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New owners have big visions for Butler Building in Aitkin arts that began in childhood.

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Christine Bright Marwede (left) and Dwight Marwede purchased the Butler Building from Sylvia Allen on Nov. 4.

The historic Aitkin landmark currently known as the Butler Building has new local owners.

Dwight Marwede and Christine Bright Marwede of Aitkin purchased the building from Sylvia Allen on Nov. 4, and are exploring plans to revitalize and once again make the historic building a regional destination.

"The building has been at the heart of Aitkin for generations. Christine and I are proud and humbled to carry on and build upon its tradition," Dwight Marwede said. "We are fully committed to an inclusive vision that will strengthen the community through business, food, the arts, and culture."

The couple, in partnership with the Aitkin County

Friends of the Arts, plan to

commission a feasibility study

to explore possibilities for the

new Butler Building. After the

completion of the feasibility

study, finalized plans for their

vision are expected to be

announced sometime in the

Short-term plans for the

building include the contin-

uation and expansion of the

Farmer's Market through the

winter. There are no plans

now or in the future to dis-

place any current tenants in

the building, Bright Marwede

Dwight and Christine both

have a long connection and

passion for the performing

new year.

in New York City, grew up in Cincinnati where his appreciation and love for music theater and the arts was fostered by his parents who were involved in community theater as performers and behind-the-scenes crew. During high school, Dwight played the drums in the band and in local musicals. He is the Di-

Dwight Marwede was born

rector for Technical Services for North American Roofing. a nationwide installer of commercial and industrial roofing systems.

Christine was born and raised in Aitkin before moving to Minneapolis to go to college. Like Dwight, she has always had an appreciation for music and the arts, including participating in band and choir in high school,

playing organ at her church, and minoring in Art History at Augsburg College with an emphasis on architecture.

She is an attorney and owner of Haberkorn Law Offices in Aitkin, and is currently the chair of the Aitkin County Friends of the Arts. She is also on the governing board of Riverwood Hospital, serves on several committees at First

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Aitkin man charged for alleged attempted murder of father



A 32-year-old Aitkin man has been charged with second-degree attempted murder for allegedly attempting

to kill his father. On November 6, 2020, Aitkin County Dispatch received a call from a woman reporting she had received a call from her son, Andrew Riley O'Neil, telling her he had just killed his dad and was on the way to get her.

Deputies, familiar with O'Neil from previous incidents, responded to the father's residence. En route O'Neil was located near a stalled vehicle on Highway 47, displaying assaultive behavior toward a woman who stopped to help him.

O'Neil was immediately arrested. Before to his arrest O'Neil told a deputy that he had pointed the gun at his father and pulled the trigger four times, but the gun never went off.

On December 7, 2020, an amended complaint was issued in Aitkin County District Court charging O'Neil with Second-Degree Felony Attempted Murder, Felony Felon in Possession of Firearm, Felony Felon in Possession of Ammunition, Second-Degree Felony Assault with Dangerous Weapon, Felony Threats of Violence, Felony Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, First Degree Felony Criminal Damage to Property, along with four misdemeanor charges. O'Neil has remained in custody since his arrest, the Aitkin County Sheriff's office reported.

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The Grinch was spotted on Tuesday, Dec. 8 greeting people at the free food pick up at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Pictured above (left to right) are Helping Hands Program Director Mabel Semler, Grinch (Scott Moon from Paul Bunyan Land) and Pam Karnowski.

Free food at Immanuel

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Big Al's Bar and Grill fundraises for Iron Range Coffee House moving fund

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Big Al's Bar and Grill, seven miles south of Emily on Hwy. 6, had a great first three years in business. Their smoked meat was popular and they were hosting concerts and other events.

They were just ready to start turning a profit when the pandemic, and shutdowns, hit. Since then, Al Brenycz has lost \$200,000 and is subsisting by living in an apartment above his restaurant.

In order to help his neighbors, he decided to throw a benefit for Thor and Candy

have operated a coffee shop, The Iron Range Coffee House (in the former Silver Creek Traders building in downtown Emily) for a couple of years.

"Their scones are phenomenal, their breakfast sandwiches are killer and their coffee is better than the major brands. I am a customer every day and get five-to-six shots of espresso with steamed milk and caramel," said Brenycz.

The building was sold to a new owner and negotiations didn't work out to continue

DacWorks opens to holiday crowd

Judy and Jessica Jones were among holiday shoppers at DacWorks, which opened on Hwy.

many items handmade by developmentally disabled individuals. Those clients were excited to

210 in Aitkin in the former Lightning Motorsports building. The Sip n Shop event included

Freeburg. The Freeburgs the lease. So, the Freeburgs have a short time to find a new home for their coffee shop.

