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Councilman Helgund calls for Mayor Hunter's resignation

At the City of Crosby Council on March 27, Councilman Paul Helgund read a prepared statement about Mayor Jim Hunter at the beginning of the meeting.

"Well first of all," Helgund said, "I think the Mayor should have at least let somebody know he wasn't coming tonight. And second I think He's given Crosby a real black eye, from what he's done." Helgund concluded, "I think he should resign."

Mayor Jim Hunter was not present at the meeting due to restrictions still imposed from the unresolved hearing that was postponed earlier that day. According to Hunter, the hearing has been postponed until Thursday, April 6, because of an ongoing investigation being conducted by the City of Crosby Police Department, which has seized his cash, bank accounts, and personal and business records.

No one in attendance gave a response or further comment to Helgund's statement. The meeting continued with the public comments portion of the meeting.

Public Comment

Former Mayor Joanna Lattery came forward as a Crosby resident to talk about the fact that Kitchigami Regional Library System (KRLS) had voted to not accept the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library (JFHML) into their system at their last meeting.

"This was not because of anything that the City or JFHML had done wrong,"

Lattery said. "But in my opinion, the City of Brainerd and the Brainerd Public Library were opposed to the possibility it would receive less funds in upcoming years, if the JFHML joined the system. The decision by the KRLS board presents challenges for the City of Crosby and the JFHML. As you are aware, the library is run at a deficit and the [JFHML] Friends Foundation have annually launched a fund raising campaign to make up the shortfall. The City of Crosby received a letter from the Hallett Charitable Trust indicating the amount of funding would be reduced in future years, if the City did not join KRLS. Whether the funding remains the same or is reduced, the library has been running at a shortfall. I therefore recommend the council appoint a temporary library commission of five Crosby residents, who would be charged with reviewing current operations and funding and provide recommendations to the city council on what plans may be [implemented] to continue to serve the community with the same or less funding. I further recommend, this commission be created sooner rather than later, so that it's recommendations can be taken into consideration, when the budget for the 2018 is created. The members of the commission should be Crosby residents, who are not or have not been employed by the library or have served on the library

board. I recommend residents who are passionate about Crosby's future, but who will look at the dilemma at the Library without bias. It's just a recommendation. We don't know what the trustees are going to do. But they did state in a letter to the City of Crosby that they were going to be reducing funding at that time, a certain amount. But we do not know, if they will hold to that. And I think that it would be remiss of the council not to take this into consideration and look at this now rather than later."

Acting Mayor Ron Prushek asked if there was any other public comments.

There was no discussion

or further comments made on Lattery's suggestion at that time. However, later the council talked about the KRLS board denying the application submitted by the City of Crosby to become a signatory city within KRLS and operate the JFHML as a branch of their system. Councilman Jim Goshey said after Thursday's meeting with the Hallett Trustees they might have a clearer picture of what was going to happen. There was some discussion about the proposed library commission idea Lattery had presented earlier in the meeting. However nothing was decided and no action or motion was made.

Utility Improvement Project Financing

To explain financing options for the Third St. SW Utility Improvement Project, Jessica Green of Northland Securities gave the cost breakdown comparison for 10, 12 and 15 year bonding or loan options and effect on residents utility bills. The residents average monthly utility bill increase for 10 year financing is about \$14.73, for 12 year financing is about \$13.00 and 15 year financing is about \$11.00.

Green said the local bank would only be able to offer the 10 year term for financing.

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Heapy tribute to custom car heroes



This all steel vehicle was built by Dennis and Marion Heapy as a tribute to the custom car builders that were Dennis' heroes when he was young: like the Alexander Brothers, Barris Brothers, Joe Bailon, Bill Cushenberry, Bill Hines, Ed Roth, Dave Stuckey, Daryl Starbird and Gene Winfield. This custom vehicle was built from '56, '58, '59 Chevy and '71 Buick Riviera parts. It was built and painted in their garage in Brainerd.

