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Crosby hospital board votes 12-6 to become a nonprofit

Some board members, staff, have reservations about management



The Crosby Regional Medical Center Governing Board voted on May 16 to convert the public hospital to a

non-profit corporation.

Voting in favor of converting CRMC from a public district hospital to a non-profit

ler, Mary Lou Swenson and Roger Twigg.

Voting against the motion

were Andrea Bedard, Earl Bedard, Lori Burgstaler, Brian Dobson, Floyd Hale, Dave Kauphusman, Danno Mahoney, Myron Midthun, Kathy Pierson, Richard Schil-

Motions that failed at the meeting were to ask CEO John Solheim to resign and to delay conversion to the nonprofit for more study.

Some residents of the hospital district and staff assert that there is constant tension and a terrible and threatening atmosphere with Solheim at the helm. Others say that things are operating smoothly

and it is just a small group of unhappy people who claim that there is a problem.

The district board will remain intact for the time being and meet an undetermined number of times per year. Among its duties will be examining financial information from the lease payments that the new nonprofit will make to CRMC.

A new board for the nonprofit will be comprised of the CEO, two doctors, two

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members of the district board and four members from the public. The board must hold a Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Hearing to change from the public entity to the

nonprofit and bondholders may attend. The transaction is expected to be closed by August 1.

Proponents of the non-profit structure claim it will lead

to increased fundraising, better physician recruitment, more flexibility in offering physician benefits, more options for investing money and the inability for the competition to examine all the hospital's data.

Part of the agreement will be that the Care Center nursing home will remain open for at least five years with a year's notice needed to close it. Many local citizens and staff have concerns about the future viability and the present operation of the Care Center.

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Mother and supporters rally around student to protect freedom of speech rights

Issue of Confederate flag resolved at Crosby High School

Cody Nelson, a senior at Crosby-Ironton High School, was sent home from school on Monday, May, 16, after refusing to remove a Confederate flag from his car.

The car was parked in the student parking lot when Nelson was called to the principal's office and told to remove the flag.

The suspension notice signed by High School Princi-

pal Jim Christenson and posted on Facebook by Cody's mother, Dorene Nelson cited that Cody's display of the flag was a 1.) willful violation of school board regulations, policy and/or rules; 2.) willful conduct that significantly disrupts the rights of others to an education or disrupts the school personnel to perform their duties or disrupts school sponsored extracurricular

activities; 3.) willful conduct that endangers the student, endangers other pupils or surrounding personnel or that endangers property of the school district.

"They told me if I do not take this flag down the next three days, I will not be able to graduate," said Nelson.

Tuesday morning, May 18, Nelson, his friends and his mother Dorene showed up at the school to support him. Cody displayed his flag with his vehicle parked on the street, not in the student lot. Media entered the school with Nelson until the Crosby police asked them to leave.

A compromise was reached and Cody can keep his flag and can graduate.



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Ongoing Events:

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-2651
Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am, Friday Night Grape Vine 6:30 pm.

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.

Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm

"Ask an Attorney," Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 2nd Tue. of month at noon.

Bay Lake Lions Auction - Taking donations every Saturday thru July 30th from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at the Bay Lake Lions building located at 18257 State Hwy 6 for the auction on August 6. If you have larger items that need pickup please call 218-678-9090.

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.

Closet is open second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8 am - noon. Free clothing for men and women. Narrows Community Church, 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing (look for yellow signs). Call Pastor Stanley Mikles at 218-820-5365 for more information.

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. Lions affordable hearings aids available to those who qualify. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.

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@motas.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 Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

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.

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.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101

2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

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

May

20th & 21st - Officers Down 5K and Community Day will honor slain Aitkin Deputy Steven Sandberg and other officers who put their lives on the line to keep communities safe

22nd - Toolin' Tour Ride for Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity. To download the registration form, log onto www.habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org. For more information, e-mail annschwartz@habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org or call 218-927-5656.

24th - Art Club meeting at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm. Artists should bring their art that shows spring. The 'best' art of the day will be voted on and the winner will be rewarded with a gift certificate to the Beanery.

26th - The Crow Wing County Genealogical Society meeting at Brainerd Public Library, 416 S 5th St, Brainerd. John Van Essen will give a presentation on Find-A-Grave.com. Social hour 6-7pm, program and meeting to follow.

27th - The Aitkin Women of Today Annual Cookie Bake Sale in front of The Office Shop in Aitkin, from 9am. until sold out!

Local foods and goods marketplace coming to the Aitkin area

A local marketplace featuring local foods and goods will be opening soon in Aitkin. Good Neighbors Marketplace will be a weekly online marketplace where local producers will offer their products for sale. There will be a weekly drop site following the market where producers will deliver their products to their customers. We are in the process of forming our membership and are seeking local producers to join. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Aitkin Growth Inc. located at 316 First Avenue NW in Aitkin. All are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be served. Jodi Olson 218-927-1435 or For more information contact Mathew Nix 218-927-1425.

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God uses ordinary people to change history

BY JIM DALY, PRESIDENT OF FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Our society needs heroes. In fact, I think it's how God has wired us.

The human spirit is nourished by witnessing men and women who answer the call of God upon their lives and overcome amazing obstacles with unwavering faith.

