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CLC Videography alumni team to premier release in festivals



Mitchell McCallson, (left) a 2015 Videography graduate and co-director and co-writer, being filmed by Josh Hammer, Director of Photography and 2016 CLC Videography graduate.

A short film created by a handful of Central Lakes College Videography Program alumni, along with their team, will be screened in several upcoming film festivals.

The short film is called "P@ssword Pr0blems" and it will be screened at the following festivals:

- The Iowa Independent Film Festival on September 9 in Mason City, Iowa
- The South Dakota Film Festival on September 16 in Aberdeen, South Dakota
- The Sioux City International Film Festival between October 5 and 8 at Sioux City, Iowa

"This whole experience of filming with former class-

mates and a current student at the place I graduated from really makes this a full circle moment," said Mitchell McCallson, a 2015 Videography graduate, who co-directed and co-wrote the film. "The fact that it got selected to film festivals and will be seen on the big screen is a testament to how special CLC is to all of us, and the impact it made on us as filmmakers."

"P@ssword Pr0blems" was inspired by McCallson's own experiences with some of the absurdity that comes with multi-factor authentication. He pulled together some of his former classmates from the Videography program and some friends from his home-

town of Royalton, and the group started collaborating to make folks laugh. After about eight hours of shooting at the college and 24 hours of editing, the 6-minute masterpiece was ready for screening.

Brent Balmer, Sound Engineer, a 2015 CLC Videography graduate, and current CLC Audio Visual Education Specialist, said he enjoyed being able to work with former classmates, industry partners, and a current student.

"The CLC Videography program has impacted me personally and professionally," he said. "Personally it has made me more confident in my abilities as a videographer, and professionally

by having knowledge and experience in the industry that I can educate current and future students on, to be the best videographers they can be."

Josh Hammer, Director of Photography and 2016 CLC Videography graduate, said "Coming together and making short films with friends and amazing talent is enough on its own. Making great short films with peers is the bonus."

Watch the short film: <https://youtu.be/JJX64H0Vqu8>

The cast and crew:

- Mitchell McCallson - Director, Writer, "Assassin" - CLC Videography graduate 2015



Actor Brad Woidyla, a former CLC student.

• Brent Balmer - Sound Engineer - CLC Videography graduate 2015 - CLC Audio Visual Education Specialist

• Josh Hammer - Director of Photography - CLC Videography graduate 2016

• Matthew Hill - "Steve" - CLC Videography graduate 2023

• Lucas Snyder - Writer, Co-Director - Graduated from UMD

• Brad Woidyla - "Isaac" - CLC Student 2013-14

• Leah Rathe - Stunt Coordinator - Graduated from Hamline 2018

• Elizabeth Gohmann - "Love Interest"



Brent Balmer, (left) Sound Engineer and 2015 CLC Videography graduate, with actor, Matthew Hill, a 2023 CLC Videography graduate.

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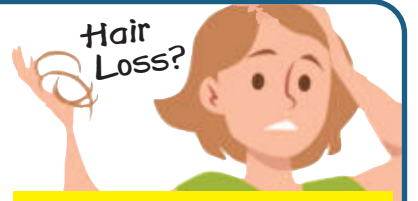
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• If the weather is warm, cool off at one of 33 state park swimming beaches. Find beach locations on the Minne-

sota DNR swimming beaches webpage (mndnr.gov/swimming).

• Hiking is the most popular state park activity. Find hiking tips and locations on the Minnesota DNR hiking page (mndnr.gov/hiking).

• All-terrain track chairs are available to borrow at 13 state parks, giving visitors with limited mobility the opportunity to explore trails that aren't accessible with a regular wheelchair. Find details at the Minnesota

DNR track chair webpage (mndnr.gov/track-chairs).

• Visitors can bike, walk or roll on paved trails at 33 state parks. Find paved trails at the Minnesota DNR biking webpage (mndnr.gov/biking).

• Picnic areas are plentiful and provide great places to enjoy a meal with family and friends. Find picnic planning tips, recipes and more on the Minnesota DNR's how to picnic like a pro webpage (mndnr.gov/picnic).

Unlimited Learning in Crosby

Join Unlimited Learning members on Monday, Sept. 11 at 1:30 p.m. to hear from Douglas Wood, a protégé of Sigurd F. Olson, who has been called Minnesota's renaissance man. The program will be at the Crosby-Ironton High School in Crosby. It's free for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

Sigurd F. Olson is loved by

many (and reviled by some). His writing celebrates the forests and waters of the Quetico-Superior region of Minnesota's far north and shows what Henry David Thoreau meant when he said that "In wildness is the preservation of the world." Olson's works will be put in the context of other great writers and thinkers, all who believed that

man's moral sense, health and character are connected to the unspoiled wilderness.

