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## Aitkin Council hears about Habitat for Humanity house

The Aitkin City Council heard, at its January 19 meeting, that the Habitat for Humanity house in Aitkin is roughed in. Ann Schwartz, executive director for Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity, told the council that what would have taken six weeks by volunteers was done by a Wausau home crew in two days.

"I'm really excited," Schwartz told the council about the new home at 218 Minnesota Avenue South, which is right on Hwy. 169 south of the railroad tracks. Volunteers are still needed for roofing and interior finishing. Help is also needed to bring food to the crew, making phone calls and emails,

picking up and transporting materials and serving on the board of directors and committees.

Contact Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity at

218-927-5656 or email aitkinhabitat@gmail.com for more info. They are also on Facebook and the website is www.habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org.

**In other business the council:**  
Heard that the Aitkin Public Schools is not funding \$38,000 for a police liaison officer at this time. Acting

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Adriana and Damon of Aitkin see their Habitat for Humanity home for the first time. Photo was taken by their mother, Kara Anderson.

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ers, resort guests, lakeside dining foodies, summer water sport enthusiasts, and winter snow sports fans.

Membership dues are used to maintain a first class buoy system throughout the chain, conduct lake water testing, sponsor a loon watch program, maintain an invasive species boat inspection program at landings, and more.

If you use the Gull Lake Chain for any activity or just

appreciate its natural beauty, consider joining GCOLA. Help the Association work to preserve, protect and defend these beautiful lakes and the wonderful memories we have around them.

Membership is \$50/year. To become a member go to [www.gcola.org](http://www.gcola.org) and click "Join/Donate".

For questions, contact Jane Edwards via email at [jedwards3718@gmail.com](mailto:jedwards3718@gmail.com) or visit [www.GCOLA.org](http://www.GCOLA.org).

### Habitat for Humanity| Continued from Page 1

Chief Paul Ryan said he is visiting the school when he can and also talks students through mental health issues. He does ride-alongs with school staff for home visits. "We have a great relationship with the school and students and need to continue that. We have great kids in our area," said Ryan.

Another \$350,000 is needed to complete the building of a new warming house and paving the parking lot in City Park. The new hockey rink is complete. "I've heard from a lot of parents that their kids are having fun," said Mayor Megan Workman. Fundraising continues for the project. There used to be different sized skates to borrow stored in the old warming house. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the skates are in storage now and will be brought back in the future and sanitized.

Workman noted that she

got lots of great feedback that the walking trails were plowed better. A volunteer will continue to work on the trails with the street department as backup. The department's equipment is hard on the bituminous, according to the council.

Administrator Rose Beverly will meet with the DNR to

discuss the state agency taking over the Tank Trails.

Adam Christensen will be hired for the full-time job and Stephanie McConnel for the part-time position at the Aitkin Municipal Liquor Store. "Adam is very friendly and does a great job in the store," observed Council Member Leeann Moriarty.



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A Tribal-led Cultural Resources Survey was completed along the project route. With representatives of nine Tribes doing direct survey work, and more than 30 Tribes involved via government-to-government consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this has been the largest such survey ever attempted in the energy industry.

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# Crow Wing County COVID-19 vaccine clinic coordination

Crow Wing County Public Health is coordinating with area healthcare providers and GuidePoint Pharmacy to offer COVID-19 vaccine to individuals in the next priority groups that include educators, child care providers and individuals 65 and older.

While the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

continues to stress that there is a very limited of COVID vaccine at this time, the Crow Wing County public health team remains vigilant in monitoring this situation and asks for your patience.

“We are working hard to coordinate a community vaccination system so we can be ready along with clinics, hospitals and pharmacies.

Our top priority is be ready when we receive word of additional vaccine sent our direction. We are grateful for this partnership and proud of the coordination efforts to get vaccine administrated as soon as it becomes available throughout our area.” said Public Health Supervisor Michelle Moritz.

Crow Wing public health

has received 500 doses of vaccine and have administered these to individuals in the 1A priority group.

MDH states that at this time:

• Minnesota is only receiving 60,000 doses of vaccine per week. With a population

of 5.6 million, that’s just 1 percent of the supply needed.

• We encourage Minnesotans to remain patient as more vaccine arrives in the weeks and months ahead.

• Community vaccination pilot programs will be the blueprint for broad vaccina-

tion in Minnesota communities once the federal government increases vaccine supply

More information on scheduling can be found at Find My Vaccine <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/index.jsp>.