I think this is partly why Jesus took on human nature and lived among us. God didn't abandon us to figure life out on our own or leave us the Bible as a sterile rule sheet to follow. Instead, Jesus came as the living embodiment of Scripture. He walked among humanity, so we could see what it means to devote our lives to God as well as be inspired by His example.

That same process is at work in our hearts when we learn the story of other great men and women of the faith who accomplished something significant or who aspired to a cause that was bigger than themselves.

Who are your heroes in life? I'm convinced that when you encounter greatness, you'll be inspired to pursue greatness yourself.

That idea sets the stage for a powerful conversation we'll be having over the next couple of days on our program with author, speaker, and radio host, Eric Metaxas. His latest two books highlight the lives of ordinary men and women who stepped forward into life's challenges and changed the course of history.

Like Jackie Robinson, for example. Jackie became the

first African-American to play Major League Baseball. He was signed into the league by Branch Rickey, a league executive who was serious about his Christian faith and who believed Jackie Robinson's faith would enable him to succeed as the first black ballplayer.

And so Jackie courageously stepped into the fray, gave up his right to defend himself, and withstood an avalanche of hateful discrimination. But he took the seemingly endless abuse for a greater cause – so that future African-Americans could receive fair and equitable treatment, not just in baseball, but in every area of life.

That is the very picture of nobility.

Similar stories of greatness could be told of men like William Wilberforce, Eric Liddell, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and George Washington.

On that note, did you know that George Washington's officers nearly led a military coup to enthrone him as king over America? Washington's men were, essentially, offering him unlimited power. Who in the history of the world has ever turned that down?

And yet when Washington heard of their plans, he was enraged. He was sickened that his men would even consider such a scheme. For him, liberty wasn't merely an ideal. He was committed with everything within him to establish it as a reality.

And because he refused to be raised up as a monarch, he changed the history of the world. If he had said yes, how many future generations, if any, would have seen the liberties of

the United States of America that we've enjoyed for over 200 years?

Women, too, have played vital roles in displaying greatness and altering the course of history, among them Joan of Arc, Saint Maria of Paris, Corrie ten Boom, and Rosa Parks.

Mother Theresa is arguably the most influential woman in modern times. Much of her greatness came from the fact that she served others in awe-inspiring ways, yet she was a real human being who struggled mightily with not feeling the presence and the love of God.

When she died, letters written by her came to light about that. Her words illustrated what is rightly understood as "real faith." She held firmly to the belief that, whether she felt God's love or not, He did love her.

Her testimony is amazing because it shows true faith is not about feelings. It's about what is real and true. Her struggle encourages us all to believe that if a giant of faith like her could struggle, we all can rise to stronger faith in the midst of our doubts.

There is a thread of God's grace and love throughout all of these stories, which is important to our understanding of achieving greatness. If you want to live a meaningful life, open yourself up to the One Who is the author of all greatness and all goodness.

Why? Because He is the author of you, and He has very specific plans for how He wants to use you to impact the world around you.



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OBITUARIES

JOHN MACKAY

John Grant MacKay, 80, of Bay Lake died Thursday, March 3, 2016.

A memorial gathering will be held from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge near Deerwood.

He was born on May 24, 1935 in St. Paul, MN to John and Rhoda (Pierce) MacKay.

He is survived by his companion, Judy Chu;

daughter, Sarah Ubukata; brother, Pierce (Billie) MacKay; nieces and nephews, John MacKay, Katie Bostdorf, Ian MacKay and Doug MacKay; cousins, Charles Pierce, M.D. and Thomas Pierce.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, David MacKay.

Arrangements were with Koop Funeral Home, Crosby.

LUCILLE GOODMAN



Lucille M. "Lou" Goodman, 92, of Emily died Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the Fergus Falls Veterans Home.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at St. Emily's Catholic Church in Emily. Burial was in the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily.

She was born on June 9, 1923 in Franklin, MN to Earl and Adele (Lindstrom) Orris. She married Lester Goodman on June 28, 1947 in Minneapolis. She was co-owner of the

Log Cabin Bar from 1965 to 1973. She was a member of St. Emily's Catholic Church in Emily.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Lester; one son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Melanie Goodman, LaGrange, GA; three daughters and son-in-law: Kathy Todd, Pine River; Pat Goodman, Duluth; Pam and Rich Renne Goodman, Chaska; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She her parents; one son, Carey Goodman and one brother, Layne Orris.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

ROXANNE GULLICKSON

Roxanne Iris Gullickson - Lentz, 48, of Aitkin died Friday, May 13, 2016 at her home.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at New Life Church in Aitkin with Reverend Larry Berg officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

She was born April 3, 1968 in Eau Claire, WI to Curtis and Deanna (Mann) Gullickson. She was a gifted poet and singer with a beautiful voice. She drew a lot of strength and comfort from her faith in God.

She was preceded in death by her grand-

parents, Leon and Iris Mann, and Severin and Hilda Gullickson.

