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## New City of Crosby Mayor worries library is in jeopardy



City of Crosby Council will soon decide if releasing Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library, located on 101 - 1st St SE in Crosby, to Kitchigami Regional Library System is a good and prudent move.

The new City of Crosby Mayor Jim Hunter feels that there are many issues that the City of Crosby will be facing, but none as critical as the future of the Jesse F. Hallett Memorial Library (JFHML) in Crosby.

After meeting with the JFHML board, Hunter felt that he needed to let the public know what is going on, because JFHML needs the community's support.

According to Hunter, it seems the relationship between the City of Crosby Council and members of the Hallett Trust Board has soured after years of litigation between the City of Crosby and JFHML.

The City of Crosby was in litigation with JFHML, because of a dispute over who was in charge of the library. The city felt JFHML

was under control of the City of Crosby Council and the JFHML Board felt that, because of its public library status, statute dictated that the library was to be run by the JFHML Board.

During the litigation, the City of Crosby Council used JFHML funds of \$5,700 to pay for the city's legal representation against the library. In contrast, JFHML received legal representation pro bono (without charge) from Mark Severson and Kevin Egan.

In 2013, the court issued a writ of mandamus against the City of Crosby, compelling the City to stop removing funds from the JFHML account. To date, the \$5,700 has not been refunded.

Hunter said he spoke to Crow Wing County Commissioner Doug Houge about

the funding problem of JFHML.

Hunter said that Houge told him the Crow Wing County Board will not give any funds at all to JFHML. JFHML must join the Kitchigami Regional Library System (KRLS). KRLS is a consolidated regional public library serving Beltrami, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard and Wadena counties.

As a public library, JFHML was allowed to apply for acceptance to the KRLS; and in 2016 the City of Crosby Council agreed to hand over JFHML to become a part of KRLS.

"The problem with that is this, [the Crow Wing County Board], want[s] KRLS to be in complete control of the funds," said Hunter.

Hunter said that he was told that the \$500,000 that is set aside for library funding through the Crow Wing County Board would go to KRLS, which then would distribute the funds as they see fit.

Currently, Brainerd Public Library (BPL) is part of KRLS. Pequot Lakes Community

Library and Crosslake Area Library are affiliates under BPL branch control. Currently, Pequot Lakes Community Library and Crosslake Area Library each receive \$5,000 per year from BPL to buy books.

JFHML currently operates on a budget of approximately \$220,000 per year. Hunter is worried that if KRLS accepts JFHML into their system, JFHML will not have enough money to operate, at its current level of service, which includes story hours, summer reading programs, author talks, e-books and more.

"Having a library in Crosby is important to our community," said Hunter. "And it is more than having access to books. Over 400 people get their taxes done for free at the library."

If JFHML is accepted into KRLS, the building and land will still be owned by the City of Crosby. The books and inventory will be owned by KRLS. In addition to become part of the KRLS system, the barcoding of 43,000 volumes at JFHML must be changed for a one time cost of \$96,000.

"The Hallett Trust has done

so much for our communiti," he said. "Thirty-nine years ago, Mr. Hallett built this library, as a living memorial to his wife, Jesse. He did this to preserve, for eternity, the memory of woman that he loved; and I don't want to see us lose it."

Hunter said he appreciates all the support the Hallett Foundation has given to the community of Crosby including funds for the library, community center and mountain bike trails.

He said that he has been told the Hallett Foundation will continue to support the JFHML, whether or not the KRLS Board approves the 2016 City of Crosby Council decision to become a member of KRLS. However, he is unsure, if giving up control of JFHML to a library system without any safeguards in place to protect JFHML or Crosby in the future, is a wise and prudent move.

Hunter said another option is to levy Crow Wing County for \$4,000 a year to access all of the books and services of KRLS at JFHML, without becoming a full member of KRLS.

