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Riverwood faces pandemic-induced losses after strong years

Over \$11 million received in government aid to get through hard times

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Riverwood Healthcare of Aitkin broadcast its May 19 annual meeting online this year, with a few key staff attending from the hospital. "For fiscal year 2019, the covid-19 lockdown has impacted us financially," said Casey Johnson, chief financial officer.



Riverwood Healthcare Center Chief Financial Officer Casey Johnson

Although two profitable years previously left RHCC in a solid cash position for a rural hospital, covid-related reductions led to collecting only 40-50 percent of normal revenue this spring while expenses held at 90 percent of normal spending.

"A \$7 to \$10 million loss of operations revenue is projected," said Johnson.

Although revenue was on an uptick in May, a reduced demand for hospital services means that revenue will not return to normal amounts anytime soon.

"Some months, we are losing \$1 to \$2 million," said Johnson. He is working on models to project finances into the future. "We need to make sure we have enough cash to keep our doors open." The last few weeks, they have been seeing 85-140 patients per day, he said.

Riverwood has received about \$11.1 million in aid through government grants and loans, though he is not sure if that will cover all the losses.

"We will probably lose \$2 million in April, \$1.5 million in March and we don't know what May holds," explained Johnson. They could be looking at two-to-six months of losing \$2 million per month. But: "We are in as stable a position as any rural hospital can be."

The next step is to safely reopen all patient services.



The new Riverwood Healthcare Pharmacy at Paulbeck's County Market should open in early July. Over-the-counter products are available in the new addition near the market's checkout area. Ann Schwartz photos

"But the demand isn't back to where it was before the virus."

Pharmacy report

The new RHCC pharmacy, located at Paulbeck's County Market in Aitkin, is on track to open July 6. Most of the construction is finished, except for the drive through area, and three key licenses are obtained.

"Our pharmacy is an open concept. The counter is very accessible to the public," explained Spencer Page, pharmacy manager. They are now in the phase of negotiating contracts with insurance companies.

"We are very accessible and noticeable from the checkout counter at Paulbeck's County Market."

The pharmacy will be open on weekends, including Sundays, which is a need for the area, he said.

"We are excited about our weekends, especially Sundays, as we have a shortage on Sundays in this town."

Jason Brunko, now pharmacy manager at RHCC's Garrison Clinic, will manage

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Aitkin School Board cuts positions and makes graduation plan

By ANN SCHWARTZ

“None of this is ideal,” Superintendent Dan Stifter told the Aitkin School Board about the \$331,481 of cuts that must be made to balance the budget.

Saving measures include: not replacing the food service accountant who is retiring, not replacing the testing/curriculum position; reducing phy. ed. at the high school, reducing a section at the el-

ementary school; not adding as many paraprofessionals over the summer; cutting the half-time elementary band position to be covered by the high school band director and cutting some custodial cost. District staff will cover human resources instead of hiring a full-time position.

“This puts us in the range to keep our fund balance where the board wants it set,” said Stifter at a special meeting.

At the May 18 meeting, the board put the following staff on unrequested leaves of absence: Dan Athman, CAP/DAC (reassigned to high school science position); Chesna Siegford, elementary kindergarten; Craig Larson, half-time phy. ed.; Scott Ruffing, half-time elementary band teacher; and Amanda Steffens, high school science teacher.

Drive-in graduation

The Aitkin School Board voted 4-3 to hold graduation

at the AHS football field on May 29. Graduates along with their families will be able to drive on to the field in their vehicles. Graduates will then be able to walk to receive their diplomas.

Graduation parade

The public is invited to watch for the Class of 2020 Graduation Parade on Friday, May 29, at approximately 8:00 p.m. The public is being asked to come out of your houses to “cheer on the grad-

uates, honor them one last time and wish them all the best of luck as they turn to the next chapter in their lives.”

Scholarships to top students

Top students were awarded the Sweetman Scholarships: Karleen Shereck - 60 percent of earned interest. She will be attending the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. Carson Wagner - 40 percent of earned interest. He will be attending the University of Minnesota - Duluth.

Correction: AHS Senior Class viewpoints

Part of Haley Bourassa's viewpoint was missing from the last issue of the NewsHopper. Below is her complete viewpoint. We regret the omission.



Haley Bourassa

At first, I was just doing homework and sleeping wayyyy too much so I recently went out and found a job!

I'll either postpone celebrating graduation or have a tiny celebration with my mom, dad and siblings.

My favorite subject in school is art class. I was in dance for 4 years so I'd have to say dance is my favorite activity!

