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New Life Church buys 33 acres near Aitkin for new building Meanwhile, the congregation is expanding and thriving in a former Lutheran church building



Pastors John Baker and Larry Burg of Aitkin's New Life Alliance Church are excited to expand to new property. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ
After seven years meeting as a small congregation and three years in its present Lutheran Church building, the New Life Alliance Church of Aitkin bought 33 acres near town on which to build a new church.

The land is located on the northwest corner of Highways 47 and 12, about a mile east of Highway 169. About 10 acres are on higher ground that would be available for development, according to Pastor Larry Burg.

Depending on how well the fundraising goes, the property would be developed in the next few years, probably not earlier than the spring of 2018, Burg said. There has been discussion of a first phase that might be a multi-use building that would be used for Sunday services and Wednesday night youth group. "We'd probably be moving around chairs a lot in Phase I," noted Burg.

Burg, who has served as a missionary in Africa and notes that this area is known for

plain but adequate buildings, envisions the new church to be functional but not fancy.

"If money were no object, I still would think that a functional church facility would be our priority. Look around Aitkin and it's pretty clear that gaudiness isn't a priority. Churches, businesses, government facilities are usually nice buildings, but not lavish. Years ago, I remember reading about a church that spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on a pipe organ and over a million dollars for a church spire. That might fit southern California or some of the richer suburbs of the Twin Cities, but it doesn't fit the mindset of Aitkin. I think the majority of our population here would come to the conclusion that that kind of money could be better spent helping people in need locally or in disadvantaged parts of our world. I think the better priority for us would be to provide an atmosphere where the next generation of students and kids feel welcomed and

loved. Hopefully, we'll be able to do that no matter how the finances work out."

About Aitkin's New Life Alliance Church

New Life Church began meeting in 2010 when some like-minded Christians felt like there was a need for another Bible-centered church in the community. Nancy and Larry Burg were asked to become the first pastoral couple in the summer of 2011.

"After meeting in the Aitkin High School choir room for about three years, we were approached by some of the leadership of the Bethel Lutheran Church. At that time, the future of their church fellowship was uncertain and they asked if we had any interest in using their facility. We felt it was clearly an answer to prayer as we had recently started to consider how long we should continue meeting at the high school. We held a joint worship service with Bethel Lutheran on the last Sunday of 2013 and had our first worship time in their building in January of 2014. We continue to lease the building from the Lutheran Brethren denomination, who have been very easy to work with."

The pastors and congregation

With an emphasis on Christian principles and families with children, the Wednesday night Elevate Youth program is a big part of the ministry at the church. Also, the congregation is a blend of former Lutheran Brethren Church members, people from other denomi-

nations and new members of the community in Aitkin and McGregor. Therefore, the Sunday morning services at 10:15 a.m. are a little more traditional, while the Sunday evening services at 5:30 p.m. feature a Christian band that plays their music loud and a casual atmosphere where blue jeans are most welcome attire. Sunday School is also held on Sunday mornings.

"Having grown up in a pretty conservative church, and having spent many years as a younger pastor wearing a suit and tie, I enjoy the casual atmosphere of wearing jeans on Sunday evenings," observed Burg.

The two pastors

In addition to Burg, John Baker leads the youth ministry.

Burg fills in about the backgrounds of the two pastors:

"My wife and I graduated from Crown College in St. Bonifacius, and I went on to finish a Master's degree in Theology at Bethel University in 1989. We spent nearly six years leading what is now Pointway Church in Baxter, followed by about 14 years serving as missionaries in the small West African country of Burkina Faso. When our time in Africa was coming to an end, we began to consider what ministry doors God might open for us and we landed in Aitkin afterwards.

"We asked John Baker to come on staff as Student Ministries Pastor in the fall of 2014, on a part-time basis. John received his bachelor's degree from Crown College and has served as the Main-

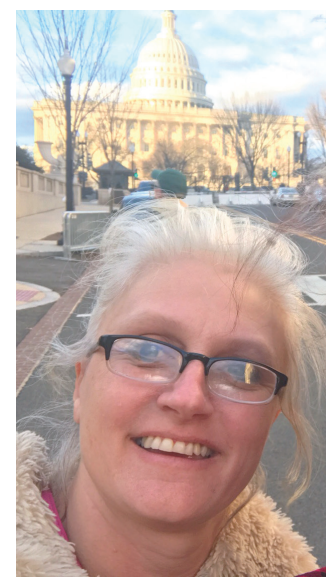
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Forster at inauguration



Billie Jo Forster, of Aitkin, arrived in Washington D.C. on January 18 for the inauguration Donald Trump, our 45th president, on Friday, January 20.