She is survived by her parents, Curtis and Deanna (Mann) Gullickson of Aitkin; children: Natasha, Mikaylee, and DeNae Lentz all of Aitkin; sister and brother-in-law: Robyn (Timothy) Gullickson - Modl, Aitkin; husband, Eric, Superior, WI; nieces and nephews; many great-nieces and great-nephews, other relatives and friends.

Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin assisted with arrangements. www.srtfuneral.com

JACKIE LEMIRE

Jackie LeMire, 68, died Saturday, May 14, 2016 at her home.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

She was born March 4, 1948 in Fresno, CA. to Theodore James and Lillian Bess (Randall)

Felles.

She is survived by her husband Jerry LeMire and her son Kevin Wills.

Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin assisted with arrangements. www.srtfuneral.com

DALE KELLY

Dale Loren Kelly, 70, of Aitkin died Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Lakewood Care Center in Staples.

Memorial service was held Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at the 40 Club Convention Center in Aitkin with Scott Piecek leading the service. Military honors were provided by the Aitkin VFW Roberts-Glad Post #1727 and Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86. Burial was in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls.

He was born November 24, 1945 in Aitkin to Alson David and Vivian Elna (Wallin) Kelly. He graduated from Aitkin High School. He was U.S. Air Force Veteran serving in the Vietnam War and retired from the National Guard. He married Deborah Piecek August 25, 1975 in

Watertown, SD. He worked for Military Affairs for the state of Minnesota. He was a family man, loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing, and was a Green Bay Packers and New York Yankees fan. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law Kathy Kelly.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie; sons and daughters-in-law: Ken and Jodi Kelly, Farmington; Joe and Jen Piecek, Aitkin; daughter, Jessica Kelly, Aitkin; seven grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law: Faye and Greg Zimple; and Charlene and Keith Sampson; nieces; nephews and other relatives.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

PATRICIA WEISTROFFER

Patricia Weistroffer, 82, of Aitkin died Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at Aitkin Health Services.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Hilltop Chapel, Palisade with Reverend Barry Hite officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Waukenabo Cemetery.

She was born May 31, 1933 in Waukenabo Township to Frank and Helen (Reuland) Weistroffer. She lived and operated LaMonts Resort on Waukenabo Lake and also worked as a nurses aid at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin for over 40 years. She was a member

of TOPS. She loved reading, going for walks and picking agates, making quilts, embroidery, and needle work.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Arlene Weistroffer, Palisade; three grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers and sisters.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

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ALLIANCE
Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Sunday School JAM session 9 am; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Youth Group, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.

McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10 Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin — Rev. Jason Erickson; SS 9; Worship 10:45; Wed. 7 p.m.
Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45
Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 pm.
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST
Aitkin — Westside, Pastor D. Smith; Worship 10; Bible Life group 11:11; aitkinwestside.org.
Brainerd — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673; Worship 11, SS 9:45.

Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252; Worship 9:30, 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 a.m.; Wed. 6 pm Glory Family night, Kids' Club age 4-6, MAD4Christ grades 7-12.

Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.

Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.

Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC
Aitkin — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am.

Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 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. Dale Nau, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.

Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun 8:30.

Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.

Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.

Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483

Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10

McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Larson, Mass: Sun. 11 am.

McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.

Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship

10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; Sacramento Mtg. 10, SS 11; 10 Priesthood/Relief Society noon

COMMUNITY
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun. 10, 218-927-6959
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.

Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30; Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm

Jacobson Community Church (the little white church in Jacobson). 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; 43242 Hwy. 65 N, 2 mi. N of Hwy. 210 on Hwy. 65. Pastor Joel Seibel.

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 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing - Narrows Community Church, (non-demoninational), Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-820-5365 Worship 11; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, second and fourth Saturday

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. Susan Cline; Sun. 10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

EPISCOPAL
Aitkin — St. John's, Rev. Karl E. Bell, Holy Communion Service 9

EVANGELICAL FREE
Crosby-Ironton — Lifespring Church, 9:30, 30 Hallet Ave NE 218-545-5433, visitlifespring.com

Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake.net

Isle — Pastor Charles Visser; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm

Malmö — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15; Young Families Fellowship 2nd and last Fri. of month, 5 pm

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

INDEPENDENT PENTECOSTAL
Emily Cornerstone Church — Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.

Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Ironton Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.

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

LUTHERAN
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Cindy Gray; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

Aitkin — First* Pastors Darrell Pedersen, Melissa Carmack & Bob Munneke; worship Sun. 8:15 am & 10 am; Sunday School 10:30 am; Wed. 6 pm; Sat. 5 pm; communion every Sat. and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd and 5th Sun.; nursery staffed; Sunday service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) at 10 am and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 am Wed.; community meal every Mon. 5:30 pm; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each month 9:30 - 5 pm.

Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Ingledwood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.pobpaxter.org

Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church- AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Worship at 10 am. Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.lhchurch.org)

Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd - Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. - Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC), Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910

Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.

Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Glen Bickford; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 10 am.

Giese Immanuel — Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.

Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.

Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS). Pastor Jon Rusnak; Worship 10 with communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May. 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor Volkert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Jean Megorden; Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47 (Handicap accessible)

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.

Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Wor-

ship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10. Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Malmö — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 pm; Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.

McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm

Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.

Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.

Pequot Lakes-Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Rev. Donna M. Olsen, Worship 8 & 10; SS 10; Wed. Worship 5:45 pm; Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm.

Rosburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.

Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

PENTECOSTAL INDIAN
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, 218-768-3585. Pastors Ken and Robin Fairbanks, Praise and Worship, Sat., 11. Everyone Welcome!

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake — Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship Memorial Day-Labor Day at 9:30; Worship September to May at 10:15; Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:1444 Daggett Pine Rd. 218-692-4769

McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; No Sunday Service Worship Sat. 5 pm.

Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11. Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 218-927-4107</

OBITUARIES

GREG MCDOWALL

Greg L. McDowall, 31, of McGregor, formerly of Becker, died Friday, May 6, 2016. Memorial services were held Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in McGregor with Pastor Joel Seibel officiating. He was born August 6, 1984 at St. Cloud, Minnesota to Michael and LaDonna (Turner) McDowall. He grew up and attended schools in Becker and graduated from the Becker High School. He started working on a farm at the age of 12 and then after high school he worked road construction for a time. He then bought his own truck and did over the road trucking throughout the United States. The past five years he trucked mainly in Min-

nesota. He married Kristy Marie Bouvette on September 15, 2007 on Mille Lacs Lake. They resided in Becker for a time and then lived in North Dakota and then moved to McGregor, in 2010 and have lived there since. He loved to hunt, fish, playing in the mud with his 4-wheelers and just being outdoors. He is survived by his wife, Kristy; children: Deja, Greg Jr., Tessa and Trevor; parents: Michael and LaDonna McDowall; sisters: Danita, Lisa, Sara, Nina; brothers: Lee and Alex; numerous nieces, nephews and God children. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

SHIRLEY LASHER



Shirley Marie Lasher, 90, of Brainerd died Thursday, May 12, 2016 at the Harmony House in Brainerd. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Community Alliance Church in Garrison. Burial was in the Garrison Community Cemetery. She was born on July 17, 1925 in Garrison to Thomas and Marie (Hanson) Scott. Together with her husband, Kenneth, she owned and operated the Pure Gas Station in Garrison and the Garrison Wholesale Bait. She was

a former employee of Tutts Bait and Tackle in Garrison. Shirley is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Carol Lasher, Garrison; daughters and sons-in-law: Diana and Hilton Townsend, Pendleton, OR; and Joan and Orrin Tutt, Garrison; nine grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth and one brother, Sheridan Scott. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

SCOTT MATTSON



Scott W. Mattson, 46, of Crosby died on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the Wesleyan Church in Emily. Burial will be at the Forest Cemetery in Kimberly Township. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

He was born in Crosby on November 25, 1969 to Hans and Marlene (Jerry) Mattson. He is survived by his mother, Marlene Mattson, Crosby; brother and sister-in-law, DuWayne and Lori Mattson, Motley; sisters and brother-in-law: Carrie and Lynn Maalis, Deerwood and Jackie Snook, Deerwood; step sister, Cindy Dorr, Bemidji; nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

HENRIETTA PRIBYL



Henrietta Cecilia Pribyl, 87, of Crosby died on Monday, May 16, 2016 at St. Benedict's Senior Living in St. Cloud. Funeral services were held 11 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. She was born on November 22, 1928 in Freeport, MN to Henry and Katharina (Euteneuer) Suek. She married Ernest Pribyl Jr. on June 2, 1956 in Holdingford, MN. She graduated from the Holdingford High School, Class of 1946, received and undergraduate degree in Education from St. Cloud State and a Masters Degree in Education from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus. Her career in teaching spanned more than 35

years in the Crosby-Ironton School District. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby, the CCW and the Society of Catholic Foresters, St. Mary's Court #854; the Cuyuna Range Women's Club; and the Crosby-Ironton Garden Club. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law: Joseph and Jane Pribyl, Shoreview; daughters and sons-in-law: Anita and Peter Anderson, Aitkin; and Katherine and Kevin Pribyl-Stomberg, Aitkin; ten grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and sister, Rita Mettenburg, St. Cloud. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ernie; son, John; four brothers: Alphonse, Sylvester, Leander and Innocent Suek; four sisters: Lidwina Buchwald, Leona Achmann, Radegundis Clear and Sr. (Zita) Engelbert Suek, OSB. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

Just a Pinch

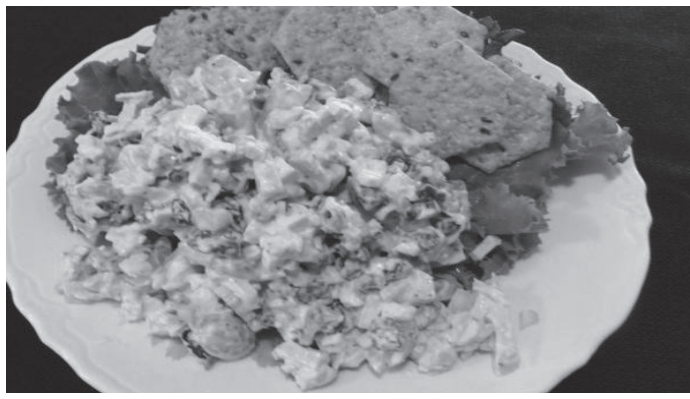


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Uncle Wiley's Fantastic Chicken Salad Recipe

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Debbie Burbank's Uncle Wiley's Chicken Salad recipe is so good your guests will be asking you for the recipe. This chicken salad is great for brunch, a light lunch or to serve at a cookout this summer. The sour cream adds a delicious tang that I can't get enough of!



