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Merry Christmas



Deerwood hires full-time officer inspite of chief's objections

At the December 19 meeting of the Deerwood City Council, Mayor Mike Aulie introduced the topic of hiring a full time police officer. This suggestion was met by Council Member John Taylor with a request to table the matter.

Taylor said, "I think the process was a little bit mixed up and didn't include the [Police] Chief's input."

Mayor Aulie said, "We met with him and asked him to give us reasons not to."

Police Chief Harry Gottsch then said, "No, no, [when] we met you told me that [at the] next council meeting, we would make a motion and pass it; and he was hired."

Mayor Aulie said, "And you said you had reservations and we asked what they were?"

Gottsch continued, "Yep, I said they had complaints, concerns, issues."

Aulie said, "And you wouldn't present yours."

Gottsch said, "I was never given the chance to. I was jumped on by Jeff, (city clerk) a couple three different times. It got a little bit loud and carried out. There was no reason for me to make any comment, because it had already been decided."

Council Member Debby

Leonard said, "Harry, we asked you several times. Is this the correct place to do this?"

Gottsch said, "You walked in [to] have a meeting. And [you came] over and said we want to meet with you. I had no preparation, had no idea what the meeting was about. No, nothing. And I'd already been told by the officer who's already telling it on the street that he'd been hired."

Aulie said, "You had not already been told that by him."

Gottsch said "By you. You offered the job to him, without even talking to me at all. You never shared any of it with me. Of course, I have a lot of concerns. This needs to be discussed in more detail. This needs to be laid out with a lot more detail."

Leonard then said, "We gave you several chances to tell us, Harry. And you said no you couldn't share."

Gottsch replied, "Within a five minute period of time, you were given misinformation by Jeff about the union. And that needs to be shared, the council needs to be aware of this. I know he wants to cut me off, I would too, shove down my throat without any input."

There was some discussion about full time benefits and a second officer in a similar circumstance.

Gottsch said, "Maybe there's an issue with the budget. Did anybody talk to me about that? No."

City Clerk Jeff Turk said, "The budget is not supposed to have excess funds."

Gottsch resumed. "I'm talking about can a budget afford a full time person working Ironton?"

Turk said, "Yes, it can."

Gottsch said, "No, it can't."

Turk said, "Yes it can."

Gottsch said, "It was borderline in 2013, when the contract was done."

Turk said, "It wasn't borderline."

Gottsch said, "Then maybe there should have been more discussion with the Chief again."

Turk said, "That's wasn't what I was instructed."

Gottsch said, "You requested absolutely no input from me."

Leonard said, "We did ask you for input, Harry, several times at the meeting and you would not respond."

Gottsch said, "I couldn't. As a department head there's disciplinary and then there's

training and I can't get into detail with it. Of course, Jeff's not going to have complaints on file, because it's not his job. I'm the department head. It's my responsibility. If I have a disciplinary action, then I will bring it to Jeff. But concerns within the department

is my responsibility."

Mayor Aulie said, "What we can't do is be discussing an employee at a public meeting like this, on that type of a thing. That's why we asked you. And the councilmen know we were going to

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Christmas generosity



An anonymous donor recently asked the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office for help in delivering gift bags to several residents of Aitkin County who could use a little extra Christmas cheer this year. The donation is in honor of slain Aitkin County Sheriff's Investigator Steven Sandberg, #203. Each gift bag contained \$203.

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Bill's Gun Shop and Range buys Mills Indoor Shooting and Archery Range

Bill's Gun Shop and Range has purchased the Mills Indoor Shooting and Archery Range in Baxter, located just north of the intersections of Hwy. 371 and 210 at 7609 Excelsior Road.

Bill's Gun Shop and Range has officially take ownership of the facility on December 22. Staff will be busy training, stocking and displaying over a thousand guns in preparation for the January 1 anticipated opening date. Remodeling

and re-branding will continue into first quarter by converting the existing archery range into a second firearm range. This conversion will expand Bill's Gun Shop and Range's ability to offer private groups, law enforcement, training and league activity, while keeping the Bill's Gun Shop and Range core principle of always having an open range for members and walk in public use.