Making the trip to Washington D.C. for Inauguration Day has been something Forster has wanted to do since she attended Republican National Convention this summer, where she was a volunteer.

"I started applying for inauguration tickets to every

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Cuyuna Brewing opening soon



Cuyuna Brewing in downtown Crosby will launch their craft brewery business with a soft opening from noon to 11 p.m. on January 27 and 28. A few of its signature brews

will be on tap, as well as root beer and Italian sodas. Regular business hours will begin Friday, February 2. Their hours will be Thursdays 7 to 10 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays

noon to 11 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. Cuyuna Brewing welcomes families, and according to the Cuyuna Lake Chamber, patrons can bring in their own food!



New Crosby bike cafe now open

Red Raven Bike Cafe, located at Crosby's busiest intersection, on the corner of Highway 210 and 6, is the area's newest place to enjoy something to drink and eat.

The cafe offers caffeinated beverages as well as beer/wine, paninis and soup. You can also get your ride fixed in its bicycle shop. Winter hours for the bike cafe are

Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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tenance Director at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor for many years. He and his wife, Kim, have a love for students and work with other adults leading Elevate, our Wednesday evening youth group. Each week, about 40 students from

Aitkin and McGregor spend nearly three hours together worshipping, studying God's Word, playing great games, and enjoying snacks. One of the favorite times of my week is to be in my office on Wednesday afternoons as the

student worship band comes to prepare for their worship time. High school life and culture is pretty challenging, but these students know that God is the most solid foundation for their lives. Many of the kids say it's the highlight of their week. John and our other leaders are doing a great job with the students -- it's one of the best things going

at New Life." While the congregation continues to lease the small church located next to the Aitkin City Park, plans for a new location for the church have been discussed since its inception.

"I think we've been keeping our eyes open for a permanent location for New Life pretty much from the first year that the

church existed. Presently, our Building/Property Committee consists of Paul Anderson, Tom Veenker, Jared Lundgren, Duane Ganz, Roger Aker and Bryan Johnson. Over the years, we've actively considered as many as 10 different possibilities, ranging from existing buildings to acreages around town. So many of them seemed to hold promise for us, but we never had a strong enough sense to recommend any of the options to our membership. We felt that the minimum amount of space that we wanted would be about five-to-seven acres -- enough space for a church facility, parking, and space for student/children's ministry activities outdoors. Proximity to

the town of Aitkin was a priority for us, and of course the price needed to be reasonable. The fall of 2015 was when we first considered the parcel that we ended up purchasing. Other possibilities at the time caused us to put it on a back burner, but in the fall of 2016 we felt the price was right and that it would fit our future needs as well as anything that we had considered."

Whether building begins sooner or later, the New Life Alliance Church has breathed new life into an old church and brought together a community of believers from the Aitkin and McGregor areas who feel at home wherever their congregation worships.

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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 pm.

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

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 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 and other local charities.

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

February

2nd- 4th - Crosslake 14th Annual WinterFest

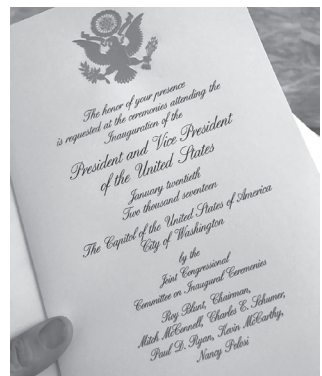
11th - Norah Rendell and the Lost Forty to perform at Aitkin Library at 1 p.m. The trio features Live Ireland's "Best Irish Vocalist of 2011 and 2012," Canadian singer and flutist Norah Rendell, with multi-instrumentalists Brian Miller and Randy Gosa.

