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## Crosby watershed decisions on rain gardens and library issue

At the beginning of the City of Crosby Council on February 13 meeting Mayor Jim Hunter brought up a topic of providing a meeting information packet to the NewsHopper.

Hunter said, "The Crosby Courier gets a packet. The NewsHopper was requesting they get a packet. I don't see a problem with that."

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo responded, "Let me explain, the Courier is the official newspaper of the city, therefore they get a packet. We have a packet available here for review; where it's always available for review. Or if someone wants it, they have to put in a data request. Then that falls under our data request policy, where they are charged for it, if they want a copy. We do not provide copies to alternate newspapers. If they want to look at the packet it is always available here at city hall. If they want a copy then a data request would be appropriate."

Hunter asked, "Eric does that seem okay to you?"

NewsHopper reporter Eric Heglund responded, "I'm at your mercy."

The NewsHopper was not

allowed to receive a separate information packet, either by physical hard copies or digital via email, for City of Crosby Council meetings., unless they pay for it.

At the public comments portion of the meeting, Crosby resident John Radinovich said, "You guys abolished the rental ordinance. I guess I'm here to ask a couple of things. What's your master plan? Is it going to be status quo like it's been? I've had a problem for eight years."

Councilman Jim Traylor asked if this was related to the garbage issue.

Radinovich replied it was only part of the issue.

Radnovich stated he has been noticing the Police report with more and more Brainerd addresses. He believes this is a sign the renters are leaving Brainerd because of their rental ordinance and moving to Crosby where no rental ordinance exists. When asked about a specific example of problems Radnovich had experienced he talked about a legal fire pit that was burning and smoking all day. Mayor Hunter suggested the ordinance would not prevent this.

Crosby's Chief of Police Kim Coughlin confirmed Radnovich's observation that renters are relocating to Crosby from Brainerd because of Brainerd's rental ordinance.

Hunter asked why were the citations not being observed?

Coughlin responded it was only a city administrative citation and not a state statute citation. And as a result was not a criminal offense.

If the rental ordinance was in place it would give more teeth to the citation and be directed to the property owner.

It remains unclear how one city ordinance would gain more authority (have more teeth) over another city ordinance, since neither are state statutes. And as a result neither would be criminal offenses and would possibly be continued to be ignored. Some questions still remained to be discussed when Building Inspector Scott Sadusky returns in April.

Council approved LED street light conversion on Third Street in Crosby at no cost to replace existing lights. Adding lights would cost an additional monthly charge per light for electricity usage.

Mayor Hunter said there would be eight new lights added to the current ones.

Council approved the County project within Municipal Corporate Limits of Crosby.

The council approved a request from Rene Lind, Savings Hearts Committee, to use city staff and city streets for the 4th Annual Run/Walk for Suicide Prevention on Saturday, October 28.

Hunter indicated that the City has been putting snow on Graphics Packaging property. They have not indicated that is a problem. However, he would like to find a new place for dumping of winter snow that is owned by the city. Hunter asked the council or members of the community to find some options.

Council approved the partial payment for the 2016 Utility Improvement Project No 5, Pratt Affordable Excavation.

### Storm water run-off and rain gardens

Melissa Barrick and Jay Michaels from Crow Wing County Soil and Water Conservation District presented plans for Crosby stormwater improvements.

Michaels said they had started a study in 2015, as part of a grant, for a storm water management plan for the City of Crosby.

He said that there were 17 different projects possible. However, the grant limits the area around Serpent Lake, reducing the number grant qualified projects to three or four.

Michaels said the first project would be a combined bioretention cell (rain garden) along the north side of the ball field in Crosby Memorial Park.

Michaels said there would be larger basin to the west of city hall, some trails and vegetation around the lake. He said here is a new experimental porous paver they could use in place of pavement. The paver would allow water to flow through into the ground.

Michaels said, "Basically how this would work, is the water would come off second it'd hit the pavers. And soaked up through the pavers. And then it would run off into the rain garden area between the street and the ball field." The other option was without the pavers.

