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Fire danger high

Despite this spring's wet weather, much of Minnesota is still dry enough to fuel a dangerous wildfire, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

"It's easy to think all of this rain has saturated the ground enough to prevent a wildfire," said Casey McCoy, the DNR's fire prevention supervisor. "But even though the ground may be wet, the reality is grass, leaves, and pine needles dry surprisingly fast and become ideal fuel for a fire."

Until foliage greens up, McCoy urges people not to burn debris piles. Escaped debris fires cause four of every 10 Minnesota wildfires each year. To prevent wildfires due to escaped debris burns, the DNR has issued burning restrictions in 44 counties. Always check the DNR's statewide fire danger and current burning restrictions

web page before burning.

If a debris fire, or any other fire, gets out of control, people should call 911 immediately. Grass fires can be deceptively fast, change direction suddenly, and be challenging to extinguish. Trained firefighting professionals would rather be called in to put out a fire safely than have someone get hurt or lose their life trying to extinguish it themselves.

In the end, prevention is key. People planning to have a campfire this spring should follow Smokey Bear's safety rules:

- Keep flammable material 3 feet away from the fire.
- Attend to the campfire at all times.
- Have a handy source of water ready.
- Stir the ashes and make certain the campfire is completely out before leaving.

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Snapshot: Anglers taking to the lakes for fishing opener 2019



Candy Meyer, Aitkin and Zimmerman, on the dock after returning from fishing on Farm Island Lake. Her husband caught a large northern.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Fishing opener 2019 is in the books as history. Weather held and ice was out in Central Minnesota, despite an earlier-in-the-week snowstorm. May 11 was the first day licensed anglers could

fish for walleye, sauger, trout and northern pike all over the state.

Anglers were allowed to keep one walleye on Lake Mille Lacs this year. New Governor Tim Walz and some lawmakers headed to Albert

Lea, which hosted the Governor's Fishing Opener.

It's estimated that about half a million anglers turned out in sunny, breezy and cool days for opening weekend.

Candy and Chuck Meyer of Zimmerman, who have a cabin in the Aitkin area, tried out Farm Island Lake last Sunday where Chuck hooked a large northern.

After fishing, while Chuck lands the boat, Candy throws balls to their black dog Rex, who was not deterred by the cold weather. He jumps off the dock, fetching balls and holds them carefully above the waterline as he swims to shore.

"This is Rex's favorite part about going fishing – when he gets to take a swim afterward,"

laughs Candy.

In Albert Lea

Thousands took to Fountain Lake in Albert Lea for the Governor's Opener. This is the furthest south this event was ever held.

"We had a perfect day here in Albert Lea and could not have picked a better place to kick off the fishing season in Minnesota," said Governor Walz. "Lt. Governor Flanagan may have caught more fish than me, but I plan to best her at the Pheasant Opener in Austin this fall. Thank you to all the folks in Albert Lea who joined us on the lake and graciously hosted anglers from across the state this weekend."

The Governor also hosted Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, House Speaker

Melissa Hortman, Senate Minority Leader Tom Bakk, and House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt. The lawmakers then had to return to the more serious business of negotiating a state budget and completing the legislative session.

Check out those lakes, riv-

ers and streams as the fishing season has just begun, leading to a summer of fun.

Organizers of the fishing opener said that this is the southernmost location in Minnesota where the Governor's Fishing Opener has ever been held.

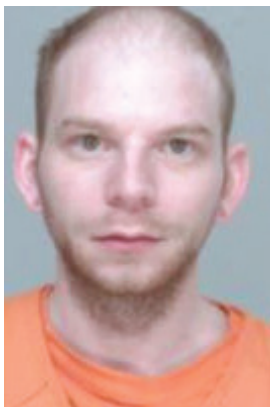


Chuck Meyer of Aitkin and Zimmerman lands his boat on Farm Island Lake. Ann Schwartz photos

Man arrested on drug, weapons charges after FBI investigation

A Breezy Point man faces felony criminal charges following an investigation led by the FBI and Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office.

Nicholas Ronald Wynn, 33, Pelican Township, was arraigned in Crow Wing County District Court



on Friday, May 10 with felony first-degree possession of drugs, felony possession of a firearm or ammunition and felony committing a crime while possessing or wearing a bullet resistant vest.

