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Tradition by wayside — pub theology new way to reach folks



The Bible and Brew crew on a recent Wednesday evening at Block North in Aitkin. Photo courtesy of Dawn Houser, Aitkin United Methodist Church.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
In the Greatest Generation — those Americans who came of age during the Great Depression and World War II — about 70 percent of families attended church regularly.

Baby Boomers, born after the war through the early '60s, found other things to do and church attendance dipped to 50 percent of families. Then along came Gen X, where 20 percent attend church.

"About 50 percent of Americans claim to be Christian but only 17 percent of them attend church," said Pastor Dawn Houser, senior pastor at Aitkin's United Methodist

Church, in an interview. "The average attendance at most churches in America is 60 people."

The brown brick Methodist Church on the corner in downtown Aitkin (with the fantastic stained glass window) is a fixture in town and has a long-term congregation. Its members prefer traditional communication through the local newspapers and radio stations.

But Pastor Dawn, who has shepherded the flock here for about five years, and her youth and family pastor, daughter Dani Gordon, believe that community involvement is the key to having a successful church body

in Aitkin.

"If you see a community event planned the Aitkin United Methodist Church finds some way to partici-

pate," noted Pastor Dawn.

An example is the church held an outdoor service during the Aitkin County Fair in 2019 — the first of what she hopes is more to come annually — hosted in partnership with other churches.

Bible and Brew
When the Block North Brew Pub opened in Aitkin last spring, Pastors Dawn and Dani knew it was the hopping place to be in Aitkin. They hit on the idea of a Bible and Brew evening, which has a "pub theology" philosophy.

After planning, Aitkin's own Bible and Brew was launched in the fall of 2019. Now, about 30 folks attend it at the Block North Brew Pub's

lower level on Wednesday nights.

A buffet dinner is served, starting at 5 p.m. Everyone buys their own and the discussion begins at 5:30 p.m.

"Everyone is invited," said Dawn, "It's very casual. You are welcome to order a glass of wine or beer. You can bring your Bible along or not. We welcome people of all faiths and all opinions."

The format of the evening is a couple of opening songs, an opening prayer, scripture reading, topical discussion, a praise songs, intercessory prayer and closing songs.

"The idea is to reach people where they are at," Pastor Dawn explained. "Jesus went to the woman at the well — the town harlot. We want to meet people in the places where they gather and to be able to share conversations — healthy conversations amongst people — even though we have differing opinions."

Topics have included domestic violence, hell, suicide, war and other hot-button issues.

"We want to reach people

in the community and help them there. It is a lot different to sit and have a discussion in a brew pub on Wednesday than it is standing in front of the congregation on Sunday morning delivering a sermon," Pastor Dawn explained.

Pete Lowe, brewpub owner, and his staff, have been marvelous in accommodating the group.

"Bible and Brew is a very interesting evening," continued Dawn. "The people who attend really love it. I personally enjoy it and get a lot out of it. It's about how we live in this world as followers of Christ."

About Dawn and the church

Dawn is married to Millard, who is the manager of the Aitkin Manor Apartments. The inter-generational household (housed in the historic parsonage nestled next to the church) also includes daughter Dani and her husband David Owen. Dani and her mother minister together, with Dani coordinating the ministries for families, chil-

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McGregor man arrested for shooting his child



Dale Vernon Preston, 38, of McGregor was arraigned on Feb. 14 in Aitkin County District Court for injuring his 2 1/2-year-old son in the eye with a pellet from a BB gun.

A McGregor man has been charged after his 2 1/2-year-old son suffered serious injuries from being shot in the eye with a BB gun.

Aitkin County Sheriff's Office reported that a deputy was at the Riverwood Healthcare Center's emergency room on Feb. 10, on another matter, when a seriously injured child was brought into the emergency room by his mother.

The child had been in the care of his father when he suffered a BB gunshot to his eye. The child was airlifted to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital for care.

An investigation ensued into the matter of the child's injury and on Feb. 13 a search warrant was executed on Kirsch St. N.E., in McGregor, where the child and his parents live.

Resulting from the search warrant was the arrest of father of the injured child, Dale Vernon Preston, 38.