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# Waffle breakfast and bake sale

The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota will conduct its 5th annual waffle breakfast and bake sale fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, February 25, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church located at 418 8th Ave NE in Brainerd.

Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat waffles with assorted syrups, strawberries and whipped cream along with sausages, kielbasa, juices

and coffee. Tickets are \$8 for those age 13 and older, \$5 for ages 5-12 and age 5 and under eat free.

The Legacy Chorale consists of 50-70 men and women vocalists of all ages who reside in a wide range of communities within a 30-mile radius of Brainerd. Now in its 15th year the Chorale has presented many concerts in a good share of those same cities. Their mission is "to

ensure the legacy of excellence in choral music in the greater Minnesota area, while enriching, inspiring and renewing the communities in which we live."

The Legacy Chorale's 2017 Spring concert series is scheduled for April 21, 22 and 23 with performances of Johannes Brahms' "Requiem". More information about this event can be found by visiting www.legacychorale.org.

# Bay Lake Lions scholarships

The Bay Lake Area Lions Club is awarding five \$1,000.00 scholarships each to 2017 graduates of Crosby-Ironton and Aitkin High Schools. The scholarships are funded through the club's annual golf tournament held in July.

Scholarships will be awarded to students in their freshman or first year of higher education following acceptance into a fulltime curriculum. Scholarships must be used within one year of being

awarded. Scholarships are awarded based on the applicant's involvement in school and community activities, determination to succeed in a chosen field and the need for financial assistance.

Students interested in the scholarships must submit an application, transcript of high school grades, sealed letters of recommendation from two instructors of the applicant's choice and/or high school counselor, and a 200-word

essay outlining the student's goals and ambitions. Applicants must also be available for an interview with a Bay Lake Area Lions Scholarship committee member.

Applications are available in the high school guidance offices and must be returned to the Bay Lake Area Lions no later than April 1, 2017. Mail applications to Bay Lake Area Lions Charities, PO Box 556, Deerwood, MN 56444. For more information call 218-678-9090.



Alex Clark is an award-winning, edgy comedic juggler who brings his hilarious, family-friendly act to Pequot Lakes Saturday, February 25.

# Comedic juggler and edgy humor

Comedic juggler Alex Clark brings his edgy humor to the Pequot Lakes High School theater Saturday, February 25 for a 7:30 p.m. show in the Greater Lakes

Area Performing Arts season. Tickets are \$14 adults, \$12 seniors (60-up), and \$10 youth (18-under).

For more information call Pequot Lakes Community Education at 218-568-9200. When Alex Clark did his first Arnold Schwarzenegger impression at age 12 his mom was very impressed.

His passion for entertaining was recognized at an early age when he was accepted at Pioneer Valley Performing Arts High School. There he

honed his skills as a comedian and juggler.

Mixing family-friendly and edgy humor together with knife juggling and ladder balancing, Clark keeps audiences at the edge of their seats.

With training from the Groundlings Theater Company, Cirque Du Soleil, and a hippie-run arts high school, Clark creates a show that is entertaining on every level.

Clark has been the honored recipient of two People's Choice Awards and was an official selection of the Los Angeles Comedy Festival.

When not on the road he lives and works in Los Angeles, honing his craft at local comedy clubs and working in the entertainment industry.

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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 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.

**Buddhism-Nichiren** meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.

**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 pub-

lic.

**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.operationminnesotanic.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 infor-

mation, 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.

**February**

18th - Parenting the Love and Logic Way Resource Training & Solutions in Sartell 8:30 am- 4:00 pm to help parents and other adults who interact with children to learn more about raising the odds for teaching their children respect and responsibility, 320-255-3236

18th - "CHURCH OF CASH" Johnny Cash Tribute at 40 Club Convention Center, Aitkin \$10 doors open at 5 pm, show at 7 pm.

