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Class of 2020 Graduates Breena Burgstaler and Gabbie Murray didn't want to miss out on their senior prom. The Burgstalers assembled a small gathering so the kids could still have a "prom."

Breena Burgstaler, Karena Burgstaler, Jacob Erickson, Carson Scharrer, Gabbie Murray, and Hannah Gripentrog started off their day with getting ready. The girls got all prettied up and put on their dresses that they had previously purchased for AHS Prom that was originally scheduled for Saturday, the same day, April 25. Then they took pictures to show off their beautiful dresses. A shout out to Deb Scharrer for the beautiful flower wrist corsages.

They continued the fun by driving to Brainerd and ordering out at Boulder Tap House



Dinner at Kiwanis Park floating dock.

and El Tequila while Brent and Tena Burgstaler assembled a cute dinner with ice cream and fake wine set up at Kiwanis Park on the floating dock. The kids ate dinner and

enjoyed the memories of a different kind of prom.

The students then finished their evening with music, snacks, and a bonfire back at the Burgstaler Home.

Breena Burgstaler said, "During this time it is important to still enjoy the last fun moments that we have as seniors, we have worked towards this for 12 years."



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AHS graduation parades toot and hoot their way around Aitkin



Parade group stops at Aitkin High School Senior Jenna Cline's house to support her.



Jenna Cline's brother and dad show support.

Neighbors and residents of the Aitkin School District may have heard a firetruck, the school song blasting and other commotion as Graduation Parades were staged for Class of 2020 seniors.

Tena Burgstaler, a senior student mom and Aitkin High School para, explains: "On Tuesday, May 5, we went to 14 students' houses, the furthest

being Garrison. On Wednesday, May 6, we went to 18 students' houses, traveling to Glen; and on Thursday, May 7, we went to 26 students' houses, including Deerwood and Aitkin. Friday, May 8, we went to 12 students' houses northwest of Aitkin, Emily and Palisade. The class has 70 graduates. They have always been a small class.

"The reason all this came about was one day Kathy Christy, AHS Senior College Speech Teacher, was on a zoom online meeting with her students and they were so sad about all the things they were missing in their senior year. She said, 'I just thought we have to do something for these kids!' So she came up with the wonderful idea of the "AHS Senior Parade". Jason Henke, AHS English Teacher, went to many local

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Dan Stifter, Aitkin schools superintendent

businesses in Aitkin and got gift certificates for every senior. (The businesses were very generous!) This was very much a community pulling-together to support our 2020 graduates! All school district employees were encouraged to participate in the parades. Each day there were 35 - 45 vehicles in the parades."

Dan Stifter, Aitkin schools superintendent, weighs in: "The planning for the Senior Parade was all teacher led and create a positive memory for our graduating seniors. The parades went over great for the graduates and their families. It was also a huge morale boost for our staff that was able to participate.

"It has been an unusual end of the school year. So much of the planning and preparing for next year has been put on hold as we wait for any further guidance. Our Distance Learning plan is carrying us to the end of the school year. That will give us time to understand what are the best ways to move forward into the summer and fall as we get ready for another school year. It has all been a challenge for sure. Our students, parents and community have been fantastic to work with and their continued support is very much appreciated. We know this has not been easy for anyone."

How the parades worked

With the firetruck leading the way, the parade went to the graduate's home. Lead cars also included the Gobbler turkey mascot and school administrators.

School staff came out and surrounded the graduate (with social distancing of course) singing and clapping to the school song while the mascot danced. The students were presented with a packet, including a letter they wrote to themselves in grade 7, their ninth grade journal, their cap and gown and other stuff, including gift certificates. Each graduate was made to feel adults putting all the attention just on them.

By press time, Aitkin's plans were fluid but they hoped to have an outdoor graduation ceremony with students really

walking across a real stage. Lots of students are holding their parties later this summer or fall, and just having a small celebration with their family at this time.



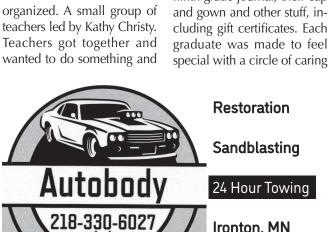
Mom Robyn beams with pride with her son Jackson, an Aitkin High School Senior, at his grad parade.



