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## Crosby-Ironton school district voters approve \$29.56 million

Voters in the Crosby-Ironton school district overwhelming approved a \$29.56 million referendum on November 5. Unofficial totals at press time on Wednesday, showed voters cast 1,209 ballots (74.91 percent) in favor of the referendum and 405 against (25.09 percent.)

"We are thankful to voters," said Mike Domin, chair of the Crosby-Ironton School Board. "I want to thank people for making an effort to learn more about the issues behind the referendum and for making informed votes. Our students will benefit from this investment by community members for years to come."

According to a press release from the school, funds provided to the district will be devoted to district priorities. Revenue generated by the bond levy will enable the district to provide long-term facility maintenance, such as

roofs, flooring, lighting and restrooms. Student locker areas, library, and cafeteria commons spaces will be remodeled. Also importantly, learning areas will be modernized; elementary classrooms will be enclosed and flexible collaboration spaces, as well as modernizing the industrial tech. wing at the high school - important to contemporary learning approaches - will be created.

The district will use bond levy funds to improve outside areas, too, such as the elementary school bus loop, stadium bleachers and baseball fields.

Revenue from the capital projects levy will allow Crosby-Ironton to maintain its current technology programs and, over 10 years, upgrade technology infrastructure.

Most property owners will not see a change in their school bond levy property tax.

Debt from the construction of the new junior high school will be paid off in 2023. Revenue from the bonds that voters approved Tuesday will replace the revenue stream that ends with the paying off of the previous bond. Therefore, taxes for homes under \$350,000

will not increase and those for homes valued at \$350,000 or more will increase by only \$1 per year.

"The community's approval of these levies is so important to maintaining the Crosby-Ironton community's investment in its school fa-

cilities and to making sure that Crosby-Ironton remains competitive with other districts in the area," said Jamie Skjeveland, Superintendent. "We want to assure community members that we will invest these dollars wisely and

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## Union member Smith wins job back

A union member who was fired wins back job with a year and a half of back pay.

Tami Smith, a 17-year member of SEIU Healthcare Minnesota employed by Cuyuna Regional Medical Center (CRMC), recently won back her job at Heartwood Assisted Living after being unjustly fired in 2018, according to a press release issued by the union.

Smith had been terminated by CRMC on May 31, 2018, but worked with the union to

file a grievance alleging her employer violated the Collective Bargaining Agreement and did not have just cause for discharge. Prior to her termination, she had never been formally disciplined in her 17-plus years with CRMC.

In response to the ruling, Smith stated she was happy to have her job back and her name cleared.

"I'm very pleased with the outcome and look forward to returning to work. This was a complete victory for the Union

and my name," said Smith.

The case was heard by independent Arbitrator Laura Cooper in Minneapolis, who ruled the Union's grievance had been sustained because the employer did not have just cause for discharge. The Arbitrator subsequently ordered the termination be reduced to a written warning, Smith to be reinstated to her position with CRMC and that the employer make her whole for all losses sustained over the past year and a half.



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# Vietnam Veteran Memorial needs photos to complete ‘Wall of Faces’

By BRIAN ALLFREY  
Executive Director,  
Utah Press Association

As we approach Veteran’s Day, I would like to share two very important numbers with you: 58,276 and 405.

As of Memorial Day, 2019, there are 58,276 names on the national Vietnam Veteran’s memorial, the Wall of

Faces, honoring service members of the U.S. Armed Forces who fought in Vietnam, those who died in service in Vietnam/South East Asia, and those service members who went unaccounted for during the war.

A 1973 fire in St. Louis, MO, destroyed their military records, leaving no photos

behind. In 2013, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund set out to find the pictures to preserve their legacies and sacrifices. As of October 2019, 405 names are still missing pictures.

You can search for the names yourself by going to <http://www.vvmf.org/missing-photos>. The public can

upload photos directly to the VVMF website.

