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### **RECOVERY** Worship Service Sat., July 6 • 5 p.m. **Cascade United**

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### CWC Attorney Ryan answers criticisms on Hunter trials

Crow Wing County Attorney Don Ryan held a press briefing at 2 p.m. on Tuesday June 18. Invited were local news media representatives from the Brainerd Dispatch, Crosby Ironton Courier and NewsHopper. Each representative was given the discovery material from all of the former Crosby Mayor James Hunter charged cases. All five charges were tried separately and were either found not guilty in a jury trial or dismissed.

Ryan spoke about information that was presented in a radio interview by Station Manager Tom Martin with Hunter and his attorney, Ed Shaw. The interview was held between 8 and 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11 during the Community Connection program on Skeeter 101.5 FM and KKIN 94.3 FM. [Go to the NewsHopper website www. NewsHopper.net to hear the

full radio interview.1

Ryan had heard that the interview made claims that Crow Wing County spent tens of thousands of dollars pursuing charges against Hunter. Ryan estimated \$2,000 was spent for the three cases prosecuted, \$400 per case not including the actual employee time which are not accounted for on a case specific basis.

Rvan then referencing the Hunter/Shaw radio interview with the accusation that if an outside agency had done the investigation they would not have found probable cause to proceed.

During the radio interview, Shaw said, "For Crosby, it's clear they had an agenda. Mr. Hunter was saying things they didn't want to hear and they wanted him out. And they knew .... that no outside agency was going to run with it. Because these charges are frankly bogus... And if they

handed it off to an agency that didn't have an agenda, the Crow Wing County Sheriff or the Cass County Sheriff or the Brainerd Police. They would have looked at it and said no there's not probable cause that there's a crime being committed here."

Shaw continued in the radio interview, "And I would love it if the Crow Wing County Attorney Mr. Ryan spoke up and explained as to why this happened. I'd be happy to talk to him any time any place. I think he owes the citizens an explanation."

On one of the charges Ryan said, "The Minnesota Department of Commerce did an investigation after we filed charges," And they actually brought a case against Mr. Hunter. They found probable cause to proceed and that was resolved."

Ryan then said, "Another false statement that's being made is this office and the police department needed to be held accountable. I don't know what we're suppose to be held accountable to do, to make sure it doesn't happen again. Just because someone's acquitted doesn't mean we weren't doing our job the right way."

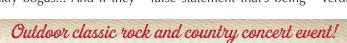
Ryan then spoke about the accusation that Crosby pays the County Attorney money and therefore has a bias. According to documents furnished by Ryan the Crow Wing County Attorney office contracts with many cities including Crosby. Crosby's contract with the County Attorney's office is \$7,000 to prosecute misdemeanors

Ryan said, "Shaw called on Crow Wing County's Attorney Office to issue an apology to Mr. Hunter. Again, just because they were not guilty verdicts doesn't mean there

weren't proper prosecution... We work very hard to be fair in everything we do. Contrary to popular public opinion Crow Wing County Attorney is not in complete unilateral control of investigations by local municipalities. Often we are asked to get involved in investigations or follow up investigations. That Crosby decided to investigate Mr. Hunter was their decision."

Ryan continued, "To my knowledge he was not mayor in July when this particular investigation began. He was elected in November, after that time frame. And took office the following January. And was initiated by some report that Crosby had received. Again whether the fact he had or hadn't filed at that point, I don't know, creates a conflict that's something for Crosby to determine on their own... Yes, if there's an allegation

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### Mini roundabout in Deerwood

Crews installed a temporary mini roundabout at the east intersection of Highway 6 and Highway 210 in Deerwood.

The roundabout will ease congestion and move traffic through the Deerwood intersection, during the Highway 210 detour between Brainerd and Ironton. The detour will begin July 8, and will use Highway 25, Highway 18, Highway 6 and Highway 210/6.

The temporary mini roundabout, also known as a compact roundabout, will be built within the existing intersection and be operational through October. The roundabout will have a two inch raised road surface as the center island and be painted yellow. This will accommodate larger vehicles maneuvering within the compact roundabout, to drive over the center island and make a wider turn.

Motorists will notice orange barrels, narrowing lanes and directional signs when approaching the roundabout. When entering the roundabout, yield to traffic within the roundabout, go through and exit to your destination.