Forster at inauguration | Continued from Page 1

person in government that I could think of," she wrote in a text. "[I found] out that senators would be the ones who were able to give me the tickets, I so eagerly sought. So here I am two days before in D.C. Picking up the tickets and making myself familiar with the city. Security is getting tight and excitement is building both by demonstrators and supporters alike."

Forster calls for unity and understanding, "as we cross into somewhat of an un-

known. I have gotten to see this full circle for me and am excited to bring back to Aitkin my experience."



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OBITUARIES

CECIL BROTHERTON



Cecil "Sid" Brotherton, 81, died Monday, January 9, 2017, at his home on Long Lake near Aitkin, from cancer.



A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. Rick Perry and Rev. Sandy Berg Holte officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at a later date. Military honors will be provided by the Aitkin VFW and American Legion Posts.

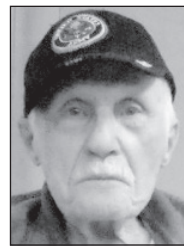
Sid was born Jan. 23, 1935, in Modale, Iowa, to Pauline and Corbett Brotherton. They moved to Dunlap, Iowa in 1940 and then to Bemidji, Northern Township, in 1944. In 1945, he moved 10 miles north of Bemidji, where his parents owned a repair shop and resort on Little Turtle Lake. He graduated from Bemidji High School in 1952. He worked as a welder in Bemidji and also worked in the mines at Keewatin. He entered the U.S. Army in October of 1954 and served until October of 1956. He attended eight weeks of wheel vehicle mechanics school and then 10 weeks of track vehicle mechanics. He served the remaining tour at Ellsworth Air Force Base where he achieved the rank of SP 3rd Class. His duties were acting motor sergeant for C

Company and battalion welder. He married Jean Saddler June 24, 1956, at Puposky. They lived in Rapids City, S.D. until October 1956, when they moved to Minneapolis. He started working for Northern Ordinance Inc. in December of 1956 as a detailer and draftsman and other various duties in the test department. He tested ordinance equipment such as Navy ship mounted guns and missile launchers. Sid attended night school of engineering at the University of Minnesota. He then went to work at Northern Pump and in 1963 he went to work at Timesavers Inc., in Crystal. During his years there, he worked as a designer, project engineer, senior project engineer, engineering manager and an assistant chief engineer. He retired in 1995; and they moved to Long Lake near Aitkin, where they built their retirement home. He had many hobbies, which included making honey as a bee keeper, tapping trees and making maple syrup, cutting trees and making his own lumber on his sawmill, wood-working and hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Debbie (Emmy) Yates; son, Mitch (Jan) Brotherton; grandchildren: E.J. (Kristy), Brenden and Chelsea (Chris); and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

MARCO LUBOVICH



Marco Michael Lubovich, 92, of Crosby died on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.



No services are being held. A private burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

He was born on June 26, 1924 in Crosby to Mike and Anna (Raijc) Lubovich. He was a WWII Army veteran. Marco was a retired heavy equipment operator for Pittsburgh Pacific and took

part in projects in Greenland, Alaska, Africa and Vietnam. After living in Chisholm for 43 years, Marco returned to Ironton in 2013 to be with family.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Vernon "Bunny" and Lucille Lubovich, Auburn, CA; sister, Margaret Burton, Brainerd; nieces; nephews and Josephine's family. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Josephine; brothers, Robert and Peter Lubovich; four sisters: Kathryn "Dolly" Martin, Mildred O'Neil, Elizabeth Peterson and Pauline Dandrea.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

JOSEPH VNUK



Joseph F. Vnuk, 80, McGregor, died on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at J.A. Wedum Residential Hospice in Brooklyn Park.

Memorial service was held Thursday, January 19 at Strike Funeral Home – Isanti Chapel.



He was born July 13, 1936 in International Falls to Joseph A. and Clara (Piekarski) Vnuk.

