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Part of old Land-O-Lakes turkey plant bites the dust Plans are to make way for new housing in downtown Aitkin

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Historical documents dispute whether the year was 1984 or 1985, but, after that, turkey feathers no longer drifted around downtown Aitkin.

That was when the Land-O-Lakes turkey plant shut its doors.

Many folks in Aitkin County were employed at the plant or at businesses affiliated with it. Or they grew turkeys in the countryside or worked on turkey farms. At its peak, Aitkin produced 500,000 turkeys a year.

The turkey culture lives on with the "Gobbler" school mascot – although many of today's students may scratch their heads when asked why Aitkin is represented by a turkey – not an eagle or badger like other teams are.

The late Dave Hass-

kamp started Aitkin County Growth in the old turkey plant. This economic development organization helped over 100 businesses start up there. Over the years, the business incubator (where turkeys once met their demise) hatched Stern Rubber, TeeMark, Floe International, Minnestalgia and other successful businesses – some that still operate.

Barb Carr, just the third director of Aitkin County Growth (Mike Hagen served for a three-year stint in between Hasskamp and Carr) is demolishing the easterly portions of the buildings with the hopes of developing market-rate housing there, the Aitkin City Council heard in May.

Yes, turkeys were an integral part of life here at one time. When you read the

obituaries of John Moore, Lena Wilson and Marie Moss, they all mention how they were employed at the Land O Lakes turkey plant in Aitkin.

Violet Torgerson, a late resident of Aitkin, raised 11 children and worked in the plant. And Bill Cory, 89, of Crosby, who died this year, was employed with the Land-O-Lakes plant as a turkey breeder and service manager for 32 years.

Years bring many changes to downtown Aitkin. Old buildings are remodeled and new businesses move in. The landscape has changed with the recent demolition of the creamery – and now portions of the old turkey plant. Those aged buildings were steeped in the agricultural past that moves into the present with



Most recently housing area businesses, part of the old Land-O-Lakes plant north of the stoplights in Aitkin has been demolished. Ann Schwartz photos

the strong 4-H, Future Farmers of America and horse programs still going strong in Aitkin County.

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For those that rely on these routes, especially those seeking healthcare, this could be extremely troubling.

Wellness Program

SHIFT clinic in Crosby has introduced an innovative and cost-saving alternative to make things easier for area residents. For a single low monthly fee, patients can get access to some of the

essential health care services they need and shorten their drive time. In addition to being more convenient, this program could save individuals and their families on their healthcare costs. The offer is part of the grand opening of the new SHIFT Clinic in downtown Crosby.

"We have always sought to innovate and bring cutting edge treatments and services to the area to maximize the health and wellbeing of our patients and community," said Dr. Murray Smith. "What we have here, however, affects the health of our com-



munity in a very unique way. The closing of these routes means more than time. It means, for many, a significant amount of added stress and, in some cases, difficulty getting to the natural health services they have used in the past."

Starting immediately, Drs. Murray and Shannon Smith

will be accepting a limited number of patients to enroll into their Wellness Program. They have set up a sign-up page on their website specifically for this at www.askdrsmith.com.

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this program.

"We have always been a family-oriented practice caring for the newborn to the very elderly," said Dr. Smith. "Our entire family has been treated on a regular basis to maximize their health. We have seen how effective this has been for us and for the many patients we have cared for over the years that have used this same wellness model".

Variations of this type of program are being embraced across the country.

"Changes in the insurance industry and in healthcare in general have been exceptionally bad for our health," said Dr. Smith. "Despite spending almost twice what other first-world countries

spend on their healthcare per person, recent studies suggest the U.S. has the lowest life expectancy and the highest infant mortality rates."

The idea behind this new program, may also prove to be a small part of the solution to this enormous problem.

Enrollment in the program is being offered for a limited time and on a first-come-first-served basis.

"We will be accepting a limited number of patients to the program," said Dr. Smith.

They encourage all who are interested to reserve their place to begin this journey now and "detour" toward better health.