> "They work hard and I've seen it. I am a customer every day. When you own a small business up here, you work hard seven days a week."

The Freeburgs had plans to expand into coffee roasting for regional sales, he said.

Al's donated and bought food for the benefit dinner held on Saturday, December 5. It was supposed to run from 5-7 p.m. — but they sold out of food.

"They were lined up be- to get them started and I ad- marvelous pizza oven. "I fore 5 and we ran out of food in 30 minutes," he said.

Al, his cook and volunteers, prepared 100 pounds of pasta, nearly 100 quarts of sauce, 70 pounds of Italian sausage and 50 pounds of meatballs. He got up at 4 a.m. to make the sauce and stirred it every 15 minutes.

They ran out of pasta first and customers purchased partial meals until all the food was gone. "This will give Thor and Candy a boost vise folks to donate on their go fund me page."

Al is very discouraged but isn't ready to give up. He turned 50 in September and has cashed in all his chips to keep his restaurant afloat. Government programs haven't helped as much as they are reported to have done.

"My bar is as clean as an operating room, but I'm declared unsafe," he said. He recently invested \$15,000 in his kitchen and has a

will be serving pizza once a month but otherwise we are shut down till spring. I'll probably have to get a job to pay for propane to keep the place heated. In Minnesota, we have lost 7,000 restaurants since the pandemic hit and 800 small businesses a day are going under in the United States."



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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP

OFFICE Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of

day, December 29, 2020 and will close January 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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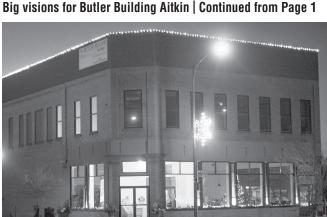


candidacy for the Township officers to be elected at the Wealthwood Township Annual Meeting which will be held Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Filings will be open Tues-

legal holidays.

Filing fee is \$2.00.

Dated: November 29, 2020 LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township



The future looks bright for the Butler Building in Aitkin.

Lutheran Church, and volunteers with the Aitkin County Fair.

"Given our passion for the music, art and theater, it's safe to say that a big part of our vision for the building will be the performing arts,"Christine said.

About the Butler Building

The building, originally called the Aitkin Opera House Building, was built in 1903 by Samuel Hodgeden to be the cultural center of the community. Construction included bricks made in Aitkin from Mississippi mud and fired locally. Aitkin's Opera House Building housed a general merchandise store, bank, barber shop, hardware store, seed & feed warehouse, buggy and wagon shop, bath house, and the opera house. The building has had many names and tenants over the years.



Ann Schwartz purchased a wooden tree wrapped in lights at DacWorks. It stands on her front porch; she feels it gives hope to those driving or walking by.



Emily, who lives at a group home in the Aitkin area, was enthusiastic about showing off handmade items she worked on the for the DacWorks store. They included wooden "cookies" with snowflake cutouts. Her good friend also cut out the Christmas stockings that were displayed.



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BRUCE NELSON

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Bruce E. Nelson, 80, of Crosby died on Saturday. November 28, 2020 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2020 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Koop Funeral

Home in Crosby. Military Honors will be presented at 3:45 p.m. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

He was born on September 26, 1940 in Minneapolis to Glen and Catherine (Shidla) Nelson. He was a Vietnam U.S. Army veteran and was a life member of the Myrin-James American

Legion Post #443, Ironton. Bruce was a former Crosby-Ironton School Bus Driver and a former property manager for the Ironton Terrace.

Bruce is survived by four sons: Jeff (Caron) Grussendorf of Maple Grove, Dave Grussendorf of Chaska, Jody (Jodi) Grussendorf of Ramsey and Bud (Lisa) Vipperman of Ironton; daughter, Julie (Jerry Schesso) Collins of Shakopee: 12 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; brother, Guy (Mari) Nelson of Aitkin; sister Sandi Sayler of Chaska; and special banter, Mike Kullhem.

Preceding Bruce in death are his parents; wife Nancy; and two sisters, Fran Warhol and Janice Kittleson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

WINONA ELG



Winona D. Elg, 93, of Lakeside Township, died Wednesday, December 2, 2020 in Aitkin Health Services, Aitkin. Services for Winona will be held at a later date.