Contact the VVMF directly by emailing Latosha Adams at [ladams@vvmf.org](mailto:ladams@vvmf.org) or by calling 202-765-3774. You

can also send me an email and I will share the list with you [ballfrey@utahpress.com](mailto:ballfrey@utahpress.com).

## Quilt of Valor presented to Deblock



John Deblock was in the Army at the end of World War II. He spent three years in the Philippines. Above (left to right) are his son, John “Tap” Deblock; wife, Lorraine; John; daughter, Denise Schlapkohl, daughter-in-law, Kathy Deblock.

## Aitkin Iron Works joins Elmet Group

Elmet Group announced its acquisition of Aitkin Iron Works on Oct. 31.

Elmet Group is a leading CNC machining, welding, and fabricating supplier to industrial and commercial OEMs. Elmet Group currently includes Glenn Metalcraft, Inc., Precision Waterjet Concepts, Minnesota Industrial Coatings, Glenn Metalcraft Texas, and now Aitkin Iron Works.

The Elmet Group story started in 1947 as Glenn Metalcraft, Inc. in Minneapolis. Now located in Princeton, Glenn Metalcraft, Inc. is a third-generation family owned business featuring CNC metal spinning and welding. Over the last 12 years, Glenn Metalcraft, Inc. has continued to grow through adding facilities, equipment, workforce, and acquisitions. Precision Waterjet Concepts of Pequot Lakes was added in 2007 and specializes in 5-Axis and 2-Axis waterjet cutting

of metals and specialty materials. Minnesota Industrial Coatings of Princeton was added in 2010 and is leader in automated powder coating and e-coating painting services. Glenn Metalcraft Texas of Fort Worth, TX also features CNC metal spinning and was added in 2011. The parent company, Elmet Group was recently added to oversee the now five business units.

You may visit [www.elmetgroup.com](http://www.elmetgroup.com) for additional company information.

## Shop local this holiday season

By ANN SCHWARTZ

If you want to keep stores and shops in your community – along with great charitable causes – you need to contribute to keep them viable.

Security State Bank of Aitkin is sponsoring a Buy Local campaign. By doing various bank transactions or donating

to local food shelves or Operation Christmas (or spending money locally) you can get various tickets, allowing you to enter drawings to win prizes from local merchants.

The grand prize is a Green Mountain Grill Pellet Smoker donated by Aitkin Rental Center, DataComm, Duff’s

Mississippi Motors, Kern Excavating and Security State Insurance Agency.

Other sponsors of gift certificates are Block North, Subway, Roadside, Dairy Queen, Guide Point Pharmacy, O’Reilly’s Auto, The Green House, Adventure North, The Office Shop and the 40 Club.

## School Finance Working Group to review funding for systemic change

Governor Tim Walz, a former high school teacher, issued the following statement on Wednesday in response to Minnesotans across the state voting in favor of school referendums, “By voting overwhelmingly in support of local referendums last night, Minnesotans demonstrated our shared value that every child deserves a quality education. I am proud that Minnesotans step up when they

see a need—but this simply isn’t the way it should work. The quality of our children’s education shouldn’t hinge on a question on a ballot. Schools shouldn’t be forced to rely on referendums to fix a leaky roof, move a classroom out of a converted storage room, or keep classes small. And when school districts across Minnesota call out for help, the state needs to listen. That is why my Administra-

tion formed a School Finance Working Group to explore how we can reform the way we fund schools in Minnesota, reduce our dependence on referendums, and ensure students receive the support they deserve.”

Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker convened the School Finance Working Group in September 2019 with a broad member-

ship that includes Minnesotans who work in schools every day and ensures all perspectives are represented.

According to a press release, the group’s work will address education-funding issues facing the state. The School Finance Working Group will review key fund-

ing streams, identify options for school finance reform, and seek consensus on recommendations for systemic change.

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effectively. We will continue to communicate with our communities at every step.”

“We understand that not everyone voted yes,” Domin said. “We believe there is

common ground in supporting the needs of our children among all of our residents. We will build on that common ground to ensure that we all move

forward together.”

