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## **ROAD TO RECOVERED JOSH DUDA BENEFIT** Thursday, August 15

5 pm - 8 pm **Northland Arboretum** Baxter

Benefit Dinner Silent auction Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 218-829-8770

## Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge 2nd Annual Blues & BBQ Bash



Minnesota Blues Hall of Fame inductee Dee Miller will take the stage at 7 p.m. at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge Blues & BBQ Bash. The event is open to the public. Admission includes beer tasting, all- you -can-eat BBQ Feast and three blues

Three blues bands on two stages, including Minnesota Blues Hall of Fame inductee Dee Miller, highlight a full evening of blues, barbecue and beer at the Ruttger's 2nd Annual Blues & BBQ Bash from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday,

ed by Bent Paddle Brewing Co. of Duluth and is open to the public.

The Dee Miller Band fronted by Minnesota Blues Hall of Fame member Dee Miller headline the show on the main stage. Minneapolis Aug. 10. The event is present- Delta Blues-style guitarist

extraordinaire Javier Matos opens for Miller, Brainerd bluesman Bruce Archer will perform his acoustic blues on the second stage during the all-you-can-eat BBQ feast.

This all-you-can-eat barbecue feast will be prepared by award-winning pit master Furlong's Smoke & Seafood of Minneapolis by way of Louisville, KY. The menu will



Brainerd bluesman Bruce Archer will perform his acoustic blues from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the second stage during the all-you-can-eat BBQ feast.

include competition-caliber ribs, chicken and pulled pork, plus salads and sides. Furlong's was the winner of last year's Deerwood Smoke on the Range BBQ competition. The meal will be paired with beers from event sponsor Bent Paddle Brewing Co. from Duluth.

"This is an amazing lineup of blues talent," Ruttger's President Chris Ruttger said. "And when you mix in award-winning barbecue, and great beer, it all adds up to big-time summer fun."

Miller's current hit single "Leopard Skin Dress" is No. 1 on the Minnesota Blues charts and reached No. 20 on the Contemporary Blues Charts. The song has spent 25 straight weeks on the Roots Music Charts.

Miller's "barrelhouse" style of singing has earned her the title of "The Duchess of the Blues." Miller was inducted into the Minnesota Blues Hall of Fame as a Performer of the Year in 2018.

Tickets for the 2nd Annual Blues & BBQ Bash are \$25 per adult (\$12 for children 12 and under) and include the BBQ Feast and all three concerts. Tickets and can be purchased on the day of the event or at ruttgers.com/ blues-bbg-bash.



Minneapolis Delta Bluesstyle guitarist extraordinaire Javier Matos performance begins at 6 p.m.



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## **Riverboat Days Parade in Aitkin**



partment sprayed some welcome water at the Riverboat Days Parade on August 3. The weather was sunny and very hot - perfect for a summer event. Float prize winners were: Best Heritage Float: Class of 1989; Best Riverboat Float: Disabled American Veterans: Best Kids' Float, Future Farmers of America. Ann Schwartz photo

The Aitkin Fire De-

## **Duda Road to Recovered benefit**

Road To Recovered" is what Josh Duda has named his journey after surviving a medical helicopter crash on June 28, 2019 that took the lives of two of his co-workers near Brainerd. Duda suffered several injuries consistent with a crash including many broken bones which have resulted in several operations and a long recovery process.

A benefit is being planned for Thursday August, 15 from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Northland Arboretum in Baxter by the Brainerd Lions Club. The benefit dinner and silent auction will include a "Touch A Truck" event coordinated by Karlene Lind, a North Memorial paramedic.

"I think its important for kids and the community to meet the teams of people nity," said Lind. "We have asked local fire departments, police departments, Crow Wing County Sherriff department, and other 'on-thescene' personal to attend."

The meal is being prepared and served by Big Bob's Backyard Barbeque and Q'ing for Community and will consist of pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and a cookie. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids and are available at Brainerd and Baxter Cub Foods, at the Northland Arboretum, and online through the Brainerd Lion's Facebook page. "Getting your tickets in advance helps us plan for the event," said Vicki Foss, Executive Director of the Northland Arboretum. "There has been a huge

who serve in the commuresponse to the event in the community and we want to make sure we have enough for all."

> Also happening simultaneously, an on-line silent auction with more than 50 items up for grabs at www.32auctions.com/roadtorecovered. Items include gift certificates, baskets, collectibles, outdoor gear, and several grills. You need not be present to bid and win.