Be alert for trains. Highway 6 has a railroad crossing just south of the intersection. When a train goes through

Deerwood, all traffic on Highway 6 and Highway 210 will come to complete stop at the roundabout.

In the future, if the community decides to construct a permanent roundabout at this intersection, it would be designed to allow east/west Highway 210 traffic to continue to flow through

the roundabout when a train passes.

Also, in preparation for the detour, crews will extend the Highway 18 bypass lane at the Highway 6 intersection between Brainerd and Garrison. Motorists will encounter periodic lane or shoulder closures in this area.



### 210 reopens in Aitkin

Since work on the northerly part of 7th Avenue NW was completed, Hwy. 210 through Aitkin opened on June 18, ahead of schedule. Crews continue to construct and reshape the roadway, as well as install curbs and gutters, according to the city of Aitkin. Paving, driveway and alley aprons will continue north of Hwy. 210. Seventh Avenue will open for a time and close again for the last layer of paving. Work continues south of Hwy. 210 in the areas of 6th Ave. NW and 1st St. NW. This is expected to last through early July, depending on weather, with access allowed for residents. This photo shows 7th Ave. torn up south of Hwy. 210.

Ann Schwartz photo

### Music in the Park Thursday, June 27

Enjoy live music by *The Vultees* and *Big T & The Growlers* while overlooking the spectacular views of Serpent lake at Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's Music in the Park event on Thursday, June 27. The free, family fun event will feature music, food, games and more at Crosby's Memorial Park from 5 to 8 p.m.

Sponsored by Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union, the event will include games for the kids and cool refreshments.

The Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library Friends will be hand-

ing out free children's books to youth attending and Shift Integrative Medicine will have a booth promoting wellness

The Vultees are a rock duo formed by guitarist Duncan Vinje and drummer Jon Schulte that captures the cross between the blues and grit of alternative rock and roll with a hint of singer-songwriter qualities.

Big T & the Growlers are a fun to listen to band playing a variety of music styles. Such as Folk Rock, Country, Reggae, Rhythm and Blues. The collection of cover songs is a mix of old classics and new chart- toppers.

The Iron Range Eatery will be serving food and refreshments and Minnesnota Shave Ice will also be serving snow cones during the even.

Music in the Park continues the second and fourth Thursday evenings June through August from 5 to 8 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. For more information about each Music in the Park event, visit www.cuyunalakes.com.



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### COMMUNITY EVEN

**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

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

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 Tues-

days at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm "Ask An Attorney" Workforce Center - 20-3rd St. NE, Aitkin, 4th Tuesday of month at noon Pre-registration required call 218-723-4005

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-

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

Emily Community Care N Share is serving meals on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at the

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Člub meetings 1st Thu.

approximately 4,000 hrs, Yale propane forklift, Bobcat sweeper attachment, Bobcat fork attachment, Bobcat snowplow attachment, TRACTORS: Ford 555 Backhoe tractor will loader, Ford 601 Workmaster, TRAILERS: 2008 Viking by Bright Coop Inc. 45' Low Boy Trailer 86,000 LB GVWR, 2007 H&H 14' tandem axle enclosed trailer, Custom built 6x10 ATV trailer 3500lb axle weight, FARMING IMPLEMENTS: Vermeer chain driven round

bailer (new chain), International 990 hay mower, Farmhand 5 wheel rake, BOATING & RELATED: 1997 Playbouy 14' pontoon on trailer w/8 HP Nissan OB, 1993 Monark 16 6" boat on good Monark trailer w/Mariner Tracker Pro Series 115 HP OB & trolling motor Sportfish Custom 20' Pontoon w/30 HP Johnson OB (no trailer), 1977 Larson 16' boar on trailer w/ IO motor, Belle of Aitkin custom built paddle boat, Camping Package, 2002 Cougar 5th wheel travel trailer 28' foot w/ slide out very clean, INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT: Sullair portable industrial generator model 185 Q, 18' conveyor system, Scissor lift mode SL-110, (2) Industrial cement mixers on wheels, Metal & wood job boxes, Numerous

ladders both extension and folding, Homelite 4400 watt generator, LB White Premier heaters, Magna force 2 HP air compressor on wheels, Large upright tool cabinets on

wheels Waterloo Craftsman & others, Delta industrial table saw, Craftsman industrial

10" table saw 3HP on wheels, Tradesmen 10" bench table saw, Lincoln Arc Welder 225

amp, Solar Industrial battery charger, Industrial compound miter saw, Delta bench model

drill press, Snap On electric pressure washer 1650 PSI, Craftsman router & router table LAWN & GARDEN: John Deere LX 288 riding lawn tractor, Toro Wheel Horse riding lawn tractor w/ snowblower attachment (very nice), Husgvarna trimming mower w/bagger & other trimming mowers, Earthquake front tine tiller (mantis style), John Deere pull

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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.