20th-Breastfeeding Class, 10 a.m., CRMC Ambulatory Conference Room

21st-Weight Loss Support Group, 6 p.m., Heartwood Senior Living Community

22nd-Memory Loss Support Group, 9:30 a.m., Heartwood Senior Living Community

23rd-Brain Injury Support Group, 6 p.m., CRMC Clinic Conference Room

25th -The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota Waffle Breakfast and Bake Sale 9 am - noon at Bethlehem Lutheran Church located at 418 8th Ave NE, Brainerd. Tickets are \$8 for 13 and older, \$5 for ages 5-12 and age 5 and under eat free. 25th - Jaque Art Center 'It's for the Birds' Opening Reception noon to 3 pm. See bird art and meet the artists

28th-Reflex & Heartburn Seminar, 6 p.m., Maucieri's, Crosslake. Please register at 218-545-2876.

**March**

17th - J.J."DYN-O-MITE" WALKER Comedy Show at 40 Club Convention Center, Aitkin \$25 doors open at 6:30 pm, opening act at 7 pm and headliner at 8 pm

25th - FORTY CLUB BANQUET CENTER'S WEDDING EXPO AND BRIDAL SHOW 2017 10am -3:30 pm \$5 advance purchase and \$6 day of event, Bridal Fashion Show at noon

DAKMART in Aitkin will be closed February 20-25 for remodeling. Also they will not be able to take donations during that time.

## Magic Window Kaleidoscope class



The Magic Window Kaleidoscope class at the Jaques Art Center brought smiles to the faces of the students who participated. A fun introduction into animation, the kids learned to make two pieces of art come to life by sliding a slip sheet back and forth between the top layer of plastic and the bottom layer on illustration board, which they colored. Pictured from left to right are Ellie Hoppe, Parker Tiedeman, MacKenzie Krawchuk, Julian Krawchuk, Elizabeth Morris, Syndee Morris, Sophie Morris and Aaron Morris.

All-You-Can-Eat 5th Annual **Waffle Breakfast & Bake Sale** Saturday, February 25 9 a.m. to noon

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave NE, Brainerd

**Tickets: Ages 13+ \$8, Ages 5-12 \$5 and Under 5 Free**

Breakfast includes waffles with assorted syrups, strawberries & whipped cream, sausage, kielbasa, juices and coffee

All proceeds from this event benefit The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota

Join us at the Spring 2017 Concert Series, "Requiem" by Johannes Brahms with performances on Friday, April 21 Saturday, April 22 & Sunday, April 23

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# OBITUARIES

## CAROLYN SARGENT

Carolyn Ann Sargent, 78, of Crosslake died on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at the Augustana Care Health and Rehabilitation Center in Apple Valley.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Crosslake. Burial will be at the Pinewood Cemetery in Crosslake.

She was born on June 17, 1938 in Minneapolis to Carl and Marie (Mangen) Petersen. Carolyn was a retired Bloomington School District Music Teacher; was a former organist at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Bloomington; and a retired liturgist, organist and choir director at the Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Crosslake.

She is survived by her son, Richard Ness, Victoria; daughter, Colleen, Julia and Bob Lyng, Burnsville; brothers and sisters-in-law: Raymond and Arlene Petersen, Brooklyn Park; Thomas and Judy Petersen, Delano; Fr. Vincent Petersen, Carey, OH; Stephan and Laura Petersen, Elkhart, IN; and Pamela Petersen, Buffalo; and Kevin and Theresa Petersen of Brooklyn Center; sisters and brother-in-law: Mary and Larry Sherbrooke, Otsego; and Cecelia Schulte, Navarre; four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Laurence and Gregory Petersen.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

## NANCY KOODA



Nancy Ann Kooda, 80, of McGregor died on Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

A service of remembrance was held at Grace Lutheran Church near McGregor on Monday, February 13 with Reverend Erika Foss officiated. Memorial contributions can be directed to Grace Lutheran Church or to the American Cancer Society.