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Ongoing Events:

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

AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

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

ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.

Aitkin IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2 pm

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

Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting

Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!

Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.

American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m.

Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm 'Ask An Attorney' Workforce Center - 20-3rd St. NE, Aitkin, 4th Tuesday of month at noon Pre-registration required call 218-723-4005

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.

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

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

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

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

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

Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.

Emily Community Care N Share is serving meals on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church, Highway 6, Emily

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@motas.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 Auxillary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Woodland Chapter #122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin, MN

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com.

Overeaters Anonymous 9:30am at Aitkin Library, 7:00pm at 112 1st Ave SW - house next to New Life Church. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12 step program fashioned after AA. Not a diet club, no dues or fees or weigh-ins. For more info: OA.org, or call meeting contact Cheryl at 770-576-5984.

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

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.

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

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

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

Weight Watchers (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.

July
 2th & 13th - IconicFest at Green Lantern east of Brainerd on Hwy. 18

13th - Malmö Evangelical Free Church Outdoor Gospel Concert, 7 pm, Sherry Depolis & Country Grass - Yodeler, Singer/songwriter from Wisconsin - Bringing the gospel to life through music. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain or excessive heat, the concert will be inside the air conditioned church. Refreshments will be available and a free will offering will be received. Malmö Church is located near the junction of Hwys. 47 and 18 on near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

14th - Brainerd Ski Loons will be performing a FREE water ski show at Lum Park, 5 p.m. Come and watch human ski pyramids, ski jumpers, barefooters, and skiers being pulled 360 degrees around the boat! This event is great fun for the whole family. Concessions will be available. Please bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating. The Ski Loons are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Brainerd. For more information, find the Brainerd Ski Loons on Facebook or visit their website www.skiloons.com.

14th - Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity's Tootin Tour Motorcycle Ride at 11:30 a.m. Proceeds will build a new home in Aitkin in 2020. If you can't go on the ride, come to the American Legion at about 4 p.m. for more information log into www.habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org, call the office at 218-927-5656 or email annschwartz@habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org

15th - Swinging for Scholars Golf Tournament on Jack's 18 at Ruttger's in Bay Lake, 11 a.m. Play 18 holes of golf with a cart with dinner to follow. All proceeds for scholarships at C-I and Aitkin schools. Contact Steve Bergeron 218- 678-9090 for more information.

20th - Emily Day in Emily. Parade, food, raffles, games for kids and beer garden.

20th - Malmö Evangelical Free Church Outdoor Gospel Concert, 7 pm, Due North - Coming from Duluth to share their original and amazing music with us. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain or excessive heat, the concert will be inside the air conditioned church. Refreshments will be available and a free will offering will be received. Malmö Church is located near the junction of Hwys. 47 and 18 on near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

27th - Because of Brandon Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV club ride at 9am. Open to the public and no fee. A donation bucket will be passed around. Meet in the parking lot next to the Great River Eye Clinic in Crosby. A guided ride will take you through the Miller Black ATV trails. A light lunch will follow at the Cole Lake Shelter upon completion of the ride. For more information contact Ken Irish club president 651-470-2601 ironrider@comcast.net

27th - Malmö Evangelical Free Church Outdoor Gospel Concert, 7 pm, junction of Hwys. 47 and 18 on near Lake Mille Lacs.

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OBITUARIES

ALFRED KINGSLEY



Alfred E. Kingsley, 89 of Palisade died Friday, July 5, 2019 at his residence.



Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at Journey North Church in Aitkin with Reverend Barry Hite and Reverend Charles Carlson officiating. Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Waukenabo Cemetery. Military honors will be accorded by Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86 and Aitkin VFW Roberts-Glad Post #1727.