He attended Our Lady of Victory Catholic School and Patrick Henry High School in North Minneapolis. He served his country as a Marine during the Korean Conflict. While he was in the service, on June 11, 1955, he married Lois Kluck and they lived in Brooklyn Center. They made their home in numerous cities, most recently in McGregor, until living with his daughter, Michelle, the

last six months in Cedar. He was an entrepreneur and was talented in many areas. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, gardening and yard work. He was a very social person and loved entertaining and cooking for family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lois; children: James Vnuk (Jill Koivisto), Lynn Eklund (Jeff Vorbeck), Cathy (Terry) Pierce, and Michelle (Barry) Blesi; sister, Barbara Ehnes; nine grandchildren: Melissa, Brandon, Alisha, Travis, Andy, Alex, Briana, Corey and Beth; 11 great-grandchildren: Max, Lincoln, Kaylee, Dominic, Brittney, Ben, Aiden, Zaiden, Gracelyn, Isaac and Jordan; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings: Florence, Clarence, Lavern, Dorothy and Pat.

Arrangements were with the Strike Funeral Home – Isanti Chapel.

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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

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Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; Sunday Morning Service 9:30
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Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

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Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9 and 10:30, thejourneynorth.com
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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.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; Sacramento Mtg. 10, SS 11,10 Priesthood/Relief Society noon

COMMUNITY
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959
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 thelolgchurch@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
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.pobpaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church- AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, 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 (LCCM, 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 (LCCM, 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. 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; handicapped 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.
Rossburg — 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.

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

PRESBYTERIAN
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McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

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Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9
Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Fleming—(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10
McGregor—(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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Former mayor addresses library issue

Mayor Hunter stated at the council meeting held January 9 that he wrote an article for the NewsHopper and encouraged everyone to read it. I could not find an article with his byline, but there was an article titled "New City of Crosby Mayor worries library is in jeopardy". I found some statements incorrect as well as misleading and would like to address them.

It is stated in the second paragraph Mayor Hunter met with the JFHML board and felt he needed to let the public know what is going on, because JFHML needs community support. I find it interesting the mayor met with the board, but did not meet with those involved from the city to find out why, what, where the city stood. Issues need to be approached with an open mind and a willingness to listen to the full story, not just one side. The residents deserve that much. So, allow me to share the information the mayor has neglected to consider.

The city was sued by the JFHML Board because the board wanted the city to give part-time librarians a \$3 raise. The city denied the request in 2012 because the library already had a budget shortfall and was depending on donations to meet expenses. To widen that gap would be a poor business decision. Additionally, a salary survey of like positions in our area showed the pay was within the range. With a new council in place in 2013, JFHML returned to the council with the same request and was again denied. What needs to be remembered here is JFHML is a department of the city and library employees are city employees.

The article states the relationship between the City of Crosby Council and the members of our benefactor's board has soured after years of litigation between the City of Crosby and JFHML. This is so far from the truth. The City of Crosby has maintained an excellent working relationship with our benefactors'. They have been kept apprised of every meeting and are fully aware of the city's position. The city has diligently maintained a respectful relationship and remains grateful for the generosity of the benefactors.

It is stated in the article the city took funds from the JFHML account of \$5,700 to pay legal fees associated with the JFHML Board lawsuit. This is appropriate accounting of expenses. If not for the library, the city would not have incurred these expenses. In the interest of full disclosure, the residents of Crosby funded an additional \$25,000 related to the lawsuit brought by the library. This is money that was spent not by the choosing of the city but because of a decision made by

the library.

The article addresses Pequot Lakes Community Library and Crosslake Area Library which are affiliates under BPL (Brainerd Public Library?) control. Yes, they get \$5,000 a year to buy books. That is taken from a fund that was setup to assist by Crow Wing County to add new libraries to the regional library system. When the \$200,000.00 +/- is gone, it is not replenished..... it will be gone.

I am concerned at the statement Mayor Hunter made regarding giving up "control" of JFHML to Kitchigami Regional Library System (KRLS). The city still has much to say about how the library is run, regarding hours, employees etc. A rough estimate of what it would cost to run JFHML Library yearly by KRLS is \$163,000 to \$173,000, with the same hours and programs as are run now. That is a saving of \$40,000 to \$60,000 every year to Crosby.

Because JFHML is not part of the regional library system, it is unable to obtain state funding for things the regional library system qualifies for. To break it down, Crosby residents' state tax dollars are used to fund library services such as communication fees for libraries statewide, but not our own library.