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# CWD found in two more deer; five-county feeding ban in southern MN

Two more deer suspected of being infected with chronic wasting disease have been found near Preston in Fillmore County, which is southeast of Rochester. Fillmore County is on the Minnesota/ Iowa border.

The DNR received preliminary results of the positive tests late on Friday, January 6. Final results confirming the two suspected cases are expected later this week. The two adult female deer were killed within a mile of the first two positive deer.

This latest discovery will prompt the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to consider removing more deer to better assess the disease's prevalence.

"We won't make any final decisions until after January 15 when the special hunt concludes," said Lou Cornicelli,

DNR wildlife research manager. "But with the discovery of an infected deer five miles north of Preston and these two new presumptive positive deer, it's prudent that we increase our original surveillance goal of sampling 900 adult deer."

A higher surveillance goal also results in more potentially infected deer being removed from the population, which helps to reduce CWD's spread.

Confirmation of the new cases would bring the total number of current CWD-positive deer to five. Until now, the only other wild deer with the disease found in Minnesota was harvested near Pine Island in 2010.

Through January 7, hunters killed about 575 deer in southeastern Minnesota's disease management zone. Test results have been received for 272 of 430 samples, which include

the two new discoveries.

Additional efforts to address CWD are in full swing in the 371-square mile disease management area centered around Preston.

The DNR began a series of meetings with landowners to issue deer shooting permits that become effective Monday, January 16; a five-county deer feeding ban is in place; and an aerial survey to determine deer population and density in the area now is complete.

"Our best chance at containing the spread of CWD and hopefully eliminating the disease is to take quick and aggressive action," Cornicelli said. "Asking landowners and hunters to reduce the deer population helps minimize the spread of disease. Fewer

deer means less deer-to-deer contact occurs, lowering the risk of sick deer transmitting CWD to healthy deer."

Results of the aerial deer population survey estimate that there are 11,600 deer in an area that includes the disease management zone and an area to the north where the third CWD-positive deer was discovered. Population estimates show a higher density of animals within a 12 square-mile radius of the site near Preston where the first CWD-positive deer was discovered.

"The aerial survey tells us where deer are as well as where they are more likely to congregate," Cornicelli said. "Knowing that helps us determine, if more deer need to be removed in certain areas to

better reduce potential spread of the disease."

So far, the DNR has issued about 115 landowner shooting permits. The permits become effective Monday, January 16, the day after the special hunt concludes. They allow landowners and their designees to shoot deer on their property so DNR hopefully can reach its disease sampling goal.

A ban prohibiting the feeding of wild deer in a larger area that includes all of Fillmore, Houston, Mower, Olmsted and Winona counties is in effect as part of the DNR's comprehensive long-term disease management strategy.

"The purpose of the ban is to reduce the potential for the disease to spread from deer-to-deer by reducing the number

of deer concentration sites," Cornicelli said. "The disease can spread from one deer to another following nose-to-nose contact, contact with saliva or other body fluids. By eliminating deer feeding sites where that easily can occur, we reduce potential for the disease to spread."

The deer feeding ban makes it illegal to place or have food capable of attracting wild deer. This includes salt/mineral blocks and deer attractants. People who feed birds or small mammals must do so in a manner that precludes access to deer or place the food at least six feet above ground level.

"We recognize that people enjoy feeding wildlife," Cornicelli said. "Those who do so must place the feed so deer can't access it."

Food placed as a result of normal agricultural practices is generally exempted from this rule. But cattle operators should take steps that minimize contact between deer and cattle.

CWD is a fatal brain disease to deer, elk and moose but is not known to affect human health. Prior to the five recent discoveries, the only other wild deer with the disease found in Minnesota was harvested near Pine Island in 2010.

For more information, including a map of the disease management zone, locations of infected deer, landowner information, special deer hunt information, deer feeding ban, common questions and answers and hunter information, visit the DNR's CWD webpage at [www.mndnr.gov/cwd](http://www.mndnr.gov/cwd).