LEGAL NOTICE

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP MEETING

The Libby Township Board will meet in person at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12 at the Palisade Community Center. The purpose of this meeting shall be to discuss and decide matters that may come before the board.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2023
JANE GRIMSBO JEWETT,
Clerk, Libby Township 2.4



Aitkin Lions raise over \$4,000

The Aitkin Lions distributed cases of Colorado peaches from the food building at the Aitkin County fairgrounds last week. According to Matt Doucette of Guidepoint Pharmacy, the Aitkin Lions sold 480 cases, up from 220 last year. They raised over \$4,000 for community projects. Pictured above (left to right) are Aitkin Lions members Dave Wilke, Paul Kellerman and Bob Janzen. Ann Schwartz photo

McGregor's Wild Rice Days showing



A classic car show was one of the popular attractions at McGregor's Wild Rice Days. The small city was packed with folks strolling, eating, checking out vendors and watching the parade. A couple emergency calls had firefighters running down the street on a day they showcased their new firehall. Ann Schwartz photo



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- Large appliances, electronics, tires with or without rims, and scrap metals can be disposed at the site for a nominal fee for recycling.

The landfill is open only to residents of Crow Wing County for recycling and disposal needs.

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CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2023 

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If you have old toilets, you might be flushing money down the drain. New, efficient low flow toilets save as much as five gallons per flush! To conserve more water and money, flush only when necessary, don't let water run continuously while brushing teeth or shaving, take showers instead of baths and re-use water when you can.

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Nature Notes:

- Look for the first of the common milkweed pods to split open and send their seeds floating in the wind.
- By mid-September most of the ruby-throated hummingbirds leave for their winter homes. The majority of them migrate to southern Mexico southward across Central America to Panama.
- White-tailed deer bucks are shedding their velvet. This velvet is key to the hardening process of the antlers ensuring they are in top condition for rutting season.

STARGAZING NOTES, provided by the Minnesota Astronomical Society

What's happening in the starry sky this week?

The next two weeks are ideal for sighting the International Space Station (ISS) in the evening sky. Watch the ISS magically appear at the predicted time, slowly brighten as it crosses the sky, and rapidly disappear when it reaches the Earth's shadow. More information at heavens-above.com.

- Sept. 14: appears 8:37 pm SW, crosses southern sky, disappears 8:41 east
- Sept. 15: appears 9:24 pm WSW, disappears 9:27 overhead
- Sept. 16: appears 8:35 pm WSW, travels overhead, disappears 8:41 ENE
- Sept. 17: appears 7:46 pm SW, crosses southern sky, disappears 7:53 ENE
- Sept. 17: appears 9:23 pm west, crosses northern sky, disappears 9:27 north

As part of its ongoing mission to educate the public about wise use of natural resources, Long Lake's team of Environmental Educators will share simple, everyday Conservation Tips that everyone, including kids, can do. If everyone makes the effort to conserve resources more wisely, we can help ensure a brighter future for the planet and make life better TODAY!



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September

- 9th - St. Joseph's Church Fall Festival in Crosby, 5 pm, with fun activities for all ages: silent auction, kid's games and obstacle course, spike ball, corn hole, hammerschlagen, beer and wine garden and Music 9th - Smoke on the Range Rib Cook-off and Side Dish Competition at the Deerstand in Deerwood. Deerwood Fire Department's meat raffle starts at 2 pm. SunRide Band performs, 6-10 pm. Call 218-534-9253 for details or to sign-up to be grill master.
- 9th - Annual Ladies Only Ride hosted by the Over The Hills Gang ATV Club. Reserve tickets on Eventbrite Web site.
- 15th - Armed Forces Tribute Event take place at Crow Wing County Historic Court House, All Vetrans Memorial at 1 pm & Guest Speakers & Festival take place after program East Side Parking lot of CWC Jail. POW MIA HOT AIR BALLOON ON Display Open to public Free.
- 16th - Emily Wesleyan Church Community Market in the church parking lot from 9 am-2 pm.
- 16th - 4-Wheelin' for Kids with Cancer Fund-raiser Ride. Guided trail rides, lunch, presentation and more. Cost: \$20 per machine; ride starts at 10 a.m. on Miller-Black Bear trail system near Trommald. Register at centrallakesatvclub.com by Sept. 4. All proceeds benefit the Zachary Johnson Kids with Cancer Fund at Riverwood Healthcare Center, Aitkin.
- 16th - Fifth Annual Car Show at Heartwood Senior Living Community, Crosby, 1a.m. -1 p.m. Free mini burger baskets, root beer and cupcakes while supplies last.
- 16th - Kinship Partners Coats for Kids event at Cuyuna Range Food Shelf Building located at 302 Cross Avenue in Crosby.