I miss the routine of school, I miss being able to hangout with friends!

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.

Kayaker drowns on Long Lake in Aitkin County

A Bloomington man who was kayaking on an Aitkin County lake drowned Sunday, May 24.

The kayaker was identified as Paul A. Mott, 62, of Bloomington.

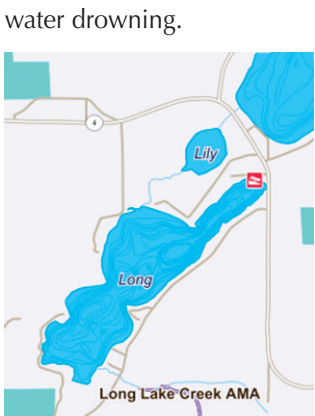
Aitkin County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received a call that a person had been found unresponsive in the water on Long Lake in Glen Township. The report was that Mott was

still in the kayak, but the kayak was on its side and he was face down in the water. A father and son team brought Mott to shore and began CPR.

Once North Ambulance crew took over CPR, deputies were able to speak with the men who brought Mott and kayak to shore. They indicated they had seen the man fishing from his kayak earlier. They confirmed the

man was wearing a life vest while in his kayak. The next time they saw Mott in the kayak, he was face down in the water and the kayak was on its side. They brought Mott to shore where other's rushed to their aid. Extensive lifesaving efforts were made, but were unsuccessful.

Ramsey County Medical Examiner's preliminary finding is that Mott died of fresh-



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the new site. Other staff is being put in place prior to the opening.

Foundation

The good news is, fundraising has gone well and kid-

ney dialysis is now available at Riverwood on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, saving long drives for patients and their families when they previously had to go to other facilities to access dialysis.

Katie Nelson, foundation director, said that last year's golf tournament at Cuyuna

Rolling Hills raised \$24,000 for the dialysis unit.

The annual gala was changed up and moved to the fairgrounds, which was “Well received.” That event raised \$36,000 for behavioral health programs.

The Hospital Auxiliary remains strong, with members logging thousands of hours and disbursing funds. “Our auxiliary members are advocates — spreading the news about our wonderful facility,” said Nelson.

Over fiscal year 2019, the foundation gave out \$320,780 in the Growing Together Campaign and for pediatric care, the McGregor Clinic, the food service department, Riverwood Resources, scholarships, Riverwood Reads literacy for children, Zachary

Johnson Fund for families with children with cancer and to the oncology department.

Board election

Chad Gross, Steve Wilson and Lowell Larson were re-elected to the board of directors with no opposition. They join Kathleen Ryan, Christine Bright, Allison Matlami, Timothy Dirks, MD; Jeffrey Ehnstrom, MD; Chad Gross, Jared Lundgren, Tom Lundberg and Mike Paulbeck on the board.

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ELAINE BRUSS



Elaine Doris Bruss, 90, of Aitkin, died Monday, May 25, 2020 in Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin with her family by her side.
A gathering of family and friends will be Saturday, June 6 from noon until the 1 p.m. Graveside Service in Lakeview Cemetery, Aitkin.

Elaine was born August 7, 1929 in Minnesota Falls Township to Arthur and Edith (Markgraf) Plath. Elaine was married Henry “Bud” Bruss on October 16, 1949 in Wood Lake. Elaine was an accountant for Bruss Brothers Contracting Company which her husband, Bud and his brother, Loren owned and operated for 13 years. Elaine also was District Manager for Beeline Fashions for 10 years and later owned and operated Elaine’s Fashions. In 1977, Elaine and Bud moved to Aitkin and purchased the Edgewater Beach Resort which they operated until selling the resort in 1991. Elaine was then the Dining Room Supervisor at Ruttger’s Bay Lake Lodge until her retirement. She was a former member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Aitkin and also head of the ladies aid and a current member of First Lutheran Church, Aitkin. Elaine was also a member of Lions. She enjoyed playing cards (Pinochle and 500), watching her great grandchildren play baseball and especially spend-

ing time with her family.
Elaine is survived by three children: Tom (Chere) Bruss, Kathy (Terry) Dox and Pam (Larry) Kramer, all of Aitkin; eight grandchildren: Troy Dox, Krista (Charlie) Anderson, Jason (Jen) Dox, Matthew Bruss, Timothy Bruss, Daniel Novotny, Kelsey Kramer (Alan Mahowald) and Robert (Keri) Kramer; nine great-grandchildren, Kenzie Kampen, Carter Dox, Jake Anderson, Mara Dox, Breckin Dox, Sailor Dox, Hailey Sargent, Sutton Kramer and Rollins Kramer; sisters, Lalah Bahn, Wood Lake and LaDonna (Norm) Benson, Waconia; brother, William (Joy) Plath, Sacramento, CA; sister-in-law, Lois Plath, Oakdale; many other relatives and friends.
Elaine is preceded in death by her husband, Henry “Bud” Bruss; son, Daniel; brother, Arthur Plath 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.