## Mugg's top snowmobile pitstop



SnowGoer Magazine has named Mugg's of Mille Lacs to its list of 101 Top Snowmobile Pitstops in America.

The article, which appears in the February 2017 issue of SnowGoer (on newsstands now), features great trailside pitstops that were nominated by snowmobile industry insiders and by the magazine's 55,000 readers. It aims to highlight a fun and interesting aspect of snowmobiling—the

rustic, mostly independent and well-located bars and restaurants where snowmobilers can stop in, get a warm meal and enjoy some hospitality in a snowmobile-friendly environment.

More the 170 nominations were received, and the list was whittled down to 101 truly great establishments that cater to snowmobilers.

The Mugg's nomination reads, "Located on the south end of Mille Lacs Lake and just off the legendary Soo Line Trail, they've got some great food in an always friendly atmosphere. The owner is a true enthusiast who hosts snowmobile-centered events."

"We are thrilled to be on the list!" said Rob Dubbs, owner of Mugg's. "SnowGoer

is a well-respected authority on snowmobiling. Their readers go where they recommend. We hope that many of them will come the Mille Lacs, discover our beautiful and well maintained trail system, stay in our resorts and spend a saddle bag full of money in many of the area pitstops".



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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. 218-9271383.

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

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

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

Food Shelf (Aitkin) 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 (Aitkin) 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) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm

Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

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 Immanuel 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**

13th - Palisade Assembly of God Family Fun Night at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome for a fun free night of bingo, prizes, popcorn and pop.

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. in Isle, MN. 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.

19th - Northern Lights Wine Club Wine Tasting at the Beanery Cafe in the Butler Building - Downtown Aitkin at 6:30 pm

19th - 21st - Annual Antique Snowmobile Rendezvous, Pequot Lakes includes trailride, show, races, swap meet. Hosted by the Pequot Brush Pilots Snowmobile Club.

21st - Benefit for Theresa Dehning, Tae Kwon Do Master, with cancer. Spaghetti dinner for \$7 with entertainment and silent auction, 6 p.m. at Harbor Inn in Garrison.

27th - Dueling Planos 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.

29th - Annual Lumberjack Jaunt Northland Arboretum, 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd

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# OBITUARIES

## ROSCOE ANDERSON



Roscoe Anton Anderson, 90, of Outing died on Monday, January 2, 2017 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Outing. Burial was in the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Emily with full military honors given by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443 of Ironton.

He was born on July 12, 1926 in Minneapolis to Anton and Esther (Peterson) Anderson. Roscoe was a WWII Navy veteran serving on the USS Saratoga. He married Jeanne O'Brien

on May 24, 1962 in Osseo. He was a retired Warehouseman at United Hardware with 40 years of service.

Roscoe is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jeanne; sons a daughter-in-law: Michael and Cathryn Anderson, Milaca and Rocky Anderson, Eden Prairie; daughters, and sons-in-law: Julie and Greg Jacobs, Andover; Colette and Mark Wosmek, Ramsey; and Antoinette and Matt Grife, Cheyenne, WY; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Sterling Anderson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

## DAROLD WINN



Darold LeRoy "Dick" Winn, 80, of Irondale Township died on Friday, January 6, 2017 at his home.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2017 at Lifespring Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Friday.

He was born in Irondale Township on September 13, 1936 to Harold and Sylvia (Tatro) Winn. Dick married Marilyn Barker on July 21, 1956 in Crosby. He was a former employee of Scorpion with 15 years

of service and a retired Crow Wing County Land Department employee with 10 years of service. He was known by many for his love of horses.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; sons and daughter-in-law: Gerald Winn, Ironton and Ronald and Elisa Winn, Brainerd; daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Joe Stumvoll, Rochester; two sisters, Dolores Peterson, Crosby and Judith Alcox of Ironton; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Yvonne Collins and Avis Nelson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

## IRENE LONG



Irene E. Long, 99, of Onamia, formerly of Isle, died Saturday, January 7, 2017 at the Mille Lacs Health System in Onamia.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 12, 2017 at Bethesda Lutheran Church at Malmo with Rev. Terry Frovik and Rev. Paul Mattson officiating. Burial was in the Lakeside Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the Bethesda Lutheran Church at Malmo.

