, Brenda (Darrel) Bollig of Deerwood; one brother, Gale Anderson of Garrison; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Gary in death are his parents, one son, Curt Anderson and one brother, Gene Anderson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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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 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; hillcityyagchurh@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
Palisade* — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST
Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9 and 10:30, thejourneynorth.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.; fbcbraainerd.com
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchontheviseroad.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., 3 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. 5 p.m.
Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstmelys.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 May-Oct.

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.

EPISCOPAL
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.net
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm
Malmö — 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.

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Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

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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 KKK (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.pobpaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellowship 11, Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www.goodshepherdfreechurch.org
Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.lchchurch.org)
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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 School 9:15.
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.
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 8:45.
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; handicap 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)
Malmö — 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.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 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, Worship 9.
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, Worship 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.
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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.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933

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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.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Hornstad; 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 bks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947
WESLEYAN
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DOROTHY WASSERZIEHER



Dorothy Geraldine Wasserzieher, 85, of Aitkin died in Woodburn, OR on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

A Memorial Service was held in Woodburn.

She was born in Dayton, OH on March 12, 1934, to Stephen and Rose Vegso.



She married Gilbert Wasserzieher on June 8, 1963 in Bath, England. She attended nursing school in Ohio and served as a registered nurse in the U.S. Air Force. She also worked for many years as a nurse in Anchorage, AK. She loved bingo, contests, doll collecting, game shows, Scrabble and

traveling — especially going to Mexico every year for her birthday.

She is survived by her husband, Gilbert Wasserzieher of Aitkin; sons: Bruce Wasserzieher of Fairview Heights, IL; and Paul Wasserzieher of Boston, MA; daughters Beth Tudor of Bakersfield, CA and Karen Anderson of Woodburn, OR; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters and brothers-in-law: Lillian Doughty, Amanda and Ron Mayette; brothers and sisters-in-law: John and Glenna Vegso, Raymond and Sally Vegso, Stephen Vegso, Ed and Joelle Vegso.

She was preceded in death by her sisters: Jane Rowley and Viola Lackey.

Arrangements were with Crown Memorial Center in Oregon.

WILLIAM BELTER



William "Bill" H. Belter, 85, of McGregor died Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the V.A. Medical Center in St. Cloud.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 1 p.m. from Our Saviors Lutheran Church in McGregor where he also served as an elder and also the VFW. He loved to fish and read J.R. Tolkien books. He also quilted with the church ladies.



He is survived by children: Patricia (Jeffrey) Behrens of Brooklyn Center; Jack (Sharon) Denny of Colorado Springs, CO; Shirley (Clyde) Nelsen of Aitkin; Joyce Engel of McGregor; Toney (Linda) Belter of Elko New Market; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Sandra Belter, Tucson, AZ.

He worked as a welder and a supervisor for North Star Concrete. They retired to McGregor in 1990. He worked a time for the Vennex Co. He was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in McGregor where he also served as an elder and also the VFW. He loved to fish and read J.R. Tolkien books. He also quilted with the church ladies.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Lizzie in 2007; two grandchildren and one brother.

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

CINDY NELSON



Cindy Sue (Foote) Nelson, 62, of Crosby died on Friday, April 5, 2019 in her home.

A Celebration of Life was held at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior on Friday, April 12, 2019 at Lifespring Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Luncheon followed. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in honor of Cindy can be made to the Crosby Fire Department Women's Auxiliary.

She was born in Crosby, on August 27, 1956 to Gene and Joan (Raymond) Foote. Cindy married Barry Nelson on December 17, 1976 at the Crosby-Ironton Presbyterian Church in Crosby. She graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School in 1974. She was employed by the City of Crosby from 1990 to 2000 as Police & Fire Dispatcher and served as Clerk/Treasurer

from 2000 to 2011. She was an active member of the Crosby Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, MMFCU Supervisory Committee, Past Honored Queen of Bethel 67 Crosby, member of Evergreen Chapter of Eastern Star Chapter #204 and Woodland Chapter of Eastern Star #122.

Cindy is survived by her husband of 42 years, Barry; two sons and daughters-in-law: Jon and Laura Nelson, Woodbury; Brian and Kendall Nelson, Irondale Township; five grandchildren: Lily, Brenna, Kara, Hannah and Kaleb Nelson; sister and sister-in-law, Julie and Steve Hatzung, Minneapolis; two brothers, Lonny (Jody) Foote of Brooklyn Park, Scott (Lisa Salz) Foote of Plymouth; and mother-in-law Ruby Nelson, Crosby.