He was born June 5, 1930 in Bain Township, Aitkin County, MN to Edgar L. and Georgiana Pearl Eria (Knapp) Kingsley. He was a member of the Army National Guard and was called to active duty, serving in the Korean War. Alfred was married

to Thelma M. Landrus on February 28, 1953 in Aitkin. He worked many jobs including: farming, logging, construction, Woodland Container, at the local filling station, Northtown Chrysler-Dodge, and for various water and sewer construction companies in the Twin Cities area. Alfred was an avid hunter and enjoyed snowmobiling, riding ATV side by Side, and reading Western books. He was a longtime member of the Operating Engineer Union Local #49 and the Labor Union Local #563, the NRA, and Hill Top Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma, Palisade children: Susan (Jack) Plattne, Twin Valley; Russell Kingsley (Sandy Gruhlke), Palisade; Debbie (John) Chute, Aitkin; Rick Kingsley, Palisade; Lee (DeeAnn) Kingsley, Delano; daughters-in-law, Connie Kingsley, Brainerd and Carolyn Kingsley, Emily; 15 grandchildren: Chad (Melissa) Plattner, Dawn Plattner (Brody Geiselman), Jeff (Kelsi) Plattner, Josh (Molly) Kingsley, Jacob Kingsley, Manny (Karla) Kingsley, Alanna (Zak) Brust, Kyle (Monique) Kingsley, Leah Kingsley, Derek Kingsley (Amber Bourassa), Eva (Jeff) Widder, Thomas (Casey) Chute, Sarah (Elias) Peterson, Austen Hinks, and Krista Kingsley; 16 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Kevin; four brothers, and four sisters.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin.

PATRICIA TASCHÉ

Patricia Ann Tasche, 76, of Ross Lake Township died at Golden Horizons in Crosslake on Sunday, June 30, 2019.

A Memorial Gathering was held on Monday, July 8, 2019 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Entombment was at the Minnesota Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

She was born on February 21, 1943 in Minneapolis to Leslie and Blanche (Kraich) LaBresh. Pat married Roy Tasche on February 25, 1961 in Maple Plain, MN. She loved hunting, fishing

and gardening.

Pat is survived by her husband, Roy; three sons: Troy (Julie) Tasche, Mound; Burt Tasche, Brainerd and Greg Tasche, Illinois; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Robert (Donna) LaBresh, Summerfield, FL; and one sister, Janet LaBresh, Plymouth.

Preceding Pat in death are her parents and one sister, Cherie Zdenek.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

HARVEY JUNG



Harvey Joseph Jung, 78, of McGregor died Sunday, July 7, 2019 at his residence.

Services are pending with McGregor Funeral Home & Cremation Services in McGregor.

He was born October 7, 1940 in Osakis to Joseph V. and Florence (Bergstrom) Jung. He graduated from Alexandria High School. Harvey married Letha Opal Mackenzie on November 11, 1961 in Dover, NH. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran serving in the Vietnam War. He worked as a meat cutter / butcher in New Hampshire and then in Brooklyn Park at Red Owl and Super Value as a manager / meat cutter. He was a member of the Minneapolis Retail Meat Cutters and Food

Handlers, Meat Cutters Union, MPMC Local #653 and the VFW. Harvey enjoyed socializing with anybody he would meet.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Letha on February 27, 2014; great-granddaughter; brother, Dennis, and his parents.

Harvey is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Julie Jung; four grandchildren: Jenny Jung, Nicky Jung, John Jung, and Tim Jung, Jr.; brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Bonnie Jung; sister, Jan Brock; 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.

Because of Brandon trail ride



The Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV club is hosting a Because of Brandon trail ride on July 27 at 9 a.m.

There is no fee to participate and the event is open to the public. A dona-

tion bucket will be passed around. The group will meet in the parking lot next to the Great River Eye Clinic located on East Main and Third Ave. in Crosby, across the street from the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center.

Participants are asked to leave their four wheelers on their trailers, as there will be a short introduction meeting and then the riders will trailer to the Cole Lake Shelter to unload the machines.

A guided ride will take you through the Miller Black ATV trails.

A light lunch will follow at the Cole Lake Shelter upon completion of the ride. All money raised will support education and sponsor youth to attend Camp Needle Point. Come ride and support a great cause.