She was born May 11, 1917 in Lakeside Township of Aitkin County to Carl "Charles" and Ida (Larson) Burman. She attended schools in Lakeside and Malmo Townships. At a young age, she needed to help support the family by baby sitting and cleaning for families, even working for a time in a logging camp. She also worked for a family in Atwater, MN and later on she worked in Minneapolis managing the produce Department for a grocery store before returning to the Malmo area. She married Gottfred Long on December 1, 1945 at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Malmo. They lived in North Dakota for a time and then returned to Minnesota where they operated Fred Burman's Lunch Counter on Mille Lacs Lake. In 1950, they bought a farm in Lakeside Township and operated that until 1986 when Gottfred became ill and unable to work. After Gottfred died, Irene lived on the farm for several years before moving to the

Isle View Apartments. In 2012, she moved to the Assisted Living Center in Onamia and most recently transferred to the Long Term Care unit at the Mille Lacs Health System. She was very involved with her church, teaching Sunday school, bible school, and was an active member of the Ladies Aid. Later she started the card ministry at the church and when her eyesight got bad she started the phone calling ministry. She was an avid gardener, and always had beautiful flowers, which she shared with the church. She was involved in the Ladies Community Club. She also worked as cook for the Lakeside Township School. She served as a 4-H leader for many years. She enjoyed doing crafts especially painting, crocheting and embroidering. In her later years, Irene found time for her favorite pastime, fishing and she proved to everyone she could catch big fish. She was instrumental in getting the Irene Long Bill passed which allowed free fishing licenses for those 90 years and older. With her fishing notoriety she appeared on the *Jason Davis Show* and also had a numerous articles published about her in the *Muskie Magazine* along with other publications.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law: Gary and Jeanne Long, Lavonia, MI; Steven Long and Mary Kramer, Isle, MN; daughter and son-in-law: Ellory Christianson and Bill Michaelis, Onamia; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Ernest Burman, Aitkin; sister: Loretta Weiss, Norwalk, CA;

and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gottfred Long; son: Duane Long; brothers: Earl and Clarence Burman and sister, Anna Jacobson.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

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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

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9 and 10:30, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)

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 am.; 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.ihmstemilys.org](http://www.ihmstemilys.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 am.; 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

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, [visittolifespring.com](http://visittolifespring.com)

Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email [thelogchurch@crosslake.net](mailto:thelogchurch@crosslake.net)

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

Malmo — 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 KKKIN (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](http://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](http://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, 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.llchur.org](http://www.llchur.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](http://www.trinitybrainerd.org) Email: [trinity@trinitybrainerd.org](mailto:trinity@trinitybrainerd.org)

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, 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 (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](http://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](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org).

Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaa; 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.

Malmo — 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; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Irondale 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 Daggett Pine Rd. 218-692-4769

# OBITUARIES

## ARTIS ORJALA



Artis Orjala, 91, of Aitkin died Monday, January 2, 2017 at Golden Horizons Assisted Living in Aitkin.

Funeral service were held Monday, January 9, 2017 at United Methodist Church in Aitkin with Reverend Larry Foote officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Aitkin. Memorials are preferred to Heartland Animal Rescue Team "HART" in Brainerd.