## READER RIBBETS

### Walz must resign

The truth is starting to catch up on the Minnesota Mistake. It appears Walz violated statute to start his executive orders. Walz allowed Minneapolis to burn with 500 million dollars in damages. Walz gave his adult daughter access to confidential information that she shared with the public and rioters endangering us all. Politicians are demanding the COVID-19 death numbers to

be audited because of inaccuracies, and it appears Walz violated statutes in the recent election process.

Our elected officials attempt the exact same thing and expect different results, filing seven failed lawsuits, and as many attempts end to Walz executive powers by vote. Our elected officials have no intention of representing us or protecting our rights, our businesses, or

our future. The virus is real, the science is flawed, and if it were as serious as Walz claimed, We the People would not have to be forced to participate and our intellect questioned.

We the People must do our part to protect each other and ourselves. We must fix the Minnesota Mistake. 651-201-3400 use your voice to demand Walz resign immediately.

*Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood*

### Rep. Dale Lueck legislative update

Our nation’s flag was flown at half-staff for many reasons this week. On Thursday, flags in Minnesota were at half-staff in honor of Paramedic Toby Lee Rowan, who lost his life in the line of duty while on a call the week prior.

Toby was 47 years old. He and wife, Darcy, made their home in Crow Wing County. He was employed by the Mille Lacs Health System and the Cuyuna Range Medical Center.

Toby was very active in all aspects of the emergency medical services field. In addition to his current duties as a paramedic, he has served with the Hastings Fire Department, Emily First Responders, and Fifty Lakes Fire and Rescue Department.

Toby was laid to rest with honors provided by the Minnesota’s Emergency Medical Services Honor Guard including a proclamation by Gov. Walz recognizing his sacrifice and dedication to duty.

Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Assistant Commissioner Bruce West and myself represented the State of Minnesota at a very bitter-sweet celebration of Toby Lee Rowan’s life at the Log Church in Cross Lake. Minnesota’s first responders play a critical role in ensuring our safety, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

Last week I mentioned concerns about the pace of our COVID-19 vaccination program. As a result, MDA created a new website that provides vaccination program detail down to the county level. That is helpful in understanding where each of our communities are in getting the vaccine administered.

A recent MINNPOST article provided perspective on how state vaccination programs compare. MINNPOST used vaccinations per 100,000 residents as their metric. As of Wednesday, Minnesota was rated at 33rd among the states based on CDC data.

West Virginia, 6,177 vaccinations per 100,000 residents (most)

Texas, 3,373 vaccinations per every 100,000 residents.

Florida, 3,284 vaccinations per 100,000 residents Minnesota, 2,932 vaccinations per 100,000

residents  
Alabama, 1,714 vaccinations per 100,000 residents (least)

It is critical we do this correctly and understand that no two states have the same plans in place. There are also time lag issues in vaccination reporting. However, 33rd of 50 indicates Minnesota still has significant room for improvement in getting vaccine off the shelf and into arms. We have more work to do in this area.

*Representative Dale Lueck  
Minnesota House  
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## KENNETH HENSEL



Kenneth Robert Hensel, 73, of Palisade, died Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at Lake View Memorial Hospital in Two Harbors.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at the Assembly of God Church in Palisade with Pastor Greg Kalyvas officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Palisade. Military Honors will be accorded by the Palisade VFW Post #1721.



He was born June 3, 1947 in Brainerd to Edwin Gustaf and Frances Mae (Tibbetts) Hensel. He grew up on a small farm located about 12 miles north of Palisade. He graduated June 3, 1965 from Aitkin high School. After graduating he joined the United States Marine Corps and was sent to Vietnam. He was given an Honorable Discharge with many awards including the Military Order of the Purple Heart on June 28, 1968. After over 20 years, he retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Minneapolis. He volunteered for many various groups related to nature

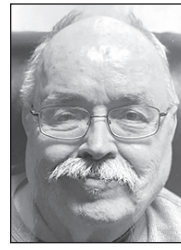
and wildlife and specifically since he greatly enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time in nature. Ken was volunteer Firearms Trainer for the Minnesota DNR. He was a Life Member of the Marine Corps League, DAV, Palisade VFW Post #1721, Kraus-Hartig VFW Post #6587, Military Order of the Purple Heart Post 194, National Rifle Association, Wood Duck Society, MDHA Riceland Whitetails Chapter, and the Palisade Assembly of God Church.