According to the criminal complaint, the

FBI was investigating Wynn, who is a felon and is not allowed to possess ammunition or weapons. Wynn had been purchasing a number of suspicious items online, including body armor, various chemicals and gun parts.

On Wednesday, May 8, the FBI informed sheriff's investigators that agents intended to take Wynn into custody at the Pequot Lakes Post Office when he arrived to pick up several packages. Wynn was

taken into custody without incident at the post office on Thursday, May 9.

During the investigation, investigators located suspected methamphetamine, items consistent with the manufacturing of methamphetamine, firearms, and bullet resistant equipment. The site of the suspected methamphetamine lab has been processed in Pelican Township and the investigation continues with local and federal law enforcement.

During an interview with FBI agents and Crow Wing County Sheriff's investiga-

tors, Wynn said he had several weapons stored at a separate location and ammunition in his residence. He also said he did think about making a bomb to blow up his father's vehicle, but he didn't want to hurt his father.

Wynn has three prior felony convictions for possession of controlled substances, according to court records. He is being held at the Crow Wing County Jail.

"I am very pleased that Mr. Wynn has been apprehended and that no one, including law enforcement was harmed," Crow Wing County

Sheriff Scott Goddard said in a news release. "The charges are serious in this investigation and I couldn't be more appreciative to our deputies, local police departments and federal agencies involved. I want to reassure the public there is no current threat or danger stemming from this investigation."

Assisting in this investigation was the Breezy Point Police Department, FBI, Brainerd Police Department, Lakes Area Drug Investigative Division (LADID) and Crow Wing County Public Health.

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Unresponsive inmate dies at hospital

Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard reported an inmate, Kobe Eugene Marcel, 18, was found unresponsive inside his cell at the Crow Wing County Jail on Saturday, May 4, at approximately 10:53 p.m.

Deputies and jail staff provided medical assistance at the jail until Marcel was

transported by North Memorial Ambulance to North Memorial Medical Center in Robinsdale, where he was later pronounced deceased.

Kobe Marcell was originally booked into the Crow Wing County Jail on May 1, 2019 for a probation violation warrant after being arrested in Wadena County.

Sheriff Goddard states this case is actively being investigated and his office is awaiting the final autopsy report from the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office. At this time, the sheriff's office is not able to release any more specific information related to this investigation.

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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. 218-927-1383.

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@mfos.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.operationminnesotanic.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 Malmö Evangelical Free Church, Malmö & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmö. 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) Every 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 (now called WW) meets at Hallett Center in Crosby every Wednesday at 5:45 pm. 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.

May

19th - Aitkin County Toolin' motorcycle tour for Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Butler Building in Aitkin.

23rd—Happy Hour for a Cause—Cuyuna Brewing Company to benefit Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network, 5-7 p.m. \$15 per person includes appetizers provided by Iron Range Eatery and beer sampling. Call 218-545-1166

23rd - Crow Wing County Genealogical Society meeting at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd. Research and social time will begin at 6 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. followed by the program. Our guest speaker will be John Erickson talking on local histories and stories. Any questions call: 828-9178 or 851-4819.

25th - Plant sale at the lower level of Northland Arboretum 9 a.m.- noon. Buy perennials, annuals, native plants, shrubs, red wiggler worms and garden treasures. Sponsored by Brainerd Garden Club, Crow Wing Master Gardeners and Garden Volunteers at Northland Arboretum. For more info call 218-829-8770

25th - Crow Wing County Genealogy Society Meeting at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd, 6 - 8 p.m. This meeting is for research and as a social gathering open to the public. Several members will be present to assist you. Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome to attend. Any questions call 218-828-9178 or 218-851-4819.

29th - Aug. 28th - Summer Storytime in Isle Preschool

children and their caregivers are invited to celebrate summer with stories and creative activities during on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at East Central Regional Library Mille Lacs in Isle. Storytime is recommended for ages 3-5; siblings are welcome. No registration is necessary.

31st - June 1 - Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Annual Fishing Challenge.

Golf tournament and picnic canceled

Ruttger's Rivals for Reading Charity Golf Tournament and Community Picnic scheduled for Sunday, May 19 has been canceled due to low registration.