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.

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-

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eve Care Center in Aitkin.

National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Woodland Chapter #122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EveCare 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

weighins. For more info: OA.org, call meeting contact Cheryl at 770-576-

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10

Pickleball 9 a.m.- noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. For more information, contact Ron Mogen, u-equity@usa.net.

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, con-

tact 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-Malmo Evangelical 11 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 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.

June

22nd - Aitkin Library's Giant Space Invaders - Let's play some Giant Space Invaders from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Players will take on the role of the space invaders and attempt to destroy a city from their space ship. Fun for all ages. No registration necessary. The library is located at 110 1st Ave. NE in downtown Aitkin and can be reached at 218-927-2339.

23rd - Manna for Malawi Benefit Concert by the Johnny Holm Band in Cuvuna, 4 8 p.m. food, beverages and silent auction.

27th - Aitkin Library's Comparative Universe 1-2 p.m. to learn just how big, how hot and how far the universe goes! Best suited for ages 6 and up. No registration necessary. The library is located at 110 1st Ave. NE

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in downtown Aitkin and can be reached at 218-927-2339

27th -Music in the Park 5-8 p.m. Admission is

free at CrosbyMemorial Park on Serpent Lake sponsored by the CuyunaLakes Chamber of Commerce. Call 218-546-8131 for more de-

27th - The Crow Wing County Genealogy Society will meet at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd. This meeting is for Research and as a social gathering open to the Public. Several members will be present to assist you in your Research. Anyone interested in Genealogy is welcome to attend. Research 6 - 8pm. Any questions call: 828-9178 or 851-4819.

### askdrsmith.com featuring Dr. Murray Smith Fibromyalgia what?

Have you ever been told you have something only because it isn't something else? It sounds a bit confusing but that's exactly how many end up with the diagnosis of fibromyalgia. Sometimes called a "disease of exclusion", this diagnosis is often met with fear and uncertainly. Worse, much of the testing leading up to this diagnosis can say that nothing is wrong. More about that in a moment. It might helpful to first understand a little more about the diagnosis you're given.

Breaking the word apart, "Fibro" means connective tissue, like cartilage and ligaments, "myo" means muscle, and "algia" means pain. So to summarize, you have pain in your connective tissues and muscles. Really? The pain can be profound and debilitating often causing you to plan your life around flair ups. This is a long road that most go down and being told what they already know may be the most painful part of this condition.

Looking at the testing, the standard testing and procedures will often come up short. Sometimes, medications for pain are tried but the country is now living the drug addiction nightmare that can happen with this approach. Other times, theories will be thrown out that suggest it must be a psychological issue, the All-in-your-head" theory. Ouch! It's highly unlikely it's in your head.

The good news is that there are some tests and procedures that can help get to the root cause instead of chasing symptoms. Did you

know that stress can affect you body over time and contribute this problem? Or that maybe the foods you're eating, or not eating, may contribute? The list goes on. What these all consider, though, is that you are not a part or piece. Rather, you are an integrated whole being and should be looked at to see how your body really functions and not based on parts. The best news is that there are natural and safe solutions that can be utilized to solve this problem.

Getting a proper evaluation from an experienced natural health provider can be the best step toward helping and healing this problem!



Dr. Murray Smith DC, cAcu, CSCS, CCSP is a Board Certified Doctor of Chiropractic, Board Certified Acupuncturist, Clinical Nutritionist with a passion for helping people reclaim their health naturally and empowering them to keep it! He is the co-founder of SHIFT Integrative Medicine serving the Cuyuna Lakes and Brainerd Lakes areas of central Minnesota for over 25 years.

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### **OBITUARIES**

### EDWARD MARKIEWICZ

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Edward C. Markiewicz, 73, of Aitkin died on Tuesday. June 11, 2019 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

No Services are being held. He was born on February 10, 1946 in Meriden, CT to Frank and Ruth (Peer) Mark-

He was a U.S. Marine Corp Veteran serving

during Vietnam. Ed owned and operated Ed's Automotive in Aitkin.