Preston was arraigned Friday, Feb. 14, in Aitkin County District Court in Aitkin before Judge David Hermerding on the following charges: two counts of felony third-degree assault to cause bodily harm and harming a child under age 4; felony child endangerment; felony child

endangerment to cause substantial harm; felony storing methamphetamine paraphernalia in the presence of a child; gross misdemeanor fifth-degree possession of a controlled substance; misdemeanor domestic assault to cause bodily harm; and petty misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bail has been set at \$2,500 with conditions, Bond of \$25,000 with conditions, or Bail / Bond at \$75,000 with no conditions.



Aitkin Women of Today sponsor Happy Hour for a Cause

Left to right: Cathy Olson, Shanna Pratt, Joanne Larson, Marie Pedigo, Dorothy Dotzler pose with two of the Happy Hour for a Cause raffle prizes, a fire ring and fishing kayak, to be given away on Saturday, Feb. 29 at Block North in Aitkin from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Event admission tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from Women of Today members, at The Office Shop and Block North. Purchase of a ticket includes an appetizer buffet, two drink tickets and a drawing for door prizes. An advance purchased ticket will also give you five complimentary Chance to Win tickets at the door.

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Ongoing Events:

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

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

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

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

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

Aitkin IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Wesleyan 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. 218-927-1383.

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 218-927-4558.

Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

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

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

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

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

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

our meeting.

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

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

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

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

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

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

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

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

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

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

Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. only 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency food, call 3320-433-9435 and state needs, name & phone number, or leave message of same if no answer.

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, Mora.

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

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

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

McGrath Senior Center meets every Monday 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are

welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

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

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

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

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

Weight Watchers (now called WW) meets at Hallett Center in Crosby every Wednesday at 5:45 pm. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For

more information call 218-820-9725.

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

February

22th - Annual Rabbit Lake Fishing Contest on Rabbit Lake. Sign-up at the Woodtick Inn in Cuyuna. Call 218-772-0252 for more information.

26th - Community members are invited to a Law Enforcement Job Fair at Central Lakes College from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the gym of the Brainerd campus. This event is perfect for those who are thinking about a career in law enforcement, corrections or probation. Representatives of the career field from across the region will be there to speak with visitors. The career fair is sponsored by the CLC Criminal Justice Program. Questions? Contact CLC Counselor Suzie Karsnia at suzanna.karsnia@clcmn.edu or 855-8015 or CLC Criminal Justice Instructor Gae Davis at gae.davis@clcmn.edu or 855-8264.

28th - Mar 1 - 16th annual Mille Lacs Kite Crossing in Garrison.

29th - Frozen Crappie Flop Fishing Contest. A fund-raiser for CI High School Fishing Team. Sign-up at Oars 'N Mine in Crosby or Town Tavern in Ironton

29th - Aitkin Women of Today Happy Hour for a Cause at Block North in Aitkin, 2:00-5:00 p.m. to raise money for Aitkin City Park renovations. Event admission tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from Women of Today members, and at The Office Shop and Block North. For any questions, or donations, contact Leslie Goble at 218-820-0465.

March

4th - A celebration of Women's History Month, featuring speakers, a slideshow and cake at noon in the cafeteria Central Lakes College, Brainerd, free and open to the public.

7th & 8th - Annual Gun Show at Deerwood Auditorium. Hosted by Deerwood Civic and Commerce. Items from numerous vendors will be on display at more than 40 tables from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. There will also be a special display provided by the Minnesota Forest Zone Trappers Association. Admission is \$5 day or \$9 for two days. Children under age 16 years are admitted free with an adult. Concessions will be available.

9th - "The Champion of Persistence," a play on the life and legacy of Jeannette Rankin, the first US Congresswoman elected in 1916 from Montana is free and open to the public at 7 p.m. in the Chalberg Theatre at Central Lakes College, Brainerd.

10th - Ripple River Quilters meeting at 12:30 p.m. at the Aitkin VFW. Mary from the Quilted Dog in Cloquet will present, a trunk show and merchandise will be presented. Question or inquiring about membership call Linda Amundson 612 590-4983. The VFW is located ½ mile north of stoplights on the right just past the Fairgrounds.

19th - Betty Foliard, founder of ERA Minnesota and former three-term state representative, will give an up-to-the-moment presentation on the state of the Equal Rights Amendment that is now getting national attention. There will be a 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. session in room E203, at Central Lakes College, Brainerd.