She was born August 5, 1925 in Newcastle, Wyoming to Oscar and Ruby (Kvenberg) Hoelz. She grew up in Aitkin and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1943. During the war, she worked in Washington, DC for the U.S. Army Signal Corps. She married Carl Orjala April 30, 1947 in Aitkin, at the United Methodist Church where they were lifelong members. They made their home in East Lake until 1953 when they moved to their farm on the Mississippi River northeast of Aitkin. She was an avid gardener and nature photographer and enjoyed exploring the woods and fields near her home with her camera in hand. Her

greatest joy was feeding wild birds, which she photographed while seated at her kitchen table, telephoto lens pointed out the open window. With a group of friends, she formed the Aitkin Camera Club, which met for monthly slide shows for decades.

She is survived by her daughter, Janet Orjala of Portland, OR; daughter and son-in-law Ellen and Keith Dobbins of Chanhassen, MN; son Thomas Orjala and his partner Aurora Hill of Coeur d'Alene, ID; son and daughter-in-law Todd Orjala and Krista Herbstrith of Northfield, MN; brother and sister-in-law Joel and Phyllis Hoelz of Aitkin; eight grandchildren: Christine, Teuvo, Kailas, Ellis, Lindsey, Evan, Griffin, and Cooper, and three great grandchildren: Sydney, Owen, and Jude.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl on January 10, 2009; her son Timothy on October 22, 1968; her parents Oscar and Ruby Hoelz; her sister Lois Westling; and her brother Murray Hoelz.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## CAROLANN HESCH



Carolann Hesch, 77, of Crosby died on November 28, 2016 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A private family service is being planned at a later date.

She was born on November 2, 1939 in St. Cloud to Mathias and Eileen (Muyres) Hesch. Carolann graduated from Pequot Lakes High School. She became certified as a Psychiatric Technician and worked for several years at Brainerd State Hospital. She was compassionate for children from broken homes and became a foster parent for many disadvantaged children. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby and found joy participating in the choir. She was also a member

of the National Society of Catholic Foresters, St. Mary's Court 854, the Myrin-James American Legion Auxiliary, and the Cuyuna Range Women's Club. She enjoyed volunteering at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center. She was the family's prayer warrior and daily brought her family before the throne in prayer. She had beautiful and bountiful gardens, was an amazing cook, and loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by daughters, Laurie and Steve Peterson, Manhattan Beach and Melody Harris, Maple Plain; mother, Eileen Paulson, Sauk Rapids; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Preceding Carolann in death were her father and one sister, Beverly LaCoursiere.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

## ROBERT JOHNSON



Robert B. Johnson, 88, of Aitkin died Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade with Reverend William Sass officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Military honors will be accorded by Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86 and Aitkin VFW Roberts-Glad Post #1727.

He was born August 21, 1928 in Minneapolis to Arthur B. and Irene (Christianson) Johnson. He graduated from Anoka High School and served in the U.S. Navy. He married Dorothy M. Skeie on January 3, 1951 in Minneapolis. He was part owner of

Alfred Nielsen Beauty Salon in Edina. He was a member of the Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86 and Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, gardening, playing cards and the Minnesota Vikings.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Aitkin; son and daughter-in-law: Randy B. and Maria Johnson, Aitkin; daughter, Stephanie Marie Whitton, Big Fork; two grandchildren; many nieces; nephews; other relatives; friends and his dog, Mitzie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and one brother.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## AUGUSTA GERMOLUS



Augusta W. "Gustie" (Johannessohn) Germolus, 96, of Crosby died on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Ada Cemetery in Ada, MN on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Lutheran Island Camp, 45011 230th St., Henning, MN 56551.

She was born on December 2, 1920 at the family farm in Borup, MN to Carl and August (Scherf) Johannessohn. She was baptized February 13, 1921 and confirmed June 18, 1933 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Ada, MN. She attended school in Borup and Moorhead

State Teachers College. She taught in rural schools in Norman County, at Isle, MN; at Mount Calvary Lutheran School in Bloomington; and Central Lutheran School in St. Paul. Gustie married Gustav Germolus on July 16, 1950 in Ada, MN. They resided on the farm at Borup until 1968, when they moved to Deerwood. She enjoyed being a homemaker, gardening, flowers and sewing. She was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Crosby; a Sunday-School teacher, organist and part of the ladies aid.