Ed is survived by his wife, Audrey; two sons: Jody and Jamie; one daughter, Josette; one grandchild; one brother; and three sisters.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

### **JACK MILLER**



Jack A. Miller, 75, of Mc-Gregor died Thursday, June 13, 2019 at his residence in McGregor.

Funeral Service was held Thursday, June 20, 2019 at McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor with Reverend Ted Youker officiating. Jo

Schneider played the congregational hymns: "In The Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Military Honors were accorded

by McGregor VFW Larson-Duneen Post #2747 and American Legion Dale Wayrynen Post #23. He was born January 22, 1944 in Little Falls, New York to Albert "Babe" and Inez (Smith) Miller. He graduated from Stratford Central School in Stratford, New York. After graduating High School Jack entered the U.S. Military. He served 12 years in the U.S. Air Force and is a Vietnam War Veteran. Jack married Dianne Pa-

tricia (Pollard). In August of this year, they would have been married for 45 years. He worked many jobs, retiring from Savanna Pallets in McGregor after working 10 years as a fork lift operator. He was an avid sports fan enjoying basketball and baseball and especially watching his favorite teams the NY Yankees and his favorite player Patrick Ewing with the NY Nicks. Jack loved and was devoted to his family.

He is survived by his wife, Dianne Patricia (Pollard) Miller of McGregor; sons and daughters-in-law: Ted and Donna Youker, Cloquet; Rod and Kim Youker, Little Falls, New York and Ron Miller, McGregor: three grandchildren: Laurie (Jason) Barta, Hibbing; Alex (Adrea) Youker, Cloquet; and Aaron Youker, Superior, WI; five great-grandchildren and many other special relatives and friends.

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

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### THOMAS MCDONALD



Thomas Angus McDonald, 84, of Aitkin, formerly of Clear Lake, died peacefully, Friday, June 14, 2019 at his home. Services will be Wednesday, June19, 2019 at 11:00 AM in

Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Interment will be in St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery, Aitkin. He was born August 25, 1934 in Clear

Lake to John Leo and Matilda (Huff) McDonald. Thomas was a veteran of The United States Navy who served from 1953-1955. He married Patricia Thorsten on May 9, 1959 in Clear Lake. Thomas was an teacher at the St. Cloud Reformatory as well as a Barber Instructor in St. Paul. He was also a member of American Legion Post #86 of Aitkin. Thomas enjoyed watching sports, hunting, fishing, nature watching, cooking and especially spending time with his family.

Thomas is survived by his son, Matthew Mc-Donald, Aitkin; daughter, Maureen McDonald, Atlanta, GA; two grandchildren: Sara Larsen and Amy McDonald; two great-grandchildren: Thomas Larsen and Levi Larsen; brother, James McDonald,

Thomas is preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; parents; brothers: Jack, Dick, Douglas and Robert McDonald: sister. Leone Bauerly.

Mora: several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

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.

### MICHAEL BJERKNESS



Michael Duane Bjerkness, 62, of Crosby died on Friday, June 14, 2019 at the VA Medical Center in St. Cloud.

A Memorial Gathering will be held at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby on Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. He was born on November 11, 1955 in Crosby to Duane Edward and Jean (Weitneuer) Bjerkness.

Mike was a US Navy veteran.

Mike is survived by his mother, Jean; and two brothers and sisters-in-law: Gregory and Katie Bjerkness, Englewood, FL; and Marty and Robyn Bierkness, Merrifield.

Preceding Mike in death is his father, Duane "Ed" Bjerkness.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

### **SCOTT BUNDY**



Scott Ronald Bundy 62, of Deerwood died on Friday, June 14, 2019 from the result of an automobile accident.

A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 21, 2019 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Burial was at the

Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township with full military honors given by the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post

#557, Deerwood.

He was born in Alexandria on March 29, 1957 to Guy and Carolyn (Auran) Bundy. Scott married Teppi Chileen on August 29, 1987 in Deerwood. He was employed with the Mann Lake LTD Corporation. Scott was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a member of the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Post #557 in Deerwood; He is a retired member of the Deerwood Fire Department. A member of the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood, the NRA; and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Scott is survived by his wife, Teppi; father, Guy Bundy, Perham; sons and daughter-in-law: Alex and Rachel Bundy, Ironton; and Jared Bundy, Trommald; daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Neal Buchite, Brainerd; one grandchild, Owen Scott Bundy; two sisters, Cheri (Paul) Hubbard, Detroit Lakes and Patty (Art Holiday) Brockob, Waukee, IA.