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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org

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

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Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Hayden Loven; Sunday Morning Service 10:45
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Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
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BAPTIST

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9:30 and 11, thejourneynorth.com
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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.; fcbbrainerd.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 a.m.; 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.

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Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun 10:30.

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstmilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.

Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.

Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Elias Gieske, Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession Sun 7:15-7:45 am.

Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483

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

McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.

Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362

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

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Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun. 10, 218-927-6959

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

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

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

Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm

Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.

McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.

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

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

Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikies, 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 grades 6:45 pm

Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelochurch@crosslake.net

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

Malmö — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15

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

HEBREW/MESSIANIC

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

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

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

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

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellowship 11, Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www.goodshepherdfreechurch.org

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.lchchurch.org)

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. 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.

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Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.

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

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)

Malmö — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.

McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm

Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor 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.

Rosburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.

Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

Guest Opinion — Crosby X-Files, the truth is there

By KELLY AVELSGARD, Concerned Observer
Crosby is being guided by a mafia.

One city employee has been involved in three separate incidents. 1. After a snowfall, the employee driving a city plow, struck a resident's parked trailer, causing damage. 2. Driving a city dump truck, the employee collided with a vehicle. 3. The employee drove a city truck to city hall when possibly impaired, presumably, after being tested with a breathalyzer. The employee was driven back to the city garage by the former lieutenant. The individual then drove home after the police left. Instead of protecting the driver and clearing the city of liability, the chief of police, and the city administrator—who is the supervisor of the public works department—did the driver a favor.

The employee can be the target of any and all accusations, including being untrustworthy, with no ability to fight or defend themselves from the "favors" the chief and city administrator did. Once again, the city administrator displays poor leadership and judgment in protecting the city from potentially false claims and extremely damaging rumors.

Rather than following policy or statute, the lax, arbitrary,

and discriminate enforcement of laws, city policies, lead to a complete lack of public trust.

City employees have no chance of being treated fairly, they are subjected to inconsistent rules and regulations, this creates the hostile workplace environment. The right thing to do should not be based upon how a supervisor "feels" or whether or not the employee is liked or has challenged their decisions.

These possible criminal incidents might be in the X-Files of the chief. Computer files that are accessible only by the chief and it is possible there are more files, such as information on the former police reserve officer recently arrested on child pornography charges.

It would be easy to speculate what else the chief has hidden, BMS Case No 17-PA-0260, BMS Case No 13-PA-0659, 13-PA-0660 found the chief lies, distorts the truth, alters documents, makes three ring binders disappear, conducts biased and prejudiced investigations. Certainly, hiding information about crimes or accusations would be consistent with the mafia mentality for the chief's eyes-only X-Files.

Another example of mafia mentality is the clear conflict of interest and how far the Crosby

mayor is willing to use and abuse their position.

The mayor formed a second Hwy. 6/210 committee which decided to narrow the highway through Crosby. The current status of the highway from side to side is; 10 ft. for parking, 14 ft. driving lane, 15 ft. turning lane, 14 ft. driving lane, and 10 ft. parking. The proposed change is 10 ft. parking, 11 ft. driving lane, 11 ft. turning lane, 11 ft. driving lane and 10 ft. parking which was approved by the council at the August 27, 2018 council meeting. The proposal narrows the highway by approximately 10 feet, creating a traffic disaster for residents and visitors alike that reducing speed doesn't cure! Winter travel will be narrowed further when plowing occurs and snow removal is hindered and piles up.

With the mayor taking over the process, owning one business, purchasing a second building on Hwy. 6/210, created the conflict of interest and the mayor should have recused themselves entirely.

The willingness to be involved in and create the conflict of interest proves the mayor's interests are coming before the city, just as the chief of police interests come before the cities.

The residents should pursue the resignation of the mayor. Crosby is not able to change direction until the council, mayor and city administrator change their mafia mentality and represent the city rather than themselves.

Maybe the mayor and council are in the X-Files too?