Teacher Steve Jacobson built this sign for the Aitkin High School graduation parades.



Smiles were infectious at Aitkin High School Senior Breena Burgstaler's grad parade.











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OBITUARIES

ALBERT TORGERSON



Albert Ralph Torgerson, 73, of Coon Rapids died Sunday, May 10, 2020 at Homestead at Anoka.

A gathering to celebrate Albert's life will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Waukenabo Cemetery, Palisade, Aitkin County.

He was born July 12, 1946 in Crosby to Ralph Albert and Violet Esther (McClellan-Peterson) Torgerson. He graduated from Aitkin High School in 1966. Albert married Donna Mae (Eisfelder) on August 6, 1983 in Minneapolis. He worked for West-Rock formerly Rock-Tenn Paper Co. in Saint Paul retiring as a Materials Coordinator after over 40 years of service. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening, canning, traveling (by car), Polka dancing, playing cards, and listening to "old Classic" Country music.

Albert is survived by his wife of 36 years, Donna Torgerson; sons and daughter-in-law, Richard Torgerson, and Matthew and Janell Torgerson; two granddaughters: Nicole and Trinity Torgerson; brothers and sisters-in-law: Edward (Paulette), Eugene (Diane), Wayne (Diane) Torgerson, sisters and brothers-in-law: Karen and Rod-

ney Banks, Helen and Jean Schmidt, Julie and Bruce Burk, and Carol and Robert Howard; brother-in-law, Manuel Hirdler and sister-in-law: Lucy Draper; former wife and mother of his two sons: Susanne Torgerson and many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Leslie and Karl Torgerson; sister, Florence Hirdler; granddaughter, Serenity Rose

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.son Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Aitkin. Please go to www.srtfuneral.com to leave a message of condolence.

JOHN HAUSSNER John (Jack) Gregory



Haussner, 72 of McGregor, died suddenly at his home Wednesday, May 13, 2020. The Outdoor Funeral Ser-

vice began on Wednesday May 20, 2020 at Round Lake Cemetery, McGregor with Father David Forsman offi-

ciating.

Jack was born on March 26, 1948 in St. Paul. He grew up in White Bear Lake and graduated from White Bear High School in 1966. He attended St. Paul Technical Vocational Institute. Jack moved with his family to McGregor in 1976. He worked as a plumber for over 40 years. He started McGregor Plumbing and Heating in 1980 and retired in 2009. He enjoyed living on Lake Minnewawa and spending time outdoors. His favorite activities include hunting, fishing, listening to classic country music, and playing cards. He loved spending time with his family and countless friends. Jack had a keen sense of humor. He loved conversation and was good at giving his friends advice. He had so many stories to tell.

Jack is survived by his loving wife Judy, Haussner; daughter, Michelle Lindell, (Eric); sons: John Haussner, (Jillian); Bradley Haussner and (Katie); six grandchildren: Mikaela, Angela, Jordan, Jocelyn, Brenna and Elise; two step-grandchildren: Kylie (Tim) and Randi (Matt); sister, Judy Ball (John); brother, Robert Haussner (Nancy) and many special cousins, nieces, nephews, and

Jack was preceded in death by his parents: Russell Haussner and Luella (Letourneau) Haussner, uncle Allan Letourneau and aunt Gere

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BRINLY RUSCHMEIER



Brinly Shae Ruschmeier, baby daughter of Brent and Sharlie (Finch) Ruschmeier was born April 23, 2020 at the St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud. Brinly passed away May 12, 2020 at the hospital due to medical complications.

A memorial service will be

held at a later date. Brinly is survived by her parents; two sisters: Morgan and Brooke Ruschmeier; grandparents: Loretta Ruschmeier, Katie and Mark Rittenour, Richard (Dianna) Lucas, and many special aunts, uncles, cousin, other relatives and family friends. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Henry Ruschmeier.

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ELLEN BURMAN



Ellen Mildred Burman, 88. of Glen died Sunday, May 10, 2020 at Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin.

Services for Ellen will be held at a later date. Burial will be in the Malmo Cemetery.