She was born to Floyd and Delia Martin in Duluth on Oct. 5, 1936. Having skipped one elementary grade, Nancy completed a four year degree from UMD at the tender age of 20 at a time when post secondary education was far from the norm for women. She taught at McGrath and McGregor High Schools on and off for 37 years. Early in her teaching career she met her lifelong partner, Melvin Kooda. Along with

teaching and starting a family, Mel and Nancy built and ran a poultry farming business for twelve years, Melko Poultry Farm. After retiring from teaching, she became an Enrolled Agent and provided tax and accounting services to hundreds of clients right through to her last day. In addition to helping all she knew in countless ways, Nancy also enjoyed playing cards, golf and an occasional visit to the one-armed bandit.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Melvin Kooda; three children: Karen Kooda (Paul Andersen) of Eagan; David (Kathy) Kooda of Grand Rapids; and Daniel (Wendy) Kooda of Lakeville; six granddaughters; and one great granddaughter.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister, Lois Marczak.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

## DOLORES HAAF



Dolores Elaine Haaf, 75, of Aitkin died Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at her residence.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m on Friday, February 17, 2017 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Reverend David Becker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Aitkin at a later date.

She was born August 3, 1941 in Aitkin to Willmer and Clara (Emch) Knight. She grew up in Aitkin and graduated from Aitkin High School. She worked as an inspection clerk with FMC for 23 years. She was a member

of St. John's Lutheran Church and the ladies aide. She enjoyed going on cruises, fishing, movies, and shopping.

She is survived by her sons: Douglas Haaf, Aitkin and Dean Haaf, Mahtomedi; grandson, Dan Trudeau, Mahtomedi; granddaughter, Lisa Trudeau, Stillwater; three great-granddaughters; sister, Marvel Krizan, Pennsylvania; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter-in-law, Sue Haaf.

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

## ANNA BREEDING



Anna Marie Breeding, 92, of Cambridge formerly of Crosby died on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the Grace Pointe Crossing Gables West Care Center in Cambridge.

Graveside Service is being planned for the spring.

She was born on June 11, 1924 in Waxahachie, TX to Mack and Annie (Mortenson) Godfrey. She was a former resident of Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby. She was

instrumental in starting the Heartwood "Knit Wits" knitting group. She was active with the SPCA in Dallas, TX.

She is survived by her daughters, Joanna (Michael) Lattery of Crosby and Kay (Greg Longerbone) of Cedar; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Paul R. Breeding.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

# Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus Concert at the Edge in Bigfork



The Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus performs at The Edge Center in Bigfork on February 26th 20th at 2:30 PM. Prices \$10 adults, \$5 children.

The Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus (GRAMC) is performing a concert at the Edge Centre in Bigfork on Sunday, February 26 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The Edge Center is attached to and part of the community's school. For more information visit www.the-edge-center.org. Inquiries

can be sent to info@the-edge-center.org or call 218-743-6670.

Even with 60 years of history behind them, the GRAMC is still going strong. Currently they have 38 members. Eileen Grosland is their director and Bonnie Kingas is accompanist. Betty Kauppi was the first director beginning with a chorus of 13

members. First organized working primarily for the local churches, they have had several different names starting with the Arian Male Chorus. Blandin was added to the name when the Blandin company started sponsoring them, and then more simply the Blandin Male chorus. By adding Grand Rapids Area to the name, the group had

a larger area from which to recruit, and the name represented more accurately the area they served.

Each year the typical GRAMC schedule includes a Spring concert, the Big Sing event, where member

groups of the Associated Males Chorus of America get together for a larger celebration, and numerous concerts around this area at retirement homes, churches and special events. The organization is all about men

who love singing. GRAMC's mission is to bring good music and joy to their audiences while providing a place for men to share their love of singing. They practice weekly and they invite like-minded men to join with them.

# OBITUARIES

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**BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Town Board of the Town of Bay Lake will accept sealed bids for Bituminous Reclamation, Class 5, Bituminous Wearing Class 1 Shouldering:

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Specifications obtainable from the Town Attorney: Virginia J. Knudson, 302 South Sixth Street, Brainerd, MN 56401, (Telephone 218-829-1451). Bids must be received by the Town Clerk by 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 11th day of April, 2017. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities. Authorization for the sealed bidding process to be completed by Donald Hales and Virginia Knudson.

Dated: January 13, 2017  
CAROL PUNDT, Clerk  
Town of Bay Lake  
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The Town Board of the Town of Bay Lake will accept sealed bids for road maintenance (May 1, 2017, through April 30, 2020) in the Town of Bay Lake. Proposals will be opened and read publicly at the Bay Lake Town Hall immediately after the hour set for receiving bids.

