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# Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge to celebrate Oktoberfest Oct. 19 Sounds of tubas, accordions and drinks, an arts and crafts What's new in 2019

and revelers will once again fill the fall air as Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge brings a touch of Bavaria to the Lakes Area with one of the state's most popular

fair and much more.

"The reason Oktoberfest at Ruttger's has become an autumn tradition for thousands is simple — it's a great par-

Though Oktoberfest at Ruttger's is steeped in tradition, there are a handful of new offerings at this year's event, highlighted by the Cuyuna

bonfire pits enjoying s'mores. The biggest benefit is quicker access to beer.

New food and drink will be served this year, including hand-cut French fries, pickles on a stick and pretzel bites. In addition to the traditional Oktoberfest beers, Schell's will be serving an IPA at the outdoor beer gardens, as well as White Claw Hard Seltzer, and special Oktoberfest Bloody Marys. The youngsters will enjoy a spate of new arts and crafts projects in the Kids' Kamp building.

#### Traditional activities and events

The heart of Oktoberfest is the Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This year's fair features more than 160 vendors selling a wide assortment of clothing, art, food and more. In addition to the Arts and Crafts Fair, attendees can enjoy children's and Kids Krafts at the Kids' Kamp Building.

The Entertainment Tent will once again be a hub for partiers with an entire day of entertainment and beer on tap (pun intended). Back by popular demand, The Concord Singers, Alpensterne, and the Narren of New Ulm will take the stage beginning at 10:45 a.m. The blessing of the keg and ceremonial keg tapping is scheduled for 11 a.m.

Saturday night is the celebrated Oktoberfest Dinner Buffet, with all the favorite German specialties. Alpensterne will perform during the dinner buffet in Ruby's Dining Room. Reservations are required for the dinner buffets, but Saturday's arts and crafts fair and the daytime events are free admission. For more information or to make your dinner reservation, call Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge at



Oktoberfest celebrations. The party begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19. Prost!

The festivities mark the 34th year the resort has hosted the traditional German festival that features live entertainment, authentic German food ty," Ruttger's President Chris Ruttger said. "There's something magical about enjoying German beer and food while listening to authentic German festival music. It's hard not to smile while wearing lederhosen."

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# Fare for All Holiday packs are great deal to help stretch food budgets

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Jerry and Dolores Wickham of Dam Lake in rural Aitkin like to help others – especially their fellow senior citizens. They spend about four hours a month volunteering for the Fare for All program.

As part of a nationwide network of cooperative food purchasing programs, consumers can purchase meat and produce once a month at low prices that stretch their monthly food budgets. There are over 200 sites in Minnesota. Some version of the program has operated in the Aitkin area for over 30 years.

Wickhams stress that now is the time to order holiday food packages. "They cost \$30 and include everything – except potatoes -- to feed a holiday meal to four or five people," stressed Dolores.

The Holiday Package induces a nine pound turkey, two

Tkaczik receives tractor trophy

pounds of chicken breasts, four Johnsonville sausages, a turkey tenderloin, sage pork sausage, green beans and a pumpkin pie.

November holiday packages must be ordered by Fri., Oct. 25, for pickup on Wed., Oct. 30.

Pickups are always on Wednesdays – most often the first Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. The parking lot of First Lutheran Church in Aitkin, 107 Second St SE, is the pickup spot. The December holiday package must be ordered by Friday, Nov. 29, for pickup on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 3:30.

Orders must be placed and paid in advance. Call Dolores at 218-549-3158. For those in the Crosby area call Mabel Semler at 218-546-6523. The pickup site in Crosby is Immanuel Lutheran Church,

600- 4th St. SW, Crosby.
Other local sites include:
Community room at City Hall,
125 Lake Ave. Hill City and
Zion Lutheran Church, 207
1st St., McGrath.

