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## Crosby approves Range Disposal as garbage collector

City Attorney thwarts action and kicks can down road again by delaying garbage collection contract details



Chief of Police Kim Coughlin swears in Kevin Randolph, as the new Crosby Police Lieutenant.

A the Crosby City Council meeting on January 11, Mayor Joanna Lattery initiated the required public hearing for organized garbage collection. There were many people in attendance and extra seats had to be added.

Crosby resident and former councilman, John Johnson, spoke about his displeasure with the way the organized collection process had been handled. Johnson said the council should have asked the residents how they felt about the current garbage collection before looking into making changes. He said that too much time and money had been wasted on attorneys fees and meetings.

Crosby resident and business owner, Jim Hunter, spoke about problems. He didn't know how we got from

simple contract renewal to the attorney researching to putting it up for bids. The council has the power to make this decision. He said if you put it up for bids you need to include everything, including what Range Disposal has been doing for free. You need to make the best decision for the community. We are messing with people's livelihood, not just some little contract. We need to be on a fair playing field here.

Councilman Paul Heglund said Range Disposal has been doing a wonderful job including free event garbage service.

The regular meeting began following the public hearing.

Councilman Jim Goshey said he would like to discuss and resolve the Range Disposal contract issue. City At-

torney Tom Pearson indicated he would like to add the discussion under his garbage contract item.

City Engineer Phil Martin indicated he had completed the survey work for the Third Ave. SE from Main Street to First Street marking the property line.

Jessica Holmvig Executive Director Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce talked about the Serpent Lake Ice Fishing Contest. The Scorpion Snowmobile reunion is also held during the contest. Holmvig requested the boat landing be closed at 9 a.m. for these events. She also requested a donation from the city for \$2,000 for promotion. Holmvig requested the free use of the cook shack for music in the park from June through August, Cuyuna

Crusher and Christmas in the Park (a total of eleven days.) The council approved these requests.

Holmvig requested an additional \$10,500 for the rest of the year's events promotion from the city. Several chamber board members and officers also spoke about the importance of event sponsorship. The council approved the additional \$10,500 request, for a total of \$12,500 to the Cuyuna Range Chamber.

Nick Huisinga plans to open a micro brewery named "Cuyuna Brewing Company" located across the street from the Spalding in Crosby. This is Huisinga's first time in business for himself and is currently working in a related field. His original plan was to open in Wilmar, but there is already a new brewery starting up there. So now after being exposed and sold on the area's Mountain Bike customer potential. Huisinga said he is working with Neighborhood National Bank and SBA on getting a loan. Then will get an appraisal following lender approval. Depending on the outcome of the appraisal work should begin as soon as possible. He would like to get up and operating to get as much of the tourist business as possible. The council and Mayor Lattery thanked him for choosing Crosby.

Kathy Karl spoke about dirt coming into her house from a leaking water main line. The

lines were re-opened by the city crew despite it leaking, so the residents had continued water service. As a result, dirt got in the lines and went into Karl's water supply. Karl is seeking financial relief from the extra water and sewer charges and cleanup time. The public works committee would consider the request and make a recommendation to the council at the next meeting.

Linda Peoples requested the use of the park, and cook shack for free. She also requested \$2,000 from the council for Heritage Days/ Miss C-I Scholarship. The council approved the requests and donation.

After the approval, it was noted the entire \$14,500 advertising budget has already been spent at this first meeting. Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova said an additional \$10,000 under economic development budget item is also available to be spent.

Mayor Lattery read aloud the annual organizational designations and appointments for 2016. After a little discussion, the council committee appointments and designations were approved as a whole by the council.

Crosby Fire Chief Jay DeCent relayed there had been one call last month a car fire. DeCent indicated they had conducted interviews for new firemen and had recommendations to appoint six new

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# Ironton City Council agonizes over details allowing short term rentals

At the Ironton City Council meeting on January 6, there was a request by a person looking for reimbursement for their vehicle that was towed during the last snow emergency. The council decided to not deny the reimbursement request. The city ordinance states parking is not allowed and it is posted on both sides of town also there was plenty of off-street parking available.

At the organizational meeting for 2016 everything remained the same except for the Health Officer was changed to Crow Wing County Health Department, the Police negotiation committee was noted as Mayor Dean French and Councilman Eric Heglund, and Appointment

of a third Neutral Party for Administrative Citation is Shawn Hamdorf.