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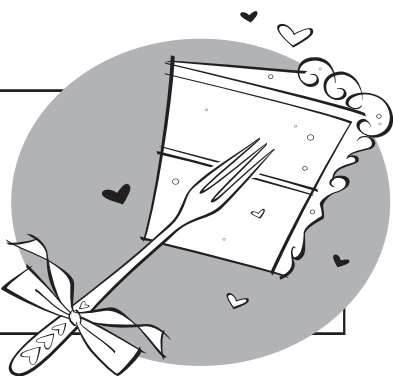
CHARLES PERPICH



Charles Carl “Carlie” Perpich, 99, of Ironton and Lester Prairie died on Sunday, May 10, 2020 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.
Mass of Christian Burial was at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2020 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors presented by the Myrin-James American Legion Post. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church.
Carl was born on May 29, 1920 in Crosby to George and Kathryn Perpich of Croatia. He was baptized on July 4, 1920 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church by Fr. S. Fredrick. He was the youngest of six children. Carl graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, Class of 1938, the Crosby Junior College in 1940 and the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul in 1947. Carl enlisted in the USMC 1942-1946, earning the rank of 1st Lieutenant. He was in active duty on the front lines (volunteered three times) as he fought at the battle of Iwo Jima in the Pacific Theater in WWII. He married the love of his life Elizabeth Ann “Betty” Jerviss from Aitkin on April 11, 1953. They had six children. They purchased the Spina Hotel in 1953. Together with a friend started the company, Garland Manufacturing. Carl loved basketball and dancing. He played basketball in high school, college and

in the Marines. He truly loved playing with his children, grandchildren, and local kids, many whom he mentored throughout the years. He played basketball two times a week at the local gym until he was 86 years old. Carl never missed a Crosby-Ironton basketball game. In his later years, he moved to Lester Prairie with his daughter Christine and her family. He was a lifelong member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Crosby, a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Winsted, founding member of the Ironton Commercial Club and a member of the Myrin-James American Legion Post, 443 of Ironton. He was known for his generosity and kindness in the community.
Carlie is survived by his children: Carlene (Bruce) Berg, Fargo, ND; Cathleen (Patrick) McCoy, Menomonie, WI; Paul (Sandra) Perpich, Crosby; Tom Perpich, Brainerd; Carolyn Perpich, Crosby and Christine (Jon) Wolter, Lester Prairie; 15 grandchildren: Luke Taylor, Neil (Jo) Taylor, James Webster, Stephanie (Pete Huff) McCoy, Tar McCoy, Nicholas (Tracy) Perpich, Matthew (Megan) Perpich, Kendra Perpich, Korbyn Perpich, Margret Rossing, Holdin Rossin, Charles Rossing, Caydin Wolter, Warren Wolter, and Carly Wolter; five great-grandchildren: Brenden Taylor, Alyssa Taylor, Collin Taylor, Nathan Perpich and Parker Perpich; two great-great-grandchildren, Landyn Donley and Scarlett Donley.
Carl lost the love of his life, Betty, in 1983. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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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 KKKIN (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 Ingelwood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.popbaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellowship 11, Wednesday evening 7 pm adult Bible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052, www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church
Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.lchchurch.org)
Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.m. Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John’s (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910
Crosslake —(ELCA) Pastor Kristin Oltmann, Pastor Kurt Hagestuen, 218-692-3682, In-Car Outdoor Worship, Sundays at 10 am at 14019 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake View Worship online at crosslakelutheran.com
Crosslake —Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship 9; Sunday School 9:15.
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.
Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May. 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.
Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (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; handicapped accessible.
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
Isle — Trinity (Missout 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,

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

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

PENTECOSTAL
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irontdale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake — Pastor Tony Oltmann, 218-692-4769; Worship 10; Fellowship 11:15; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Road just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED
Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin – Pastor 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

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

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Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

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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 10:30; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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OBITUARIES

EUGENE KATZ



Eugene William Katz, 85, of Merrifield, died Tuesday, May 19, 2020 surrounded by his family. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, May 26 at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Crosslake. Interment will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Gene was born June 28, 1934, in St. Paul, the son of William and Edna (Haupt) Katz. After graduating high school, Gene enlisted in the US Navy and served his country for more than three years. He went to work with his brother and became a Journeyman Elevator Mechanic. His work ethic extended past his career and into his yard – which was never anything but immaculate. He enjoyed spending time with his sons hunting and fishing. He was a lifetime member of the St. Paul Gun Club of which he was past President.