She is survived by her brother, Norval Johannessohn of Ft Wayne, ID; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Gustie in death are her parents; her husband in 1993 and three brothers: Leo, Carl and Clarence.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

# City of Crosby Council meeting

At the January 9 meeting of the Crosby City Council, committee appointments for the City of Crosby were ready by Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova.

The council approved the following appointments: Mayor Jim Hunter and Councilmember Jim Goshey were appointed to Park and Recreation, Councilmembers Jim Traylor and Ron Prushek were appointed to Finance, Councilmembers Goshey and Paul Heglund were appointed to the Cemetery, Traylor and Heglund were appointed to Public Works, Prushek was appointed to Library, Hunter and Heglund were appointed to the Community Center, Traylor and Goshey were appointed to Police Advisory, Traylor and Prushek were appointed to the Planning and Zoning, Traylor and Heglund were appointed to Personnel, Goshey and Buzz Neprud were appointed to Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District, Prushek and Goshey were appointed to both the Fire Relief Association and Economic Development, and Traylor and Heglund were appointed to a newly created Refuse Committee. Ron Prushek was appointed Acting Mayor.

The decision for appointing a City Attorney was left for future consideration attorney firms that have applied.

Council approved the licenses for Cuyuna Brewery

- Nick Huisinga including ON/OFF Sale Brewer Taproom License and ON/OFF Sale Sunday Brewer Taproom License.

Mayor Hunter asked for clarification about the OFF Sale on Sunday was allowed and Sova confirmed under this license Sunday OFF Sale was allowed. Council approved the temporary On Sale Liquor License Cuyuna Brewery effective February 4, 2017 for the Whiteout event. The event will be a combined effort between Brewery and the Spalding House and required a special State License to be allowed.

The council approved the Whitetails Chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association.

Brian Blom addressed the council concerning the application for allowing Lawful Gambling exempt permit for a raffle on April 1 at the Hallett Center.

Council approved the special event and use for the boat landing request from the Cuyuna Chamber - Jessica Holmwig for the 13th Annual Fishing Ice Contest and Scorpion Homecoming on Sat. Feb 4 from noon - 3 p.m., including a \$2,000 donation to the marketing of the event.

The Council approved a list of dates for the years 2017 events for the cook shack to be reserved and fee waived

for the Chambers use.

Council approved the request for proposal for the City Attorney.

Council approved amended a prior motion by adding the NewsHopper, as an official publication for the City of Crosby.

### Fire Department report

Crosby Fire Chief Jay DeCent report since their last meeting they had three calls a mutual aid call in Brainerd, vehicle accident on Co. Rd. 12 and a fire alarm at Hallett Cottages. DeCent said in 2016 there were 56 calls compared to 2015 with 46 calls.

Mayor Hunter informed DeCent that he was responding to a letter from Crow Wing County about a Wolford Township contract they would like to see extended. The current contract was good through March.

Hunter spoke with someone at Wolford Town Hall and Hunter said, "we had to have a 30 day notice before that." Hunter indicated he wanted the request sent by registered mail to the clerk.

### Hallett Community Center

Hallett Community Center General Manager Amber Moon informed the audience they have their annual membership drive going on now, trying to help everyone with their New Year's resolution.

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The next KRLS Board meeting will be held at the KRLS Headquarters in Pine River on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. At that meeting, the KRLS Board will vote to accept the budget, if they do that JFHML will be accepted as part of KRLS.

Hunter would like input from the community on the future of JFHML.

The City of Crosby Council will then vote to approve the membership of JFHML into KRLS during the next City of Crosby Council meeting on Monday, January 23 at 6 p.m. Crosby City Hall.