Debbie Burbank
Gardendale, AL
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-Janet

Uncle Wiley's Chicken Salad

What You Need

- 4 c poached boneless chicken breasts, diced
- 1 c celery, finely chopped
- 1 c pecans, chopped
- 1 c dried cranberries
- 1 1/2 c white seedless grapes, cut in fourths
- 1 c white raisins
- 4 oz sour cream
- 1 c mayonnaise
- Salt and black pepper, to taste

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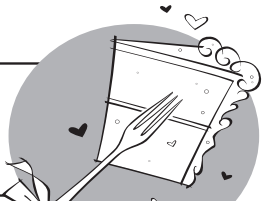
- Poach chicken breast. This can be done the day before.
- When ready to make the salad, dice the chicken.
- In a large bowl, mix all of the ingredients.
- Add salt and black pepper to taste.
- Add additional mayonnaise if necessary.

- Serve with crackers or it makes a great sandwich with lettuce and tomatoes.

Submitted by: Debbie Burbank, Gardendale, AL (pop. 13,893)
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LOOK WHOSE baby JUST ARRIVED

LOUIS WENCL

Louis James Wencil, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 7 ozs., was born May 5, 2016, in Aitkin, to Cassandra Zentzis and Cassidy Wencil of McGregor.

AUDRA KALIS

Audra Alice Kalis, a girl, weighing 8 lbs., 5 ozs., was born May 6, 2016, in Aitkin, to Erica and Andrew Kalis of Aitkin. Grandparents are Robert and Lee Ann Anderson, Stanchfield, MN; Brian and Kim Kalis, Alden, MN.

ADRIANNA KRAMARCZUK

Adrianna Kramarczuk, a girl, weighing 8 lbs., 1 ozs., was born May 9, 2016, in Aitkin, to Dancel Gutierrez and Adrian Kramarczuk of Aitkin. Grandparents are Sergio and Agripina Gutierrez; and Robert Kramarczuk, Minneapolis; Roxanne Denysiuk, Minneapolis.

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Education leaders choose projects for \$1.5 million Innovation Funding



Local education leaders discussed and voted on innovative projects, recommending over \$1.5 million in Innovation Funding to directly benefit Region 5 school districts. The 2016 Innovation Funding Review day took place on May 12, providing an opportunity for nearly a dozen local schools and education partners to present their projects. Members heard project proposals, discussed, and then awarded projects that had the most potential for student impact and success. School districts created the ideas and National Joint Power Alliance (NJPA) provides support and funding. The formula for the program promotes out-of-the-box collaboration on projects that might otherwise not get off the ground. The NJPA Board of Directors gives final approval of the funding at its June meeting.

2016 Recommended Projects:

- Bridges Career Academy and Workplace Connection provides a career link between secondary and post-secondary institutions, and businesses from local communities in an effort to ensure the next generation of students is career and college ready for the workforce. Long-term goals for the group include expanding the number of Region Five schools using the program from 17 to 22, providing new resources for schools, and

developing internship and educator in the workplace opportunities. The program requested \$230,000 in Innovation Funding from NJPA.

- Minnesota School-Based Occupational and Physical Therapists are initiating the First Annual Institute offered to every school district in the state of Minnesota. The local Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative is providing staff as presenters for the event. The goal of the project is to improve skills for implementing alternative service delivery models, promote evidence-based services, and improve understanding of related services in Minnesota schools. Educators asked for \$22,500 to support the event.

- The Metier Program helps students build 21st century character traits (grit, attitude, optimism, and creativity) and skills (creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking). Three local school districts are collaborating to use the program, including: Little Falls, Bertha-Hewitt, and Pillager Middle Schools. The districts requested \$285,000 in Innovation Funding from NJPA.

- The Alternative Career Pathways initiative supports personalized professional development for educators. The program was developed out of a desire by teachers and administrators to find graduate-level programs with direct relevance to their classroom

and content area. Little Falls, Menahga, Pequot Lakes, Pierz, Swanville, Upsala, Verndale, Bertha-Hewitt, Pillager, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley school districts will collaborate in the program, which started in Little Falls. The \$300,000 request includes the cost of a regional coordinator for the program.

- Innovative Classroom Matching Funds was spearheaded by Pillager Public Schools, requesting \$75,000 to be used for matching grant funding to a single 501(c)(3) organization from each school district that raises funds for innovative classroom grants in public schools within Region Five. This project would match dollar for dollar any money raised up to \$5,000 for a public school district foundation. By providing these funds, the community, alumni, and friends of the foundations are motivated by the call to action and incentive to support public education at a new level of giving.