Preceding Cindy in death were her parents; sister, Loxie Foote; father-in-law Marlin "Muggs" Nelson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

READER RIBBETS

Tally it up — third time is a charm

In 2011-2012 the Crosby police leadership asked civil charges to be filed on the sitting mayor. The charge was failure to paint their house.

After a tie vote, the motion failed.

The police leadership stated the council was not needed for them to do their job. Instead of a civil charge, the police leadership decided to file a criminal charge. It was dismissed. The judge ruled: the ordinance failed to provide the defendant with fair notice that failure to paint their house was criminal conduct, and the lack of objective standards in the Crosby Public Nuisance Ordinance indicates that the enforcement of the ordinance against the defendant was arbitrary and discriminatory in nature.

In addition, the police leadership tally has two failed wrongful termination lawsuits and five failed attempts to prosecute a second sitting mayor.

Arbitrators found the police leadership: lies, distorts the truth, alters documents, makes three ring binders disappear, conducts flawed, biased, prejudiced investigations.

The police leadership stated they will continue to aggressively prosecute criminals. For that we can be grateful, but they're not prosecuting criminals, they're aggressively creating victims. Investigating and charging sitting mayors or council members is not the role of the Crosby police leadership, outside authorities should. However, outside authorities haven't agreed with

their agenda.

The county attorney states they don't understand— read BMS Case No 17-PA-0260, it's in your office, see judge's ruling above, review the five failed attempts to prosecute the former Mayor, read the NewsHopper— understanding is there.

The honesty and integrity of the police leadership shall forever be called into question, their continued employment has proven to be destructive and expensive.

The current mayor might want to be careful, that position seems to be singled out for prosecution, the third mayor is a charm.

Kelly Avelsgard
Concerned Observer
Deerwood

Bill to offer driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants

House DFL members recently brought forward a bill (H.F. 1500) that would create a special non-compliant driver's licenses and state ID card for undocumented immigrants.

After a lengthy debate, the bill moved out of the House to the Senate on a 74-52 vote. I voted "no" and here are just some reasons why:

Last session, we aligned Minnesota's DMV regulations with the federal Real ID standards, which now allows Minnesota to issue federally compliant Real ID driver's licenses and ID cards. Wording in H.F. 1500 includes:

"A person is not required to demonstrate United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States in order to obtain a noncompliant driver's license or identification card."

Current Minnesota law specifically forbids issuing drivers licenses and ID cards to undocumented immigrants. I do not agree with weakening existing state law regarding disclosure of one's legal status in the United States.

H.F. 1500 also contains special data sharing restrictions on individuals that are issued

a non-complaint license or ID card:

"Subd. 11. Certain data on noncompliant license or identification card; department and agents. (a) The commissioner must not share or disseminate outside of the division of the department administering driver licensing any data on individuals indicating or otherwise having the effect of identifying that the individual applied for, was denied, or was issued a noncompliant driver's license or identification card under section 171.06, subdivision 7.

"(d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, this subdivision prohibits the commissioner and a driver's license agent from sharing or disseminating the data described in paragraphs. (a) to (c) with any entity otherwise authorized to obtain data under subdivision 7, any political subdivision, any state agency as defined in section 171.06, subdivision 7, or any federal entity."

This provision complicates both state and federal law enforcement's ability to deal with individuals possessing a

non-complaint license or ID card. As a U.S. citizen and Minnesota resident, you and I do not enjoy the same data-sharing protections as would an individual in possession of a non-compliant Minnesota driver's license or ID card.

Some say H.F. 1500 will improve public safety by allowing the undocumented to gain a driver's license and buy auto insurance. I think it's wishful thinking that those that have violated our immigration laws and are prohibited by federal law from being employed in the U.S. will automatically purchase auto insurance.

If this bill should reach Gov. Tim Walz's desk, it would turn Minnesota into a full-blown sanctuary state. The good news is, despite its passage in the House, there is no Senate companion bill. We already have enough on our plate with only four working weeks left in this session before we must get our next two-year state budget in place and adjourn.

Enough of these unnecessary distractions.

Representative Dale Lueck
Minnesota House
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remaining in private hands and on the tax rolls. The Trust for Public Land handles fee-title acquisitions, with final ownership by the local county or the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The Mississippi Headwaters Board serves as the project coordinator. Staff from the eight county soil and water conservation districts make initial landowner contacts, and help process RIM easements.