She was born on February 20, 1927 in Lakeside Township to Andrew and Esther

(Linder) Elg. Winona was multi-talented. She enjoyed making braided rugs, quilting, woodworking (she built her own kitchen cupboards), making maple syrup, baking cookies and flatbread, recovering furniture and was an excellent woodsman. Winona loved babysitting her nieces and nephews. She also loved her cats and all

animals. Winona farmed for a number of years, both milking cows and beef cows. She was a member of Eastwood Community Club as well as XYZ Senior Group.

othy) Elg and Karen (David Hall) Elg; nephews: Kenneth, Loren and Steve Elg; nieces: Angie Elg, Arlene Jubie and Kristine Salmela; other relatives and friends.

brother, Marvin Elg; sister-in-law, Elaine Elg.

Winona is survived by her siblings: Larry (Dor-

Winona was preceded in death by her parents;

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

DEBRA KAY VINJE – PARNELL



Debra Kay Vinje - Parnell, 65, of McGregor died Friday, December 4, 2020 at her home near McGregor.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor with Pastor V.J. Smith offi-

ciating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Minneapolis.

She was born September 11, 1955 in Minneapolis to Lyle Vernon and Virginia Laura (Lagerquist) Vinje. She graduated from Washburn High School and earned an Administrative Assistant degree from the Minnesota School of Business and worked in that capacity for Fairview-University in Minneapolis. Debra married Michael Jay Parnell on December 5, 2012 at the Chapel of Love - Mall of America in Bloomington. She loved to jam out to Prince. If she could play bingo everyday, oh she would! She absolutely couldn't

get enough of watching "The Walton's" and "Little House on the Prairie" with her puppy, Lollie, on her lap. She really enjoyed having a drink or two around the bonfire up north at the trailer. Lastly nothing meant more to her than spending time being extremely silly with her husband, kids and grandchildren.

Debra is survived by her husband, Michael Parnell; three daughters: Michelle Christine Vinje, Elizabeth Laura Mae Vinje, and Shauna Mone't Vinje; son, Drae L'Ron Vinje; seven grandchildren: Michelle, M'Kenzie, Christine, Aaron, Amarianna, Jordan, and Maya; four great-grandchildren: Eliana, Alayah, Jaxson, Ariah; two sisters: Laura and Judy Vinje and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lyle and Virginia Vinje and her three brothers: David, Gary, and Thomas Vinje.

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VIRGINIA JOLLS

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Virginia Jolls, 86, of Aitkin died Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

There will be no services at this time. She will be buried alongside her husband and daughter in Rabbit Lake Cemetery, Glen Township, Aitkin

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She was born January 9, 1934 in Waterloo, lowa. She graduated high school in 1953. Virginia married Ronald M. Jolls in Waterloo in 1956. She worked as Head Nurse at the State Hospital in Brainerd. Virginia is survived by her son, Tony Jolls, the

staff at Aicota Health Care Center; and her friend, Roberta Elvecrog. She was preceded in death by her husband,

Ronald and daughter, Kimberly Jolls.

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Aitkin* - New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship in the church building 10:15 am & 6:30 pm, check the website for the time of service NewLifeAitkin.com; 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; www.pointway.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 Espes 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

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617. Worship 9: 30 and 11, theiourneynorth.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 Wed. 7 pm Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and

6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm. Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship

10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12. Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9;

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10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00. Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00;

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30. Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat.

5 p.m. Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass: Mon. 8, Tues. Noon, Thurs. 6 pm, Fri. 8, Sun 8:30 & 10:30 (10:30

outdoors weather permitting) Crosslake - Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession

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Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Anthony Craig, Mass Wed. 9 & Sat. 4 pm, Confession Sat. 3:30 - 3:50 pm 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;

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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 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. Handicap 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; Worship 10:15

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

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

LUTHERAN Aitkin - Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month. Aitkin - First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, Pastor Jordan

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pm w/supper; contemporary services 2nd & 4th Sun.;

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& 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).

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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

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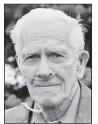
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ELMER JOHNSON, JR.



Flmer William Johnson Jr., 86, of Baxter died at his home on December 4, 2020.

A visitation will be open to the public from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Tuesday December 15, 2020 at the Koop Funeral Home. A private funeral will follow at 11:00 a.m. Burial will

follow the private funeral at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby with full military honors given by the Myrin-James American

Legion Post #443, Ironton, friends are welcome to attend. Social distancing rules will be observed and face masks are required.