- The Search Institute and The Roadmap to REACH, was proposed for the Pine

River-Backus School District, Pequot Lakes School District, Staples-Motley School District, Little Falls School District, Northland Communities Schools, and Crosslake Charter School. In order to better serve Region 5 students and promote academic, social and emotional success and health, The Roadmap to REACH is a research-based and data-driven program that will strengthen student motivation to succeed in school and beyond by developing non-cognitive skills. The project includes pre and post intervention survey analysis; intensive, intentional and focused professional development - with cohorts of teachers/professional staff from each participating school. The proposal requested \$72,100 which would include regional coordination support.

- FIT (Follow IT Through) Activity Day allows school leaders the opportunity to provide needed time for effective implementation of new initiatives, while providing families a safe and dependable plan for their children during the non-school day. The program will communicate to the entire community the importance of giving educators the opportunity to learn and practice new skills over a period of time which will embed the learning into the daily life of the school. The Staples-Motley School District is seeking \$23,050 for the proposal.

- The Rural Minnesota CEP, Inc. (RMCEP) Career Advisor Program is seeking to provide career advisor services to an additional 4500 students in the 16 school districts that they currently serve throughout the five-county Central

Minnesota Region including Crow Wing, Todd, Morrison, Wadena and Cass Counties. These services provide students and families with information, guidance, and opportunities to connect them with community employers and regional Occupations in Demand. These connections will provide enhanced opportunities that lead to a more prosperous future and contributes to breaking the chronic cycles of poverty that exists in families across the region. The RMCEP was seeking \$374,000 in Innovation Funding.

- The Open Educational Resource (OER) Project promotes and advances the use of open textbooks and other open access materials for students who take College in the Schools (CIS) and/or Advanced Standing Articulation courses at Region 5 High Schools offered through Central Lakes College (CLC). There are five school districts involved with the pilot, including Pequot Lakes, Little Falls, Pine River-Backus, Staples-Motley, and Pierz. Students should

achieve greater success and increased post-secondary opportunities with access to OER. This project proposes that high school teachers and college instructors, working collaboratively, research and review OER materials to the point where they are prepared to replace traditional textbooks with OER materials in CIS courses. CLC requested \$64,250 for NJPA Innovation Funding.

- The Central Minnesota CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) is available to juniors and seniors from Staples and Wadena-Deer Creek High Schools. The program gives students the opportunity to work side by side with successful business people from the community. The students will meet at a different area business each quarter for an entire school year as they learn about entrepreneurship firsthand. The program aims to develop young entrepreneurs that have the skills necessary to develop new businesses in the area, or be an asset to an existing business in the area.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the adoption of amendments to the Aitkin County Mobile Home Park and Recreational Camping Areas Ordinance. The hearing will be conducted on June 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Aitkin County Board Room of the Aitkin County Courthouse.

The Aitkin County Board has entered into a Delegation Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health based on MN Statutes Section 145A.07. Through this delegation of authority, the Aitkin County Board has been charged with protecting the public health as outlined under MN Statutes Chapters 144, 157, and 327. The Mobile Home Park and Recreational Camping Areas Ordinance is being amended to update definitions, include provisions for fish house parks and update references.

Language that is proposed for deletion is in strikethrough and proposed new language is highlighted in yellow.

Copies of the Ordinance with the proposed amendments are available for review and inspection at the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Office and the Aitkin County Auditor's Office in the Aitkin County Courthouse during regular business hours. A copy with proposed amendments can also be viewed in their entirety on the Aitkin County website at www.co.aitkin.mn.us. Comments can be submitted in writing to the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Office 209 2nd St NW RM 100, Aitkin, MN 56431, by facsimile (218) 927-4372, or by e-mail to aitkinpz@co.aitkin.mn.us before 4:30 p.m. on June 6, 2016. Please include a full name and a complete address with all correspondence.

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north side can help block energy-sucking winter winds. Fruit- and nut-bearing trees can provide homes and food for hungry wildlife. Basswood and linden trees can attract pollinators. Sturdy, long-lived trees such as oak, walnut or hackberry can add beauty and increase property values.

"I recommend planting a variety of different tree species to add diversity to your property, which will make it more resistant to tree pests and climate change," said Jennifer Teegarden, DNR forestry outreach specialist. "Some trees, like green ash, aren't recommended at all because of their susceptibility to the tree-killing emerald ash borer beetle."

Teegarden reminds homeowners that if they plan on

digging, they should first call Gopher State One Call at 811. Someone will be dispatched to mark underground utility lines. It's also important to not plant trees under power lines or right next to building foundations.

Caring for trees extends beyond simply planting them. Place 2 to 4 inches of mulch around the base of the tree, making sure to keep mulch away from the trunk to avoid rot. Also, new trees need a good soaking of water every week in the summer and fall for a few years after planting.

Be sure to plant your tree right and avoid common mistakes. For example, planting trees too

deeply stresses trees, which shortens their lives. Homeowners should check the DNR's tree planting and care Web page at www.mndnr.gov/treecare for proper tree planting instructions and help selecting a tree.



OPINION: America marches blindly toward single-payer health care

BY SALLY C. PIPES

Hillary Clinton just dipped her toe a little bit further into the waters of single-payer health care, prodded by her competitor for the Democratic presidential nomination, Bernie Sanders.