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Michaels indicated the existing rain gardens to the east (that are no longer working due to a lack of maintenance and have been mowed since they look like weeds) had alot of negative feedback, since they were installed in 2009. He stated they have learned alot, since they installct those rain gardens.

The project had a cost associated with it of \$180,757. The city would be required to either make out a check for 25 percent of the project (\$45,189) or sign a permanent easement for the value of the land.

Michaels said, "When we had discussions on that we found that there was alot of interest in disconnecting a pipe that currently runs underneath the Ferrari's house."

He said that for that project they would use large grit chambers, concrete boxes that have a number of baffles in it, underneath the street. The problem with that is that the system is very expensive and pollutant removal is only 30 - 40 percent removal of suspended solids and associated phosphorus. Another problem with this system is the maintence of removing the collected solids from the baffles on a regular basis.

Michaels said a bigger issue is the cost. It is about a \$260,000 project and the city would need to write a check for the 25 percent (\$65,000) since there wasn't the land to be traded.

Councilman Paul Heglund said, "I don't think we're interested in losing any parking down at the park. We talked about this before. Our park

is real nice and you want to shift things around. When we had the meeting a while ago, with all of us, we decided we didn't want [anything] done with the park. Leave [it] as is." Michaels then talked about the advantages of the pavers over asphalt because of the flow through design water doesn't collect and freeze making pot holes.

Councilman Ron Prushek asked if the pavers would cause a problem with plowing.

Michaels said they have come a long way in improvements on paver design.

Councilman Jim Traylor was concerned about losing angle parking by the ball field.

Clerk/Treasurer Sovo asked for an explanation what committing the land means?

Melissa Barrick responded, "Basically that means you would give up that land in a propetual easement."

Sova asked, "So meaning that [in] future expansion that land could not be touched,"

Barrick responded, "Yes."

Sova asked, "giving that land away?"

Barrick said, "Yeah."

Michaels talked about the Police Department plan to add a garage would conflict with the current concept and one of the rain gardens may need to be moved.

Councilman Traylor asked if the property easement would expire after a period of fiften to 20 year when the rain gardens are expected to be no longer functioning or when technology changes?

Michaels said that was a good question and he would check on that.

Mayor Hunter indicated he

felt they should find out more about the available funds in the city budget, contribution from the Hallett Trust toward the project and information about the sunset of easement.

Heglund asked them "to sharpen their pencil a little bit too" to lower the cost of the projects.

Hallett Community Center

Amber Moon Hallett Community Center General Manager HCC grew by 33 new members in January. With the Hallett Foundation match they brought in \$11,200 that they plan to use to purchase a hamstray throw machine.

Moon requested and the council approved a cost savings measure for their current cardio equipment financing for six months with a \$1 buy-out that would save \$500 per month from the contract they are currently under.

Hunter said the Hallett Community Center has some serious things to be addressed. He said the emergency exit doors for the ice arena will not open, because there is snow in front of them. He also cited a hazaard of electric heaters plugged into the wall of the locker room and a sauna door that is sticking shut. He said some equipment need to be repaired, but he was told by Moon that the center's management company said she could not fix it, because of the liability.

Hunter said there were other issues. The speaker system has exposed wiring. There is a film the window builds up. There are fire issues. Insulation that is exposed, old carpets rolled up in the locker room, mold and rusted through window frames in the pool area.

The management company in Texas, that the city has paid for many years, doesn't see the facility. The management company is paid \$1,500 per month to issue payment to the employees.

Former Mayor Lattery, who was in the audience, suggested the maintenance could be the problem and the management company should deal with the maintenance personnel problem. Lattery gave Mayor Hunter a phone number of a contact to call to try to get some resolution to these problems.

Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library

Peggi Beseres Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library Head Librarian gave the report to the council. She said the Sizzlin' Thursdays in February, continue at the Library, including Author Talk on Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m., with Donna Salli on her newly released book, A Notion of Pelicans.