He was born on December 9, 1933 in Little Falls to Elmer and Matilda (Skillings) Johnson Sr. Elmer was a U.S. Army veteran. He married Betty Minor on June 24, 1953 in Rice Lake, WI. A retired employee of American Hoist and Derrick with 22 years of service.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Betty; three daughters: Diane (Vince) Cardinal of Oro Valley, AZ, Denise (David) Richter of Maplewood and Dawn (Bruce) Batzlaff of Alexandria; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents; son, David Johnson and sister, Gertrude Johnson. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

ELLEN STEALY



Ellen Marie Stealy, 68, of Brainerd died on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Good Shepherd Memory Cottages in Sauk Rapids.

A private family service is being held. Burial was at the Hope Lutheran Cemetery in Orrock, MN.

She was born in Monticello on April 2, 1952 to Stanley and Donna (Lanser) Anderson. She graduated from the Big Lake High School, class of 1970. After graduating, she went on to Business School in St. Cloud. Ellen married Kevin Stealy in Baxter on January 15, 1983. She was an employee of Essentia-St. Joseph's Medical

Center in Brainerd in surgery and sterile processing with 38 years of service. Ellen was a union steward and adjutant for the DAVA in Brainerd.

Ellen is survived by her husband Kevin; son, Jason (Kristy) Engholm of Stafford, VA; mother, Donna Anderson of Becker; five brothers: Ed (Colleen) Anderson of Princeton, Ron Anderson, Joe Anderson, Martin (Janet) Anderson and Randy Anderson all of Big Lake; sister, Cheri Roelke of Ramsey; two grandchildren, Matthew and Nathan Engholm.

Preceding her in death are her father, Fatherin-law, Donald Stealy and sisters-in-law: Melody Anderson and Jeanine Anderson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

SANDRA DREHER

Sandra Marie Dreher, 81, of Aitkin died Sunday, December 6, 2020 at Golden Horizons Assisted Living in Aitkin.

Arrangements are pending with So-

rensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cre-

mation Services in Aitkin. www.srtfuneral.com

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JUDITH FALLS-FEATHER



Judith Arlene Falls-Feather. 74, of Aitkin then Sartell, died Saturday, December 5, 2020 at St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Fu-

neral Home in Aitkin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Bennettville Cemetery.

She was born October 29, 1946 in Odanah, WI, the youngest of twins, to George and Helen (Scott) Bender and was a member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Judy and her older twin sister, Joyce were raised by their foster father and mother: Al and Hilma Backstrom. Judy graduated in 1964 from Aitkin High School, attended beauty school, and shortly after was married to Brad Gustin and together they had three children. Judy worked many jobs including office work in the Twin Cities area and after retirement she enjoyed working even more doing what she loved, taking care of people. She helped out in multiple elementary classrooms,

daycare with her daughter, and was currently driving for Care Cab. Judith was always on the go and usually had her companions Gizmo and Pico with her. She enjoyed gardening, garage sales, reading, going to thrift shops, bingo and the casino. She truly loved being with her friends and family especially her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, never passed on a lunch or dinner date and never missed a family gathering.

Judith is survived by her three children: Dawn (Gustin) Widener, Heidi Gustin, and Cole Gustin; nine grandchildren: Breanna, Brandon, Makavla, Tyler, Wyatt, Mason, Skylar, Dylan, and Ryder; 11 great-grandchildren: Makinzey, Kaiden, Kailey, Gabriel, Lillian, Mattea, Kylie, Elijah, Ellarose, Daniel, and Amelia; and many other relatives and friends.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; foster siblings along with eight brothers and sisters.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

JOSEPH VIDMAR



Joseph M. "Mike" Vidmar. 79, of Crosby died on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at the Parkview Care Center in Buffalo.

A private family service is being held.

He was born in Milwaukee, WI to Joseph and Frances (Butorac) Vidmar on July 6, 1941. Mike graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School, Class of

1959. He then went to school in

Grand Rapids to be in the U.S. Forestry Service. Mike was a Vietnam U.S. Navy veteran, serving a Photo Interpreter on the USS Bonhomme Richard Aircraft Carrier. Mike was employed in San Diego and Las Vegas as an Operating Engineer with 33 years of service and was a member of the Operating Engineers Union #12 in San Diego. After his retirement he moved to Coos Bay, OR then Kingman, AZ, returning to Crosby in 2011.

Mike is survived by his mother. Frances of Crosby; brother, John (Cathy) Vidmar of Buffalo; two sisters: Judith Feddick of Marshfield, WI and Patricia Lasher of Crosby: stepsons: William. Stephen and Don Grace and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Mike in death are his father, and his wife, Catherine.

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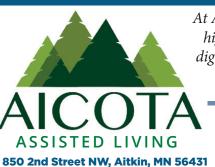
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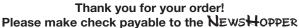
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