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### Fire danger high

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

Despite this spring's wet 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.

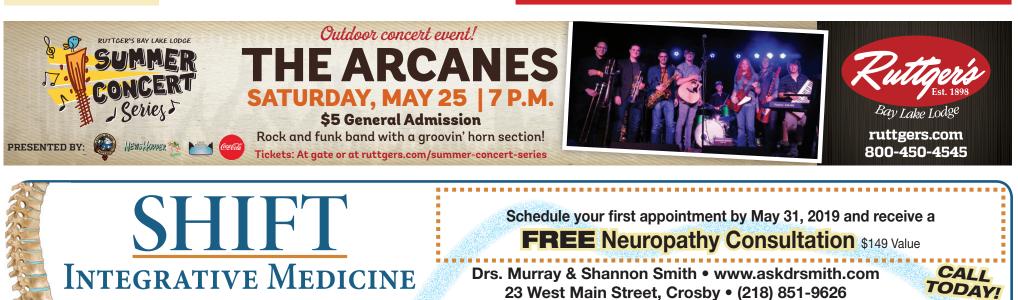
In the end, prevention is key. People planning to have a campfire this spring should follow Smokey Bear's safety rules:

• 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 the criminal complaint, the



According to

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 investigators, 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 felo-

ny 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 Marcell was transported by North Memorial Ambulance to North Memorial Medical Center in Robinsdale, where he was later pronounced deceased. Kobe Marcell was origi-

nally 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 1 st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting
- Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!
- Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.
- American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m.
- Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm
- "Ask an Attorney", Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 4th Tues. of month at noon.
- Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.
- 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 Weslayson Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295
- Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-9271383.
- Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.
- Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 or Roxy 218-927-4558.
- 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,

only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org

- Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402
- Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org
- 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 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 Eye Care Center in Aitkin.

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 (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 Causeat Cuyuna Brew-ing 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.

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 call Dave search for ways to support 678-4632.

the reading programs at Rippleside Elementary School in Aitkin and Cuyuna Range Elementary School in Crosby-Ironton.

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

### askdrsmith.com featuring Dr. Murray Smith Digestion upsetting you?

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

Tax season tends to be time many of us get an pset tummy, because the utcome seems so unpreictable. For some, though, is upset digestive state is neir day-in and day-out taken tends to be 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 longterm digestive issues can also cause nerve death in some 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

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- 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

- 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

- 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

can seem like a lot to... well... chew on!



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# OBITUARIES

### **GORDON GRUHLKE**



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Palisade died Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service with Rev. William Sass officiating. In-

terment will be at a later date in the Waukenabo Cemetery.

Gordon was born February 29, 1952 at Aitkin to Richard and Ruby (Johnson) Gruhlke. He grew up in the Palisade area and attended the Waukenabo School and then the Aitkin Schools graduating in 1970 from the Aitkin High School. He then attended the Anoka Vo-Tech studying Small Engine Repair. He worked for a time in the twin cities for Bob Kirk Oil delivering fuel oil and also for a Marine sales and service company. He moved

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Gordon Lee Gruhlke, 67, of to Aitkin and had worked for the Kosbau Brothers and then for MacDonald Wold and also Nelson Trucking. In 1979, he bought the family dairy farm near Palisade and operated that for almost 20 years. During that time, he also worked various odd jobs. In 2000, he started his own company, Gruhlke Trucking and did that full time until 2009, when he cut back due to health issues. He had served on the AMPI Board for many years, loved to watch westerns, being on his tractors, gardening and enjoyed fishing. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children: Jeremiah Gruhlke, Palisade; Stephen (Amanda) Gruhlke, Aitkin; daughter-in-law, Kimberlee Gruhlke; four grandchildren: Kendra, Kaelynn, Alan and Tyler; brothers and sisters-in-law: Leroy and Carol Gruhlke, Cohasset; Thomas and Cindy Gruhlke, Dassel; Roger and Beverly Gruhlke, Burnsville; Raymond and Cheryl Gruhlke, Palmdale; Ellen Gruhlke, Aitkin; sisters and

brothers-in-law: Donna and Kenneth Siebert, Virginia; Susan and Dale Anderson, Grand Rapids; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Alan Gruhlke.

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.



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96, of Crosby died on Friday, May 10, 2019 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 17,

2019 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Askov on Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. Memorials are preferred to the Immanuel Lutheran Church

in Crosby. She was born in Groningen, MN on March 3, 1923, to Arthur and Hattie (Barnik) Haglin. Gladys was employed at Land-O-Lakes in Aitkin from 1968 - 1970. From 1971-1988 she was employed at the Crosby Care Center in housekeeping. She retired from the Crosby Care

> Roger Leroy Nelson, 81, of Aitkin, took his last ride on the Northern Pacific Railroad on

Saturday, May 4, 2019. A celebration of Roger's life was held Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Nelson Family Farm, 37667 State Highway 47, Aitkin.