She recently called for allowing more people to join Medicare -- the government-run healthcare program for seniors -- by allowing those "55 or 50 and up" to buy into it. Sanders can no doubt take credit for pulling her further left -- his proposal to expand Medicare to all Americans has evinced cheers from his partisans.

But the record of other single-payer systems should silence those cheers. Single-payer would destroy health care quality and rob patients blind in the process.

Sanders has been agitating for single-payer for decades. The supposed price tag of his latest proposal for "Medicare-for-All?" About \$14 trillion over 10 years, he's claimed.

But according to studies from the Urban Institute and

the Tax Policy Center, the real cost would be about \$33 trillion. Even after accounting for the revenue that Sanders's plethora of new taxes would take in, the government would still need \$16 trillion.

Nevertheless, Sanders's focus on single-payer has attracted attention. A recent survey found that 63 percent of people had a positive reaction to the term "Medicare for all." Meanwhile, thousands of doctors recently signed on to a plan similar to Sanders's.

Some states could even green-light single-payer in the coming months. This November, Colorado voters will decide whether to create a state-level single-payer system. The initiative would cost \$38 billion annually and require billions in new taxes.

Coloradans should take note of another state that tried to implement a single-payer system and failed -- Sanders's home state of Vermont.

The state's attempt at single-payer in 2014 was projected to cost \$4.3 billion

-- almost equivalent to the state's entire \$4.9 billion budget. To fund the program, Vermont would have needed an extra \$2 billion in revenue -- plus new taxes on businesses and residents. Officials abandoned the idea because it would have collapsed the state's economy.

The recent history of single-payer systems sponsored by the federal government isn't much more encouraging.

Take the Veterans Health Administration, which continues to subject benefi-

ciaries to lengthy waits for care. In March, the Government Accountability Office tracked the experience of 180 newly-enrolled vets and found that 60 waited as many as 71 days to see a primary care doctor. Sixty more never even managed to get an appointment.

Patients haven't fared much better under single-payer systems abroad.

Horror stories from Britain's National Health Service emerge almost daily. Recently, a government investigation found that hospitals are

discharging elderly patients without ensuring that they're fit to go home.

This spring, thousands of junior doctors went on strike. Patients had no choice but to wait for the walkout to end, as hospitals postponed more than 112,000 appointments and 12,700 operations in response.

Canada, my native land, has similar issues. Canadians must wait an average of 18.3 weeks to see a specialist after getting a referral. That wait time is 97 percent longer than it was in 1993. Almost

900,000 Canadians are waiting for treatment.

The promise of single-payer -- high-quality, universally accessible, free -- is nothing like the reality of such a system. Taxpayers pay dearly for the promise of such care.

This fall, voters must not allow themselves to fall prey to the siren song of single-payer.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is "The Way Out of Obamacare" (Encounter 2016).

JANZEN AUCTIONEERS

AITKIN AUCTION

Saturday, May 28 • 10 a.m.

422 Westwood Drive, Aitkin, MN 56431
From the stoplights in Aitkin head south on Hwy 169 for 1.5 miles to right on Westwood Drive (Watch for Signs)

Shirley Davies, Owner

Due to the death of my late husband, Everett Davies, I will be offering the following for public Auction.

VEHICLE: 2015 GMC Sierra Crew Cab K1500 SLE 5.3L V8 4WD w/ 1400 miles like brand new & several factory warranties still in place **LAWN & GARDEN:** JD X340 riding lawn tractor w/bagger system (immaculate condition), JD STX 38 riding lawn tractor, JD TRS 27 walk behind snow blower w/electric start, JD lawn cart, Earthquake 43 cc mantis style garden tiller **GARAGE & RELATED:** Sears Craftsman radial arm saw, Router, skill saw, sanders & many hand power tools, Air compressor on wheels, Werner step ladder, Collectible Gas Pumps, Pure Premium Gas Pump, Pure Prep Gas Pump, Large Cylinder Style Gas Pump, **ITEMS OF INTEREST:** O.D. Jennings 10 cent wild Indian slot machine, 10 Cent slot machine (brand unknown, 1930's), Large Antique cash register out of Aitkin County Abstract, World & County maps out of the Spencer Township School, 10 gallon Redwing crock, 4 gallon Redwing kraut crock, 3 gallon Redwing water cooler with lid Collectible wall phone, Lightning rods & globes, Budweiser Clydesdale lighted clock & Beer Lights, **EDISON PHONOGRAPH** w/numerous paper rolls (excellent condition), **WATCH FOBS** names like Euclid, Cat, Case, International & others, **FURNITURE:** Enamel top hosiery cabinet w/ flour sifter, Large Antique roll top desk, Glass front curio cabinet (excellent condition), Large spinning wheel, Large buffet cabinet (immaculate condition), **SPORTING GOODS:** 1977 Patriot 15 FT aluminum canoe, Ithaca model 37 20GA pump, Marlin Model 60 .22 LR, **COLLECTIBLE GLASSWARE & OTHER KITCHEN WARES:** Glass butter churn, Hall Dishes, Pink Depression glass, Milk glass, Porcelain Pillsbury collection

Janzen Auctioneers would like to thank Shirley Davies for the opportunity to conduct her auction. This is one of the cleanest Auctions you will attend. This auction offers some of the most unique items around! This is merely a surface listing. Be sure to attend and bring a friend, you will not be disappointed.