She was born at home on the family farm May 16, 1931

to Emil and Hilda (Hedback) Wilson Lindgren. Ellen grew up on the family farm helping with chores and working at a local church camp on Long Lake with her mother. She attended country school and Aitkin High School. She did not graduate as Ellen was united in marriage to Clarence Burman November 19, 1949 in Aitkin. They lived on the family farm raising three sons. Ellen went to work for the Aitkin Public School District in 1963 as a cook at Clear Lake School. She worked her way up to head cook for the school district at Rippleside Elementary School before she retired in 1993. Ellen was the lead cook for the first Aitkin All Class Reunion, she always said it was a long busy week. Ellen has been a member of Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo since 1953. She taught Sunday School and held offices in the church women's group. In her later years she enjoyed the guilters group at the church. Ellen and Clarence were active in the Pilots of Clear Lake 4-H with their sons.

Ellen is survived by her sons and daughtersin-law: Warren (Margie) Burman, Dwight (Linda) Burman, and Kevin (Kris) Burman; eight grandchildren: Jamie Ruud, Justin Burman, Jarred Burman, Mike (Wendy) Burman, Doug Burman, Greg (Ashley) Burman Brent Burman, and Lindsay (Kyle) Asmus; seven great-grandchildren: Aidan, Sophia, Elijah, Jeremiah, Isiaih, Mason, and Nora; many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence on September 3, 2013; sister, Ruth Waffensmith; brothers: Henry Wilson, Bert Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Axel Wilson, and Emil Lindgren, and her parents.

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.

* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* - New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; "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. 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; 218-697-2662 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

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 Zach Broom 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 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.

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; Con-

fession 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**

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

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

Wed. BS 6:30 pm Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun, SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult

Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256. McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel

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

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

Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m. Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10: Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy.

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

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

CONGREGATIONAL Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Lilja Behr; Sun.10; Comm. 1st

Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

EPISCOPAL

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

EVANGELICAL FREE

Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor 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 thelogchurch@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;

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

HEBREW/MESSIANIC

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

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

Aitkin – First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10 am, Wed. 5:30 pm w/supper; 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); 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. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

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

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

3rd Sun., 10:30. Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellowship 11, Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www. goodshepherdfreelutheran.church

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Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd - Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.m. Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

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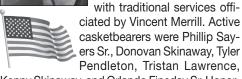
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Gloria Jean Skinaway, Miskwadibe-ikwezens', 80, of McGregor died Wednesday May 13, 2020 in Aitkin,.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at the Sandy Lake Burial Grounds in McGregor, MN with traditional services offi-



Kenny Skinaway, and Orlando Fineday Sr. Honorary casketbearers will be Lorraine Sayers, Aaron Sayers, and all her beloved family.

Gloria was born January 6, 1940 in Red Lake, MN, to Eugene Sayers Sr., and Mary (Johns) Sayers. Gloria attended and graduated from the Red Lake High School and enlisted as a Clerk Typist in the United States Women's Army Corps and was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She married Clifford Skinaway, July 20, 1962. They had nine children. Gloria began her clerical career working in various law offices in San Francisco, CA as she and Clifford were relocated there through the Indian Relocation Act in 1962-1963. They settled in Minneapolis in 1967 where she worked in Legal Aid offices then later worked with the Indian Health Services and

Bureau of Indian Affairs offices in Minneapolis, Bemidji, and Red Lake. She retired in 1999 after working in both Red Lake Tribal Enrollment and Vehicle Registration offices in Red Lake. She then returned to her home in the McGregor area where she lived out her remaining years in the community she loved and was a treasured Elder. Gloria loved to travel and visit with her family and friends. She also loved her quiet time watching her daily soap operas and old western movies and her sweet cakes, pies, and candies.

Gloria is survived by her five daughters: Sandra Skinaway, Duluth; Lorene Skinaway, Bemidji; Elizabeth (Chris) Skinaway, McGregor; Jean Skinaway-Lawrence, Bemidji; Julie (Orlando) Skinaway, McGregor; three sons: Clifford Skinaway Jr., McGregor; Monroe Skinaway III, McGregor, ; Ken (Vanessa) Skinaway, Cloquet; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, Aaron Sayers, Red Lake; sister, Lorraine Sayers, Red Lake and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Skinaway, Sr.; daughter, Emma Skinaway; and granddaughter, Everleigh Fineday; parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest

A few AHS Senior Class viewpoints

Colton Weimer



I have been balancing schoolwork and my down time with my best friend. I have spent more time with my family and animals that live on our farm.

We are getting our family and close friends together this summer, hopefully, to celebrate my graduation and my birthday together!