Participation is voluntary;

landowners choose which option to pursue.

So far, landowners working through the MHHCP have protected 13 miles of shoreline and 1,802 acres through 10 easements and three fee-title acquisitions. Nearly 65 percent of the 400-mile-long, 500-foot-wide corridor is protected — mostly through publicly owned local, state or federal land.

MHHCP efforts started with GIS mapping, which showed

parcels with the biggest potential to protect habitat.

GIS mapping initially identified 6,842 privately owned parcels of 20 acres or more — the minimum acreage required — within the eight-county area. Parcels with high-value habitat surrounded by public or protected land scored highest in the ranking system. The screening process left 1,191 priority parcels involving 315 landowners.

Eligible lands may border

the Mississippi River, its major tributaries or reservoirs along the 400-mile stretch.

“The primary purpose of the program — the reason it’s funded by (the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council) — is to protect critical fish and wildlife habitat along the first 400 miles of the river. Whenever you protect habitat, you’re going to get clean-water benefits and vice versa,” said Paula West, Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project coordinator. Migratory waterfowl and neotropical birds rely on the Mississippi River flyway. Downstream cities rely on the Mississippi River as a drinking water source.

“When we protect some habitat along the river, which is the primary goal of the funding, we also are helping protect Minneapolis-St. Paul’s source water. That is by far the state’s largest source water,” Steward said.

Minneapolis’ Water Treatment Distribution Services pumps 21 billion gallons of water from the Mississippi River a year, according to a 2017 public works department report. About 62 percent of it provides drinking water to residents of Minneapolis and surrounding suburbs.

The Mississippi Headwaters Board follows a DNR water-quality guideline that generally applies to lakes: 75 percent of a lake’s watershed should be protected to maintain its quality.

One of the MHB’s greatest successes to date was in a 3,420-acre subwatershed northwest of Crosby, where the amount of protected land has increased from 35 percent to 73 percent over the past few years — primarily through fee-title acquisitions, RIM easements and Sustainable Forest Incentive Act enrollments.

“Moving the needle — what that does is it helps from a water-quality per-

spective, knowing where we should work and where we shouldn’t,” Terrill said.

Recent acquisitions included two in Crow Wing County and one in Aitkin County.

Sheila Boldt works directly with landowners in her Crow Wing SWCD outreach role. She’s noticed the program tends to appeal to landowners for one of two reasons.

“They might have children and they actually don’t want to see part of the property ever developed. So they want it preserved. They don’t want their kids to think about developing,” Boldt said. “Another side is the ones that genuinely are already using the property for just hiking and hunting, and they’ve got forest management already.”

Steward elaborated: “They’re not heading towards development. There are people that are. This doesn’t appeal to them. We appeal to the ones that are not heading there, and really own it for conservation — it might be hunting, it might be just a getaway.”

Plus, West noted, the money can be a good incentive.

The easement option made

sense for the Schuhs, who were seeking hunting land when friends of a friend emailed the riverfront listing. It was more land than they’d planned to buy. But they were captivated by the quiet and the scenery. Riverfront property was less expensive than lakefront property. A nephew purchased part of the land.

Crow Wing SWCD staff approached the Schuhs about the easement.

“We were not planning on building. So if they’re going to pay us not to build — if they want to preserve the area, that’s very much fine with us because we’re never looking to expand or sell off or anything. That was not our goal,” Dick said.

“We love nature and we think this is the way the Mississippi should be kept — as natural as possible,” Barb said.

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Demolition of Aitkin Creamery



The historic Aitkin Creamery building was ordered demolished by the City of Aitkin. Keith Nentl, owner of the building, confirmed he was offered IRRR funds a couple of years ago by the City of Aitkin to help pay for the project, but he refused the public funds and is paying for all expenses out of his own pocket. Nentl has no immediate plans for the site. The Aitkin Depot Museum currently has a display of items from the Aitkin Creamery, which is free and open to the public on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For those who have memories of the Creamery, please submit them to the NewsHopper, PO Box 562, Ironton, MN 56455 or email at hopper@croscopyironton.net. Below: A photograph of the Aitkin Co-Op Creamery Assn. building in 1925.



LEGAL NOTICE

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION PLUS ROAD REVIEW NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Township of Wealthwood in Aitkin County, Minnesota, will meet at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said Township for the year 2019.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the Township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor’s office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization.

The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

Road Review to follow the meeting.

Dated: April 3, 2018
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk
Wealthwood Township
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