21st - Wild & Scenic Film Festival at the Tornstrom Auditorium, 804 Oak St. Brainerd on 2-5 p.m. Tickets are available at the Arboretum, 14250 Conservation Drive in Baxter. They are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Children 10 and younger \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door.

Tax help has relocated

AARP volunteer tax help, previously located at the Crosby Library, has relocated to Crosby City Hall, 2 Second Street SW, Crosby. This service is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon until 4 p.m. at Crosby City Hall, throughout this tax season. To make an appointment you must come to Crosby City Hall on a Tuesday or

Wednesday between noon and 4 p.m. Walk-in appointments will also be taken on a first come basis as time permits during the above hours. Telephone appointments cannot be scheduled for the remainder of this tax season. EXCEPTION: Because of primary elections, tax help will not be available on Tuesday, Mar. 3.



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OBITUARIES

EDWIN BURGSTALER



Edwin Burgstaler, 96, of Aitkin died on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Essentia St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

He was born on June 2, 1923 in Dean Lake Township to Frank and Frances (Smolnikar) Burgstaler. Ed married Helen Scheffler on June 25, 1949 in Aitkin. He loved farming and was a farmer all of his life. He also worked at the Soo Line Railroad and Pittsburg Pacific Mining Co. Ed was the oldest Burgstaler and was very proud of it. An avid bird watcher and 4-wheeler enthu-

siast. He always recommended Allis Chalmers farm equipment and Chevrolet vehicles.

Ed is survived by his wife Helen; three sons: Edwin A. (Jane) Burgstaler, Rochester; Fred (Debbie Spychala) Burgstaler, Aitkin; and Donald Burgstaler, Aitkin; three daughters: Bonnie (Larry) Carlson and Wendy Burgstaler, all of Aitkin; and Cindy (Gordon Jr.) Collin, Brooklyn Park; brother, Rudy (Joyce) Burgstaler, Kimball; two sisters, Vickie McCollum, Ocean City, CA and Ollie DeYoung, Henderson, NV; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Frank and John Burgstaler and three sisters, Ann Hamilton, Sylvia Sabart and Fronie Deblock.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

EILEEN MOORE



Eileen L. Moore, 91, of Crosby died on Friday, February 14, 2020 at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby.

A Memorial Service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby. Visitation is one hour prior to the service at Heartwood.

She was born on January 1, 1929 in Crosby to Lawrence and Irene (Marsh) Frink. Eileen was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness Church in Brainerd.

Eileen is survived by three sons: Richard (Pam) Moore Jr., Brainerd; Daniel (Lori) Moore,

Thornton, CO; and Laurence (Shari) Moore, Chandler, AZ; five daughters: Diane Rovig, Crosby; Barbara (Albee) Bertolas, Leadville, CO; Loretta (Jim) Rasmussen, Brainerd, Joyce Moore, Crosby and Sharon (John) Bourgeois, Ironton; 25 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; three brothers: Clancy (Alice) Frink, Coon Rapids; Hardy (Patty) Frink, Bullhead City, AZ and Herbert Frink, Crosby; and one sister, Glenda Anderson, Coon Rapids.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard Moore; three brothers: Lavern, Nolan and Levi Frink; and three sisters: Virginia Barto, Emily Nystrom and Joan Batchelor.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

SHARON TIBBETTS



Sharon Lee Tibbetts, 74, of Aitkin died Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Rivers Edge Assisted Living in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Saint John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Reverend David Becker officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Private burial will be at a later date.

She was born May 24, 1945 in Saint Paul to Charles and Harlene Allen. As a child, she had to stop attending school to help her parents in their restaurant business. Sharon was united in marriage to Gerald Lawrence Tibbetts on June 7, 1974 in Aitkin. She worked as a line supervisor for Land O' Lakes and the for Rom's Poultry Farm, and as a cook at the Casino. She loved taking

care of and feeding wild birds, she loved all animals especially her cats and dogs. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, reading science fiction and fantasy books, and cooking. She was a lifelong Minnesota Vikings fan and became a Twins fan as they won the World Series. She would cheer for all Minnesota sports teams to win.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Gerald Tibbetts; son, Lawrence Denny; step-children: Kelly Denny, Terry (Tony) Smoley, Vicky (Mike) Assell, Kathy (Steve) Badger; 10 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Rick (Kathy) Allen, Don (Mary) Allen, Diane Olson, and many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Kenneth.