My favorite subjects would be chemistry and genetics/botany! My favorite activity would be being a member of the FFA.

Spending time with my friends and seeing them at school. I miss going to restaurants and eating out with my friends.

I really enjoyed the graduation parade! It felt very personal and I really enjoyed seeing all of my teachers come to me and support my accomplishment!

I started a new job and I will be thinking about what lies ahead in my future.

Jenna Cline



I'm trying to stay busy and exercise. Working on home-

My favorite subject is human bio or American government because they are interesting topics and my teachers make them interesting to learn.

I miss my friends and teachers. Having a daily routine with softball. Just being able to go places without all the rules.

Silver lining is more time with my family before I go to college.

Plans for next year are pend-

Haley Bourassa



Since this pandemic took away the jobs I had before I went out and got one recently, I'm deciding to work next year and ponder what I want to do for the rest of my life.

Breena Burgstaler

During this time I have gotten to spend time with my family making meals, watching movies, having bonfires, and taking bike rides.



I plan to have a traditional graduation party later this summer with family and friends.

My favorite subjects at AHS would have to be Choir and Restaurant Class. I enjoy singing and cooking and to be able to learn more about the subjects and spend time doing these things in school hours.

I have been very involved in the Aitkin FFA Chapter for 5 years. I loved getting to know members, learning leadership skills, being Chapter President, and Region II Historian. I would recommend FFA to any student no matter where they live and what their interests are. There are things to do and learn in FFA for every type of student.

I miss getting together with my friends and being able to go out with my family on dinner movie dates.

During the quarantine I have realized how important cherishing the moments you are given are. Even though I have missed out on my senior prom, senior skip day, grad blast, FFA banquet, musical, and a traditional graduation, I have seen just how much my family and friends care for me by making fun alternative events in the comforts of our own home. I also think it is important to remember that the rest of the senior class and myself have already had so many memories together during high school from Greaser Day in 8th grade to the Senior Elf Auction. Class of 2020, remember to cherish every beautiful moment that is given to you.

I will attend the Central Lakes College 2-year nursing program to receive my RN.

AHS 11th grader perspective



Madison Swift

Here is an 11th grader, who, it is hoped, will have a "normal" senior year with the class of 2021 How have you been

spending your time during the stay at home order?

I've been doing schoolwork and hobbies I have, like playing guitar, ukelele, and painting.

What will a toned down graduation celebration consist of for your family?

I'm not graduating this year, but I do know some people I know are doing small gatherings for their graduation celebrations.

Swift says that even though she is not graduating this year, she hopes the class of 2021 will have a smooth year.

She said she misses being in school, being with friends and going to church.

What has pandemic downtime taught her?

"I've learned that I shouldn't take the time I have available for granted, because now all I'm able to do is stay inside."

askdrsmith.com featuring Dr. Murray Smith The Indoor Garden 3



This week we take all the great stuff we have been finding around the house, at local stores, and in some cases, online, and put them into action. This quick start guide will get you on the road to your very own home indoor garden. It may be helpful to read it through before you start.

- 1. Soak your seeds in small cups covered with plenty of water.
- 2. Add 4 cups of water to the gallon of soil mix and set
- 3. Allow minimum 6 hours for the seeds to soak.
- 4. Fold the cheesecloth (or the paper you chose) just a little larger than the tray to serve as a cover. Soak these in water when seeds are ready for planting.
- tray, mix 1/2 teaspoon of kelp

with 1 tablespoon of compost.

- 6. Fill each tray with 1 1/4 cup of moistened soil mix. Level the soil leaving about 1/4 inch to top of tray for seeds and cloth cover.
- 7. Drain the seeds from small cups and spread over soil so they touch each other but do not overlap. 8. Press the soaked cloth/
- paper cover into the tray so it is in contact with the seeds. 9. Place planted tray in dark
- warm place for 4 days. 10. On day 5, remove the
- cover. Water the tray and place on a well-lit windowsill.
- 11. Once a day, water with 2-4 tablespoons per tray.
- 12. After 3-4 days of growth and greening in the light,

harvest shoots with a scissors. Be sure to wash the har-5. In the bottom of each vested greens and remove any



greens into 1/4 and 1/2 inch

pieces and toss in a salad.