> Direct donations can be sent to Joshua C. Duda/ Road to Recovered Benefit Account c/o Bremer Bank, 7558 Design Road, Baxter, MN 56425.

> All questions about the August 15th Benefit can be directed to the Northland Arboretum, 2168-829-8770 or to the Brainerd Lions on the event Facebook Page.





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# COMMUNITY-EVEN

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

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

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

ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St. Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each

month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library. Aitkin IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2

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

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

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

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

American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. Art Club meets on the second and fourth 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

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

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

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

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

Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 or Roxy 218-

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

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.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

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

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4. Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd. This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.

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

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

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

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.

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 EveCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin.MN

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3 r d

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 Wednesdays Mondays, 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, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

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

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

Weight Watchers (now called WW) meets at Hallett Center in Crosby every Wednesday at 5:45 pm. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information call 218-820-9725.

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

**August** 

11th - 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 visit their website www.skiloons.com.

## askdrsmith.com featuring Dr. Murray Smith Ticked off? Fight back!

Up to this point, we've been discussing Lyme Disease, how we get it, what causes it, and some of the symptoms associated with it. Hopefully, this has been helpful in gaining a greater understanding in the acute or immediate aspects of

Let's dig in a little deeper today as to why certain symptoms show up over time and some of the treatment options for this formidable disease.

One of the more common symptoms of Lyme is fatigue, achiness, and generalized pain. Though there are multiple reasons for this, one effect of the presence of Lyme is the shutting down of the energy factories in our cells. Sometimes, the primary components for our energy get rerouted to form lactic acid which makes us achy, disrupting most of our normal daily activities and can affect our memory.

Another affect is the fueling of inflammation in the various areas of the body. The joints can become swollen at various times or even constantly. Any area, including muscles and organs, can also be affected causing a wide range of symptoms. If the brain is an area of infection, serious memory problems can arise. Additionally, sleep can be disturbed with poor sleep and even nightmares. Headaches are not uncommon.

The immune system, our onboard defense system, can be affected, as well, either working too much or too little. Here the body can suffer additional infections from other organisms, called a coinfection. Since Lyme can make its own protective shield, called a biofilm, other infectious organisms not be seen by the body or even antibiotics. The list of symptoms goes on. So how do we overcome this?

Most of the traditional treatments focus around a three to six-week course of antibiotics and you're done. Many times, however, this misses the mark and you are left on the Lyme rollercoaster. A comprehensive plan with long-term solutions is generally best. It should center around shutting down harmful microbes (other bugs), enhancing immune function, and boost brain activity. It's a bit complicated but can be done effectively with natural remedies and techniques. Finding an experienced natural health expert can be critical in breaking the cycle of this difficult disease.



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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2 Cross wall hangings (Mike Pendo, Cindy Kuehl) 1-Quilt rack (Kurt Buhlmann) Restaurant Gift Certificates \$50 /The Joint, Bennettville \$20/ Block North Restaurant/Bar. Aitkin Dinner for 2 w/2 cocktails (value up to \$100) Y-Club-Garrison \$20/ Y-Club, Garrison \$25 /Twin Pines Resort Motel/Restaurant, Garrison

Handpieced, machine quilted table runners (Mike Pendo)

2 Autumn mugs with mug rugs (Cindy Kuehl)

2 Certificates for Pizza Broadway Pizza, Garrison 2 Certificates for Hoagies: Broadway Pizza, Garrison \$30 /Grand Casino Food Venue \$20/40 Club. Aitkin 5 McDonald Sandwiches of Choice, Garrison 5 Breakfast Sandwiches of Choice, Garrison

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Oak frame "Loons on Lake"/Sandeland Realty, Garrison Silent Walker Santa: Artist/Pat Becker: Green Owl Gallery, Aitkin Lodge wall hanging Garner family "Blessed" metal sign Garner family Dairy Delivery Service Wall Hanging w/Canisters/Garner family Family Fresh Produce sign w/produce basket/Garner family

**LUTHERAN CHURCH** 

Missouri Svnod

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Black T-shirt size L/The Landing, Aitkin Bird Bath/Ace Hardware, Deerwood Cross Wall Hanging/Acorn Millworks, Deerwood

Miscellaneous Gift Certificates: 18 holes for 4 people w/cart Golf Package Northwoods Hills Golf, Garrison \$100 Veterinary Services of Choice/Garrison Animal Hospita 24 Hour Ice House for 6 people on Mille Lacs/ Twin Pines Resort, Garrison

1 Night stay/Grand Casino Mille Lacs \$20/Holiday Gift Cards, Garrison Breezy Point 1 week Vacation Package for 6 Cash Donation \$250 VFW Post 1816, Garrison





# **OBITUARIES**

## **WENDY WAGNER**



Wendy Michelle Wagner, 47, of Palisade, died peacefully with her family by her side, on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. A celebration of Wendy's life will be held 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 10, 2019

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at the Waukenabo Community Center, Waukenabo Township, Palisade. Lunch will be served.