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.

CATHERINE PATRICK



Catherine Laura Patrick, 52, of Aitkin, died Monday, February 10, 2020 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A Celebration of Catherine's Life will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the VFW Post #1727 in Aitkin.

She was born November 12, 1967 in Fort Sill, Oklahoma to Vicki L. and Nicholas A. Patrick. She graduated from Aitkin High School in 1986. She worked many jobs throughout her life, but most recently she drove bus for Aitkin Public Schools, worked for All Vac Roofing

Vac Services and for Aitkin Lanes Bowling Alley. Catherine enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting and baking. She was the best cookie maker EVER!!

Catherine is survived by her mother, Vicki L. (Torgerson) Patrick, Aitkin; grandmother, Marie Torgerson, Crosby; daughter, Samantha Jo Cox, Aitkin; granddaughter, Avery Jo Cox; brother, Dominick Patrick, Aitkin; sisters and brother-in-law: Deanna Patrick, Aitkin; Christina "Scooby" and Ron Harmon, Aitkin; nieces and nephews: Cody Paulson, Nick and Angie Harmon of Aitkin, Douglas and Nichelle Banks of Brainerd, Paige Harmon and Jeremy Anderson of Rochester; great-nieces: Hayden and McKenzie Banks and Alexis Phillips; lifelong friend, Todd Radke; and many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Nicholas Patrick and grandparents, Frank and Mary Ann Patrick.

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Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45 Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityyagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662 Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726</p> <p>BAPTIST Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9: 30 and 11, thejournenorth.com Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejournenorth.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.; fbcbraainerd.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 Zach Broom 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30, SS 9:30. Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. 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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; 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.</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-</p>	<p>11:30. 218-828-1362 Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 May-Oct. Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. 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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.</p> <p>CONGREGATIONAL Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Lijia Behr; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.</p> <p>EPISCOPAL Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10</p> <p>EVANGELICAL FREE Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Steve Anderson; Worship at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:30 pm Crosslake — Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurc@crosslake.net 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.</p> <p>HEBREW/MESSIANIC Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804</p> <p>LUTHERAN Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month. Aitkin - First* (ELCA) Pastor Doug Larson, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10 am, Wed. 5:30 pm w/supper; communion every Sat. and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd & 4th Sun.; nursery staffed during 10 am Sun. service; Sunday service is live streamed on YouTube (First Lutheran Church Aitkin); broadcast on KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 am</p>	<p>Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thu. 5 pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thu. 9:30 am-5 pm. Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. 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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 9 am Alternating with Zion of Crosby; 218-534-3069 Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicap accessible. Isle — Holden (ELCA); SS 9:30; Worship 10:30. Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10. Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows. Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — 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,</p>	<p>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. 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, 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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 Irontone 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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>REFORMED Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com</p> <p>SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Aitkin — Pastor Roger Hagen; 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</p> <p>Brainerd — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20 a.m., Bible Study 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676</p> <p>UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476</p> <p>UNITED METHODIST 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. 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</p> <p>WESLEYAN Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.</p>
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OBITUARIES

JAMES HIRDLER

James Emil Hirdler, 88, of Crosby died Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Crosby Care Center-CRMC in Crosby.

Graveside service will be in the spring/summer of 2020 at Bennettville Cemetery, Farm Island Township, Aitkin County, MN.

He was born August 27, 1931 in Forest Township, Rice County, MN. to Emil W. and Florence Mabel (Snyder) Hirdler.

James is survived by his daughter and son-

in-law: Jamie and Gerald Burrell; special friend, Geraldine Brown; and many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Tammy; brother, Leo; and sisters: Elaine and Joyce.

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.

KENNETH LANDBOR



Kenneth Landborg, 82, died with his family by his side on February 7, 2020 in Cave Creek, AZ.

A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 21, 2020 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in East Bethel, MN. Burial was at Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery in East Bethel. Memorials are preferred to Hospice of the Valley (www.hov.org).