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Deerwood man dies in single vehicle crash

The Minnesota State Patrol reported a Deerwood man was found dead at 4:08 p.m. Monday when his pickup truck crashed near Deerwood.

Wayne E. Lundquist, 71, of

Deerwood was found dead at the scene in his GMC Yukon Denali at the intersection of Highway 6 and County Road 133, northeast of Placid Lake.

According to the State

Patrol the Lundquist was traveling north on Highway 6 when it went off the road into the west ditch and crashed into several trees, before coming to a stop by hitting a large tree.

The state patrol reported Lundquist was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department assisted at the scene.

Woman dies of smoke inhalation in house fire

Brainerd firefighters recovered the body of a 60-year-old woman Monday night from a fire-ravaged trailer home near Barrows.

According to the Crow


Wing County Sheriff's Office, the body of Suzette Rhea Scheeler was sent to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. Preliminary autopsy results

indicate Scheeler died from smoke inhalation, as a result of the fire.

The Brainerd Fire Department responded at 8:10 p.m. to the 5300 block of Brandon

Way in Crow Wing Township, west of Barrows.

The Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating to determine the cause of the fire.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ongoing Events:

AA- Aitkin - Meeting closed Wednesday 3 pm Aitkin Alano Club

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 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.

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 the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 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.

Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need. We are open the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. NARROWS COMMUNITY CHURCH, 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing (follow the yellow signs). Call 320.857.0182 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 VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday

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 sus-

pected 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 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: Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Aitkin 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.

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.

Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. 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 Aitkin (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

TOPS Deerwood (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Deerwood Legion, 23659 Forest Rd, Deerwood. For more information, please contact Lucy Bartz 218-839-2218 or Gwenn Smith 218-246-2180.

TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanual Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 5:45 pm at the Sno-Serpents building in Deerwood at 24197 Mohs St (next to the Deer Stand restaurant). Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.

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

January

9th - Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the Lakers Lions of Emily, Outing and Fifty Lakes, 12:30- 6:30 pm at the Emily City Hall. To schedule an appoint-

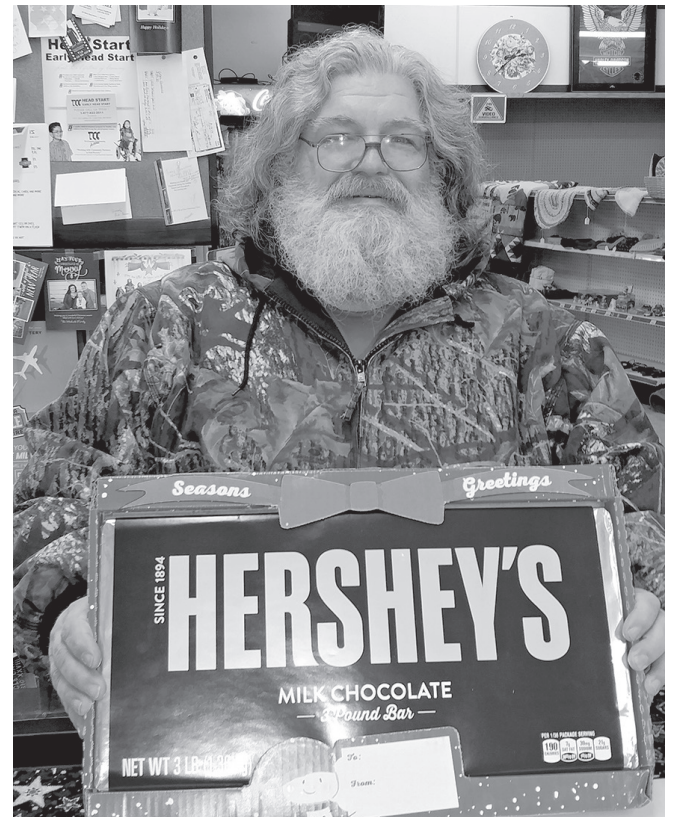
ment or to volunteer to help at the blood drive, please call Nancy Moritz at 218-763-3097 or Kathy Harvet at 218-792-5314.