The council discussed the possibility of short term rentals in Ironton. Mayor French said he thinks the short term rentals Conditional Use Permit should be revoked, if there were three problems. It was later noted by City Clerk Amy Baratto that it should be an Interim Use Permit, because the permit would not be transferable to a new property owner after the sale of the property. It was discussed that one parking space per bedroom would be enough. Councilman Clark Hamdorf said he felt the City Attorney Joe Langel was against the short term rental.

According to Clerk Baratto, the only ordinance for VRBO (Vacation Rental By Owner) the League of Minnesota Cities could find in the state is in Breezy Point. Other areas have VRBOs, but governing bodies have not adjusted their ordinances to specifically allow them. There was discussion about collecting a tax on the VRBOs. Mayor French said the short term rental tax dollars collected must be appropriated for specific uses. Councilwoman Angie Kugel said rules for the use needed to be spelled out for both the property owner and the renter by the owner. She also said there should be a phone number for a contact person available on short notice in case there is

a problem. It was decided to proceed looking at adding the classification and developing wording on criteria.

Mayor Dean French said the cameras at the recycling bins have taken photos of the people that are putting garbage on the ground outside the recycling dumpsters, which isn't allowed. It is littering and a citable offense. The persons have been identified and will be notified this time. That is the end of the warnings, next time there will be a fine.

Steve Cady, from Town Tavern, asked if he could use water at Morningside Park for making snow, if needed for the barstool races on February 6 and 7. It was also noted that if another business

would like to use the water at the Morningside Park for a community event, it would also be allowed.

## Aitkin PO was open air



Before the really cold weather hit, the north wall of the Aitkin Post Office, made entirely of glass, was replaced. One morning when customers came to their post office boxes, they found the lobby open to the elements. Working to replace the glass, from Gull Lake Glass, was Bob from Baxter, Cooper from East Gull Lake and Kevin from Lakeshore. Ann Schwartz photo

### Crosby City Council | Continued from Page 1

members. The council approved the appointments.

Council approve accepting of donation to the Fire Relief Association of \$28,700.

Hallett Community Center Building Engineer Buzz Nepud said motor went down on a compressor and the relay was also taken out. Repairs were being made.

Head Librarian Peggi Berseres gave the end of the year report. Jingle Books raised \$16,600 to help defray the book budget for 2016. Story Hour 2015 was held 38 times with a total attendance of 1,978. There was a \$500 grant from Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative for programming to be offered in 2016 Story Hour. Staff has begun to take appointments for 2016 TAX HELP serviced provided by AARP. This ser-

vice begins on Tuesday, February 2. Trained aids will be on hand every Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. through mid-April. IU2U (It's Up to YOU!) sponsored an extreme coloring event "Color Your World" during the holiday break. Over 40 attended this event, which included all ages from elementary school, teen, parents and grandparents.

The Library Board recommended the hiring of Sandy Arquette, to fill of the position of temporary Library Assistant. The council approved the hiring.

Hot Reads began on January 4, 2016. In the first two days, over 20 adult readers signed up. Traditionally there have been 60+ participants. This program is sponsored by the JFHML Friends. Council

also accepted Library donations.

Chief of Police Kim Coughlin swore in Kevin Randolph as the new Police Lieutenant.

Working Foreman Steve Perpich said the city Christmas lights still need to be taken down because the bucket truck was not working. So the City Ironton Working Foreman Greg Stanich has offered the use of their new front end loader to take the lights down.

City Attorney Tom Pearson thanked the council for appointing his law firm again this year.

Pearson spoke about implementing single collector organized refuse collection. Pearson said the details of the contract would need to be worked on by a committee. Councilman Jim Goshey

asked if they could have the discussion now about the details of the contract now?

After all the councilmen gave their opinion, it was decided that Range Disposal should be the collector. The council approved Range Disposal as the collector. Pearson recommended the organized collection committee should still meet and discuss details of the contract. Then a recommendation be made to the full council for what should be included. And then at some point a new contract should be drafted by Pearson. Following review of the new contract by the council any changes made then it could be submitted for approval and agreed to. Pearson moved on to a new topic, with the inquiry of the "Cuyuna Brewing Company"

type of business. An addition of a tap house/brewery classification of business to the city code would be needed. Also there would need to be some research on how many liquor licenses were currently available to be granted. If there needed to be more then the ordinance should be revised to allow for more. Currently the ordinance reads "The liquor licenses available are as many as were in existence when the ordinance was written". Pearson wasn't sure what that means, but sounds like there was some wiggle room. Pearson indicated he would make the change to the ordinance to add tap house/brewery. Pearson also spoke about working on the Franklin billboard contract being based on the former

Running Bear billboard contract. He hopes Franklin would accept this contract in place of Franklin's standard contract.