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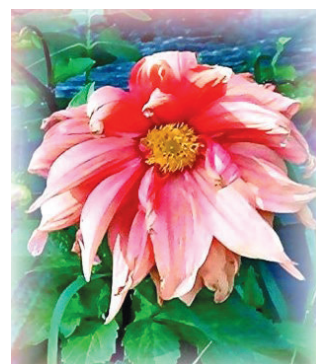
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JAC encourages wall art display

The Jaques Art Center is encouraging businesses to hang original local art to brighten up any bare walls in their establishments. This will help the business enhance the look of their workplace while helping artists get their work noticed. The work may or may not be for sale. All an interested buyer would need to do is contact the Jaques. The art center has connections with many artists who would be delighted to display their art in a public setting. Currently the Jaques arranged for a large watercolor entitled, 'Spring Runoff' be displayed at the Neighborhood Bank. Pictured is Janice Hasselius who won People's Choice award with it at the last juried show themed 'It's a Wondrous World' at the art center. Interested businesses are asked to call the Jaques Art Center at 218-927-2363.

Jaques Art Center Floral Explosion



Just in time for spring, a new exhibit opens at the Jaques on Friday, April 7 entitled 'Floral Explosion - Double Exposure' featuring local twin sisters, Kimberly Heft Cook and Pamela Heft Andell. This photography and fine art will appear just in time to put us all in the mood for warmer weather and flowers. Meet the sisters at the Opening Artist Reception on Saturday, April 8 from noon to 3 p.m. As the JAC walls will be bursting with colorful expressions of floral photographs and paintings, there will also be other artistic subjects that will add a dimension of interest to round out the show.

Yoyo Mamas and a Papa Cellists



The First Congregational Church (UCC), Aitkin featured the Yoyo Mamas and a Papa cellists for an afternoon of beautiful music, scripture readings and silent reflection was along with refreshments downstairs following the program. Cellists (left to right) are LeeVae Hakes, Chuck Schotzko, Mary Anne Bennett, Lynn Foote and Ruth Egstad

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ongoing Events:

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

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am, Friday Night Grape Vine 6:30 pm.

AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.

ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.

Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!

American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m.

Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm "Ask an Attorney," Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 4th Tues. 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 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@mfos.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 p.m. 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 p.m.; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

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

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

location information.

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

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

April


- 1st - Cuyuna Range Whitetail's Banquet at the Hallett Community Center, Crosby. \$50 tickets \$50 includes dinner and membership to MDHA and can be purchased at Coach's in Deerwood or Crosby Bar & Grill. Over 30 guns and bows as well as many door prizes will be awarded.
- 1st - Ironton American Legion Auxiliary Kids Easter Party 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 5th - Cuyuna Lakes Ministerial Association Lenten Worship and Soup Lunch, Life Spring Church of Crosby hosting at Heartwood Senior Living Community, Crosby, noon.
- 5th - Hallett Community Center Annual Chili Cook-Off, Crosby, 11a.m. - 1 p.m. \$4 adults, \$2 kids.
- 5th - 8th - AHS Concert Choir presents the musical "THE ADDAM'S FAMILY" in the AHS auditorium.
- 6th - C-I Junior High Science Fair , 5 p.m. CRMC's Brain Injury and Stroke Support Group, 6-8 p.m.
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- 7th - Sons of Norway Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 meeting 6:30 pm at the IREC Bldg in Isle. Kaldtbord served and the program will be local author Candice Simar speaking on her latest book "Shelter Belts". She will also be signing them. Bring a friend or neighbor. Fun will be had by all! Questions, call Candice at 1-320-983-2886 or Gary at 1-218-927-6557.
- 8th - Ironton Fire Department raffle and ham bingo, 7 p.m. at the Ironton American Legion. Tickets are a donation of \$2 each.
- 9th - Ironton American Legion Auxiliary Belgian Waffle Breakfast, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 11th - Unlimited Learning: Stories the Battlefields Tell by Dr. Vander Hagen, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Heartwood Senior Living Community, non-members \$5.
- 13th - Living Last Supper at Aitkin United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. This Maundy Thursday service will include communion. The Aitkin United Methodist Church Chancel Choir will sing. The public is invited. The church is located at the corner of Hwy 210 (2nd Street NW) and 1st Ave. NW in Aitkin.



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Artists wanted for Arts in the Park



Brainerd Community Action encourages all artists to enter their work into their Arts in the Park event to be held on Sunday, July 2, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the spacious, tree lined grounds of Gregory Park, 424 N 5th Street, Brainerd

Arts In The Park (AIP) is a n arts and crafts event that displays handmade wares that can be purchased. Artists are individually juried into AIP to ensure the highest possible quality of wares. Guests and artists will find some new art elements, as well as some old favorites.