Ruttger's will continue to search for ways to support

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If you have any questions, call Dave McMillan at 218-678-4632.

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Digestion upsetting you?

Tax season tends to be a time many of us get an upset tummy, because the outcome seems so unpredictable. For some, though, this upset digestive state is their day-in and day-out experience. Many turn to antacids, while others up the ante and use prescription medications for temporary relief. The bad news with this is that this can actually make the situation worse. Thoughtfully going through the entire digestive system can not only shed light on how well each process is working, but can uncover the underlying cause(s) that are driving the digestive issues.

Your digestive system is an intricate and intertwined series of actions and reactions. Although chewing technically starts the digestive process, we'll start in the stomach. The stomach produces hydrogen chloride (HCl) to help kill invaders that ride along in our food. We also need the HCl, along with vitamin C, to digest the Heme in our meats and veggies. The Heme helps with carrying oxygen in our blood. Lower the HCl and you can lower blood oxygen, leaving you to feel anemic. Also, H. Pylori is one of the invaders that contributes to ulcers. With inadequate HCl, it's no wonder your stomach can get irritated.

Next in line is the small intestine. The small intestine gets enzymes (chemicals that speed up digestive processes) from the pancreas and bile salts from the liver. Both of these contributing organs need to function well for the process to continue optimally. Together, this helps with breaking down and digesting our food. There is also a massive number intestinal flora (good bacteria and some bad ones too!). These help with protecting the lining of the intestinal tract, help with processing vitamins, and function as part of our immunity. The largest stores of the brain chemical Serotonin are in the intestinal tract. Ingesting chemicals in our food, taking medications, and poor diet can all

destroy this balance and create life-altering problems. I find that some of the most misunderstood and undiagnosed digestive issues occur in the small intestine.

After passing through an important one-way doorway called the ileocecal valve (ICV), we enter the large intestine. The large intestine has some continued digestive duties including pulling water out of the remaining mix. Irritable Bowel Syndrome occurs here. The wall of the large intestine break down and the body takes in bigger food particles than it should. The body is seriously affected by this and can unnecessarily cause years of pain and embarrassment for those that suffer with this.

Having chronic and long-term digestive issues can also cause nerve death in some of the nerves that supply the digestive tract. There is a wide array of symptoms this can cause. If this occurs, it takes highly specialized testing and natural treatments to restore this.

With this in mind, taking care of this system you can't see, but can certainly feel can seem like a lot to... well... chew on!



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Crow Wing County appoints Flowers as new Veterans Service Officer

Crow Wing County announces the appointment of Erik Flowers as the new Veterans Service Officer (VSO) to begin on June 1. Flowers started working at Crow Wing County in 2007 as a Correctional Officer and was promoted to Sergeant at the Crow Wing County Jail in 2009. Flowers has 10 years of military service with the Minnesota

Army National Guard—682nd Engineer Battalion where he specialized in Human Resources by preparing and monitoring all administrative processes for his unit and others. He was also given special assignments in the Recruitment and Sustainment Program to prepare new recruits for basic and Advanced Individual Training (AIT). During his

deployment, Kosovo Force (KFOR-5) mission in 2003-04, Operations Joint Guardian, he held several special assignments. One most dear to him was his activities with the Chaplain and helping soldiers through some of the most difficult times in their lives. "I have a passion and commitment to the service of others and I am honored to be able to

serve our veterans, their families and dependents. It is a goal that every veteran we serve gets the help they need in their daily lives," said newly appoint Veterans Service Officer Erik Flowers. "Our commitment and service will not stop when paperwork has been filed on a claim. We will continue to build collaborative working partnerships in the area so we

can work together to best serve those that served their country." The goal of the VSO position is to assist veterans in accessing benefits from the VA that they have earned by their service. The position promotes and protects the rights of veterans and their families through education, communication and technology. "Serving our veterans is extremely important to our county. We are so pleased to have Erik leading the services and outreach as the County's Veterans Service Officer", said County Board Chair, Rosemary Franzen. "As the MN guard takes great pride in shaping Minnesota's history, in supporting federal and state objectives, Crow Wing County is also very proud of how the Veterans Services team has demonstrated their commitment to providing professional service to veterans and their families. We are thrilled to have Erik lead the team."