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo requested the allowable mileage reimbursement rate be reduced to the current IRS allowable rate of 54¢/mile from 57.5¢/mile. The council approved this reduction. Sovo asked permission to attend two clerk's conferences. Permission was granted by the council. Sovo requested approval for payment of a St. Cloud Refrigeration invoice in the amount of \$35,343 for the dehumidifier and air exchanger at the Hallett Community Center. A reimbursement of up to \$50,000 from IRRRB will be applied for once this invoice has been paid.

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# OBITUARIES

## CAROLINE CHAMBERS



Caroline (Mimi) Mary (Padjen) Chambers died on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2016 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

Chambers, Remer, MN, Carol (John) Novicki, St. Louis Park, MN, Tom Chambers Duluth, MN, Mary Chambers of Crosby, and Joyce Elliot of California. She also leaves behind 11 grandchildren 10 great grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; 1 great-great grandchild and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Leo Chambers in 2000; brother Marco (Mike) Padjen; sisters, Annie Pavelich, Antonette (Tonka) Harrison.

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She is survived by her sister, Kathryn (Keda) Padjen, Ironton and her children Cathy (David) Wilber, Rocky Mount, NC; Lee (Sharon)

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

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By Janet Tharpe

### Yummy, Low-Calorie Breakfast Egg Crowns Recipe

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-Janet



Stacey Morgan  
Blytheville, AR  
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#### Breakfast Egg Crowns

##### What You Need

- 3 tortillas, high fiber, low carb
- 16 oz egg substitute
- 10 oz frozen spinach
- 6 slice premium cut chicken, low sodium, low fat
- 1 1/2 c 2% skim mozzarella cheese

##### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350.
- Place 1/4 of a tortilla into a sprayed muffin pan.
- Mix eggs and spinach together.
- Put 1/8 cup of egg/spinach mixture into muffin pan.
- Each muffin section will receive half a slice of chicken.
- You can either fold or dice the halved chicken piece to your preference.
- Top with 1/8 cup of cheese.
- Bake 15 minutes.
- Let sit for 2-3 minutes then remove to cooling rack.

Submitted by: Stacey Morgan, Blytheville, AR (pop. 15,620)  
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## Brainerd Ice Fishing Contest plans

Anglers from around the United States are getting ready to hit the ice of Gull Lake in hopes of catching a prize winning fish at the world's largest charitable ice fishing tournament. The 26th Annual Brainerd Jaycees \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, January 23.

enough ice.

"Our plans are a go for the 23rd," says Chairperson Angie Nelson, "We've been in close communication with the Sheriff's Department and will continue to do so in order to make a timely decision should there be a change in plans. We know how important this event is for our anglers, supporters and the entire community."

With ice thickness varying widely around the state there has been some concern about conditions. The Jaycees are closely monitoring the area of Gull Lake where the contest is held. Projected low temperatures which dominate the forecast in central Minnesota are expected to range from the teens to below zero in the time leading up to the contest. The Jaycees are optimistic that Hole in the Day Bay of Gull Lake will have

The Extravaganza boasts nearly \$200,000 in prizes for lucky or skilled anglers and prizes are awarded to the largest 150 fish registered during the three-hour contest. First place wins a new Ford or GMC 4x4 Pickup, 100th place earns an Ice Castle Red Lake Edition Fish-house valued at over \$15,000, and 150th place takes home an Arctic Cat ATV. Additional

prizes such as ice augers, fish locators, ATV's, underwater camera's, and various gift cards are placed randomly among the top 150 places. In addition, a random prize drawing for additional prizes including an Ice Castle Mille Lacs Hybrid fish house and an Arctic Cat Prowler, other gift cards, and ice fishing accessories totaling nearly \$40,000 in prizes is held.

All proceeds from the Jaycees Extravaganza directly benefit non-profit organizations serving a variety of community needs. Confidence Learning Center, an outdoor education and recreation facility for persons with developmental disabilities is the primary recipient of the funds each year. Donations to 50 organizations from last year's event totaled over \$186,000.