Ken is survived by his wife, Phyllis A. "Cookie" Hensel; children: Shane E. Hensel (Deb Lorenson) and Shannon A. (Ricky) Gibson; three grandchildren: Aerlenn A. Gibson, Dain K. Gibson, and Gwyndolyn A. Gibson; siblings: Harriet (Harlen) Simonson, Sidney (Janice) Hensel, Shirley Kehn Johnson, Douglas Hensel, Rodney Hensel, Paulette (Ed) Torgerson, and Steven (Donna) Hensel; brother-in-law: Richard Laird; many other special relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Lucille Hoge, Leroy Hensel, Joyce Laird, and Elizabeth Catlin.

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

## ROBERT BARTZ



Robert (Bob) Bartz, 81, of Ironton died on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at the Deerwood Baptist Church in Deerwood (23546 Forest Road). A visitation will be held from noon until the time of the service on Saturday at the Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred

Bob was born Nov 19, 1939 in St Paul to Michael and Florence (Bly) Bartz. He graduated from Washington High School, and went on to get a degree in electronics from NEI. He worked in his field over 40 years. He started in radio and television repair, and moved on to work at Honeywell and Alliant Tech Systems until his layoff in 1992. He and his wife moved to Ohio to seek work with American Mon-

arch (Japlar/Schauer) where they lived for 7 1/2 years before returning to Minnesota. He worked for Railway Equipment in Delano until being laid off at which point he retired from the field. He and his wife retired to Crosby, where he lived until his passing. Bob took great joy in remodeling homes, well before it was in fashion. He also enjoyed tinkering, fishing, and spending time with family.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Lucretia (Lucy); brother, Richard of St. Paul; sister, Ruth Jerikovsky of Inver Grove Heights; three sons: Brian (Deb) of Ramsey, David (Bethany) of Grand Marais and Justin (Pamela) of Butterfield; three daughters: Cheryl (Kurt) Nelson of Forest Lake, Emily (Ben) Geffre of Minneapolis and Leona (Johnathan) Miller of Big Fork; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother, Donald and sister, Deloris.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

## CORA HOLZINGER



Cora Pauline Kalevik Holzinger, 81, of Palisade, died on January 17, 2021 at the St Cloud Hospital.

A small family funeral will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Hilltop Chapel in Palisade with Pastor Barry Hite officiating. The Churchyard Grass band will provide the music.

She was born on May 7, 1939 to Mathias T. and Mabel D. (Gunderson) Kalevik in Kandiyohi. She was baptized at Gausdal Lutheran Church and later she served as organist at Gausdal. She married Dale R. Petersen and this union was blessed with 2 children, Pauline (Fahey) and Perry (Peter Rite). After separating as friends, Cora moved to the metro area. She was blessed with another child, Clark, who passed away at the age of 2. She married Richard (Dick) Holzinger in 1975. She pursued her nursing degree and became a RN. She worked at Mercy Hospital until they both retired to Waukenabo Lake, Palisade in 1980. After

moving to the lake, Cora worked part-time at the Aitkin Public School as a nurse and then as Shift Supervisor at the Aicota Nursing Home. After Dick passed away she moved in Blackrock Terrace in Aitkin until she moved the Crosby Care Center. Cora was a member and organist at Hilltop Chapel in Palisade for over 21 years. She was also a proud member and supporter of Triad with her daughter.

Cora is survived by daughter, Pauline (Tim) Fahey; son, Peter Rite; stepsons: Steve (Carolyn), Todd and John (Lynne) Saucier; stepdaughter, Renee Alexander; ten grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Cora was preceded in death by her husband, Richard (Dick) Holzinger; son, Clark; parents; grandparents; brothers: Erwin (Edith), Menter (Mary) and Oren (Marian) Kalevik, sister, Marion (Leroy) Johnson; and granddaughter, Cassandra Harms.

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services. To leave a message of condolence please go to www.srtfuneral.com

## ARLEEN STEVENSON



Arleen Mae Stevenson, 94, of McGregor died peacefully at her home on Thursday, January 14, 2021 while surrounded by her family.

A private family memorial service will be held at the McGregor Community Center on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the community center. The service will be recorded and a video made available for viewing at a later date.

Arlene is survived by her sons: Dan (Connie) Tierney of Watertown and Timothy (Nikki) Tierney of McGregor; daughters: Sandy Fred-

rickson (Tom Martin) of Crosby, Sue (Gordon) Abbe of Mankato, Pat (Gary) Thompson of Watertown and Joanne (Jay) Munson of Milaca; daughter-in-law, Diana Tierney of Champlin; 23 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Arleen was preceded in death by her parents, Reginald and Pearl (Lozen) Hearle; husband, Charles Stevenson; son, Mark Tierney; granddaughters, Heather Tierney and Rebekah Seibert; great-granddaughter, Charlotte Chouinard and great-grandson, Ryan Perry.

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