Flowers has a BS in Business Management from Southwest State University in Marshall, Minnesota. Flowers has been a volunteer with the Brainerd Fire Department since 2016. Flowers replaces Veterans Service Officer Bob Nelson who retires May 31. Nelson served Veterans for 21 years. He was VSO in Aitkin County for nine years before working with veterans in Crow Wing County beginning in 2007.



Erik Flowers was appointed the new Crow Wing County Veterans Service Officer at the County Board Meeting on May 14. Flowers will begin on June 1.

Public invited to groundbreaking ceremonies

Brainerd Public Schools have been planning and preparing to build new and improved educational spaces for our students. Now that the ground has thawed, they

are ready to take the planning and designing they have done on paper for the last year and begin building the facilities of their future. You are invited to join in

celebrating the breaking of ground on the first three elementary school projects. • Baxter Elementary School on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. on the site of the new school

• Harrison Elementary School on Wednesday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m. on the school grounds

• Nisswa Elementary School on Thursday, May 23 at 9:30 a.m. on the school grounds. The celebrations will include students, staff and friends sharing their excitement for the new learning facilities before they gather to officially break ground on the project.

If the weather is poor, the celebrations at Harrison and Nisswa will move into their gymnasiums, and the Baxter celebration will move to Friday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m.

To reach the Baxter site, go south on Ironwood Drive at the roundabout on Highland Scenic Road just west of Highway 371. Watch for the signs to turn right off of Ironwood Drive onto the grassy road that will become Jasperwood Drive. When you arrive, you will see the stage, podium and chairs. At the end of the celebration, you will continue south on the future Jasperwood Drive and exit the site onto Mapleton Road.

Sheriff reports increase in telephone scams

Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard reports an increase in recent telephone scams where the caller indicates they are from law enforcement. The callers will indicate the person has warrants, unpaid fines or failed to report for jury duty.

They were instructed to buy gift cards and to send these to the caller in exchange for not being arrested," Sheriff Goddard said. "These subjects are counting on persuading you through fear and intimidation and no one should ever pay a debt to any government entity, particularly law enforcement, via gift cards."

The Sheriff added "when in doubt, hang up and call the agency directly by looking up their telephone number yourself."

Sheriff Goddard wants to remind the community that any calls like these are not legitimate and should be reported to your local law enforcement. "We are seeing an increase in calls from citizens reporting

LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., May 18, 2019)
CITY OF TROMMALD COUNTY OF CROW WING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission of the City of Trommald will hold a public hearing at a regular meeting on Wednesday May 29th, 2019 at 6:00 PM at City Hall located at 18105 Whitetail St., Trommald, MN 56441. The purpose is to hear from the public, consider and to make a recommendation regarding the proposed amend-

ments to the Ordinance. This amendment includes comprehensive modifications to the ordinance. Proposed changes will update the definitions, general provisions, zoning district provisions, performance standards, special provisions, subdivisions, and administration sections. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing or submit written comments to the city zoning administrator at city hall. A copy of the proposed amendments can be reviewed prior to the meeting at city hall by request of the city clerk.

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Parcel #1 Legal Description, West 1/2 of NE NE Lot 1 (30 Acres) PID part of 01-0-011700, **Parcel #2** Legal Description, (NW NE) LOT 2 LESS N 300 FT OF E 363 FT and W 1/2 OF LOT 3 (87 acres) PID 01-0-011801 and 01-0-011900 Township 47 Range 27 Section 8 of Aitkin County