During non-holiday times, Fare for All offers a Mega Meat pack for \$25 (7-9 meat items); Mini Meat pack \$11 (3-5 meats, no pork); and a produce pack for \$10 which includes 12-15 pounds of fresh vegetables and fruit. The Combo pack, \$20, includes mini meat and produce and saves \$1. The Wickhams also charge an additional \$1 per family for picking up the food. Orders must be placed and paid the Friday prior to the first Wednesday of the month.

Each first Wednesday, they head down to the Garrison VFW where Chris Jensen, the driver, brings up pallets of food from New Hope.

"We used to have people supply their own cardboard boxes and we had to pack the boxes but now it comes packaged," explained Jerry. He said that they all work together from the area to get all the food packed into the cars going to different towns. "If we have a

small order, we bring our car. For larger orders, we bring our pickup and for really large orders, we bring our trailer if need be."

There used to be as many as 20 families ordering a month and it has dwindled to about eight. Dolores would like to see more local families taking

This service is open to everyone. In addition to the food packages sold at all other Fare for All locations, individual meats, produce, and dry goods are for sale at the warehouse. Cash, credit, debit and EBT payments are accepted. They are located at 8501 54th Ave North in New



Watch for Jerry and Dolores Wickham and their copper-colored car at First Lutheran in Aitkin, distributing monthly Fare for All food packages. Ann Schwartz photo

advantage of this service.

"Fare for All works hard to make sure our packages contain healthy staples – items like fresh produce and lean meats that are usually the most expensive items at the grocery store," said the website. Log onto the website, fareforall. org, for tips on making the most of your monthly food package.

Warehouse sales are available on the second Monday of each month at the New Hope (Twin Cities) Warehouse from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hope Enter through the west doors on the right side of the building. Remaining 2019 dates for the warehouse are: October 14, November 11 and December 9.

There are no income requirements or any other restrictions. Everyone may participate. Dolores said that they are happy to help everyone, but they are not able to deliver to individual homes. "If someone forgets to come I'll try to contact them and they can come to our house and pick it up," she said.

# **Missing Outing woman**

The Aitkin County Sheriff's Office is urging area hunters to keep watch for a woman who has been missing for nearly a week.

Michelle Mae, 35, of Outing, Minnesota, had last contact with her family on Wednesday, October 3. Mae is 5'1", Caucasian, with green eyes, dark-rimmed glasses and short, dark hair. She has several tattoos on her forearms.

A hunter located Mae's missing 2004 Jeep Liberty on

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Friday, October 4, in Aitkin County near Swatara, which is southwest of Hill City. The Aitkin County Sheriff's Office is asking hunters in the area to watch for any signs of Mae. Anyone with information on her whereabouts is urged to contact the sheriff's office at 218-927-2138 or dial 911.

The Aitkin County Sheriff's Office is being assisted in its investigation by the Cass County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.



Rich and Beverly Tkaczik proudly displaying a trophy of appreciation for driving nine Inter-

national Harvester Farmall tractors (1947-1954) in the Garrison Play Days Parade for about

20 years. According to Rich, it has become a "family affair" with children and grandchildren

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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

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

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.

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.

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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

Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

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.

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. Ait-

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

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.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.

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

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

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

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

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

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12th - Teravail Oremageddon, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on

the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Trails.

Reif Arts Council's "What's Going On? Songs from the Vietnam War Era" featuring the Fabulous Armadillos 7 p.m. in the Wilcox Theater at the Myles Reif Performing Arts Center in Grand Rapids. For more info contact Paul Gregersen 218-327-5780

14th - Winter Pickleball season begins at the Deerwood Auditorium. Play will be from 10 a.m. - noon on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. The cost will be either \$2.00 per day or \$30.00 for the winter season...October 2019 to May 2020. No reservations required • beginners welcome. Any questions contact Ron Mogen 818-774-3821

17th - Deerwood Technologies and Deerwood American Legion with host Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours at 23659 Forest Rd., Deerwood on 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Bring business cards and get ready to network build relationships and while enjoying hors d'oeurefreshments and more! Attendees are encouraged to bring door prizes for raffle drawings. As a courtesy to the host, advanced registration is recommended. To make your reservation, register online at www.cuyunalakaes.com or call the Chamber office at 218-546-8131 or email cathe@cuyunalakes.com.