Cuyuna presents Lifesaving Award



At the Cuyuna City Council on Monday, June 8, Amanda Meyer (left) received the City of Cuyuna Life Saving award from Karl Hasskamp, Cuyuna Fire Chief First Responder Unit. On April 19, she alerted an off duty Cuyuna Police Officer of the situation and then helped perform CPR on a man until the ambulance arrived.

Area phone scam warning

Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard would like to make the public aware of a recent scam taking place in our area. This scam is identical to one that was taking place a year ago.

On July 3, the Sheriff's Office received four separate reports of a male calling area residents stating there is a warrant for their arrest and

instructs the person on how to pay by credit, debit or cash card to avoid being arrested. This scam may appear to be realistic, as the caller uses the name of one of our licensed peace officers.

If you receive this type of a call, simply hang up. Incidents such as these should be reported to the Sheriff's Office by calling 218-829-

4749.

Sheriff Goddard would like to remind everyone that these scams can seem very real. The Sheriff's Office will not call you seeking payment. It is not advisable to provide personal information over the phone unless you make the phone call to a known business, government agency, or other organization.

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Loughridge art invites a closer look

Some art work can be appreciated at a distance. Works by painter and print-maker Stuart T. Loughridge invite a closer look. Ripple River Gallery near Bay Lake will feature an exhibit of work by paintings and etchings by Loughridge beginning July 17. The public is invited to a reception for the artist on Friday, July 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. The show will continue through August 11.

Building on his skill as a draftsman, Loughridge creates intimate landscapes, portraits and figurative work using oil, water-based paints and copper-plate etchings. A consummate craftsman, Loughridge carefully creates his artwork from substrate to the finish, often hand-crafting unique frames carefully matched to the piece.

Based in Saint Paul, Loughridge is a second-generation artist and has been

making a living from his art since the age of twenty-two. Born in Denver, CO, in 1978, his earliest memories are of looking over the shoulder of his father, also a painter and print-maker, as he laid in washes to bring a landscape to life.

"Like many children, I just drew and drew. The big thing is I never stopped," Loughridge says. He acknowledges the importance of being surrounded by art as a child and commends his high school art teachers for keeping him on track and encouraging him to pursue his training at the Atelier in Minneapolis.

Loughridge's process begins with small studies—often watercolors—made outdoors. Those small field sketches or paintings foster new ideas, which he develops into oil or watercolor paintings, pencil drawings

or etchings. "Anything can happen," he says. "I'm not trying to copy what I see. I'm going for something that is more of a feeling or impression." Loughridge says the process keeps him thinking and looking at nature through the lens of different mediums.

Ripple River Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. The gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail ripplevergallery@gmail.com.

ACHH motorcycle tour is July 14

Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity's Toolin Tour Motorcycle Ride is Sunday, July 14, at 11:30 a.m. Proceeds will build a new home in Aitkin in 2020.

The ride leaves downtown Aitkin, The Butler Building at 301 Minnesota Avenue North, and heads to Glen, a new stop, at the Pine Inn. On to McGregor, Mark's Bar; Jacobson, Palisade, Rustic Trail; and back to the Aitkin Legion for food, silent auction and prizes. A grilled picnic menu is new this year, prepared by Habitat's own executive chef, Cara Shaver.

It's planned that the \$6,000 raised from the motorcycle ride will make a huge dent in the \$40,000 additional needed to build in 2020. The next new house will be at 218 Minnesota Avenue South (Hwy. 169) in Aitkin, just south of where the last new home was finished at 210

Minnesota Avenue South. Site prep work continues on the south lot this year.

Silent auction

There is a great variety of items in the silent auction this year, including golf, Twins' tickets and items; gun range certificates, concert tickets, jewelry, artwork, farmhouse rustic hanger, Mall of America Package; a Lake Superior photo, Fitzgerald's brewery items, Vikings planter, My Pillows, biker items, rendezvous items and a homemade quilt.

If you can't go on the ride, come to the Legion at about 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, to bid on the items and buy door prize tickets. A great bunch of door prizes are lined up for the event.

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