With help of a \$500 grant from the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative, A Magic Rabbit Show has been scheduled for an upcoming Story Hour on April 5.

Beseres said AARP Tax Help is offered at the JFHML. This service is provided to low and middle income individuals with emphasis on helping seniors. Each year over 400 individuals and families are aided with their imcome and property tax preparation.

Beseres said at 6 p.m. each Tuesday evening in March (March 7,14, 21 and & 28) will feature and hands-on MAKE & DO class geared for ages 8-12 in the NEW Junction 101 area of the Hallett Library. This is made possible

by the IU2U funding and the JFHML Friends Foundation. IU2U (It's Up to YOU!) is the teen mentoring project which was implemented in the spring of 2015.

Mayor Hunter spoke about the letter of commitment from the Hallett Foundation to the JFHML. He indicated the Foundation would com- mit \$100,000 per year for five years, if the library joins Kitchigami Regional Library System. If the library does not join, the commitment would be reduced to \$50,000. At the meeting of the Library Board it was decided that they would need to join Kitchigami as a result. Hunter encourage everyone to enter into this with an open mind.

Bob Novak of the Hallett Library Board said, "Now what is the responsibility of the city to work with the board of Kitchigami? They are looking for the City of Crosby to bring forward a proposed budget. They said it will take about a \$165,000 initially to operate the Crosby Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library. So we have a \$100,000 that will come from the Hallett Trust. in the past the City of Crosby has given \$20,000, so there's a \$45,000 shortfall. And then it would become necessary for us to propose to the Kitchigami Board are we going to give an additional amount from the City of Crosby and other communities? And I'm pretty sure you have been talking to the chairman of the board about will they contribute some money from the Crow Wing County Board?"

Hunter replied, "Yes, and that is a critical factor of whether they are going to

give. In this letter we got from the Hallett Trust, it is stated they are recommending to Kitchigami 13 percent [of the shortfall], which would be approximately \$65,000 in 2018, and \$68,000 in 2019. And the city of Crosby would still contribution would be \$20,000 annually. As I said in the last meeting that we had on this, the city of Crosby is going to be stuck for a shortfall, it does appear. I think we all understand that. We hope it doesn't happen, you know, but it is stated in this letter that she's asking for 13 percent [of the shortfall] from the money that is given to Kitchigami by Crow Wing County."

Hunter noted that the city is responsible for the maintenance, insurance and utilities for the building on top of the shortfall beyond the \$20,000 it contributes. There is a one time cost \$132,000 to convert all the library components to the Kitchigami system. According to Mayor Hunter when he met with the Kitchigami Board they indicated they would help with some of the conversion costs. However, no figure was given.

Hunter said he would work with Clerk/Treasurer to complete the paper work for this transition.

Other

Clerk/Treasurer Sovo presented the organizational study, to determine staffing and department needs at the city, estimated cost at \$6,500 to \$8,000. NJPA will 50 percent, leaving \$3,250 to \$4,000 for the city to pay. Sovo suggested the funds could come out of Economic Development. and the council approved this action.

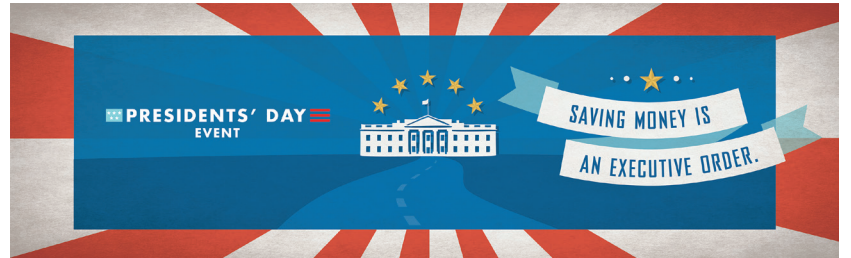
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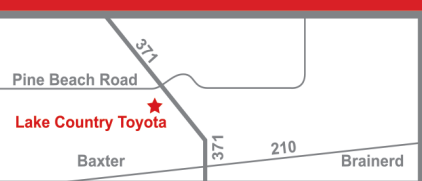


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