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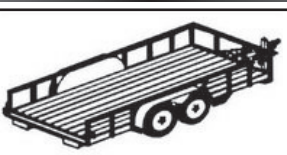
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tions. The Council approved accepting a donation of 100 LED light bulbs for the pool area.

**Library report**

Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library Head Librarian Peggi Beeres gave a report on the Library. Jingle Books raised over \$16,600 to help defray the book budget for 2017. Story Hour 2016 was held 38 times with a total attendance of 1,893. This popular early literacy program was recently awarded a \$500 grant from the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative for programming to be offered in 2017. IU2U (It's Up to YOU!) will focus on tweens (ages 8-12) during 2017. A new make and do creative zone called JUNCTION 101 will open in March at the Library. Hot Reads began on January 3, 2017. In the first 2 days, over 20 adult readers signed up. And at the meeting it was indicated there were 40 so far. There is traditionally approx. 60+ participants. This popular program is sponsored by the JFHML Friends. Some stats for 2016 include 26,329 people walked through the doors of the Library. With over 36,774 books, e-books, audiobooks, DVDs and magazines checked out. 5,800 people used on of the nine computer lab PC's available in the Le Connection area. JFHML offers eight i-pads for in-house usage, two laptops and two DELL tablets for teens in the Curbside area and two Leap Pads for preschoolers. One thousand and eighty-five new materials were entered into the computer catalog system and 3,206 were deleted from that system.

Beeres said the library strives to keep current, up-to-date resources and provide the latest in fiction and non-fiction reading materials. Included in the collection are all genres for all ages. She said the JFHML houses 43,000 volumes in the library (this statistic includes all formats i.e. books, Large Print, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, etc.)

2,600 e-book titles are now available for downloading through the Overdrive App. This collection is made possible with contributions from the \$36,750 Technology and Literacy grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation (received in 2012), a partnership with C-I School District #182, and continued support from the Friends Foundation and funds raised during the annual Jingle Books campaign. In 2016, 3,775 e-books were downloaded and enjoyed! Subscriptions to 108 periodicals are on hand and eight local, state and national newspapers are enjoyed by patrons daily. Over 400, were assisted with their taxes by on-site Tax Help provided by AARP and RSVP. This program will be offered again beginning February 1. She said appointments are required and those interested should call the library at 218-546-8005 to schedule. She said that this year starts the 39th year of service for the library. There is a meeting about JFHML joining the Kitchigami Regional Library System on Thursday, January 19 at 6 p.m. in the city of Pine River. Everyone is invited to this meeting.

Mayor Hunter said he would like public input prior to that meeting.

**Police Department report**

Police Lieutenant Kevin Randolph requested approval of Resolution 2017-03-0109 agreement between State of MN joint powers and the City of Crosby. Randolph clarified it as being two separate, but related agreements to allow access to criminal and court data from the State of Minnesota. Council approved the Resolution.

Mayor Hunter asked the Lieutenant about the police car that was parked outside. Randolph explained the status of the 2003 Police car that self combusted this past summer. He said they were reviewing the best financial option between turning in an insurance

claim or just sell it "as is".

**Public works**

Mayor Hunter brought up the topic of the street sweeper needing major repairs. Hunter asked Sovo to check with somebody at the city garage if they were going to fix it - what it would cost to fix it before summer comes.

Heglund indicated he was on the Public Works committee and he would go find out the status of the sweeper.

With the retirement of Steve Perpich as Public Works Foreman on Tuesday, January 10, Mayor Hunter asked Sovo what the posting procedure.

Sova said it would go the Personnel Committee for review of the job description. They would make changes that are appropriate. Then the description would be run by the Human Resources Attorney. The council would then be asked for permission to post the position. Hunter asked the Personnel Committee to get that done as soon as they can.

Council approved giving check signing authority to Mayor Hunter.

**Office closed**

Sova reminded everyone that the city offices will be closed on Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King Day.