There are only three libraries in the state of Minnesota that do not belong to a regional library system and JFHML is one of them. Our library is great, as are libraries statewide. The City of Crosby's residents and children are the only ones in Crow Wing County that cannot use the KRLS library system without buying a library card. Deerwood, Ironton, Cuyuna, Emily, etc. can use both

libraries at no charge. Does that sound fair? The City of Crosby residents are paying a percentage of their taxes to support JFHML while anyone can use JFHML at no cost to them. The surrounding cities, townships etc. do not levy property taxes for JFHML.

Joining KRLS is nothing but positive. When our children come home from school or from college and need to work on a paper, the material needed to write the study, report or paper is not available at JFHML. One college student said what was available to them was out dated. We are a small library with limited books. By joining KRLS there will be a vast array of books, e-books and periodicals available to them while at home or at school. KRLS changes out computers every three to four years, has a large inventory of books as well as e-books. Residents of Crosby deserve the same as all cities/townships in Crow Wing County. Reading can be relaxing, educational and informative. I have always enjoyed reading. I can escape to another city, state or country or another field of work or understand the workings of things. Mr. Hallett did create the library in loving memory of his wife and if you talk to those who knew them, you also know he wanted another avenue for children to learn work ethics and to earn money for college by working at the library.

Joining KRLS would open a whole new world of opportunity for the residents and children of the City of Crosby.

Joanna Lattery Crosby
[Former Mayor of the City of Crosby]

Hallett Memorial Library future

During a phone interview with City of Crosby Mayor Jim Hunter on January 18, about the future of Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library (JFHML), Hunter said on January 19 the Kitchigami Regional Library System (KRLS) will present a proposed budget at a meeting in Pine River.

Once that budget is approved by KRLS the Crosby City Council will have an opportunity to review that budget. The decision by the Crosby City Council about the future of JFHML could come at the Crosby City Council meeting on Monday, January 23.

Hunter said there is another option to be considered.

JFHML could subscribe to the KRLS services for a levy

amount of \$4,000 per year. If that option is chosen, Hunter said, the existing JFHML books would not need to be re-barcode to subscribe to KRLS, but JFHML could still use the resources of the Kitchigami system.

Hunter said he had 161 phone calls since December 29 about City of Crosby issues and about 40 percent were related to the future of the library. Only one of those calls was in favor of joining the Kitchigami system.

Hunter went on to say the decision to switch to Kitchigami or keep it the same rests with the City of Crosby Council.

Hunter is inviting residents to attend the next City of Crosby Council meeting on

Monday, January 23 at 6 p.m. to voice their opinions. Or residents may contact Hunter or the City of Crosby Council Members directly:

- Mayor Jim Hunter - email james.hunter@cityofcrosby.com, phone 218-820-9170
- Councilman Jim Goshey - email jim.goshey@cityofcrosby.com, phone 218-546-7265
- Councilman Paul Heglund - email paul.heglund@cityofcrosby.com, phone 218-546-6744
- Councilman Ron Prushek - email ron.prushek@cityofcrosby.com, phone 218-839-6070
- Councilman Jim Traylor - email jim.traylor@cityofcrosby.com, phone 218-546-6502

Correction/ clarification:

In the Crosby City Council article published in the January 14, 2017 issue of the NewsHopper, Jim Hiller was incorrectly identified as the Mayor of Trommald. Hiller is no longer the current mayor of the City of Trommald and should have been referred to as the former mayor in the article. The NewsHopper staff regrets the error.

Hoge pleads guilty to lesser charge

Kristy Hoge, 24, Aitkin, pled guilty to one charge of fifth-degree criminal sexual conduct, a gross misdemeanor, during a settlement conference held January 10.

Hoge had been charged in March and April of 2016 with two counts of third degree Felony Criminal Sexual Conduct – Position of Authority and two counts of fourth degree Felony Criminal Sexual Conduct – Victim 16-17 – Position of Authority.

According to Aitkin County Attorney Jim Ratz, by Hoge pleading guilty to the lesser charge, the four other charges

would be dismissed.