He was the second oldest of four children born to Melvin and Victoria (Streckler) Landborg on January 11, 1938. He grew up in Ham Lake, attended and graduated from Anoka High School in 1955. Ken served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1956 - 1959. He traveled to Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines. He enjoyed playing competitive sports in the Marines, especially football. He returned home to Ham Lake where he met and married Lois (Mickelson), his wife of 58 years. Ken was a bricklayer by trade and resided in Ham Lake for 37 years, where they enjoyed their family and many activities. Ken loved sports; he helped coach baseball and hockey over the

years. He loved to fish and garden, he could grow anything. In 1981, Ken and his wife started their own business, Crosstown Masonry, Inc. He enjoyed the employees plus many business acquaintances. There were trips that made all his hard work worthwhile, 1980 Winter Olympics, trips to Mexico, Cruises to the Caribbean, family house boat trip on Crane Lake, viewing Alaska by cruising and by motorhome with family, skiing in Montana, Wyoming and Colorado along with many hunting and fishing trips. Ken and Lois wintered in Cave Creek, AZ for 22 years, where Ken loved the sunshine and his rose garden. Ken was diagnosed with stomach cancer in 2018, we were blessed to have him in fair health for these last couple years.

Remaining to celebrate his life are his wife, Lois and their four children, Tim (Magda), Tammy (Bruce) Braastad, Jeff (Heidi) and Jason (Lynn); 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a special aunt; uncle; many nieces; nephews; cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Ronald (Jackie), Phillip (Marcia) and Dennis.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

Applications now being accepted

Applications are being accepted for 2020 Garrison Bay Lake Area Lions scholarships.

Five \$1,000 scholarships each will be awarded to 2020 graduates of Crosby-Ironton and Aitkin High Schools. The scholarships are funded through the club's annual fundraisers and Scholarship Golf Tournament.

Applications are available in the high school guidance offices and must be returned to the guidance office no later than March 6, 2020. For more information please

leave a message at 218-330-7804.

The scholarships will be given to college or vocational technical bound students.

Scholarships are awarded based on the applicant's involvement in school and volunteer community activities, determination to succeed in a chosen field and the need for financial assistance. Characteristics and attitudes that demonstrate the objectives of Lions motto "We Serve" will be considered.

Academic standard is not

the sole determination factor in awarding these scholarships. However, students must meet the academic standards required for admittance to the chosen educational institution.

Students interested in the scholarships must submit an application, transcript of high school grades, sealed letters of recommendation from two instructors of the applicant's choice and/or high school counselor, and a 200-word essay outlining the student's goals and ambitions.

Aquatic invasive plants control grants

State Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, announced grants for projects that control invasive aquatic plants are now available through the DNR's invasive species program.

The DNR indicates approximately \$530,000 is available to lake associations, watershed districts, cities and counties for projects that control curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil and flowering rush using herbicides, mechanical control or

a combination of both. "This grant program allows local lake associations and units of government to directly attack aquatic invasive plants and particularly target the needs of their lake or watershed," Lueck said. "Please don't hesitate to apply for a grant where a need is identified."

Applications are now being accepted with a deadline of 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24. Details regarding grant requirements

and application materials may be viewed by visiting www.dnr.state.mn.us and searching for "Aquatic Invasive Species Grants - control projects." Applications will be reviewed and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions may be directed to DNR aquatic invasive species management consultant Wendy Crowell at (651) 259-5085 or wendy.crowell@state.mn.us.

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dren and youth. David works for the post office but does a lot of volunteering.

Grandchildren Jackson Bartelme, 11; and Gabrielle Owen, 8, also live there and attend school in Aitkin.

Between them, Dawn and Millard have seven grown children, some of whom are married, and eight total grandchildren aged 4 to 14.

The church, as part of its

outreach, also hosts Good Friends and Company, in partnership with Northland Counseling of Aitkin. There, mentally ill and disabled folks gather four days a week for lunch and fellowship.

They also host a Trunk and Treat for Halloween and are always looking for new ways to contribute to the Aitkin community.

"Although a lot of my con-

gregation favors traditional communication, overall, 50 percent of residents who attend church are on Facebook at least once a day."

For more information, call the Aitkin United Methodist Church at 218.927.3242 or Pastor Dawn Houser at 218-640-5175. You may email aumc@aitkinunitedmethodist.org or log onto Facebook and find them.