Bon Appétit! Text a picture

of your garden to 218-851-

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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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READER-RIBBETS

Perspective of Concerned Observer

This will be my second shot at trying to understand and put some perspective on our Concerned Observer from Deerwood, continuing to rail at seemingly every elected and appointed public official the good City of Crosby has put into any responsible position either now or the past umpteen

First, as I understand it, there are millions of Americans currently without jobs. Hundreds of thousands have contracted a potential fatal virus. Tens of thousands have perished from this hideous pandemic. That's part of the perspective.

Now, for seemingly the two or three hundredth week in a row, the City of Crosby is continuing to incur the wrath of a nonresident, for reasons I still don't have a clue about.

The most recent letter I have access to seems more off the wall than usual. I need to quote a couple statements from that letter. Of the former (or current, they're probably interchangeable) city clerk/administrator, "... fraudulent, corrupt, and a personal vendetta investigation." Of the mayor, same caveat, "....biased, prejudiced, flawed, lying, distortion of the truth in the investigation." And then at the end of the letter, and this would be hilarious if it weren't so serious, "It's agreed people should not be attacked for doing their jobs. No one has been attacked." Good

grief! This paper would need to be printed on asbestos if you haven't let loose fully yet and have another notch up in your non-attack arsenal.

Our world is in turmoil. Why not take a break and let the poor citizens of Crosby deal with some truly serious issues. Let the ex-mayor run for office again, he has that right. If he's as corrupt as you say, he shouldn't get but a vote or two. I don't even know who the poor guy is. I have no horse in this race. Maybe when this pandemic is under control you can go back to not attacking anyone.

On my last letter I signed off as "Amused Observer". This time it needs to be

Confused Observer, Paul Ruff, Baxter

Lockdowns not based on science

I was the Constitution Party candidate for Wisconsin State Attorney General in 2018 and have since relocated to Minnesota. I am writing in response to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's May 14 online article, "Wisconsin Supreme Court strikes down Wisconsin's stay-at-home order that closed businesses to limit spread of coronavirus."

In the article, an attorney who also accused the justices of legislating from the bench said, "This action will inevitably lead to more sickness and more death."

This has become the accusation used against anyone who wanted to end a state lockdown. What the Journal and the attorney suggested in the article was a half-truth at best, and everything implied was false.

The court's action will likely, or "inevitably" if you prefer, enable more of the healthy citizens of Wisconsin to get the virus and to develop immunity if they choose to leave their homes. Ending the lockdown was in no way a call for people at high risk to expose themselves to the virus and become sick and die. Those people can continue to social distance and isolate themselves if they

choose to do so. Ending the stay-at-home order did not force anyone to do anything, unlike the orders which forced people to leave their jobs and lose their businesses and stay in their homes to stew in their fear.

When most of the people who get the virus are asymptomatic, and most who become sick fully recover, the accusers' concern that the court's action would inevitably lead to more deaths is evidence of ignorance at best.

Regardless, ending the lockdowns could not possibly cause as many deaths as the lockdowns in themselves have and will continue to cause. The deaths caused by the lockdowns are real, not some prediction used to maintain the public's level of fear.

To stop the spread of a virus requires herd immunity of 60 to 70 percent. This is reached when healthy people get the virus and their immune system fights it, preferably in conjunction with a vaccine for high-risk people.

The lockdowns reduced the healthy population the virus could work its way through which would result in herd immunity. This enabled later waves of the virus, which "will inevitably lead to more sickness and death."

People ordered to leave their jobs and lose their businesses lived under fear and stress which wore down their immune systems, putting them at higher risk for those later waves of the virus which "will inevitably lead to more sickness and death."

The decisions to lock down, quarantining healthy children and "nonessential" workers, were not "based on science. The lockdowns were political decisions. The first governors and mayors who ordered lockdowns did so to prevent overburdening medical systems - because they had not prepared for a pandemic as they should have. Then other governors wanted to be seen "doing something," so those lemmings ordered lockdowns too. They wanted to do something, so they quarantined healthy kids and "nonessential" workers, rather than high-risk people in longterm care facilities.

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Not locking down those facilities first "inevitably led to more sickness and death," resulting in over 80 percent of COVID-19 deaths in Minnesota occurring in those facilities to date.

If we had not gone into lockdowns the virus may have already circulated through the population. Ending the lockdown in Wisconsin has enabled them to move forward toward achieving herd immunity. That is the grownups' goal in this.