Updates to the community will continue to be provided on social media and on the district’s website at <http://ci.k12.mn.us/home>

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OBITUARIES

RUSSELL THOMPSON



Russell Clarence Thompson, 81 of Aitkin and McGregor, died Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019 in Aitkin. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Russ was born June 25, 1938 to Clarence and Vera (Schauer) Thompson, and was raised in Northeast Minneapolis. Russ was a graduate of Marshall University High School and the University of Minnesota. After college, Russ’ first job was with the Continental Grain Co., first in Kansas City before transferring to Milwaukee. After the birth of his sons, he returned to Minnesota

and had a 20-year career with Cenex. He was honorably discharged from the Army Reserves. In his later years, Russell relocated to McGregor and Aitkin.

Russ is survived by his two sons: Gregory (Jolene) Thompson, Ellsworth, WI; and Michael (Carol Aschbacher) Thompson, Minneapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters: Nettie and Leola.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

RONALD HOULE



Ronald “Ron” Lawrence Houle, 64, of Merrifield, died at home on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019 at St. Francis Catholic Church with Father Tony Wroblewski of St. Francis will be officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Ron was born in Little Falls on October 6, 1955. Ron was the second of seven children. He graduated from Little Falls High School and furthered his education with a master’s degree from College of Saint Scholastica. Ron married Darlene Houle (Vogel) on Sept. 3, 1994. They were happily married for 25 years. Ron worked as a District Sales Manager with the Star Tribune

for 17 years before becoming an IT Instructor at Central Lakes College for the next 25 years of his life. Ron was also actively involved in volunteering as a baseball coach and BMX track director in the Brainerd Lakes Area for many years. Ron was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed spending his free time in the outdoors. He could be found hunting and fishing with his seven children and 12 grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Darlene; seven children: Benjamin (Kassandra) Houle, Sarah (Joshua) Oehrlein, Zachary (Jolene) Houle, Brady (Kassandra) Houle, Tylor Bendson, Kyle (Brenda) Bendson, and Kayla (Chris) Bendson: 12 grandchildren and six siblings.

His father, Lawrence Houle and mother, Dolores Houle (Colombe), precede Ron in death.

Arrangements were with the Halvorson-Johnson Funeral Home of Brainerd.

PATRICK QUINLAN



Patrick Quinlan, 87, of Baxter,died peacefully on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at Northern Lakes Senior Living and joined his wife of 59 years.

No services will be held. Cards may be sent to Koop Funeral Home in Crosby, Minnesota.

Patrick was born on January 6, 1932 to Bernard and Eleanor (Jasper) Quinlan in Minneapolis. He married Margaret Louise Krieg on August 11, 1956. He spent most of his life in Minneapolis where he and his wife raised three daughters. He worked as a salesman for Baldwin Supply

Company for 25 years. After retirement in 1994, Patrick and his wife moved to their lake home in Deerwood. Patrick enjoyed bowling league, playing cards and fishing for many years with family and friends.

He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law: Lisa and Steven Seifert and Paulette and Michael Berndt, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Patrick was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: James “Jim”, William “Bill”, and Richard “Dick”; wife, Margaret, and daughter Laura.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

DELENA MAZAR



Delena “Deanie” Mazar, 93, of Crosby formerly of Cuyuna died on Friday, Nov. 1, 2019 at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, Nov.7, 2019 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born on October 10, 1926 in Crosby to William and Mabel (Bellefeuille) Harrison. Deanie married Louis Mazar on September 26, 1948 in Crosby. She was former J.C. Penney employee working in Crosby and was treasurer for the City

of Cuyuna for 40+ years. She was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Crosby. Deanie enjoyed knitting, pie making, bird watching and the Minnesota Twins.

Deanie is survived by her husband, Louis; son and daughter-in-law, Brent (Kristen) Mazar, Merrifield; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Scott Henderson, South Pasadena, FL; brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Bernita Harrison; Crosby nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Clint and Cleve Harrison and a sister, Alice Albie.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

CAROL KLEINECK

Carol Jean Kleineck, 78, of Crosslake died on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A private family service is being planned.