He was born October 8, 1937 in Minneapolis to Albert and Louise (Ringstrom) Nelson. Roger was

on September 8, 1961 in Minneapolis. Roger is a Veteran of The United States Army and served from 1960 to 1966. Roger enjoyed model trains and photography. He was a member of Aitkin

#### **GLADYS RASMUSSEN-KING** Gladvs D. Rasmussen-King,

Center in 1988. She was a member of the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post Auxiliary #557 of Deerwood and the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby for over 60 years.

Gladvs is survived by her sons and daughtersin-law: Erling and Patricia Rasmussen and Dennis and Bonnie Rasmussen; six grandchildren: Lori (Chad) Murray, Traci (Kelly) Myers, Shane Rasmussen, Mark (Melany Wynn) Rasmussen, Jane (Brad) Holmvig, Jean (Bill Sacks) Barber; 14 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Marcella Johnson.

Preceding Gladys in death are her parents; first husband, Erling Rasmussen; second husband, Ray King; brothers: Clarence, Harland, Arthur "Bud" and Wallace Haglin; and sister, Lucille Haglin.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

### ROGER NELSON

American Legion Post #86 as well as Pioneers. Roger is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Anne; daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Scott Hruby, Savage; two sons and daughters-inlaw: Lawrence and Karen Nelson, Burnsville; and Todd and Jennifer Nelson, Naples, FL; six grandchildren: Coty, Samantha, Tessa, Jared, Alexander and Nicholas; expected great grandchild, Aevery; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Roger is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Wayne and James; sister-in-law, Paula Snyder.

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.

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#### 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, 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

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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.

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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

service. Sun. service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9am on Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9:30am- 5pm

Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.

Baxter - Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.popbaxter.org

Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9 Worshin 10 coffee fellowshin 11

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

married to Anne Emily Vorlander

- Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@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. 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. 5 p.m.
- 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.

- 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
- 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.

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- 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.

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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; handicapped accessible.
- Isle Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
- Isle Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.
- Jacobson Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
- Lake Shore Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by
- fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st
- & 3rd Sun. McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.;
- SS 10; Worship 11.

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- 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

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Crosby - Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

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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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Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.

Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship

Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30;

McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship

Onamia - Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship

Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time

10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9

fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.

Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10

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### HENRIETTA BOYER



Henrietta Frances (Koepke) Gallatin Boyer, 101 of Aitkin died Sunday, May 12, 2019 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

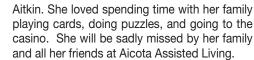
Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019 at Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin with

Father David Forsman officiating. Burial was in Saint Thomas Cemetery, Aitkin.

She was born October 24, 1917 in Jordan, MN to August and Catherine (Dols) Koepke. She married to Glen John Gallatin on June 16, 1936 in Carver, MN. They raised their family in Saint Paul before retiring to the Aitkin area in 1973. Glen died on June 1, 1978. She met Robert Boyer and they were married on September 28, 1979 in

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Henrietta is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: James and Brenda Lee Gallatin, Lacey, WA; Richard and Linda Gallatin, Lindstrom, MN: Michael and Marianne Gallatin, Forest Lake, MN; William and Jenellen Gallatin, Livermore, CO; John and Kathy Gallatin, Aitkin; daughter and son-in-law: Kathleen and Dan Phipps, Bovey; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

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.

times to prosecute a second mayor. The chief initiated or participated in actions that brought a potential lawsuit which could be the first of many

> The Crosby chief of police has humiliated the community with their egregious acts exposed by arbitrators, judges, jurors.

Two former Crosby mayors

and one twice-fired police offi-

cer, have the courage, intestinal

fortitude, and integrity, to fight

for their honor, reputations,

The Crosby police chief filed

criminal charges against a

former mayor for not painting

their house and failed seven

and pride.

The mayors of Deerwood

and Ironton met with the Crosby mayor and the chief of police to address the actions of the chief by filing five or more frivolous, unfounded complaints against a former officer.

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The Crosby mayor was not able to comprehend the seriousness of the situation. The chief's actions have been calculated, deliberate, malicious, blatant attacks upon innocent people, the chief's honesty and integrity shall forever be called into question, their continued employment has been destructive. The evidence of arbitrators, judges, and jurors, which carry more weight than opinions or letters to the editor, should bring any intelligent person to the conclusion, the

Stand up and fight for termination chief needs to be fired.