She was born July 21, 1972 in Aitkin to Mike and Carol (Hubbard) Purdy. Wendy married Wayne Wagner, Jr. on October 27, 1990 at Hilltop Chapel, Palisade. Together they lived in the Aitkin area and raised three children. She was employed with the U.S. Postal Service. Everyone who knew Wendy saw that she had a heart of gold! She was compassionate, kind, loving, caring, and always willing to help others. She always had time to listen, love, and give. She enjoyed crafting, decorating for holidays, interior design, spending time with Wayne refurbishing furniture, gardening, painting, and wood burning and carving; but the times that she enjoyed most were spent with all of her grandchildren. She loved her family very much, and she was an amazing mother, grandmother, wife, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend.

Wendy is survived by her parents; husband, Wayne; son and daughter-in-law, Spencer and Chelsi Wagner, Brainerd; daughters and sonin-law: Rylee Wagner, Palisade; and Lexi and Andrew Nihill, Mandan, ND; grandchildren: Braden, Tyce, Ezra, Caspian, and Lola Wagner; Charlotte Denofre; and soon to be baby girl Nihill; sisters and brothers-in-law: Chris and Dave Neil, Princeton; and Jill and Steve Janzen, Palisade; many other special relatives and friends.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral. com to sign the online guest register.

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## GERALD BECKER



Gerald "Jerry" Henry Becker, 84, Aitkin, formerly of Milaca, died Friday, Aug. 2, 2019 at his home. Services were held Thurs-

day, Aug. 8 at at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. A private family interment with military honors was held in

Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery, Little Falls. Memorials are preferred to Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo, Holden Village and Feed My Starving Children.

He was born June 24, 1935 in Readlyn, Iowa to Kermit and Carolyn (Graff) Becker. Jerry moved with his parents to Milaca in 1947 and graduated from Milaca High School in 1953. He attended the University of North Dakota on a football scholarship, graduating in 1958. Jerry was part of the college ROTC program and a veteran of the United States Army. He served during the Korean War from 1958 to 1959. Jerry joined the Minnesota National Guard from 1961 to 1983, retiring as major.

He married Patricia Fischer on July 18, 1964 in Sandstone. He taught social studies and physical education at Milaca until his retirement in 1990 when they moved to Mille Lacs Lake. Jerry coached football, basketball and track and was awarded a 25-year pin and was recognized by the Minnesota High School League. He loved hunting, fishing and feeding the birds and wildlife. He sang in the church choirs, was a member of the men's bible study (ROMEO's). Jerry was a church treasurer of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Milaca, for 15 years and treasurer at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo, for 12 years. Jerry and Pat loved camping and traveling and spent seven summers in Alaska. He loved and served his Lord faithfully all his life and died peacefully at home looking at God's creation.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Becker, Aitkin; son and daughter-in-law, Brett and Vanessa Becker, West Plains, MO; daughter and son-in-law, Jeanine and Craig Egerman, Lakeville; six grandchildren: Noah and Addisyn Becker, Graham Egerman, Brett, Brendan and Brady Robins; two brothers: Robert Becker, Cannon Falls and Richard Becker, Pequot Lakes; nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Randall Becker; sister-in-law, Roberta; nephew. Steven.

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.

## RICHARD KUSH



Richard John Kush Sr., 81, McGregor, died Sunday, July 28, 2019 surrounded by his family.

There will be a memorial service on Friday, Aug. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at St Johns the Baptist, 835 Second Ave. NW, New Brighton with visitation

one hour prior to the service. There will be an evening visitation Thursday, Aug. 15 from 5-8 p.m. at Washburn McReavy 706 Fourth Ave. NW New Brighton. Born Sept. 3, 1937 and raised in New Brigh-

ton, Richard graduated from Mounds View High School and worked at NSP for 34 years.