17th - 19th - Northland Arboretum's Haunted Trail, 7 pm to 9 pm. The mile and a half-long trail is broken into "scare sections" which are run by over 200 volunteers each night. There will be low-scare sections with loops of high scare for those who have higher scare tolerances. Also new this year is "Monster Hide and Seek." Find all 13 monsters, get their stamp on the hide and seek game piece, and be entered in a drawing for prizes. Advanced tickets \$10/person, \$13/person at door or \$30/person VIP Tickets which includes "I Survived the Haunted Trail" t-shirt. Call 218-829-8770 for more info.

19th - Ruttger's 34th Annual Oktoberfest.

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# askdrsmith.com featuring Dr. Murray Smith **Overcoming Lyme**

In previous articles, we highlighted Lyme and the various aspects of the disease. We also looked at the various ways it can show itself and manifest in life-altering, often debilitating, ways. So, what can we do that heightens our chances of defeating this disease and overcoming the destructive path it leaves behind? Read on for hope.

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We're going to assume that comprehensive blood tests for acute and chronic infections were done that cover the wide array of possibilities. If not, find a clinic that does this comprehensive testing.

Next, identify the damage the infection has caused and the specific areas of the body it has affected. Clearing toxins that these organisms secrete, such as ammonia, can help shut down further damage. This often requires specialized testing to find, but can be extremely effective. Identifying the issues that complicate the problem, such as heavy metal and chemical exposure, can help dig deeper into the underlying problem.

Finding the nutritional deficiencies, and giving the body what it needs to recover, is like adding fuel to a car that is out of gas. This is great news because some can feel better within days of starting their nutritional program. Each individual "needs what they need" and the more specific, the better.

Moving on, eliminate Lyme's biofilm, that protective shield that hides it and other organisms. Be aware that this can free up the bad guys hiding out and care should be taken to deal with them. Naturally boosting the immune system, lowering inflammation in body through diet, limiting exposure to molds, and lowering stress can all also help defeat this giant.

Putting it all together can be just the key needed to unlocking a healthier future!



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.

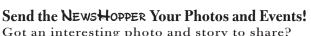
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#### DAVID OLSON



David L. Olson, 80, of Bay Lake Township died at his home on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Burial will be at

the Bay Lake Township Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

He was born on February 25, 1939 in Minneapolis to Leonard and Gulia (Magnolo) Olson. David married Annette Olsen on July 11, 1959 in Minneapolis. Because of his compassion for others and experience he opened Total Medical Supply in 1994; selling and retiring in 2004. With a passion for hockey, he started skating at a young age, playing through high school. He continued to play on a "old timers league", then went on to become assistant coach at Columbia Heights High School. He continued to skate every year until age 75. David was an avid golfer and sang with the Country Gentlemen in Tucson, AZ.

David is survived by his wife, Annette; daughter and son-in-law, Kristine and Mervin Bjork, Zimmerman; son and daughter-in-law, David and Chervl Olson, Jr., Crosslake: 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren brothers and sisters-in-law: Gerald and Judy Olson, Scandia and Leonard and Karen Olson, Columbia Heights: sister, Julie Howel, Pensacola, FL.

Preceding David in death are his parents.

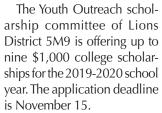
Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.