Preceding Scott in death is his mother, Carolyn. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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

### **ALLIANCE**

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

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

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

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

Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-

Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger: SS 9: Worship 10: Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617. Worship 9: 30 and 11. 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

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10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m. Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study

### Wed., 7 p.m. CATHOLIC

Aitkin — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10 AM. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm. Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun.

10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00. Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00;

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30. Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat.

Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun 10:30. Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.

Emily - St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101. Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Elias Gieske, Mass Sun.

8 am. Confession Sun 7:15-7:45 am. Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5

pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483 Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt.

McGregor - Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am. Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

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Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959 Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005

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

Glen - Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9

Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George

Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30: 218-927-6256. McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10;

99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.

McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.

Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536. Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed.

Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m. Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich;

Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10 Outing\* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday

School 9:30; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon 4th Saturday, 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between

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### CONGREGATIONAL

Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

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Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed.

Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

### Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell,

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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 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 &

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.

goodshepherdfreelutheran.church Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.llchurch.org) Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd - Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer

Worship time is 9:00 a.m. Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org 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.  ${\sf Cedar\,Lake, Norwegian\,Lutheran\,--\,Third\,Sun\,11,\,May\,-\,Oct.}$ 

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

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Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday

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

 $\mbox{Hill City} - \mbox{Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert;} \\$ 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

Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.

10:30: 218-534-3069

& 3rd Sun.

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

 $\label{eq:mcGrath} \textit{McGrath} - \textit{Grace}; \textit{Wed.} \; \textit{potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.};$ SS 10; Worship 11. McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship

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 Peter Rosenkvist, 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

Hwy 210 Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd

4th Sundays 10 am: 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and

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.

### Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Wor-

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

ship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984 **PENTECOSTAL** 

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship

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### **PRESBYTERIAN**

Crosslake - Worship 10; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10;

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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

### **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**

Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

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Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9. Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; 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 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947 WESLEYAN

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Richard "Dick" Bruce Fierstad, 89, of Aitkin, formerly of Coon Rapids, died Sunday, May 12, 2019 in Aitkin Health Services, Aitkin.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, July 13, 2019 in Hazelton Town Hall, 24248 US Highway 169, Aitkin, MN

56431. Interment with Military Honors will be Monday, July 15 at 11 a.m. in Bennettville Cemetery, Hazelton Township. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers

He was born March 31, 1930 in Canby to Peter and Claire (Atchison) Fierstad. Richard grew up in Minneapolis. He is a veteran of The United States Army who served during the Korean War. Richard married Jean Johnsen on July 9, 1955. Richard and Jean raised their family in Coon

Rapids and retired to Aitkin. He loved living on Farm Island Lake and was affectionately called "The Mayor" by all of his neighbors. Richard and his humor will be missed by many people.

Richard is survived by his children: Nita, Bruce (Deb) and Mark (Kim); seven grandchildren: Corrina, Todd, Elizabeth, Jason (Rebecca), Tammy, Eric (Megan) and Karla (Brett); five great grandchildren: Bradi, Taelor, Luke, Lee and Faith; brother, Dean (Arlene) and many nieces

Richard is preceded in death by his wife, Jean; son, Paul; parents; brothers: Paul and Robert; sisters: Frances Holman, Margaret Kesting, Lorraine Ordemann, MariAnn Jones and Jody

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.

### READER RIBBE

### Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

It's been a busy last few days. Of special note was a community round table presented by the Crow Wing County Drug Coalition at the Brainerd High School. A full spectrum of Crow Wing County officials and citizens provided a snapshot of where we are today with addiction issues in our area.

Crow Wing County Community Services Manager Tami Lueck facilitated the two-hour event. Tami, along with additional subject matter experts, provided a look at where we are today and solicited input from the 60 or more individuals that participated. The discussion focused on what is working and where the gaps are with respect to prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery/ongoing support.

Drug addiction continues to be a major issue. In 2018 Crow Wing County dealt with 599 DWI jail intakes, during that

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same year drug related jail intakes stood at 1,287. Meth use continues to be huge problem.

This was an excellent opportunity to look in detail at where the gaps are and how we can work to resolve them at both the local and state level. Thank you Tami, Sheriff Goddard and their team for putting this event together, this effort will continue.

The Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Agency (IRRR) recently provided some important public infrastructure support to our area. The City of Aitkin received a \$250,000 grant in support of a \$2.4 million dollar utilities upgrade

Crosby received a \$120,000 grant that will help defray the cost of moving a Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District line necessary to install a multi-use underpass under Highway 6. The total IRRR investment is

\$253,456 in this \$1.7 million project. The City of Crosby, MNDOT and the DNR are providing the remainder of the funds.

Ironton received a \$62,000 grant for water system improvements that involve the water tower and community well. The total cost of this project is \$340,000.

The IRRR through the taconite assistance program services the areas where iron ore mining historically occurred in Northeast Minnesota. The Crosby-Ironton and Aitkin School Districts boundaries also serve as the boundaries for the taconite assistance service area in Aitkin and Crow Wing Counties. While we may no longer be mining on the Cuyuna Range, mining still matters

to our part of Minnesota. Representative Dale Lueck Minnesota House District 10B



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### Guest Opinion - Tarnished legacy in Crosby

By KELLY AVELSGARD, Concerned Observer

It is painful to expose the Crosby Chief of Police in the way it had to be done.

The city leaders have no intent in protecting the community from the egregious, possibly criminal acts of people we must be able to trust. It remains difficult for many people to understand the massive violation of the public trust. As a community, we must be able to trust the men and women of law enforcement. They must be held to a higher standard of honesty.

The Crosby Chief of Police is correct about firing lying officers, that is an exemplary standard, the biggest tragedy is the chief has failed repeatedly with that standard and can't be trusted. Hence, the massive violation of the public trust.

The chief and their cronies have twisted factual published information, made it about the fired officer, increased physical, mental pressure, and duress on the victim — resulting in the first of many potential lawsuits and some people will continue to defend the chief.

Per another victim of the Crosby police leadership, assault charges were considered against the former lieutenant. It is doubtful, the council and mayor were made aware of that serious situation. Surrounding communities are very hesitant to cooperate with the Crosby Chief of Police because of a lack of trust. One community fired Crosby from continued police service. It is clear the city council, mayor, and city administrator had no interest in clearing their chief of police from wrongdoing and preserve the chiefs' legacy.

For a chief of police to lie, distort the truth, alter documents, and make three ring binders disappear in the course of what they called a "criminal" investigation is truly unbelievable, but those are the findings of fact in BMS Case No 17-PA-0620, BMS Case No 13-PA-0659, 13-PA-0660 arbitration investigations. For any of us to remain silent and support this kind of behavior, is a blank check the chief believes they have the right to falsely accuse anyone of us and we should be

thankful it wasn't our turn to be charged, because they aggressively prosecute criminals and end up creating victims.

More proof of the chief's willingness to abuse power, are the failed attempts to prosecute two former mayors criminally the same actions, techniques, biased, prejudiced, and flawed investigative tactics were used.

The behavior of the chief is consistent, and their actions were not a mistake, they're obvious, blatant, malicious, calculated attacks upon innocent people, and the damage the chief has inflicted will take years to repair. The chief's arbitrary and discriminate enforcement of the law, lax department policies, created a long-term hostile workplace environment for the fine officers in the Crosby PD because of constant inconsistent leadership.

Arbitrators, jurors and judges have warned Crosby about the chief of police, those concerns have fallen on the deaf ears of the council, mayor and city administrator. It is possible, if the city conducted an outside investigation into the chief, it is highly probable the investigation would find several violations of the Canons of Police Ethics and possibly

multiple violations of MN Statutes such as, MN SS 609.77, 169.985,169.98, 609.43, the latter carrying a sentence of no more than one year imprisonment, a three-thousand dollar fine, or both, makes one wonder why an investigation into the chief wasn't pursued.

The other side of the story shows we owe our gratitude to the two former mayors, the fired officer, the lawyers, judges and jurors for not supporting and defending the flawed, biased, prejudiced, actions of the Crosby Chief of Police, and for their continued efforts to modify the chief's awful job performance. It is the job of the elected officials and city administrator to protect the citizens from "bad cops", who bully, intimidate, lie, and believe it's okay to break the law to enforce it, and the chief who proudly embraces the very description of a Brady/Giglio officer.

The elected officials who have chosen not to act have vicariously libeled Crosby for years to come.

The chief might get rewarded with retirement, but the city will always remember the terrible, destructive, dirty, negative, possibly criminal, tarnished legacy they left for Crosby.