Thank you in advance, *Janzen Auctioneers*

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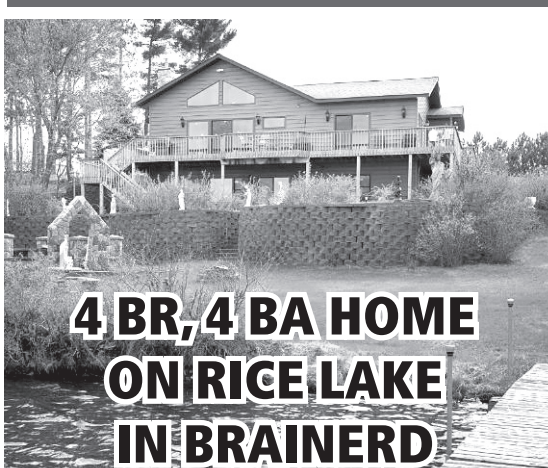
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I was born in Crosby; I've lived here all my life. I'm 67 years old and as near as I can figure I am still of sound mind. I just can't wrap my head around what is happening in Crosby.

I saw a bumper sticker on a truck saying "Would you really trust a used car salesman to handle Crosby?"

What does it matter what a person does to earn a living? The so called, used car salesman, happens to be a good friend of mine.

Jim Hunter is a very generous, caring person, always doing something for other people. Sometimes he doesn't even really know the people. He would hear someone is having some problems and he anonymously helps them out, so he isn't doing it for the glory. He is really doing it to help someone in need.

I know several used car salesmen and they are all very nice people. When someone buys a used car, it usually goes without saying that it is as is, no warranty. I have seen where people have bought cars from Jim and six months or so down the road they have come back with some sort of problem with the car.

Did Jim say, oh that's too bad? No, he took it somewhere to get it taken care of and paid for it. I've also seen where someone comes in and complains about the vehicle and Jim has returned them the money.

My husband was in the hospital, then to Aicota Nursing Home, then back to Crosby Hospital, then into the Care Center. This went on for more than two months.

Our shower was in the base-

ment. Jim came to our house and redid one of our upstairs bedrooms into a shower and laundry room. So now we have everything on one level. He wouldn't take anything for his labor and it wasn't a one day project.

Crosby needs some changes made. Why are people so threatened by change?

Years ago Crosby had several businesses — grocery stores, clothing stores, shoe stores, bakeries, cafés, pharmacies, gas stations, bars.

Now what do we have? One grocery store, gas stations, antiques stores.

Where is Crosby progressing?

Come on people let's make some changes. Let's get the town back to a place we can be proud of again.

Barb Blood, Crosby

Education leaders choose projects for \$1.5 million Innovation Funding | Continued from Page 6

While this is certainly an education program, it is equally as much an economic development program that invests in young people and shows them all of the possibilities that exist in this part of Minnesota for profitable businesses and industries. The initiative is seeking \$21,500 in funding.

• Technology Mobile is a collaborative, technology-sharing effort within Region 5, namely Central Lakes College and Minnesota State Community & Technical College, and are seeking \$50,000 in 2016 NJPA Innovation Funding to further expand their program. For the 2016/2017 school year, Technology Mobile has expanded to five new schools in Region 5; Bertha-Hewitt, Pillager, Staples-Motley, Upsala, and Verndale. The new schools will have access to the technologies that the pilot schools integrated, while the pilot schools will have access to new technologies in Green (Environmental) Technology, Nano Technology, Medical Technology, and Art Technology. The new school teachers will attend different summer training sessions to get them acclimated to the equipment for implementation to occur for the upcoming school year.

Innovation Funding was created to help Region 5 entities (education, local government, and non-profits) fund initiatives aimed at creating collaboration and improving the region. These awards are not intended to support single individuals, organizations, or communities, but are intended to support region-wide initiatives, consortiums and collaborations impacting many, and serving a greater public purpose. A second funding review day will be held for Region 5 city and county projects in June.

NJPA does not select projects, but hosts the program and comes alongside the chosen regional initiatives while financially supporting them to ensure successful regional impact. This annual funding opportunity is in its third year, with \$800,000 awarded in 2014, more than \$1 million in 2015, and now another \$1.5 million is slated for the third round for 2016.

National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) is a public service agency that is committed to providing cooperative solutions that assist government, education, and non-profit entities as they strive for efficient public service. NJPA was created in 1978 by Minnesota Statue 123A.21, Subdivision 1 as one of Minnesota's nine service cooperatives and offers a variety of cooperative programs and services for members on a local, regional, statewide, and national scale including Canada.

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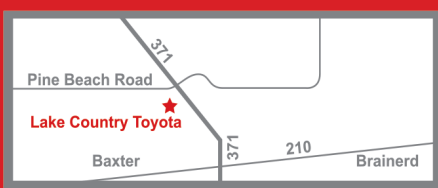
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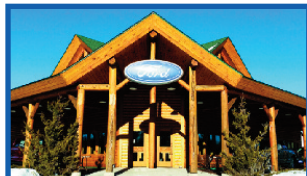
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