# Beacon unites service providers

The Beacon Meeting held at Long Lake Conservation Center on October 3 gathered together those who keep the wheels turning in Aitkin and Crow Wing counties and the surrounding area. Non-profit staff, health care, government and school officials, numbering about 80, met to exchange information, make connections and learn from one another. Above: (left to right) Luke Christensen, Amanda Voller, Kari Paulsen and Aileen DeMenge plan and host the annual Beacon Meeting. Everyone is astounded at the wide array of non-profit, health care and government services available to citizens of the area. To get a copy of the email list of attendees, contact Kari Paulson, NMOJT, at kari.paulsen@nemojt.org. Ann Schwartz photo

# **Lions Youth Outreach Scholarship**



Students must be in their final two years of college and have a major which will lead to a career in working with youth. To be eligible the students must have graduated from a high

District 5M9 or their home is in District 5M9. District 5M9 has 66 Lions Clubs and includes the following clubs in this region: Baxter, Brainerd, Merrifield, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes/Breezy Point, Pillager Area, Aitkin, Bay Lake Area, Cuyuna Range, Deerwood Lakes, Garrison, Hill City, Malmo, McGregor, Palisade Area, Backus, Crosslake Ideal, Emily

school that is within Lions Outing Fifty Lakes, Hackensack, Longville, Northland Remer, and Pine River.

Scholarship applications are available by contacting a Lions member from one of the clubs or downloading the fillable application from www.lionsof5m9.org . Click on the Youth Outreach image. Applications are also available by contacting Evie Ladd at seladd@frontiernet.net.

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#### **ALLIANCE**

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

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-

5252, Worship 10:30, SS 9:30. Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service

10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm Deerwood\* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and

6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm. Glory\* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades

kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12. Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.

Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m. Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study

Wed., 7 p.m.

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

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

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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

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

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

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10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

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Sun. April through December. Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

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# READER-RIBBET

# Tax puzzle pieces in Crow Wing

I found myself in need of assistance last week, due to an illness that caused me to faint and injure my head in a fall at home. Officers Mount and De-Pauli arrived on the scene and assisted the paramedics. CRMC later transferred me to St. Cloud where — hopefully — they solved my issue permanently.

We are fortunate to have such services available in a community as small as ours. I look forward to working with our new Chief of Police, Chief Rooney.

Recently, I attended a workshop sponsored by Crow Wing County Commissioners regarding vacation rentals. I was personally invited by our commissioner, which was great since my invite from city hall seemed to be unavailable.

A lot of changes are being started at the state level brought by Minnesota Department of Revenue and we will have to keep learning of these changes to see how they could affect Crosby's VRBO [Vacation Rental By Owner] future decisions.

While discussing Crow Wing County with the various commissioners, I learned a lot about the upcoming budgets for Crow Wing. After years of small increases, 2019 saw a 7% increase and another 7 % is proposed for 2020.

A large portion of this increase is due to Human Services and HRA. Crow Wing County has a housing shortage. I believe Crosby also has a housing shortage — both in rentals and medium range private homes. Crow Wing County will be making the final payment of their building bonds in Feb 2020, which helps keep the levy down.

Like Crow Wing County, Crosby is paying off a small bond in 2020. The council worked hard to use existing funds to schedule much needed projects in 2020 and 2021 without asking for an increase in the levy for these improvements. The final budget will be discussed at the truth and taxation meeting in November. The school district has their own budget. In the next few months, all of these pieces to the tax puzzle will be finalized.

As a retiree living in Crosby on a fixed income, I appreciate conservative spending. I will continue to work hard for the residents of Crosby to provide them with the best the City of Crosby can offer. We will have some hard choices to make in the upcoming months, but I am optimistic that the future can be bright for our small community.

If I can answer any tax question or steer you to people who can, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Diane Cash Crosby City Councilmember

# Crosby's pattern of overspending

Not too many months back our mayor of Crosby was sternly addressing the shortage of funds concerning our Fire Department. It was presented that our Fire Dept's. budget was going to be pretty bleak with the fire contracts that were lost. It was at that point, talks between the Fire Dept. and our mayor's administration even eluded to the fears of potential future dispersal of department assets, if needed. But, now our mayor and loyal council has voted to suddenly budget in the future purchase of a used ladder truck.