## Cuyuna Lakes Ice Fishing Contest

The Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's 12th Annual Ice Fishing Contest and Scorpion Homecoming will be held Saturday, February 6 from noon to 3 p.m.

ticket per hole.

Anglers catching the big one, medium one, or small one can all be eligible for cold hard cash prizes.

You can also join hundreds of dedicated Scorpion collectors for an afternoon of memories, as the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce presents Scorpion Homecoming 2016. Held in conjunction with the Chamber's Annual Ice Fishing Contest, Scorpion Homecoming gives owners the opportunity to dust off those wonderful vintage machines and recall a time when the Cuyuna Lakes was among the largest snowmobile producers in the world.

Come early, pick a hole, and then visit the adjacent vintage Scorpion sleds.

Ice fishing raffle tickets are on sale now and only \$10. Your raffle ticket also acts as your entry fee to fish, one

Awards will be presented in several categories, so if you still own a Scorpion, bring it out and show it off! The 2016 event will feature the sporty 1970 Stinger and all non-snowmobile machines manufactured by Trail-A-Sled, Inc. and Scorpion in the years 1959 to 1981 (e.g. boats, air - sleds, mopeds, Spyders).

These events are held on beautiful Serpent Lake, just offshore from Crosby's Memorial Park (Highway 210) in Crosby.

## Town Tavern Bar Stool Races

Ironton Bar Stool Races will be held Saturday, February 6 at Morningside Park in Ironton beginning at 3 p.m. Admission is \$1 with all admission proceeds being donated to the Sno-Serpents Snowmobile Club.

Racer registration and inspection at the Town Tavern from noon to 1 p.m. The racers meeting is at 1 p.m. sharp and at least one of the team members MUST attend. Practice runs are open from 2 to 3 p.m. with the elimination racing to begin at 3 p.m. At dusk (or before) racing will end with three teams in each division left to race on Sunday, February 7. Please note: depending on the number of entries racing may conclude on Saturday. It will be announced prior to the 3 p.m. start. All racers

must submit their signed entry forms to the Town Tavern no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, February 5. No late entries will be accepted.

The beer garden will open at 1 p.m. in Morningside Park featuring Michelob Golden Draft Light and Coors Light.

Everyone is invited to the "Racer Party" with live music from David Lee and Anthony Koop at the Town Tavern at 8 p.m.

For more information, contact Steve at 651-200-7825 or 546-5997.

## Hill City Lions Ice Fishing Contest

Hill City Area Lions Club 17th Annual Ice Fishing Contest will be held Saturday, February 13 from noon to 3 p.m. at Hill Lake at the City Beach/Campground in Hill City. The cost is \$10 per ticket.

third largest. There are five grand door prizes: a power auger, a portable fish house, a hummingbird ice 35 flasher, a big buddy heater package, an ice fishing bag and gear.

The largest game fish prizes are \$200 for the largest, \$100 for the second largest and \$50

There will also be over 100 door prizes drawn during the contest and special prizes for kids age 12 and under.

The Hill City Area Lions Club Annual Ice Fishing Contest is great family outdoor fun. Food and beverages available at the contest from the Hill City High School Senior Class

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AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.

ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.

Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!

American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. "Ask an Attorney," Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 2nd Tue. of month at noon.

Bay Lake Area Lions are currently collecting items for their upcoming June 13 auction. If you have non-rummage items, please call 218-678-9090 to arrange a pick-up or drop-off.

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyan Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295

Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group, meets first Wed., 1-2 pm, Aicota Rehab Center, Aitkin & 3rd Tue., 3-4 pm, DAC, McGregor. 218-927-1383

Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting. Meet in member's homes. Info call Vern 320-684-2244 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Community "Clothes Closet" open Tue. 9 to noon; and 1st & 3rd Thu. 5-8 pm, 37560 Ox Lake Landing, Crosslake.

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at Cuyuna Range Community Center, lower level.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 5:30pm social, 6:00 pm dinner/meeting, at the Heartwood Senior Living. Call 218-831-5683, if you need more information or would like to join our club.

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Shelf: Community Food Shelf at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 AM-5 PM, at 107 2nd St SE Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 PM to be served.

Food Shelf: Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Food Shelf: Garrison Area Community Food Shelf open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf,

call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Gamblers Anonymous meets each Mon., 7 pm, First Lutheran Church, Aitkin, for info call 218-393-0935.

Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.

Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, every Thu., 1 pm, 210 2nd St. NW, suite A, Aitkin, 927-3748.

Ironton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Tue., 4 weigh-in, 9-9:30 a.m. Meeting 9:30-10:30 a.m.. at Immanuel Lutheran Church Crosby Men & women invited. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.

Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the Third Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.

National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.

Order of Eastern Star, Woodland Chapter 122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays September through May and 2nd Tuesday in June and 4th Tuesday in August at 7:30 PM above the Eye Care Center in Aitkin; dark July, January & February.

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor. Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 pm; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

RSVP Bone Builders Tue. & Thu from 10-11 am First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 at Black Rock Terrace. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments. For info call Kathy at 218-546-5486.

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White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

**January**

18th - Weight Loss Seminar, 6 pm, Heartwood

Senior Living, Crosby

19th - Weight Loss Support Group, 6-7:30 pm, CRMC Earl Bedard Board Room

20th - Community CPR, 4-8 pm, Heartwood Senior Living, Crosby

21st - Brain Injury Support Group, 6 pm, CRMC Clinic Conference Room

23th - Childbirth Preparation, 8:30 am-4 pm, Heartwood Senior Living, Crosby

23rd - The Brainerd Jaycees 26th Annual Ice Fishing Extravaganza on Gull Lake's Hole in the Day Bay, north of Brainerd. This year's prize list is valued at nearly \$200,000. If you cannot attend the event, there is also the Extravaganza raffle, with total prizes valued at \$40,000. More information and official updates can be found at www.ice-fishing.org.

26th - Reflux Relief, 6 pm, CRMC Baxter Clinic

28th - Weight Loss Seminar, 6 pm, Heartwood Senior Living, Crosby

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27th - Memory Loss Support Group, 11:30 am, Heartwood Senior Living, Crosby

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5th - 2016 Polar Plunge at Breezy Point Resort at Breezy Point Resort 10 am - 2 pm www.plungemn.org

19th - Easter Turkey/Ham Bingm, Nisswa American Legion 6:30-8:30 pm www.nisswaamlegion.com

**April**

29th & 30th - Brainerd Jaycees Run for the Lakes, Nisswa Call: (218) 330-2604 www.runforthelakes.com

**May**

1st - Bridges of Hope Afternoon Tea for Hope, 3 - 5pm Sips, Sisterhood, & Savories at 3pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross. Enjoy afternoon tea, savory treats, & delectable desserts. Music, a silent auction, and a photo booth. Visit www.bridgesofhopemn.org for event details or to RSVP. Hats & gloves encouraged!

**February**

6th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's Ice Fishing Contest and Scorpion Homecoming is Saturday, noon - 3 pm, Serpent Lake in Crosby.

6th - Ironton Bar Stool Races at Morningside Park in Ironton beginning at 3 pm. Admission is \$1 with all admission proceeds being donated to the Sno-Serpents Snowmobile Club. For more information, contact Steve at 651-200-7825 or 546-5997.

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11th - Cuyuna Range Chamber Business After Hours 5 - 7 pm hosted by the Hallett House Bed & Breakfast at 22418 State Hwy 6 in Deerwood (one mile east of Crosby). There will be parking in front and back of the house. The back entrance will be available. As a courtesy to the host, advanced registration is recommended at 218-546-8131.

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13th - Hill City Area Lions Club 17th Annual Ice Fishing Contest noon- 3 pm at Hill Lake at the City Beach/Campground in Hill City. The cost is \$10 per ticket. This event is to help support the Hill City Area Lions Club.

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In 2013, the Kleins turned down a request to make a cake for a same-sex wedding. Since then, their troubles have multiplied. They recently paid \$136,927.07, the judgment awarded for "emotional suffering." Those funds were raised on behalf of the family and included all the interest accrued so far.

The couple decided to pay the fines to avoid higher interest penalties, even though their case is far from over. The money is being held while their case is pending. It is not clear why the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries confiscated additional money from the couple's personal accounts.

"The least expensive option to stay in compliance with the law," according to the Kleins' attorney Tyler Smith, "was to pay the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries...until they prevail in their court appeal."

Aaron and Melissa shut down the bakery. Melissa says they're prepared to take their case all the way to the Supreme Court.

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# Albrecht serving as board member for state conservation organization

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“Do the right thing, because it’s the right thing to do.” “The Association and district are very active in keeping our soil and water clean by promoting good conservation practices and education.”