The lockdowns have caused another Depression, and many Americans "will inevitably" become collateral deaths in the "war against COVID-19." Those are real deaths, and they have already begun with suicides and escalating alcohol and drug use and domestic abuse; and more people "will inevitably" die because of undiagnosed and untreated cancers, heart diseases and other conditions.

We are in a global recession, at least, which the lockdowns in America contributed to, along with the lockdowns implemented by governments around the world. The global economy is shrinking, imacting food trade and distribution and UN organizations are warning that millions of people are beginning to face starvation. Those people "will inevitably" starve to death, after they watch their children

While I usually find defending Republicans a bit distasteful, criticizing Republicans for ending lockdowns, which should not have happened in the first place and implying that they are causing deaths is disgusting.

Terry A. Larson, Alexandria



Since Grad Blast isn't happening in Aitkin this year, due to Governor Tim Walz's response to COVID-19, the Grad Blast Committee took the money they had raised and made this billboard featuring the whole 2020 senior class. The traditional courthouse steps photo was taken earlier in the school year. The billboard will be parked in various places around Aitkin. Ann Schwartz photo

Household Hazardous Waste site

Crow Wing County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility will opened for the season on Thursday, May 21 at the Crow Wing County Landfill. This is a free service for all Crow Wing County residents.

Due to COVID-19 extra precautions are being taken to ensure everyone's safety.

- Please have all items on a trailer, in your trunk or truck bed.
- Please remain in your vehicle
- Product Exchange will not be open until further notice

The HHW facility will be open the second Wednesday and second Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., June through September. In October HHW will be open the first Wednesday and first Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"The HHW site provides a location to properly dispose of old paint cans, cleaners, and other chemicals. It's rid the garage or basement shelves of these left-over products," stated Ryan Simonson, Crow Wing County Environmental Services Supervisor. "This free service keeps these chemicals out of our environment, protecting our water resources."

The HHW Facility accepts hazardous household waste items such as:

- latex and oil paints
- stains and aerosols
- automotive products
- household cleaners · yard and garden pesti-
- rechargeable batteries
- · mercury containing devices (such as thermometers

and switches)

Upon arriving at the County Landfill Site, residents must stop at the Landfill Office. The attendant will discuss the items to be disposed and provide directions to where the HHW Facility is located at the site. It is important to note that all loads coming to the County Landfill must be covered to ensure our roadways are not littered with debris.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping our residents make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1290 or for more information pertaining to the Household Hazardous Waste Program, please visit the county website at www. crowwing.us and search for "Household Hazardous Waste".

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., April 25, May 2, 9,

16, 23, & 30, 2020) **NOTICE OF MORTGAGE**

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FOR THAT PURPOSE THE RIGHT TO VERIFI-CATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT

AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

ING MORTGAGE TO BE **FORECLOSED**

Date of Mortgage: Au-

gust 15, 2018 2. Mortgagors: Shayne D. Pankratz and Trista J. Pankratz, spouses married to

each other

3. Mortgagees: First International Bank & Trust

4. Recording Information: Recorded on September 11, 2018, as Document Number 908419, in the Office of the County Recorder of Crow Wing County, Minnesota.

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: N/A INFORMATION REGARD-ING MORTGAGED PREMIS-

6. Tax parcel identifica-

tion number of the mortgaged premises: 251030030010009. 251030030020009 251030030030009

7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2),

AND THREE (3), BLOCK

Brainerd, MN 56401.

DITION TO IRONTON AC-CORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, **CROW WING COUNTY, MIN-NESOTA** 8. The physical street ad-

dress, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 308 6th Ave., Ironton, MN 56455.

OTHER FORECLOSURE

9. The person holding the Mortgage: is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn.

Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is First In-

ternational Bank & Trust. 10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is First International Bank & Trust.

INFORMATION REGARD-**ING FORECLOSURE**

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$ 23,000.00.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if

any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$23,414.69. 14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the

Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Crow Wing County, Minnesota, at public auction on June 11, 2020, 10:00 a.m., at Sheriff's Office, 304 Laurel Street, 15. The time allowed by law

for redemption by Mortgagor

or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale. 16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b)

provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on December 11, 2020.

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Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Caren L. Stanley (MN

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