PERSONAL PROPERTY
FARM MACHINERY & RELATED: Ford Dextra Diesel tractor 31 HP 16.9-24 tires, Massey Ferguson V10 10 wheel hay rake (like new), Custom built ATV round bale hauler, ATV Logrite log arch, John Deere tandem 10' hydraulic disk, (2) Custom built wood hauling trailers, Smaller size running gear, Pull behind ATV seeder, **LIVESTOCK:** (25) Head of Irish Dexter Cattle Non Registered Grass Feed w/No Antibiotics Ear Tagged Named, Red, Black & Dunn colors Bull is a Red. This is a great herd of cattle very docile and manageable size. (some will be cow calf pairs at time of Auction) **FARM SUPPLIES & RELATED:** (14) 6x10 Custom built chicken tractors, (2) 8x8 Chicken tractors, (2) 8x12 Chicken Tractors, 25-30 assorted cattle panels, (2) 3'x8' Custom built chicken brooders, 2'x6' Hobby style brooder, 2'x5' Hobby style brooder, Approximately 200 step in peg tail posts, Livestock waterer's, (10) Chicken transport cages, (2) Hog feeders, Hog medicator/ waterer, (2) Hogmaster feeders, 4-5 Rolls of portable goat fencing, 6500' of 1" Poly HDPE 200 PSI water line, pasture couplers, quick couplers, to be removed by buyers (pending sale of land), Approximately 4.5 miles of two strand fencing high tensile mule system (pending sale of land), (2) Horizontal bee hives, Large vertical tomato cages, Chain link fence & misc. barbwire, **HIGH TUNNEL:** 2012 Farm Tek 30x72 high tunnel w/ 1 year old top, **VEHICLE:** 2005 GMC Sonoma extended cab pickup 4WD approximately 150,000 miles, no brakes, needs heater fan **ATV:** 2001 Bombardier Traxter 4x4 4 wheeler 220 miles, **BOAT PACKAGE:** 1991 Lund Barron 21' w/ 4.3 Chevy Alpha 1 Merc on tandem axle trailer and cover, **LAWN & GARDEN:** Husqvarna riding lawn tractor 24 HP 48" cut with bagger system YTH24K48, Craftsman riding lawn tractor, Swisher 44" brush mower, Temco Pull behind lawn sprayer, Simplicity walk behind snowblower, **ITEMS OF INTEREST:** 2008 Hardy Manufacturing wood fired hot water heater model H5-1-07ser. 47703, Garage Freezer (2) Upright (2) chest style, Delaval Collectible cream separator, 7x10 custom built shed partially insulated originally designed to be a sauna (to be moved by buyer), Upright 2 door refrigeration unit glass doors, Misc. garden hose, Misc. Lumber & related, Collectible wooden 9 pane windows, 3 bay stainless sink, Insulated dog house, Curio Cabinet, Dry Sink along with other household & related items

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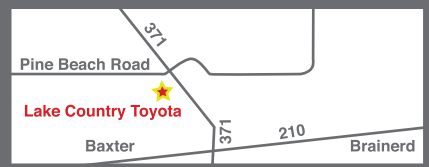
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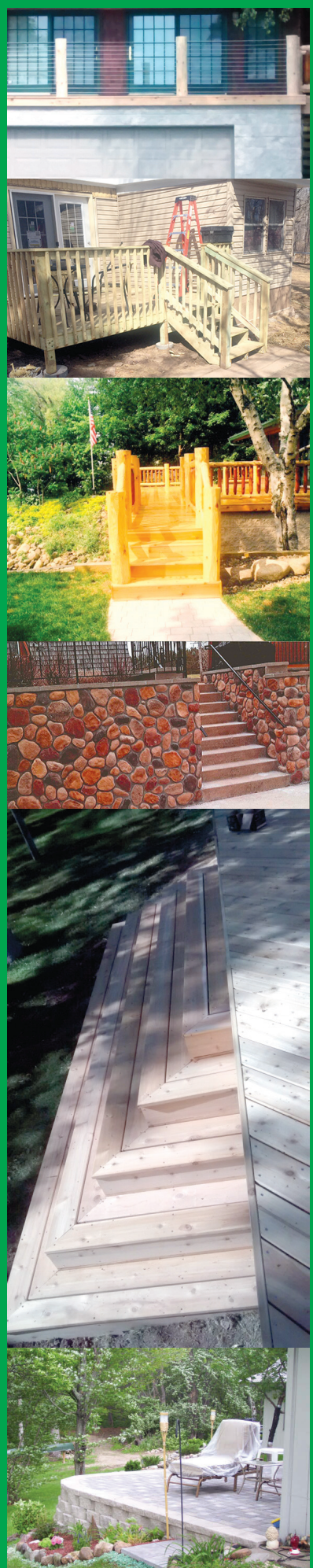
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