“Bob’s experience in conservation issues as a Supervisor for the Crow Wing SWCD, and his leadership among the SWCDs of North Central Minnesota, give him a real advantage as a board

member for the Association,” said LeAnn Buck, Executive Director of the MASWCD. “With his leadership, the Association will continue to make significant contributions in the area of local resource management,” she said.

The MASWCD is a not-for-profit Association led by a board comprised of eight Area Directors from regions across the state, a Vice President, and a President. MASWCD represents Minnesota’s 89 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and 445 men and women who serve on their elected governing boards. SWCDs are local government units that started forming in the 1930s when Congress responded to the large amounts of topsoil being lost to wind and

water erosion. SWCDs exist across the state and involve landowners as well as local and state officials in resource

management protection. The Association is involved in helping to set policy for various conservation programs

including: the state Erosion Control Cost-Share Program, Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve Program, Minnesota

Wetland Conservation Act, and the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, to name a few.



## Members Coop Credit Union takes shape

The walls continue to take shape on the new Members Coop Credit Union in Aitkin. The crew has kept working through the winter. Ann Schwartz photo

## MPCA extends grant

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is extending the application period to apply for Clean Diesel grants to February 3, 2016. MPCA encourages owners of big, old diesel engines to apply for a total of \$270,000 in federal grant funding to improve their fleets and everyone’s air quality.

MPCA’s projects have ranged from a rock crusher to a paddleboat. Last summer, MPCA grants helped to replace garbage trucks and long-haul tanker trucks for milk and propane. A few

years back, grant awards included new engines for construction cranes and diesel-electric hybrid delivery trucks.

Big pre-2007 diesels emit far more than their share of harmful pollution, so upgrading or replacing these engines gives a lot of air-quality improvement bang for the buck. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that every dollar spent on reducing diesel pollution saves 13 dollars in health care costs.

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# Opinion: Trump and Evangelicals – strange bedfellows

Donald Trump, who has been leading the national polls for the Republican nomination since this past summer, has strong support among evangelicals. Given Trump’s beliefs, lifestyle, crude language, and some of his positions on issues, this is baffling. As Jonathan Merritt argues in “The Atlantic,” “Trump is immodest, arrogant, foul-mouthed, money-obsessed, thrice-married, and until recently, pro-choice. By conventional standards, evangelical Christians should despise him.”

Nevertheless, in various polls, significant percentages of evangelicals (as high as 45 percent of white evangelicals in a December 2015 CNN poll) say that they would vote for the real estate mogul. Granted, his support among evangelical leaders is limited primarily to proponents of the prosperity gospel such as Paula White and Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. In a July 2015 World Magazine survey, only four percent of 94 prominent evangelicals

said that they supported Trump for president while 75 percent declared that “they absolutely would not vote for him in primaries.” In a December 2015 World poll, none of these leaders reported that he or she would vote for Trump if the presidential election were held that day.

So what makes Trump so attractive to rank and file evangelicals, especially older white ones who have limited education? Evangelicals have typically preferred candidates who express faith convictions similar to their own and have a strong record of involvement in the life of the church. Such candidates abound in 2016: Mike Huckabee, Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, Jeb Bush, Carly Fiorina, Marco Rubio, and Rick Santorum all fit this description—Trump does not.

Growing up, Trump attended Sunday school and worship services with his parents at the First Presbyterian Church in the Jamaica section of Queens. He still labels himself a Presbyteri-

an, although he now worships (admittedly primarily on Easter and Christmas) at Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, a Reformed Church of America congregation where Norman Vincent Peale, the famous advocate of the power of positive thinking, long served as pastor. Although Trump has repeatedly declared on the campaign trail that the Bible is his favorite book, he has declined to specify what biblical books, passages, or teachings he most values. Trump has declared that he is a Christian and that Christianity is a “wonderful religion,” but he has not discussed his beliefs about Jesus. Moreover, the real estate tycoon forthrightly asserts that he has never asked God to forgive his sins. Trump’s various statements about religion suggest that his faith is neither deep nor well-informed.

In addition to not being an active church member or describing his faith journey (as George W. Bush, Barack Obama, or several other current candidates for the Republican nomination have done), Trump’s personal history does not comport well with evangelical values. He has been married three times, made part of his fortune by operating gambling casinos, frequently uses coarse language, and has displayed

little concern for the poor, orphans, or refugees—groups evangelicals profess to want to help.