> If defending the chief was plausible, they would be defended. To do so, is irresponsible, embarrassing, and idiotic. What one thinks doesn't matter, what was proven does.

> Brave people resign when they realize they're part of the problem and fixing it is a larger problem, cowards stay and fight to cover their tracks, perpetuate the problem and defend their despicable behavior. The City of Crosby should stand up and fight, fight for the immediate resignation or termination of the chief of police.

Kelly Avelsgard **Concerned Observer** Deerwood

### Council member Cash calls out City of Crosby Council for cloud of vagueness Crosby Council member Cash doesn't consent to Consent Agenda

After approving the agenda at the May 13 City of Crosby Council, Mayor Bob Novak called to approve item number four the Consent Agenda. Council member Diane Cash, raised a question about the LETG for Law Enforcement Technology Group, Inc. software. payment. Cash wanted to know, if this charger was new this year. Police Chief Kim Coughlin said no the \$4,850 is either a yearly or semi yearly fee payable to Crow Wing County. Without any documents in front of her, Coughlin stated that the charge is usually in the fall, but they have changed that. Also she recalled it was normally more than that about \$10, 00 a year.

Cash brought up the next claim payable on May 30 for about \$7,000 to Waste Management for recycling. This included over \$3,500 in contamination fees. Contamination of recycled materials happens when plastic bags, food waste are not cleaned off and other non-recyclable material are present in the recycling containers.

Novak asked what she was recommending?

Novak responded, "Okay, that could be done. But the claims and the dollar amount is in the packet and the amount. "

Cash responded, "But the last four meetings, they've changed. There's two claims now: a final and a preliminary."

Novak stated, "Correct." Cash continued, "And on April 8, there was a final that I can't find a copy of. And that's why I feel more comfortable, if from an auditing standpoint, if we read the dollar amount in. Then it can't be changed."

Then Cash spoke about the minutes and concerns about the Highway 6 Tunnel Project north of Crosby.

Cash said, "I have been watching the Highway 6 Project extensively for 18 months now, and I don't find anything in our minutes or in the newspaper that tells the citizens that they're paying the \$197,000 in engineering fees. And I was wondering, if there's some policy that we aren't doing that or why that's not showing up anywhere? Do we have an obligation to tell the residents what we're spending? Because it's not in this minutes and I really hope when Phil [Martin, City Engineer] had the final budget breakdown of who is paying what, that, that would have shown up in either the minutes or the newspaper. Does anvone else feel uncomfortable with not telling the residents what it's costing?"

the dollar amount, but not the dollar amount."

Novak replied, "Well um, I don't think we spell out every project that we do along the way."

Cash added, "This isn't a small dollar amount and I feel uncomfortable. When I ran for office I promised the taxpayers I'd be transparent."

Traylor said, "The engineering fees aren't going to be accumulated until the end of the project."

Cash said, "But Phil [Martin, City Engineer] had a really good idea of what they were on there. What he listed at the 197, [thousand]) it could be approximately \$197,[thousand].

Novak, "We approved the amount initially that we were going to contribute for engineering fees."

Cash said, "You approved \$9,800."

Novak responded, "Could I finish?"

Cash replied, "Yes, please sorry."

Novak continued, "We approved the amount initially, but we said there would be ongoing fees that would be connected with that. And

the cost would be charged accordingly.

Novak ended the discussion saying, "Just so there isn't any doubt cast over this, this was not an example of the city taking care of a council member's problem. This had happened before, long before. As Jim said, it wasn't recorded. When the problem occurred it was brought to my attention and I agreed that we could go ahead and fix the problem — have the city take care of the problem. And then we would look at the situation and decide if it had indeed had been a city line or if it was Ron's line. And if it was Ron's line, there was also an agreement that he would pay for it, after the work was done. And that was done before anybody did anything to the line. So I don't want anybody to cast dispersions toward Ron or toward the city council. That we're acting to help out a member of the city council, because that's not what was going on here. It was unfortunately sloppy record keeping going back to what ever year that was."

The City Council approved the city assuming the responSerpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District force main relocation at the Highway 6 Tunnel Project site. The bids for the force main relocation are to be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 20 at City Hall in Ironton.

The council unanimously approved accepting the donation of a Park Bench in Memory of Jeff Stirewalt who died September 7, 2018, as a result of a motorcycle accident near Pequot Lakes.

The council unanimously approved Optum for Renew Active by UnitedHealthCare to provide membership opportunities agreement with the Hallett Center pending any revisions.

The council unanimously approved the Hallett Center Membership Agreement with no changes for reprinting.