READER RIBBETS

Disturbing message

In the form of a sticker, a message on the back of a truck read, "Only Crooked Cops Sue Cities." Is this message intended for Crosby? Was the owner of the vehicle from Crosby? Why would anyone display a closed-minded example of ignorance as that?

Crosby is amid a lawsuit with a former officer. The officer was wrongfully terminated twice. Arbitrators — Crosby picked — found the former police chief lied, distorted the truth, altered documents, made documents disappear, conducted biased, flawed, prejudiced investigations.

After winning the arbitration, the officer resigned and attempted to move on. Here

is where the lawsuit comes in. The former police chief, lieutenant, city administrator, former labor attorney, and others continued to defame, denounce, and destroy the officer's life and career. The lawsuit has nothing to do with the arbitration findings.

Cities must be managed by people who represent the masses of the population, not the personal interest of certain employees who abuse their power, position, and refuse to be transparent in the duties. This leads to complete decay of trust — and as the sewer district learned — the city of Crosby can't be trusted. The highest taxed city in Crow Wing County voted to raise the

levy a whopping 2.9%, when the city had a surplus of funds to the tune of \$250,000, it's not fiscal responsibility when the numbers are manipulated.

The relentless pursuit of justice will continue; people must be held accountable for their actions — not rewarded with unwarranted contract extensions. It is with hope the disturbing message of "Only Crooked Cops Sue Cities" was not intended for Crosby.

The evidence shows it's possible crooked cops can abruptly resign, retire prematurely, cover their own assets, and get the city sued on their behalf.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood Concerned Observer

Crosby citizens deserve better

Instead of showing respect for and listening to the concerns of an elected council member, not to mention a couple of letter writers, our mayor again decides to throw out attacks to discredit them and blast the supposed negativity that these rogue individuals have brought towards him and our city's administrator. But this time instead of having their mommies or daddies defend them, or a fellow beneficiary landlord, they lowered the bar and opened the door for the former chief of police, so she could try to defend and glorify their actions, all the while painting a rosy picture of just how wonderful her cafe buddies think we have it here. Of course her rhetoric centered around bicyclists, not residents.

I do agree with her that this past decade has brought great changes for us, but its

not been a bed of roses for everyone.

This administration is clueless to the fact many of our citizens are concerned with some of their latest actions and are terrified with how this current administration is going to deal with some of the major upcoming scenarios our city is about to face.

I have on numerous occasions praised our city administrator, but lately my whole point is that some of this administrations actions, that have been so negatively brought into the public eye have truly been self induced. Its a shame that our city officials are so wrapped up in protecting the feelings, reputations and actions of their peers that mere disagreements have led to personal vendettas, endless blame shifting, pity parties and lost friendships.

Our town deserves better.

These powers that be aren't willing or even capable of accepting any kind of accountability, not willing to listen to, much less address the public's concerns, or even have the resources to realize that most of the people they were suppose to be serving are not impressed with all of their actions.

Their denial is a dangerous thing and should this mayor or have the guts to run for reelection, the results will speak much louder than this 'unhappy, misinformed, or disillusional' letter writer ever could. When our next mayor and a couple like minded council members eventually team up, it may take more than the former police chief and their fading alliances to protect the jobs of our city attorney and administrator.

Chris Ryan, Crosby

LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Feb. 22 & 29, 2020)

KIMBERLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Notice to voters of Kimberly Township.

The annual election of Kimberly Township will be held at the Glen/Kimberly Community Town Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 to elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term and one clerk for a two (2) year term.

There will be a question on the ballot in regards to moving township general elections to November.

The polls will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The board of canvass will meet following the election.

The annual meeting will convene at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until March 17, 2020.

KIM MILLER, Clerk
Kimberly Township
4.9

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Feb. 22 & 29, 2020)

WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the voters of Wealthwood Township.

The annual election of Wealthwood Township will be held at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, to elect one Supervisor for a three (3) year term. The polls will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The annual meeting will convene at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Dated: February 18, 2020
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk
Wealthwood Township
4.00

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Feb. 22 & 29, 2020)

WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE

Wealthwood Township Board regular meeting will be changed to Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 7 p.m. due to the Annual Meeting and Election at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Dated: February 18, 2020
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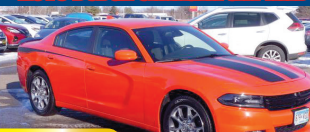
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