Dick retired in 1993 and moved to Big Sandy Lake in McGregor. He had a love for the outdoors and was an avid sportsman. He spent much of his time with family and friends fishing, hunting, golfing, snowmobiling and played ball for many years. Dick was a member of the Minnewawa Sportsman Club and volunteered with the Mc-Gregor High School trap shooting team.

He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Cindy Kush; sons: Richard Kush Jr.; Dave (Lori) Kush; daughter, Lynnette (Marty) Hawkinson; grandchildren: Tyler, Sean, Alayna, Kyle and Luke; sisters and brother: Phyllis (Vern) Sandoz; Mike (Jane) Kush; Sue Ann Kush and Kathy

Dick was preceded in death by his parents Michael Kush, Kathryn Albright and brother,

Arrangements were with Washburn McReavy, 706 Fourth Ave. NW, New Brighton.

\* 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 & 6:30 pm; Adult Sunday School 9 am; "Elevate" youth group for 7th-12th graders, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

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

## **ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Hayden Loven ; Sunday Morning Service 10:45

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, thejourneynorth.com

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com

Brainerd\* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-

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

5252, Worship 10:30, SS 9:30.

Deerwood\* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm. Glory\* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship

10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12. Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9;

Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm. Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.

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

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.

 $\label{eq:Brainerd} \textbf{Brainerd} \leftarrow \textbf{St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat. 4:30; Sun.}$ 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

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

Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Elias Gieske, Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession Sun 7:15-7:45 am. Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5

pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483 Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt. McGregor - Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.

Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30. **CHURCH OF CHRIST** 

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

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

### **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**

Aitkin - Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10 COMMUNITY

Aitkin — Nondenominational: 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE... Aitkin, Services Sun. 10, 218-927-6959 Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-

Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005 Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9

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

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

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

Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

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

Outing\* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon 4th Saturday, 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge

Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.

Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

## CONGREGATIONAL

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

Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 Brainerd\* — St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

## **EVANGELICAL FREE**

Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Brian Erickson: Worship at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:45 pm

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

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

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

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

for information 320-684-2804

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

Aitkin - First\* (ELCA) Pastor Doug Larson (Interim), Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 9 am (coffee fellowship at 10 am); communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed nursery for Sun. service. Sun. service broadcast at 10 a.m on KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9am on Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs, each month 9:30am-5pm.

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

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

Baxter - Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.popbaxter.org Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st &

3rd Sun., 10:30. Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, 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 Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy

Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun. Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

Crosby —Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682. Crosslake - Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie

Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday

School 9:15. Garrison - Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101. Garrison - Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.

Giese - Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45. Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert;

Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15. Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Hand-

icap accessible) Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069. Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French;

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

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

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun.

10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

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, Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30.

Pequot Lakes\* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210 Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd

Sun. April through December. Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9. Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua

Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984

## **PENTECOSTAL**

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.

Ironton - Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall\*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

## PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake — Pastor Tony Oltmann, 218-692-4769; Worship 10; Fellowship 11:15; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10;14444 Daggett Pine Road just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org

McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

## 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

## **UNITED METHODIST**

Aitkin\* — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.

Crosby/Deerwood\* — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.

Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9. Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9 Emily\* — Pastors Luke and Bethany Nelson; Worship 8:30;

fellowship follows. Fleming\* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship

10:30; fellowship follows. Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10 McGregor\* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45;

fellowship follows. 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

Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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## DWIGHT SEMLER



Irondale Township died on August 6, 2019 at Essentia St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 15, 2019 at the Assembly of God Church in Crosby. Burial

will be at the Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4 to 8 pm at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby and one hour prior to the services at the church on Thursday. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred.

He was born on July 7, 1942 to Leon and Christine (Norman) Semler. Dwight graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, class of 1960. After graduating he went to work with his dad at the sawmill. He married Mabel Anderson in Crosby on August 5, 1967. Together with his wife, attended the International School of Ministry, graduating in 2003. Dwight and Mabel

Dwight R. Semler, 77 of have pastored the Iron Range Christian Center following their graduation. Dwight was a member, where he has served as treasurer and secretary of Tops/Kops and he also ran Fair For All for 31 years. Dwight offered help to anyone who needed assistance with financing, and enjoyed assisting the elderly.