Police Chief Kim Coughlin announced they have purchased a male Malawa dog for the K-9 Unit and named him "Ragnar". He is scheduled to be trained for tracking people and drugs by the end of June. Officer Mike Davis has been chosen and will be partnering with Ragnar. A new police car will likely be no longer have the contract. He also said they cancel right away and redirect to Deerwood Fire Department. He was also looking at discussing with the finance committee a ladder truck on May 22.

Council member Robyn Wolfe asked about tearing down the building located behind the Crosby Post Office, since it had burned last winter. DeCent indicated Tom Antonsen was checking for hazardous materials before demolition could start.

Hallett Center General Manager Amber Moon said they have started their Summer hours and the pool is open again.

Head Librarian Abby Smith talked about the Easter Egg Hunt and other topics from the library.

Working Foreman Adolph Rono spoke with Novak about pot hole priorities. Novak asked how many man hours they are putting against it. Rono said there are two men for two half days per week working on the pot holes, since they have other things to do and that was the most time available without additional staff.



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Cash said there is about a 16% fee that is not required by the State that needs to be discussed and renegotiated. Novak indicated the contract allowed them to add a contamination fee. The questions was posed to City Attorney Joe Langel who said without reading the contract it would be difficult to determine. Cash expressed concerns of going over budget without backup funding for the additional fees. It was decided to pay the bill.

Then Cash said, "There was a revised claims report on April 8. And the way we do the Consent Agenda, we're not spelling out claims in the amount of x number of dollars. So there's no way to tell what claims report we're voting on and I would like to request that the mayor reads in the dollar amount of the claims we are approving, so we know which one we are approving."

Council member Jim Traylor said, "It's got to show up somewhere."

Novak said, "It's definitely, it's definitely in the minutes, because we've discussed it publicly."

Cash responded, "it's not in these minutes that are printed on the website. It's not in the minutes we have to vote to approve. And it's not in any of the minutes of the last few months."

Novak then said, "It is in the minutes that we vote to approve. Because we've approved..."

Cash interrupted, "But not

we did not spell out each individual amount. And then we got IRRRB money to help offset part of it. So I don't think bringing this up on the consent agenda right now is the appropriate thing to do, Diane."

Cash said, "Well, I have a problem approving the minutes without."

Novak interrupted, "Well, then vote no."

The vote was four in favor approving the consent agenda and Cash voted no.

There was no public comments again.

Discussion then turned to Council member Ron Prushek sewer line, that was installed in his new home in 1995 — running a four inch line for part and a six inch line for approximately 146 feet to the city man hole. This past winter the City Crew was ordered to jet the line and depending on if it was the city's portion or Prushek's sibility and ownership of the sewer line with a vote of three in favor, Cash voted against and Prushek abstained from the vote

The council unanimously approved making application for and accepting funds from IRRRB grant. If awarded on May 21, the funds would match funds spent for the purchased and outfitted to transport the K-9 Unit team.

Fire Chief Jay DeCent talked about two calls last month-a grass fire on Highway 6 and Yawkey Road; and a car accident on Rocoa Road. DeCent also said they are still getting a majority of the calls from Irondale Township, even though they

Discussion turned to the status of a building with chimney that is falling apart. It was suggested the repairs and/or removal would be happening soon.

Traylor talked about new signs for the recycling bins to help people identify correctly items that can and cannot be recycled.

# Level three offender living in area

Known level three predatory offender, Christopher Eugene Wheeler, 41, was released on March 12 and will be living at a residence in the vicinity of Wise Road and Gregory Way in rural Brainerd.

According to a Notification of Release Fact Sheet, Wheeler is 5 feet 5 inches tall, 174 lbs, with brown hair and brown eyes. He has a history of sexual conduct with female children and teens. The offender was known to his victims.

"My office has an aggressive monitoring system in place to help ensure public safety from

predatory offenders," Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard said. "Mr. Wheeler has served his sentence imposed on them by court

and he is transitioning into the community. The law prohibits specific information on where predatory offenders reside, work or attend school. We don't want to cause any fear in the public but desire to create awareness. I would ask that the public report any suspicious activity or people to law enforcement."

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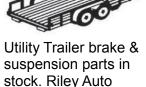
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### **Crow Wing County appoints Flowers as new Veterans Service Officer**

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



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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.

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.

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### Sheriff reports increase in telephone scams

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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 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 celebrating the breaking of Baxter Elementary School on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. on the site of the new school

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

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If the weather is poor, the celebrations at Harrison and Nisswa will move into their gymnasiums, and the Baxter celebration will move to Fri-

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., May 18, 2019) **CITY OF TROMMALD** 

#### **COUNTY OF CROW WING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMEND-MENTS TO THE ZON-ING AND SUBDIVISION** ORDINANCE

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