She was born on November 24, 1940 in Cedar Rapids, IA to Ralph and Hilda (Scott) Streets. Carol was a retired Registered Nurse with 22 1/2 years of service at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Carol is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law: Richard and Elizabeth Kleineck, Brainerd; and James and Jessica Kleineck, Davey, FL; two daughters and sons-n-law: Elizabeth and Mark Biley, Pequot Lakes; and Lynnette

and Jeffrey Tiedemann, Baudette;15 grandchildren ; 18 great-grandchildren; and sister, Betty Caspers,Pine River.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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Baxter\* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge; 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; [www.pointway.org](http://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

**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](mailto:hillcityagchurch@gmail.com); 218-697-2662

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

**BAPTIST**  
Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9: 30 and 11, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, [thejourneynorth.com](http://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](http://fbcbrainerd.com)

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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.

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**CATHOLIC**  
Aitkin\* — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10 AM. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm.

Brainerd — St. Andrew’s, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.

Brainerd — St. Francis , Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.

Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.

Crosby\* — St. Joseph’s, Mass: Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun 10:30. Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmstemilys.org](http://www.ihmstemilys.org); Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 Christensen; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.

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

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Brainerd\* — St. Paul’s, Holy Communion Sunday 10

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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.

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**LUTHERAN**  
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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](http://www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church)

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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.

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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](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org).

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

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

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

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

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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.

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.

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

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

Thor — Zion; 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.

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Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irontade Town Hall\*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut);Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.

Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

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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](http://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](http://www.visitlifespring.com)

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
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**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**  
Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

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Aitkin\* — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew at Block North Brew Pub.

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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

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# OBITUARIES

## RAYMOND LARSON



Raymond “Ray” Larson, 88, of McGregor formerly of Aitkin and Osseo died Friday, Nov. 1, 2019 at the Augustana Health Care Center in Moose Lake.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019 at Noon at the So-rensens-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Rev. Joshua Reinke officiating. Interment will be at a later date.

Ray was born September 5, 1931 in River Falls, WI to Raymond Larson and Louise Kohl. He lived in River Falls until the age of 2 and then went to an orphanage. He the went to live with Muriel and Carl Tonn at the age of 7 in Osseo. He attended the Osseo High School where he was a standout basketball player and graduated from the Osseo High School. He had started working at the Honeywell Company when he was still in high school. Upon his graduation he continued to work for Honeywell and a machinist and later as an engineering aid. He married Patricia Graton on June 7, 1952 in Osseo. They had made their home in Osseo before moving to the Aitkin area in 1967 where they owned and operated the Farm Island Resort. He continued to work for Honeywell and worked for them for 38 years. They sold the resort in 1988 and moved to their home on Farm Island Lake. His wife Patricia died

in 1998. Ray married Jeannette Wohlk on June 8, 2000 in Aitkin. They have made their home in McGregor since. He enjoyed fishing, hinting, gardening, traveling, dancing and refurbishing his ford tractor and his model A.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannette (Jan) Wohlk; children: Gerrie Stapleton, Judy (Tim) Killeen, Tony (Wynnelle) Larson; stepchildren: Vernon C. (Sue) Wohlk, Bruce (Carole) Wohlk, Kevin (Anita) Wohlk; four grandchildren: Matt Killeen, Kyle (Marcie) Killeen, Brandy Stapleton, and Gena Bilden; four step-grandchildren: Ryan Wohlk, Mitch Wohlk, Andrea Wohlk, Rocci Wohlk; seven great-grandchildren: Olivia Stapleton, Owen Stapleton, Carter Stapleton, Aaron Bilden, Nolan Bilden, Maxwell Killeen and Emma Killeen, step-great-grandchild: Rylee Wohlk; foster siblings: Jim (Baiying) Tonn, Alvin (Pat) Tonn, Georgie (Gerry) Tonn; sisters and brothers: Mary Lou (Floyd) Anderson, Shirley Anderson, David (Ginger) Sempel, Nancy Granger and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia Larson; foster parents of 11 years, Muriel and Carl Tonn; mother, Louise and stepfather, Louie Sempel; father, Raymond Larson and half brothers: Wayne Semple and Ronald Sempel.