> Dwight is survived by his wife, Mabel; sons and daughter-in-law, Raymond Semler, Deerwood and Matthew and Karla Semler, North Branch; two daughters and sons-in-law: Kristine and Jeff Brown, Eagle Bend; Mary Anne and Mark Louks, Deerwood; mother-in-law, Bonnie George, Deerwood; brother, Delmer Semler, Cosa Grande, AZ; sister, Alice De St.Croix, Seattle, WA; several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

> Dwight was preceded in death by his parents; four infant siblings; three sisters: Norma Linquist, Lucille Caird, and Betty Ruedy and a brother, Ellsworth "Sonny" Semler; and two infant grandchildren, Anthony and Alexander Louks.

> Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## **BLAKE WELDON**



Blake Robert Weldon, 30, died unexpectedly Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019 at his home in Crosby.

Services will be held at noon on Monday, Aug. 12 at Timberwood Church in Nisswa, with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Interment will be

at Greenwood Cemetery in Nisswa. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers made to the Blake Weldon Memorial Fund, which will make donations to the Epilepsy Foundation, Scholarship Fund for a student(s) attending to CLC Robotics Degree and Logan and Lincoln Picha College Fund. Checks can also be sent to American National Bank, PO Box 130, Nisswa, MN 56468

Blake was born May 10, 1989 in Coon Rapids to Sean and Stacy (Randelin) Weldon. He graduated from Princeton High School. He attended UMD, community colleges in Superior and Coon Rapids, before graduating with a degree in robotics at Central Lakes College in Staples in 2017. He worked in robotics and electrical mechanics. Blake enjoyed working on cars, biking the many Cuyuna trails, being on the lake, dirt biking, and shooting bow and guns. He always loved spending time with his fam-ily and friends, and playing with Logan and Lincoln.

Blake is survived by his significant other and loving soulmate, Kya Hollister and her sons Logan and Lincoln; parents, Sean and Stacy Weldon; brother, Chase Weldon; sister Allyson "Ally" Weldon; grandparents: Paulette (Ed) Oja, Dale (Anita) Randelin, John (Becky) Whight, and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by grandparents Robert and Marian Weldon; uncle, Michael Weldon; aunt, Renee Weldon; uncle, Jerry Sondergard; cousin, Lindsey Philaya; and second cousin, Leah Rae Sorenson.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral

## CLINTON SMITH



Clinton "Pete" E. Smith, 68, of Aitkin died Sunday, August 4, 2019 at the Fairview Ridges Hospital in Burnsville, Minnesota.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Wednesday, August 14, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the So-

rensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service. A sharing of memories time will be held at 7 p.m. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

Clinton was born July 10, 1951 at Fridley to James and Edna (Westerlund) Smith. His father worked construction so he moved many times with his family and had attended schools in Kansas, Indiana, Aitkin, MN and Forest Lake, MN. He started working on cars as a kid and it became his litelong passion. He married Nancy A. Bentley on October 18, 1969 at the Coon Lake Covenant Church near Anoka. They made their home New Brighton and then Anoka before moving to Aitkin 35 years ago. He enjoyed hunting deer, Elk and moose, fishing, vintage race cars and has traveled all over to race tracks including Indianapolis, Indiana, Georgia, Daytona, Florida, Pikes Peak and Elkhart, Wisconsin. He enjoyed going on road trips short and long. He enjoyed spending last winter in Alamogordo, New Mexico and was looking forward to going again this winter. He was always there to help anyone in need.

He is survived by his wife Nancy Smith, Aitkin; son Jeramy Smith, Aitkin; sisters and brotherin-law: Lyla and Roy Dooley, Champlin; Sandy and Cary Tracy, Cedar; Becky and Pat Anderson, Isanti; brothers and sisters-in-law: Bruce and Diane Smith, Big Lake; Neal and Tami Smith, Cambridge; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Roger Lindelof, Leo Lindelof, Richard "Dick" Smith and sister Laura Mistelske.

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

## Guest Opinion -

## Closed door illegal activity in Crosby

By KELLY AVELSGARD, Concerned Observer

It hurts a little that I can't return the compliment to the editor of the Courier. I find their style of writing childish, insulting, condescending and unreadable. To be accused of twisting any information is humorous. If anything, my writing has been a broken record.

I was alerted to the editorial in the July 31st Courier and to my surprise, it hit on some very good points. First, the acknowledgment the meeting with the new council person took place. Second, the sharing of any information about BMS Case No 17-PA-0260 or anything about the wrongfully terminated officer is illegal. Lastly, the chief, city labor attorney are old hats at what they're doing. The Courier and the editor have twisted information for over two years about the chief of police. The chief's actions are not and never have been protected by data privacy laws.