14th - Vespertine tribal-style modern dance troupe from the Brainerd lakes area and Sestri Slavic choir from Little Falls performing CLC. More details at 218-568-9200.

14th - Sons of Norway Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 meeting at I.R.E.C. community room at noon in Isle. Program will be Jerry Jacobson regarding the Drarken Viking Ship that sailed here from Norway this past summer. We will have installation of our new officers and coffee with light lunch. If you have questions call Bill @ 1-320-679-2380 or Candice at 1-320-983-2886.

27th - Dueling Pianos Fishing Extravaganza Kick-off Party 5:30 9:pm Grand View

28th - Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza on Gull Lake. The contest is from Noon - 3 pm. Place in the top 150 and take home a prize. The contest raises money for Confidence Learning Center



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John Denning, Crosby, won the drawing at Buy, Sell, Trade/ the Smoke Shop in Crosby for a 3 lb. bar of Hershey's Milk Chocolate.

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adult winter reading event, read a book, write a short review on that book and enter a drawing (held every week) for a chance to win a Hot Reads for Cold Nights mug. As a bonus, get five in

a row Adult Winter Reading BINGO to be entered into a grand prize drawing for a cozy Hot Reads for Cold Nights throw blanket! This program is sponsored by the Friends of the

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OBITUARIES

CYNTHIA SCHULLER



Cynthia "Cindy" Renee Schuller, 63, of Owatonna died Thursday, December 8, 2016 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

A Celebration of Life service was held Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna.

She was born July 15, 1953 in Cloquet to Viljo and Evelyn (Harp) Johnson. She grew up in McGregor. In 1981, Cindy moved to Owatonna and raised her two daughters. She also worked

at Federated Insurance for over 25 years. In her spare time, Cindy loved reading mystery novels and traveling with her family.

She is survived by her daughters: Renee Kern (and Kris) of Owatonna, Wendi Donnelly (and Sean) of Deltona, FL; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; mother, Evelyn; siblings: Ernie, Arlis, and Allan.

She was preceded in death by her father, Viljo; sister, Mary; brother-in-law, Len.

Arrangements were with the Michaelson Funeral Home, 1930 Austin Rd, Owatonna, www.michaelsonfuneral.com.

GEOFFREY CRAVEN

Geoffrey Todd Craven, 78, of Deerwood died at his home on Monday, December 19, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby.

He was born on October 24, 1938 in Minneapolis. He graduated from the St. Louis Park High School and The University of St. Thomas, where he studied business. Todd was a successful entrepreneur and for the past 22 years. He and his wife have owned and operated two antique malls. He served as the Vice President

of the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber, loved to travel and adored his black labs.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Barbara; children: Kelly (Steve) Stattman, Geoffrey Todd (Sue) Craven Jr., Nicolle (Alex) Sellers IV, Anastasia (Tim) Benz; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren and his brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Margaret Craven.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Gwendolyn Craven.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

PATRICIA SCHLOESSER



Patricia Mary Schloesser, 79, of Outing, died on December 19, 2016 at her home.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 23, 2016 at the Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Crosslake. Burial was in the St. Mary of the Purification Cemetery in Shakopee at 4 p.m. If so desired, in lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Joseph's Academy Alumnae Association, 1890 Randolph Ave. St. Paul, MN 55105 or the Jesuits, 3600 W. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53208.

She was born on December 6, 1937 in St.

Paul to Lawrence and Olive (Luce) Lenzeimer. She was a steadfast, loving member of the Catholic faith. The nuns at S.J.A. 55 left an indelible mark on her life, which lasted until her death.

