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## Musical collaboration between local orchestra and business



Members of Blue Collar Sound and Lights (left to right) Clark Hamdorf, Shawn Hamdorf, Kraig Burdick and Rick Bandy.

As a student at Crosby-Iron-  
ton High School in the late  
1970s and early 80s, Kraig  
Burdick played baritone horn  
in the high school band.  
At the Great River Strings

orchestra concert "Hearing  
Colors in Music" at 7:00  
p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19  
at Salem Lutheran Church in  
Deerwood and at 3:00 p.m.  
on Sunday, Nov. 20 at First  
Lutheran Church in Aitkin,  
he will be performing again,  
but on a different kind of  
instrument. Kraig will be  
using a computer generated  
synthesizer to interpret sound  
and translate it to a visually  
abstract display of colors and  
patterns. The effects of the  
visualizer will be chosen to  
accompany the tempo and  
mood of the compositions the  
orchestra will play. The

visualization process will use  
software applications such as  
Project M, Audiogram, and  
Sound Spectrum's G-Force  
and White Cap to listen to  
the audio of the concert and  
respond with visual patterns  
and colors to display during  
the orchestra's performance.

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# Rippleside Elementary students honor veterans during Parade of Veterans



A student enthusiastically visits with veterans lined up in the hall at her school.



Elementary students carried flags to lead the parade that honored veterans at Rippleside Elementary School in Aitkin on November 11. Ann Schwartz photos



A happy veteran gives students five in the hall at Aitkin's Rippleside Elementary.

## Salvation Army needs bell ringers for season

The Aitkin County Salvation Army Service Unit is looking for Bell Ringers this Holiday Season. The Red Kettles will be at Shopko and Paulbeck's County Market beginning Mon. Nov. 21. They need help from individuals, families and groups to take a few hours or even a full day to ring the bells to help the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army provides year round temporary emergency assistance to those in need as well as several vital community programs including summer camp for children who would not otherwise have a camp experience, disaster services, and back-to-school projects providing school supplies to Aitkin County children.

Please contact the Birch Street Center to schedule a day and time to ring the bell

by calling 218-735-6122. Please consider helping us this Holiday Season.

## Hoge pleads not guilty

Kristy Hoge, 24, a former Aitkin School District teacher and coach, entered pleas of not guilty on four felony charges.

Hoge is charged in connection with allegedly having

sexual relations with an Aitkin High School student that she coached. Hoge was also a fourth grade teacher at Rippleside Elementary. Her trial is set for January 23, 2017.

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# Minnesota mom sues for usurpation of parental rights over gender change

On November 16, a Minnesota mother filed suit against St. Louis County and other agencies for usurping her parental rights over her minor son, who has been receiving transgender services and narcotic drugs without her parental consent. Anmarie Calgaro's child has been handled by the defendants as an emancipated minor despite no court action to that effect. According to her suit, Minnesota law provides Calgaro no recourse to challenge the emancipation status, which is a violation of her rights as guaranteed under the United State Constitution. She is being represented by attorneys from the not-for-profit public interest law firm,

the Thomas More Society, along with Mohrman, Kaardal & Erickson, P.A. Named as defendants in Calgaro's lawsuit are St. Louis County, St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Director, Fairview Health Services, Park Nicollet Health Services, St. Louis County School District, Principal of the Cherry School, and her minor son.

Calgaro's parental involvement has been repeatedly circumvented as it concerns her 17-year old son. This interference is despite Minnesota's strong legal tradition of protecting parental rights. In June of 2015, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid Clinic advised the boy that he was emancipat-

ed without a court order; however no legal action has been taken to terminate his mother's parental rights.

With the same disregard for parental consent, two medical service providers Park Nicollet Minneapolis Gender Services and Fairview provided the minor child medical treatment for a sex change from male to female and for prescribed narcotics, respectively. The medical services and were paid for through St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services.

The St. Louis County Schools, Independent School District 2142, is also treating the child as an emancipated minor, something he is not.

The school district is classifying the boy as an adult with exclusive rights to information and decision-making. They are denying Calgaro access to his educational records or any legal authority to affect his educational decision-making.

Ironically, the boy's application for a name change was denied by the St. Louis County District Court because of the "lack of any adjudication relative to emancipation."

"This is an outrageous

abuse of power by multiple agencies," stated Tom Brejcha, President and Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Society. "To treat a minor child without either parental consent or a court order of emancipation is a violation of the trust placed upon the human service sector and its governmental oversight agencies. To give a parent no recourse to intervene in this situation is an egregious violation of Constitutional rights."

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and Shawn Hamdorf and Rick Bandy are also the musicians that make up the band "Gawker Slowdown". Clark serves as the group's audio engineer, Rick is the acoustical engineer, and Shawn the business manager. Kraig joined them in 2014 as Lighting/Technical Director as well as Webcast and Video engineer.

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# OBITUARIES

## HELEN ERICKSON



Helen Stefin Erickson, 92 of Crosby died at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby on November 4, 2016. She was born in Ely to Matthew and Mary (Miksha) Stefin.

Funeral services will be 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Visitation will be on Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a prayer service at 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday one hour prior to the services.

She graduated from the Crosby-Ironton High School as valedictorian from the class of 1942. Helen married Walter Erickson on June 3, 1968 in Crosby. She was a retired employee of the Central Lakes Clinic in Crosby. She also had prior employment with Hanna

Mining and Butler Brother Mining Company. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby and was a member of the National Society of Catholic Foresters, St. Mary's Court 854.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Patricia Petrich, Lakeville; daughters and sons-in-law: Mary and Steve Carlson, Cuyuna; Cathy and Leon Witter, Hutchinson and Barbara and Allen Dobson, Northwood, IA; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her parents; first husband, Eli Petrich in 1966; second husband, Walter Erickson in 2003; granddaughter, Tracy Cleaves; brothers: Matthew and Fred Stefin; and sisters: Mary Gotchnick, Angie Stupar and Molly Domin.

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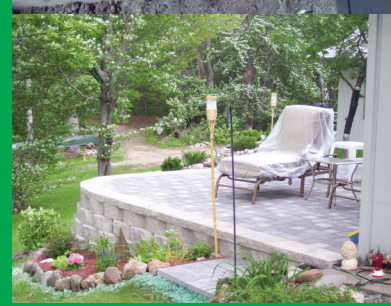
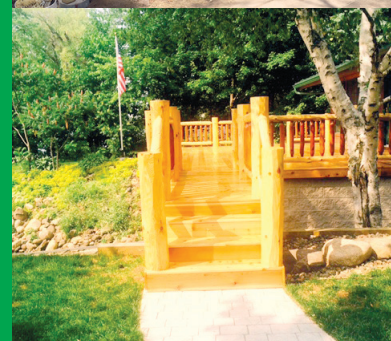
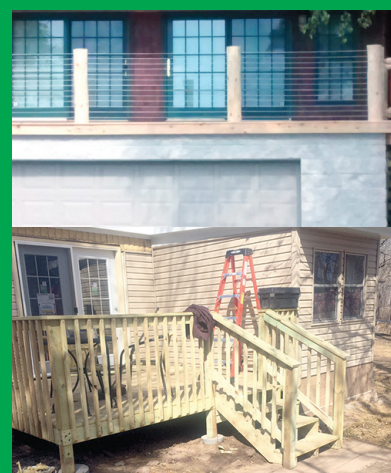
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