He also was a Champion Skeet Shooter. Gene was proud of his military service and was a lifetime member of the American Legion Nisswa Post #627 and the Jenkin's VFW Post #3839. And because he was fond of "being the boss", he was a past Commander at the Nisswa Legion as well. He appreciated classic cars, especially his '55 Olds 98. Gene loved his family and cherished his time with them.

He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Lori Katz; children: Kris (Melissa) Katz, Kelly (Michael) Doyle, and William (Renee) Katz; step-son, Bob Cherveny; nine grandchildren, Senior Chief Nick, Amanda, Madeline, Grace, Kate, Jessica, Michelle, Samantha, and Cassidy; three great-grandchildren: Lila, Cameron, Carter, and one on the way; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Eunice, Jerome, and Shirley; and step-children, Debbie and Stephen.

Arrangements were with the Nelson-Doran Funeral Home, Brainerd.

DONNA BLOCK

Donna Glee (Amsden) Block, 94, died Sunday, May 24, 2020 at the Crosby Care Center. Private family interment will be in Jeffers, MN.

Donna is survived by her two children, Dawn

(William) Mills and Dan Block.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services

LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2020)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

DATE: April 19, 2020

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION 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:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: August 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 REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 251030030010009, 251030030020009 and 251030030030009
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), AND THREE (3), BLOCK THREE (3) MATTSON'S ADDITION TO IRONTON ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA
8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 308 6th Ave., Ironton, MN 56455.

OTHER FORECLOSURE

DATA

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 International 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.

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, Brainerd, MN 56401.

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.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STAT-

UTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:

Caren L. Stanley (MN #0340480)

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., May 30, 2020)
MINNESOTA BOARD OF PARDONS

The following individuals who were convicted of a crime in Crow Wing County have applied for relief from the Minnesota Board of Pardons. The applications will be considered at the meeting of the Board scheduled for June 12, 2020, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

- Diersen, Ivan 1st Degree Manufacture of a Controlled Substance Convicted: 2/4/2003

AKA: Oilhoff, Ivan
- Swanson, Roy Possession of Marijuana over 1.5oz Convicted: 4/8/1985

Victims of these individuals' crimes have a right to submit an oral or written statement at this meeting summarizing the harm suffered as a result of the crime, and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether a pardon should be granted or denied. To submit an oral or written statement, or to obtain additional information, email the Board of Pardons at mnbboardofpardons@state.mn.us or call 651-361-7171.

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askdrsmith.com featuring Dr. Murray Smith Behind the mask



Finally, the time has arrived for us all to start coming out of our shelter-at-home. With this comes a lot of unknowns. One thing we do know is that some of us, probably a high number of us, are going to get this. So, what can we do to weather this storm? Plenty. We know that the people that have the greatest problems with the Covid-19 are seniors and those with serious underlying health issues. You can't turn back the clock and get younger. You can, however, do something about the person behind the mask. Start working to improve your health and potentially decrease and minimize the effects if/when you do get it. Remember: They told us from the beginning that we are going to, and should, get it after the doctors and hospitals are ready. Here are some top ways to boost your health.

Fear not. One of the great difficulties with the non-stop Covid-19 coverage is the stress and fear it creates. This fear can increase the stress hormone cortisol which over a long period can suppress your immune system and the virus-fighting cells. Make it a point to avoid the media that pushes opinions, exaggerations, and ideas that fuel the fire behind this fear. Limiting to a brief once-a-day check in is more than adequate to catch up.

Don't wear a mask. That is, when you are just at home or outdoors when keeping social distancing is easier. We know that the masks won't keep you from acquiring Covid-19, you are wearing it for others when in close proximity. Some reports, however, have suggested that masks might actually cause you to

have an increased negative response. That means if you were asymptomatic because your body was handling the virus, wearing the mask could make it harder for your body to fight it.

Watch your mouth. Avoid the sugars, they shut your immune system down. Eat fresh meats, vegetables, and fruit as the bulk of your diet, organic when possible. These nutrient dense foods will give you the vitamins and minerals that will maximize your body's ability to fight infections off. Take Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Zinc and probiotics to help supplement the body's need at this particular time.

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