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., June 22, 2019)

**CITY OF IRONTON COUNTY OF CROW** WING NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN INTERIM USE PERMIT FOR A VACA-TION RENTAL PROP-ERTY PERTAINING OUTLOT 2, IRONTON** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Committee on the 9th day of July, 2019, at City Hall located at 309 3rd Street, Ironton, at 8:00 a.m. to consider an interim use permit for application of a vacation rental property located on Outlot 2 (96 Viola Ave.) in Ironton. Please attend the meeting if there are any questions or concerns.

Dated this 14th day of June 2019, MELISSA KNUTSON City of Ironton Clerk/Treasurer

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., June 22, 2019)

### **NOTICE OF CUYUNA HEARING VACATION** OF PLATTED ALLEY **AND STREET**

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD, on July 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Cuyuna City Hall, to consider the vacation of the property more particularly described as:

That one-block-long part the platted alley running east-west through Block 1, Oak Hill Addition, and also

That one-block-long part of a platted street. Chicago Avenue, running North-South, adjacent to Lots 1 and 20, Block 1. Oak Hill Addition to Cuyuna, Crow Wing County.

The Public is invited to attend this hearing.

Dated: June 10, 2019 WILLIAM F. BEDARD Cuyuna City Clerk



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### Shaw responds to Ryan and accuses Crosby leadership of ulterior motives

Former Crosby Mayor James Hunter's attorney, Ed Shaw responded to Crow Wing County Attorney Don Ryan's press briefing in the following email.

"It is clear that the leadership of the Crosby Police Department had an ulterior motive in seeing Mr. Hunter accused of serious crimes.

### Rvan answers criticisms on Hunter trials **Continued from Page 1**

of someone inside a municipal system that police department typically will ask another police department to do the investigation. That's really a standard procedure. This is not the only time in my 24 plus years where a municipal police department had an investigation pending or did and investigation... It is more common that it is conflicted out."

Ryan stated that he decided to charge these cases based on the information provided and shared with the media present at the briefing. The decision to charge is done independently of the any other law enforcement agency. Judge Earl Maus signed the search warrants and verified there was enough evidence to proceed with a proper prosecution of the charges against Hunter.

When Ryan was asked if he was going to pursue the reporting of a false crime charge or any other rumored new charges, Ryan answer was no, it was time for Crosby to start to heal.

Tell 'em you read the NewsHopper Mr. Hunter while campaigning for mayor was an outspoken critic of the department leadership concerning the attempted firing of officer Jesse Smith, and other concerns. Mr. Hunter began campaigning for mayor in the early summer of 2016, he had a campaign float in the 4th of July parade that year. Department leadership began investigating him when he was a candidate, and stepped up their investigation after he won election in November, 2016. Mr. Hunter was not charged until March, 2017, 4 months after he won election, and 2 months after he won office. I have never seen a case where a local police department was so involved in investigation a local official in their own city.

"The charges against Mr. Hunter were baseless. The theft charge was based on a situation where no money changed hands.

"The assault charge was based on an incident where Mr. Hunter was in his own vehicle, on his own property, threatened with serious harm, which he prevented by displaying and not using a legally owned firearm.

"The stolen firearm case was based on a gun that was stolen over 20 years ago, in the twin cities, that Mr. Hunter had no way of knowing had been stolen.

"The gambling charge was based on the testimony of two witnesses with ulterior motives to blame Mr. Hunter,

one was a former employee who owed Mr. Hunter a large amount of money, the other was a recipient of public assistance who had reason not to report additional income from gambling.

"From the beginning this case was filled with false and misleading statements by the Crosby Police Department leadership, biased investigations, coaching of witnesses, failure to talk to witnesses who did not support their case against Mr. Hunter. This was not a search for truth, it was an effort to get rid of Mr. Hunter.

"The Crow Wing County Attorney's Office should have never prosecuted this case when there were obvious signs of a biased investigation, and Mr. Hunter was clearly not guilty of these crimes. The investigation and prosecution have cost Mr. Hunter his health, his marriage, his reputation, and tens of thousands of dollars.

"Mr. Hunter and I are disappointed that no one from the City of Crosby, or the Crow Wing County Attorney's Office has taken any responsibility for what has happened, or has even apologized to Mr. Hunter. It is our hope that an investigation by an outside agency will finally provide justice and accountability to Mr. Hunter, and the citizens of Crosby."



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