I would be in total support of that, especially, if our budget didn't involve a tax hike, but the timing and circumstances make me guestion the motives. My critical thinking mind says its yet another gesture from a man on borrowed political time to try and gain some pre-election support by throwing around tax money. Even though this entire council justifies the multiple acts of recent impulsive spending due to the fact that they are just using the reserves, the residents are once again getting punished in the form of yet another tax increase! This is nothing more than poor fiscal management disguised as our mayors twisted idea of good governance. Just by example, this mayor led council and city administrator continues to encourage city department heads to show no restraint or accountability in their spending habits. Even our mayor's apparent favorite cause, our library, overspent and will have to dip into their reserves. Reserves work well, if you replace what you take out, but this mayor and administration's pattern of

overspending prevents that.

History also shows that the reserve fund has been used multiple times to bail out the Hallett Community Center due to their poor management in the past. Watch as its used again for future repairs that conveniently didn't get budgeted. This little ploy allows the management team to brag that they aren't in the red, plus allows for the city administrator to push for continued support of this deceptive tax burden. Crosby is never going to be in a position to lower taxes if we continue to elect individuals who stay on this path of blatant irresponsible spending. Please start considering the effects that this administration is placing on your taxes and vote accordingly next fall.

Chris Ryan Crosby

# The Saga in Crosby gets worse

The residents of Crosby have been served the second of many potential lawsuits from the egregious acts of the former chief of police.

Residents recently observed the city administrator and former chief of police going through boxes of documents the former chief unloaded from their personal vehicle.

This raises multiple questions:

- Why would the former chief spend hours combing through the documents with the city administrator?
- Why a former chief of police would have or keep city files in their personal vehicle?
- Were the documents at the home of the former chief? • Why would the former chief keep city files at their personal residence?
- Were they accessing the former chief's X-files?

BMS Case No 17-PA-0260 found the former chief lies, distorts the truth, alters documents and even makes documents disappear. It appears that behavior continues.

The former chief of police should not be in city hall for any reason. They reside in Deerwood Township and certainly should not be dealing with information pertaining to any lawsuit. The former chief is now a civilian, having access to confidential information should not be allowed.

The residents are going to be struck by a financial wrecking ball and the city administrator asks the ridiculous question about how the city will compensate the former chief for time they spend in a lawsuit they created.

It seems the city of Crosby is and will remain in the incompetent hands of people who wish to serve their personal interests, protect their friends, and throw your money out the window every chance they get.

The actions of the city administrator and the now civilian former chief indicate guilt and could libel Crosby even more.

The city administrator is not representing the council, mayor, or the residents of Crosby.

Sorting through any documents that pertain to either lawsuit, is not for the former chief or city administrator to do, it's for the city's attorneys to do. Now the city's attorneys are compromised because the information could be compromised, and it can't be trusted.

The former chief should never touch, be seen with, or observed near city hall and surely not observed carrying boxes of documents into city hall from their personal vehicle.

The Courier wishes to portray the saga in Crosby as the victims are the cause. When the saga has been caused by the former chief worsens by their acts and those of the city administrator.

Kelly Avelsgard **Concerned Observer** Deerwood

# The state of our students

When Minnesotans think of a state agency in disarray, mismanaging millions in taxpaver funds, while touching the lives of nearly one million Minnesotans, they could be excused for thinking about the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

After all, the Department of Human Services has seen the resignation of three top officials in three months, reports of employee intimidation, and millions of dollars mismanaged and misspent. The scale of the dysfunction is so breathtaking, it would be understandable if most Minnesotans just started to tune it out - or simply not notice the other major state agency failing our state; the Minnesota Department of Education.

Shortly before Labor Day Weekend, while many parents were busy with the state fair and getting ready for school, the Minnesota Department of Education released "The State of Our Students" report, which coincided with the annual release of student performance on our state academic assessments.