Russell Moore, the head of the Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, calls Trump “an unrepentant serial adulterer who has abandoned two wives for other women” and “spoken in vulgar and harsh terms about women, as well as in ugly and hateful ways about immigrants and other minorities.” Moreover, Moore protests, much of Trump’s wealth has been derived through an “industry that preys on the poor and incentivizes immoral and often criminal behavior.”

Considering these liabilities, what makes Trump so appealing to many evangelicals? Various pundits conclude that evangelicals (and many other political and social conservatives) find Trump’s blunt, bold statements, including his willingness to stand up to the hostile, secular media, and his messages to be attractive, especially his strong criticisms of the Republican establishment and Obama’s approach to immigration and foreign policy. Their sense of alienation from the mainstream political process also fuels evangelicals’ support of Trump.

Most evangelicals, of course, like Trump’s prolife

position and opposition to same-sex marriage. They also resonate with Trump’s promises to defend the religious liberty of Christians and to fight to keep Christianity from being further removed from the public square. Troubled by terrorist threats, economic woes, and perceived moral decline, many evangelicals see Trump as a strong leader who could help restore America’s place in the world (he continually pledges that he will “Make America Great Again”), preserve traditional values, and increase their safety and prosperity. Sadly, civil religious patriotism and their own economic advancement seem more important to numerous evangelicals than supporting a candidate whose faith commitments, personal morality, lifestyle, and policy prescriptions (although Trump has been very vague about this) line up with their own.

Most prognosticators predict that Trump, despite having been the frontrunner for months, will not win the Republican nomination. People, they argue, become more pragmatic and thoughtful the

closer they get to voting. Thus far, while Jerry Falwell, Jr., Franklin Graham, and some prosperity preachers have praised Trump, few evangelicals have publicly criticized his outlandish and harmful statements about Muslims or refugees or some of his policies as contradictory to Scripture. It is time to do so. Trump told radio host Hugh Hewitt that “deep down, maybe they [the Gospels] influence his decision-making. Clearly, evangelicals and others who desire candidates whose views are directed by biblical values have better choices.

—Dr. Gary Scott Smith chairs the history department at Grove City College and is a fellow for faith and politics with The Center for Vision & Values. He is the author of “Religion in the Oval Office” (Oxford University Press, 2015), “Faith and the Presidency From George Washington to George W. Bush” (Oxford University Press, 2009), “Religion in the Oval Office” and “Heaven in the American Imagination” (Oxford University Press, 2011).

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 at the Bay Lake Town Hall  
 January 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.  
**ABSENTEE VOTING**  
 at the Town Hall March 5,  
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**ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS**  
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**ANNUAL MEETING**  
 for the Bay Lake Township  
 will be held at the Bay Lake  
 Town Hall March 8, 2016  
**ALTERNATE DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING /ELECTION/BOARD OF CANVASS**

**MEETING** due to inclement weather March 15, 2016  
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**BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING**  
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**REGORGANIZATION MEETING**  
 April 7, 2016 7:00 p.m., Bay Lake Town Hall  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER** April 11, 2016 7:00 p.m., Bay Lake Town Hall  
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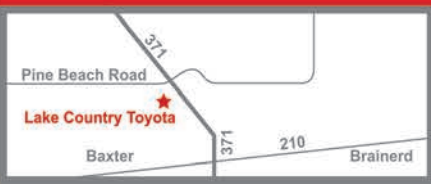


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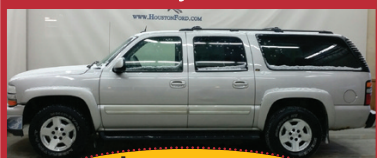
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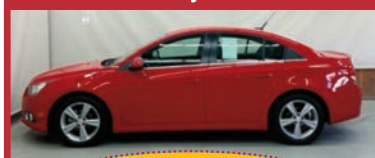
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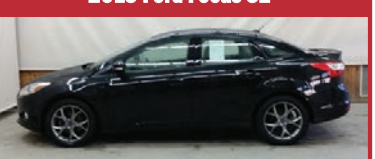
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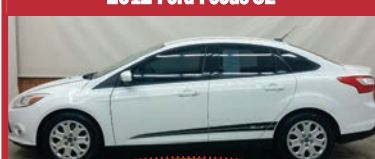
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