**Perpich retirement party**

There will be a celebration at City Hall council chambers for Steve Perpich retiring Public Works Foreman on Thursday, January 19 from 2-4 p.m.

Mayor Hunter brought up the topic of city insurance, if it should be up for bids every two years. Hunter asked Sovo to check to see if it needed to be bid and let the council know by the next meeting.

**Desk and cabinet for mayor**

Mayor Hunter requested a work space to keep his paperwork organized in a locked file cabinet at City Hall. He estimated he would probably be there around five hours per week.

Heglund said he wasn't in favor of the new office at City Hall. According to Heglund,

he worked for Crosby for over 40 years and during that time, none of Crosby mayors needed an office. Heglund suggested, if Hunter would get an office, it could be in the License Center Building.

Crosby resident, John Radinovich, felt the Police Department or Cemetery private meeting area were a higher priority. Another option would be get a locking file cabinet and desk and put it in the council chambers.

Heglund said he felt having Mayor Hunter's office at City Hall was a conflict of interest.

"I am talking about keeping the material that I have confidential and in a place where it would easily accessible," said Hunter.

Hunter said he was not concerned about having a space or office that could accommodate confidential meetings.

"I can have a meeting basically anywhere, with anybody at anytime," he said. "I am just more concerned about a place to keep things organized... and if something happens to me tomorrow, it would still be here in city hall, it wouldn't be at my house."

City of Tromald Mayor Jim Hiller said "I can remember when Joanne (former mayor) used to come in and she had her arms full of stuff at every meeting. I can see where you'd want something to keep your stuff here. I felt sorry for her..."

Former Crosby Mayor Lattery said, "I also have a locked file cabinet at home. I brought what I needed for that meeting."

After some discussion, Traylor motioned to allow Hunter to establish an open air office in the council chambers. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Goshey indicated he would like to see a plan and agreement for use of the space before he would agree to it.

Lattery suggested Hunter get a couple of locked file cabinets and put them in the council chambers and use the table

that is already there.

**Department study**

Hunter would like permission from the council to conduct a study of all city departments. Hunter explained he would like to look at the departments staffing, then bring it to a professional firm for further review.

Traylor said, "Shouldn't the Mayor be able to talk to the Department Heads?"

Goshey said, "I don't think you need permission for that."

Hunter said, "Well, I've already got in trouble for talking, so [ I thought] maybe I'd ask permission this time and the council would be okay with it."

Lattery said, "So you don't want to look at personnel files?"

Hunter responded, "No." Hunter indicated most people don't know how many actual man hours are involved in running the different departments of the city. Hunter was interested in cross-training programs for City Street Crew employees.

Former Councilman Dusty Paul asked about the Water Plant license training as a backup person. Heglund indicated he has been saying for two years they should have some backups trained for the

water plant.

Water treatment license test are in March. Sovo was instructed to contact the three employees that had signed up and remind them to take the test, if they are still interested.

Mayor of Tromald Jim Hiller indicated they were looking for someone to replace their licensed water person and would probably consider sharing somebody with Crosby.

Sova suggested she would look into a firm and do a study to review and recommend department improvements including cross training.

**Can you hear me now?**

Again, John Radinovich indicated he would like to see the microphones get fixed, so the audience could hear better.

Hunter suggested they get wireless clip-on microphones and improve meeting enhancements for the hearing impaired.

Goshey (an electrician by trade) indicated he would look into it.

**Lighting**

Police Lieutenant Randolph indicated he would amend the camera proposal for the park and impound lot cameras was discussed to include improved crosswalk lighting and call it a public safety proposal.

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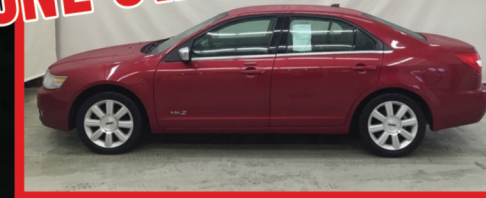
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