She is survived by her husband of 59 ½ years, Rod; her children: Fr. Steve, S.J., Kathy Davis, and Ron (Kim); one brother, Leo; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and godchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Gary in 2011; three brothers: Ken, Roger, and Mike; two infant sisters and sisters-in-law, Dotty and Barbara.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

RONALD FRYE

Ronald E. Frye, 91, died Tuesday, December 13, 2016 in Aitkin.

A memorial service was held at Aitkin Community Church on Wednesday, December 21.

He was born on September 5, 1925 in Waterloo, Iowa to Beatrice and Robert Frye. He grew up in St. Paul. Ron was married for 71 years to Mavis Frye, who preceded him in death on August 31, 2016. They lived in many places across Minnesota but settled in Aitkin in 1980. He spoke at and lead workshops at many conferences and churches in the US and Canada including the Berean Christian Confer-

ence and the Christian Believers Conference. He was the author of several books and many articles including: "My Christian Quest" and "It Is Written—Authentic Biblical Christianity." Ron believed that since we are "... justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ... (Rom 5:1)." He will be remembered as a gentle and forgiving man who enjoyed biblical studies and sharing the message with others.

He is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Jamie and Frank Sciascia, Tucson, AZ.

HELEN CRAINE

Helen Louise Craine, 75, of Hill City died Friday, December 16, 2016 at Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Private services with burial in Macville Cemetery will be held at a later date.

She was born February 13, 1941 in Monroe, Michigan to Lando and Harriet (Gross) Mentel. She married Dennis Craine on June 20, 1980 in Sisseton, South Dakota. She worked in food services and enjoyed gardening, crocheting, cooking, and baking.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis of Hill City; children: Robert (Lisa) Samuelson of

Hill City; Tina (Dave) Johnson of Woodbury; Maureen (Jim) Eggebraaten of Cloquet; Shawn Samuelson of Hill City; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister: Joyce (Joe) Goetz of Milan, MI; brother: Kenny (Joann) Mentel of Monroe, MI; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Don Mentel.

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 — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; Sunday Morning Service 9:30

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

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, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 10:30.

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

Deerwood — St. Joseph's, 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 a.m.; Sat. 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

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. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sun. 11:15 am.

McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:45 am

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; Sacrament 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

Aitkin — The Journey North; 810 2nd Street NW, Aitkin; 9 & 10:30 am (218) 824-5617 thejournynorth.com

Baxter — The Journey North; 6785 Woida Road, Baxter; Sat. 5 pm Sun 9, 10:30 & 11:45 am (218) 824-5617 thejournynorth.com

Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005

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-denominational), Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 11; 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 — 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 Kerry Johnston; 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.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC

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

LUTHERAN

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

Aitkin — First* Pastors Darrell Pedersen & Bob Munneke; worship Sun., 8:15 am and 10 am; Sunday School 9:45 am; Wed. 5:30 pm; Sat., 5 p.m.; communion every Sat.

and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd and 5th Sun; nursery staffed; Sunday service broadcast live on KKK (94.3FM) at 10 am and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 am, Wed; community meal every Mon. and Thurs., 5 p.m.; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each month, 9:30 am - 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 Inglewood 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.pobpxter.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, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study at 9, Worship 10, Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study.

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.lchurch.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 (LCSM, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9

Breezy Point* — Eagles Nest, Pastor Jonathan Lemaster, 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct.

Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

Crosby — Immanuel (LCSM, 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 Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15.

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), Rev. Tom Peterson. 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.

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

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; 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; handicap accessible.

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

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 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 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. Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed — 10:15 am. 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

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.

Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Mishtry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake — Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship Memorial Day-Labor Day at 9:30; Worship September to May at 10:15; Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:14444 Daggert Pine Rd. 218-692-4769

OBITUARIES

DARLYNE LARSON



Darlyne Rae Larson, 74, of Crosby died on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

Funeral services was on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born on February 4, 1942 in Grand Forks, ND to Raymond and Muriel (Torgeson) Craft. She married Ronald Larson on November 30, 1963 in Crosby. She was the former owner and operator of the Crosby Dry Goods and Crafts, and a former teller and customer

service representative at the Unity Bank in Crosby, the Deerwood Bank and Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union in Crosby. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby and former Social Ministry Director for the church.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald; son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Suzanne Larson, Nisswa; daughter, Terri Larson, Crosby; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Maxine Craft, Maple Grove; sisters: Beverly Glomski, Deerwood and Sharon Holtzleicher, Cuyuna; She was preceded in death by her parents.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

IRENE BRIGHT



Irene C. Bright, 77, of Aitkin died Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 11 a.m. from First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. Rick Perry officiating. Visitation will be Monday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home with a prayer service led by Rev. Sandy Berg Holte at 7 p.m. and also one-hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Saron Cemetery in the spring.

She was born March 12, 1939 in Minneapolis to George and Justine (Kerests) Corba. She grew up and attended schools in North Minneapolis and graduated from North High School in 1956. She then attended St. Cloud State University and graduated with her B.S. degree in Math Education in 1959. She took a job for one year teaching math in the McGregor High School. She then met her husband, Richard, and one year turned into 35 years. When she retired in 1994, she was the school librarian and head of the media center. During those years she went back to school and received her master's degree in media, again at St. Cloud State University. She married Richard E. Bright on June 25, 1960 in Minneapolis.

They have made their home in Kimberly for all of these years. She was a member of the Kimberly Church, had served as the Kimberly Township clerk for 28 years. She had served on the Minnesota Association of Townships and traveled training township officers throughout the state of Minnesota. She owned and operated the Patchwork Fabric Shop in Aitkin for a number of years. Following her retirement she worked at the Stamp Cottage in Crosby of seven years and the worked for the Office shop in Aitkin for 8 years. She was a member of the Red Hat Club, ADK teacher's sorority, volunteered at the Riverwood Health Care Center, served on the Aitkin County Board of Adjustment and she was always busy with other community activities.

She is survived by her husband Richard Bright, Aitkin; children and spouses: John (Rebecca) Bright, Iron; Christine (Dwight) Bright Marwede, Aitkin; James Bright, of Aitkin; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters: Mary Ann Lisk, Minnetonka and Dorothy Johnson, Fridley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter in law Rebecca, brothers in law: Arnie Johnson and Earl "Jack" Lisk.

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

RICHARD COOK, SR.



Richard R. Cook, Sr., 84, of Palisade died Thursday, December 15, 2016 at the Grand Itasca Hospital in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at the Fleming United Methodist Church with Diane Brennan officiating. Military honors were provided by the Palisade and Aitkin VFW's, the Aitkin DAV and the Aitkin American Legion posts. Burial will be in the spring at Pine Grove Cemetery near Palisade.

He was born at home on June 2, 1932 in Waukenabo Township of Aitkin County to Robert and Louise (Schroeder) Cook. He grew up and attended the Hassman School. He then worked on a farm for a time before enlisting in the U.S. Army on September 29, 1949. After his basic training, he was sent to Japan for a short time as the Korean War started while he was enroute to Japan. He was deployed to Korea with the 1st Calvary Division in June of 1950. He was seriously wounded in combat on September 8, 1950. He was eventually evacuated to Japan and then to a hospital in Denver, Colorado for his rehabilitation. He was discharged in June of 1951. Richard was a recipient of the Purple Heart. Upon his discharge he returned to the Aitkin area and worked for a time and then attended

Dunwoody Institute where he learned wood-working. He married Rosemary Thorne on May 1, 1955 in Crosby. They lived in Minneapolis and Richard worked for Anderson Windows. They returned to Palisade in 1962, where they operated a Dairy Farm. He operated that until he retired from farming in 1985. Richard kept himself busy after selling the farm by driving truck, cutting grass for Rutgers, working for wild rice growers and the cranberry farms, Hegman Construction and Kent Cummings. He was a member of the Palisade VFW, the Aitkin American Legion, the DAV and AMVETS. He enjoyed fishing, especially ice fishing. In his younger days he made beautiful furniture. He had served as a fire warden for Hebron Township for many years. He was a member of the Fleming United Methodist Church and also the Purple Heart Society.