Arrangements were with the So-rensens-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Crea-tion Service of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

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the day toy distribution will be made to families at the Brainerd Armory.

Please mail tax deductible monetary gifts to: TFK Heartland Detachment of the Marine Corps League,- PO Box 2811, Baxter, MN 56425 Make checks payable to Toys for Kids! Toys For Kids has no affiliation with the national “Toys For Tots” program. All monies donated to the local Toys For Kids program are spent locally. Last year the economic impact of the area was about

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# READER RIBBETS

## The camel's back

Crosby's former chief of police is loitering at city hall for hours on end. An act indicating two things: guilt and they don't trust the city administrator to manage the two, of many potential, lawsuits from the former chief's failed 15- year tenure.

The former chief is not an idiot, they're aware of the city administrator's capabilities and how far the city administrator is willing to go. Example: setting up and participating in a meeting with an incoming council person, where the city administrator, labor attorney and former chief of police, willingly and with malice, lied to breach data privacy laws.

That is just one example of multiple instances stated in the first lawsuit complaint. What the former chief claims to be

the truth has been expunged from the record. The former chief, along with some of their followers, claimed letters to the editor to be false, lies, even going so far to threaten freedom of the press. In public, the former police leadership, city administrator, along with a former council member stated if they could get a waiver signed, they would be able to tell everyone the truth. What they said publicly was much different than what they said and did privately.

In the second lawsuit, the former chief and lieutenant failed in seven attempts to criminally prosecute a former mayor. The complaint states the former leadership defamed and damaged the reputation of the former mayor over a two-year period. In an extremely dis-

turbing statement, the former leadership stated in front of witnesses: someone should kill the former mayor and dump the body in one of the area's mine pits. Willingness to make that statement makes the possibility of defamation even more realistic.

The abrupt resignation, premature retirement of the former lieutenant and chief indicates there will be more to come for the residents of Crosby.

The relentless pursuit of justice is.... relentless, and the lawsuits will provide this duo with their opportunity to tell their version of the truth they shared in private to a very public court of law.

The camel's back won't take much more.

**Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood Concerned Observer**

## Making things more transparent

Taking the advice of how we should work together to make our town better, I would like to offer up a few ideas.

Let's start on how the powers [that] be could make things more transparent regarding the city of Crosby's business.

A honorable start would be establishing policy that the city admin. and building inspectors

report on record monthly to the council all call logs, current projects and any permits that were issued by their departments.

Following that, grant writing of any kind should need council approval.

City job descriptions should, if needed, be redefined and posted as public information and no contract would be longer than two years.

Next, council meetings could allow for public comment during discussions pertaining to issues such as assessments, ordinance changes, etc.

As to accessibility, the mayor, council and city admin. could be available for one hour workshops before city council meetings for public information gathering, sharing and question answering regarding current city business. The policies and handling of public data requests should be overhauled.

As for accountability, any un-budgeted expenses paid for out of the general fund, etc for any city department should be paid back using funds that would have been allotted in that departments next annual budget. For example, if

the community center needs \$50,000 more this year, they will receive \$50,000 less next year.

A revamped personnel committee could meet monthly to review complaints, evaluate performances, etc. all the while enforcing a three strikes your out policy, union or no union.

Non membership library fees need to be collected and recorded. Establishing an [economic development committee] that also explores non tourism options and would require the mayor, two council members and the city admin. to attend would restore a bit of credibility to this admin.

Reversing some of the ridiculous ordinance changes, such as allowing non residents to be the voting majority on [planning and zoning] would help, as well. Its also time to aggressively campaign for a new city attorney. Then as a token of respect to all our businesses, as well as good governance towards fiscal responsibility, the city should reject future funding of chamber events and advertising that only promotes and benefits select Crosby businesses.

**Chris Ryan, Crosby**

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