The Commissioner of Education - Mary Cathryn Ricker - labeled the state of our students as "promising." Yet, it is not very promising when only 55% of our third-graders can read at grade level, continuing a downward trend since at least 2015. Nor is it very promising when only 45 percent of our high school juniors are proficient in math, yet, we graduate 83 percent of our high school seniors.

Over the last several years and despite significant financial investment from hard-working taxpayers, the Minnesota Department of Education has presided over a constant decline in student achievement in both reading and math. Since 2015, the percentage of students rated proficient in math has dropped eight percent, and third-grade reading proficiency has dropped seven percent.

Commissioner Ricker pointed to rising graduation rates while ignoring downward trends in academic achievement. The commissioner pointed to rising rates of ACT participation while ignoring the large and dangerous disparities in performance between white students and students of color.

The commissioner says our students are more than test scores. On that, we agree, but they are also more than just a list of participation rates without any reference to achievement. Employers, parents, and especially our students are trusting that our high school diplomas are meaningful certificates of achievements, not simply certificates of participation.

There is so much potential and promise in our students, but it is incumbent on all of us to help our students fulfill that promise. We need to make parents a partner in the process, respect local control on curriculum instead of politically motivated mandates, and ensure that all of our students are exposed to our nation-leading, rigorous academic standards in reading, math, and science.

Education provides students with a foundation for their future and cherry-picked data to paint a rosy picture shortchanges not only our system of education but the children it is intended to serve. The dysfunction and waste at the Department of Human Services is serious, but should not distract us from the dysfunction at the Department of Education.

Reps. Ron Kresha, R-Little Falls, and Sondra Erickson, **R-Princeton** 

# **Crow Wing County jail health issues**

Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard reports that the Crow Wing County Jail is currently experiencing two separate health related-issues - Salmonella and Hepatitis A.

On October 1, 2019, the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office Jail Division was notified of a possible outbreak of a gastrointestinal illness. One inmate has tested positive for Salmonella. Other inmates and staff have also reported intestinal illness. At this time, the source of the bacteria has not been determined. The Minnesota Department of Health is on-site working with Crow Wing County Jail staff, medical services staff and food service staff to identify potential causes. While the investigation is ongoing, jail staff are suspending visiting and limiting inmate movement and interactions. A professional cleaning company has been brought in to clean and sanitize the jail.

Symptoms of salmonellosis usually begin 12 to 96 hours after being exposed to the bacteria. Symptoms include diarrhea, stomach cramping and fever. Salmonella can be found in water, food, soil and surfaces that have been contaminated with feces of infected humans or animals.

On September 26, 2019, the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office Jail Division was notified that one inmate tested positive for Hepatitis A. At this time the source of the virus has not been determined. Jail medical services staff along with Crow Wing County Public Health and Guide Point Pharmacy of Brainerd have been vaccinating inmates and employees that were potentially exposed to prevent additional infections. Jail medical services staff are monitoring inmates for symptoms to identify any additional cases.

Hepatitis A is an infection of the liver caused by the Hepatitis A virus. Symptoms usually begin 2 to 7 weeks after being exposed to the virus.

The Sheriff's Office takes all health issues among staff, inmates and others very seriously. We are committed to the safety of all and are thankful to our health partners for their work on these issues.

# Winter clothing needed Collection boxes are out and

ready for new or gently-used coats, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, boots, and Halloween costumes. This annual collection is going on until Sunday, Oct.13. Boxes are located at Paulbeck's County Market and Aitkin Village Laundromat, our co-sponsors. Winter gear is always needed and in all sizes from infant to adult.

Distribution of the items will take place from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18 at the Aitkin United Methodist Church, located at 104 2nd St. NW. Aitkin.

Anyone who has a need is welcome. Items not distributed will be kept and/or donated to DAC Mart, Aitkin Area Food Shelf, and/or Operation Christmas.

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