He is survived by his children: Richard (Sheryl) Cook of Machesney Park, Ill., Steven (Becca Person) Cook of Aitkin, Randall (Cheryl Hannah) Cook of Aitkin; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, brothers: Robert Lowell Cook of Richfield, William Cook of Aitkin and sister, Anna Schultz of New Richland.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Rosemary in 2000; daughter, Heidi in 2007 and sister, Marjorie Marovilli.

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

READER RIBBETS

Setting the record straight in Crosby

I am writing this letter to clarify to Mr. Ryan that it is I who provides the free coffee to customers.

And as for Mr. Shaw, he has donated several cans of coffee here and has more intelligence and integrity than you'll ever have.

And if I recall, you used to

"hang out" at the store and verbally bash the people you are currently friends with.

We all know you enjoy being loathed, as you have said so many times here. So why pick on people that write positive things about people they like? It doesn't serve any purpose except to let people know how

miserable you must be within yourself.

I feel sorry for you. Nobody wants to hear you verbally bashing others and making people feel bad about what they wrote. Keep your opinions to yourself.

Candice Clayton, Crosby

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give you a heads up on this."

Gottsch said, "Did the council know you offered him the job before you even talked to me?"

Aulie said, "Yes, that was discussed in our closed session."

Gottsch said, "The council has total decision making on hiring and firing. What ever the decision is, I will live with it."

Leonard made a motion to hire Damien Stalker, as full -time officer for Deerwood and Ironton Police Departments. Council Member Eric Ostrowski seconded and the motion was passed with Taylor voting against it. Council Member Jeremy Millsop was absent and Mayor Aulie voted in favor of the hiring. So the vote was three to one.

Other matters

The council set the final levy at \$537,374.38. The levy is set be the city and comes from the county through real estate taxes. A reduction in the increase of the preliminary levy from 5.39% to 4.6%. The council approved the final budget at \$582,767.38. An approximate increase of 5% from 2016.

The Council of Catholic Women at St. Joseph's Catholic Church requested to add two handicapped parking spaces in front of the church. The council approved designating two handicapped parking and a no parking area in front of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Leonard made a motion to accept the resignation of Amy Vukelich Deputy Clerk with "thanks". Vukelich has been a part-time employee of Deerwood and also for the City of Garrison. Garrison had offered her more hours so she submitted her resignation to Deerwood.

Mayor Aulie said, "He has asked Jeff to come with some options." Turk indicated he would have several options for the council in January. The council approved the resignation with regret and thanks.

After some discussion about earning interest on a large CD until they needed the funds to pay for a big equipment purchase, Turk indicated they still had available funds in the general fund to help pay for the purchase.

Leonard made a motion to allow Clerk Turk to keep the money in the CD as long as he deems responsible. There was some concern about the CD interfering with qualifying for rural development funds. Turk indicated that shouldn't be a problem. The council approved this action.

The next Deerwood Council meeting will be held on Wednesday January 4 at 6 p.m., because of the New Years Holiday.

Mayor Mike Aulie indicated they would be moving to a closed session of the council for an unstated reason. He also indicated no action would be taken at this meeting.

In a follow-up emailed inquiry to Clerk Jeff Turk concerning the closed meeting, Turk responded, "The meeting was closed pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13d.05 Subdivision 3 to evaluate performance of Police Chief Harry Gottsch."

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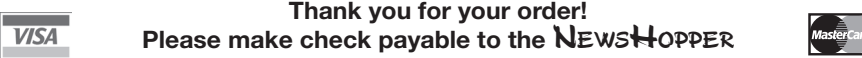
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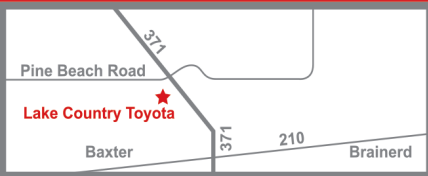


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