The chief must be held accountable for violating the public trust. The chief, city administrator, city labor attorney, council members past and present along with the current mayor, want the chief to get away with the crime. Anyone can discuss the actions of the chief, city administrator, and labor attorney when they break the law, again, not protected by data privacy.

First, the meeting took place in early Feb. The council person shared zero confidential information with me. What was shared was my name was used, they stated I had filed a complaint with the POST Board, they needed to give the history of the wrongful termination lawsuit. The chief, city administrator, and the labor attorney at that moment, lied, they chose to break the law.

The link www.NewsHopper. net was shared with the POST Board members and they were invited to read the document and render their own conclusions to the chiefs and the former lieutenants actions in BMS Case No. 17-PA-0260. The council person was briefed, on what exactly will be heard in court during the lawsuit.

Second, the city has been admonished for more than a year from sharing information about the case and the wrongfully terminated officer with anyone. Anyone includes the newly elected council person.

The city has been adamant in the Courier, the NewsHopper, in public meetings by a former council person with the challenge to bring it on or sign a waiver so they could talk about the case. The case has never been the issue, the egregious, unethical, possibly criminal acts of the chief of police have always been the issue. The chief's acts are not protected by data privacy, period.

Lastly, they are old hats at it, two failed wrongful termination lawsuits, eight failed attempts to prosecute two former mayors, is their experience. I would say they're not very good at it though. The chief, city administrator, city labor attorney have managed to bring the first of many potential lawsuits to Crosby and miraculously managed to stay employed by what can be described as a team effort, which is why it's taking so long.

Crosby can thank the council person for their courage, tenacity, and wisdom for doing the right thing for the city. Placing any stock in what the Courier or the editor has to say about this situation is a terrible mistake. The council person did the right thing. By the way, you heard it in the NewsHopper.

# READER-RIBBETS

## Drowning in 'good' governance

While our Crosby mayor has time to write response letters playing the victim and putting us critics in our places. Ha, I wonder then when he finds the time to address simple things such as our towns budget?

Of course not much thought went into his leading our council to appropriating not a single cent last year for our upcoming 2021 road improvement project. Even though he was advised, that there would be many costs to us taxpayers including, but not limited to, the street lights that currently stand at costing about \$400,000. MnDot will however cover a percentage of each street light if it meets their

Now his "good" governance ontinues to lead and vote in favor for even more spending sprees, but there's no answer to how to pay for these projects. No two year plan, no five year plan. Nope, just fee increases and higher taxes in our future.

At least his entertaining letters will give us reassurance and sweet comfort, as we watch our neighbors sell their homes to people who will convert them to air bed and breakfasts.

But this leader, god wiling, won't even be in office when we start having to pay for all the projects that our city agreed to partner with or take on.

Plus the expenses that will be incurred with the aging Hallett Community Center, street repairs, etc. may again force budget cuts elsewhere like to our Fire Dept.

Our commercial properties are paying the highest rates in Crow Wing County, yet not once has that been publicly addressed by our mayor or city administrator. It has been a hot

topic though with our Economic Development Comm., but this administration hasn't really addressed any of our concerns. We were simply informed our taxes are a county matter. Amazingly enough, this mayor can't figure out why people haven't bought into his elegant lip service and actually have the nerve to criticize him and his support team.

Well our residents and business owners need to be represented fairly. They are tired of the lack of transparency, the favoritism justified under job descriptions, lack of ordinances that simply protect the lifestyle they paid a lifetime working here for, etc. They simply can't afford the costs of this man's "good" governance.

I just hope that we can afford the water to be able to hose the pigeon poop off our sidewalks.

Chris Ryan, Crosby





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of nature's ever-changing patterns, she sews tiny glass beads on felted wool.

Wood, who lives in Hovland, explains, "My 'paintings' express my sense of place."

Living and working in northern Minnesota have given Wood an intimate relationship with the shorelines, forest trails and gardens where "flowers gesture,

trees reach and

water moves." Through her art Wood shares her connec-

impressions tion to nature, celebrating its abundance and conveying qualities of peace and beauty. "I delight in botanical elegance, Each series of 'paintings' is a tribute to the beauty and enchantment of nature.

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Jo Wood's bead and fiber landscapes have been exhibited throughout the United States and can be found in the collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, and Mayo Clinics, Rochester. Her work has been published in several books

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