Send Us Your Photos and Community Events!



Got an interesting photo and story to share? Just send it to hopper@crosbyirontron.net, along with your name, city and a description of the photo. We also accept news and community events. And who knows, you may see your submission next week in the **NEWSHOPPER!**

Garrison area caregivers needed

Are you looking for an opportunity to help your community a few hours a month or week?

Garrison Area Caregivers Food Shelf and Thrift Store are in need of volunteers. And you should consider helping in this way.

For more information on how you can help, please call 320-692-5399.

READER RIBBETS

Donate school supplies for students

Just a thought. School teachers need student supplies every year that our taxes do not pay for.

Every year in July and August there are numerous parades that shower kids with tons of candy many times that go unused. Why not have each parade participant get in touch with their schools and acquire a list of items they need and hand those out instead? More than one fire truck, police car, ambulance, business float could divide up the items (say pencils, back packs, crayons etc) so that more than one entity is supplying what is needed. This would be healthier and help the teachers cut down on their costs out of pocket. I saw one group in Bovey, MN on Labor Day handing out pencils and this is where I got this idea.

Brian Carlson
Grand Rapids, MN

OBITUARIES

CAROL RUDBECK



Carol A. Rudbeck, 76, of Pequot Lakes died peacefully in the morning hours in the presence of her sons during prayers with a Reverend Father of the Catholic Church on Saturday, August 26, 2023. A Celebration of Life was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at Kline Funeral Home in Pequot Lakes, with a graveside service at the Pequot Lakes Cemetery.

Carol was born in Grand Rapids on May 23, 1947, to Gerald and Catherine Carlson, one of seven children. She lived a full life, having two boys of her own. Dedicated to her family, she worked

tirelessly her entire life and raised her boys with pride and adoration. Carol was confirmed on June 25, 1961, at Bear River Lutheran Church. She was member of the Pequot Legion Auxiliary, serving as President for a term. She also loved camping, fishing, campfires and being outside. Carol was a graduate of Minnesota State Community and Technical College with a degree in Cosmetology.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Kay and Mary; and sisters-in-law, Jill and Leah Carlson.

She leaves behind her sons: Brent and Brad Dullum; granddaughter, Ashlee; brothers: Allen Carlson, Donald (Gussie) Carlson, Merlin Carlson, Galen Carlson; and many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

GARY DEMING



Gary O'Neal Deming, 77, formerly of Brainerd died on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, in Orlando, FL at the Certus Memory Care Center.

Funeral services were held on Friday, September 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Halvorson Taylor Life Events Center, 512 S 8th Street in Brainerd with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch followed the services and interment at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

also had a love for horses. He competed in horse shows on weekends during the summer months in seven different events where he accumulated over 400 trophies. Traveling became huge part of his life, many summers going across country with a pop-up camper and the three youngest kids in tow. Gary loved to travel. He has been to 10 different foreign countries and all 50 states. He enjoyed horseback riding, golfing, playing cards, gardening, feeding the birds and his beloved chipmunk, Chipper.

He survived by his children: Lee (Ariel) Deming, Laura (Shawn) Pratt, Mark Young, Nancy Christianson, Lisa Steffen, Julie (Mike) Garvey, and Amy (Steve) Narvaez; 16 grandchildren: Zoey and Lily, Taylor, Connor, Logan, Ryan (Kelley), Jennifer (Keaton), Levi, Casey, Kaitlyn (Spencer), Morgan, Cameron, Whitney (Ryan), Tyler, Isabel and Elliana; three great-grandchildren: Brooklyn, Ryleigh and Avery; sister, Pat Benson.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Elaine; sisters: Donna Jones and Jan White; and an infant brother.

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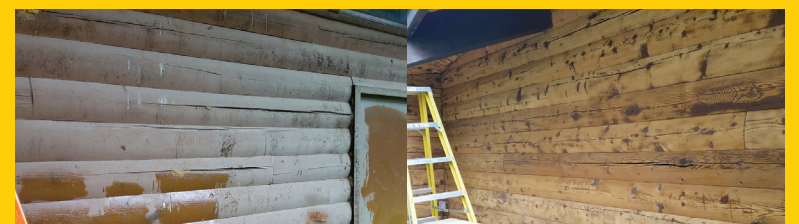
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