According to the criminal complaint, the charges were a result of Hoge being in a relationship with a student, while an assistant varsity coach at

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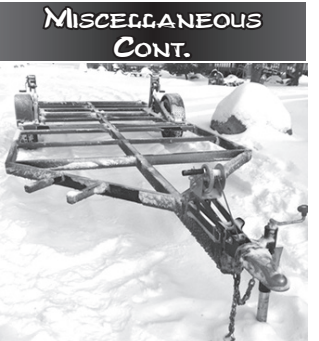
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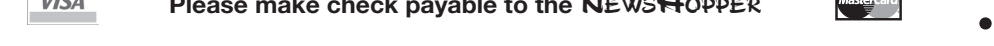
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Minnesota Land Trust Program Manager, Pat Collins noted, "Tullibee need year-round cold water. This lake already had other land protection in the watershed so this private land conservation filled in an important missing piece of the protection puzzle."

And so, Bob's dream of wilderness and solitude will continue on for future generations.

This permanent conservation easement was made possible thanks to Bob and Ginny Haddorff and funding provided by the Outdoor Heritage Fund via the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation and in partnership with the members of the Minnesota Land Trust.

The Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF) is a regional 501(c)3 non-profit committed to preserving and protecting the quality of the pristine lakes, rivers, and streams; healthy forests; and critical fish and wildlife habitats of the Leech Lake Watershed and surrounding counties in North Central



Bob Ginny Haddorff's property along with 2 1/2 miles of shoreline on Little Whitefish Lake is protected forever.

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Bob Haddorff developed a passion for wilderness and solitude after visiting the Boundary Waters Canoe Area during his youth. As adults, Bob and his wife, Ginny sought to renew this passion. In 1998, they purchased a cabin on Little Whitefish Lake in Crow Wing County, since then acquired another 200 adjoining acres.

They learned from the DNR that their land contains "sensitive shoreline," which describes a unique and disappearing habitat that is crucial habitat for fish, wildlife, and native plants. They also learned that altering their shoreline, such as replacing the forest and native grasses with turf grass and riprap, would destroy that important habitat.

The Haddorffs realized that their land was significant. As they began seeing increasing development in the area, they decided they wanted to

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Fortunately, in 2014 the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF) launched the Clean Water/Critical Habitat Protection Program in collaboration with the Minnesota Land Trust. The program focuses on the protection of forests located in the watersheds of tullibee refuge lakes in north central Minnesota.

The Haddorffs found that their land was a perfect match, and now their property along with 2 1/2 miles of shoreline on Little Whitefish Lake is protected forever.

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3 REMAINING STARTING FROM \$17,633!

2009 MAZDA 6 SPORT



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VALUE PACKAGE, CRUISE CONTROL, FULL POWER EQUIPMENT, GREAT MPG'S

LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$6,998

2012 TOYOTA CAMRY LE



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DEALER MAINTAINED, AUTOMATIC, AUX INPUT

LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$9,987

2012 CHRYSLER 200 TOURING



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ALLOY WHEELS, BRAND NEW TIRES

LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

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2008 BUICK ENCLAVE CXL



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AWD, NAVIGATION, DUAL MOONROOF, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, REMOTE START

LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$11,998

2014 FORD FOCUS SE



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NAVIGATION, LEATHER HEATED SEATS, ALL WEATHER MATS, BLACKED OUT WHEELS, 19K MILES

LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$12,987

2013 HYUNDAI SANTA FE GLS



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AWD, HEATED SEATS, POWER DRIVERS SEAT, ALLOY WHEELS, 3RD ROW SEAT

LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$19,998

2014 CHEVY EQUINOX LT



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AWD, POWER DRIVERS SEAT, BACKUP CAMERA, REMOTE START, 1-OWNER ONLY, 41K MILES

LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$17,998

2011 CHEVY TAHOE LTZ



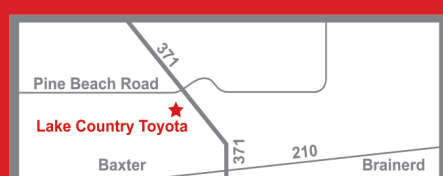
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NAVIGATION, MOONROOF, DVD, LEATHER HEATED SEATS, BLIND SPOT MONITOR

LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE

\$26,998

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