The show will be open to all art mediums. It is important that all artwork be of original design and

produced and displayed by the artist. No copies or kits will be accepted. To be considered, artists are asked to submit four samples of recent work with the name, medium, and size of work clearly labeled by May 12, 2017. The first three samples should be of the individual pieces. The fourth should show an overall view of your display.

The selection jury will choose an unlimited num-

ber of participants by anonymous photo or CD view. Photos or CDs must be of quality, sufficient enough to show your work at its best and be representative of the work to be displayed. All works should be well-conceived, executed without technical faults and show the integrity of the design. We encourage you to carefully select the photos you submit, to show off your finest work at its best. It would be interesting to know what sets you apart from other artists. Artists selected for the 2017 show will be eligible to exhibit at AIP for three years (2017, 2018, 2019). After that, submissions will need to be re-juried.

Cash and medal awards will be given for first and second place in seven categories and Best of Show.

For more information, contact Holly Holm at 218-829-5278 or 218-821-3271.



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Councilman Heglund asked, "If you were sitting up here, in our position. Where would you go?"

Green responded, "I guess I'm not sure how sensitive the rate payers are. I'm not sure what the current rate structure is and how large those monthly payments are. If you feel you have capacity to add more then I would say the more aggressive term and you pay it off sooner. But if you are looking for a more manageable payment, then something longer would be sufficient. Being that you are financing utility improvements, the average useful life is typically pretty long. A 10, 12 or 15 is not uncommon for this type of improvement."

Councilman Jim Traylor said, "I personally think the shorter term would be the best. Because you are going to add another five years and save \$3.73 per month, but you're going to pay another five years too."

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sová said, "I want to remind you all we also have to increase the sewer rate, because of the 30% increase of the sewer rate of the Serpent Lake Sewer District, our bills have gone up. So we haven't adjusted up for that yet and we going to have to adjust up for the refuse, as well. So there will be a few other components that will be going up on the utility bills in addition to this."

It was noted there were no state grant opportunities to help with the improvement. It was decided to have Green put together a cost analysis for the next council meeting.

Sová was instructed to prepare a spreadsheet of the billing rate increases and have them emailed to the council prior to the next meeting. The second payment for the project is due in June. A decision needs to be made, so funds can be available for that payment.

ATV Trail

Following the explanation by Dale Carry, the council approve the support of the ATV trail for the Iron Range Riders. Carry was requesting that the council just provide something showing support in writing to give to the DNR as proof.

Unity Bank ICS Program

Paula Przybillia, Unity Bank, presented information to the council about the Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) program. Through the program the city would earn more in interest each month than it is currently earning.

Przybillia said, "For purpose of illustration they used the city's February balance of \$2,020,004.31 in that month you earned \$387.40 interest. Using the ICS program that interest would be \$1,683.34 which is a difference of \$1295.94 more. There is no cost to the city to be involved

in this program. As a community bank, we want these dollars to be out there working in our community, not only as a taxpayer in the community. The ICS is fully FDIC insured and the money stays working in our community."

She said the funds are fully liquid and would be available any time the city needed them.

Councilman Heglund said, "Well, that almost sounds too good to be true."

Clerk/Treasurer Sová had several questions about investment overlap, insurance, fund availability and automatic transfers.

Przybillia said the ICS program could be set up to operate like the current system, while giving a better earned interest and keeping the money local. She also had a reference for Sová to call and address any questions she might have.

Audit Report

The Audit Report was given by Mary Reedy, CliftonLarson Allen. Reedy indicated the filings have been done already. She talked about the various funds and type of accounting being used for the city. It was noted that Sová provides the information and they just put it in the booklet. It was noted the library had both the revenues and expenditures came in over the budget. And actually came in about \$5,100



MLEC employee recognition awards

Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative (MLEC) held their annual employee recognition program on March 24. MLEC has 45 employees and seven members on the board of directors. Receiving milestone awards for years of service were: Jana Fremling, Energy Services Coordinator; Jay Eide, Lead Lineman; and Daryl Kiewer, Right-of-Way Operator (10 years). Apprentice Lineman Lucas Larson and Board Directors Don Appel and Mike Reem (5 years).

A plaque was also presented to MLEC by National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC) honoring MLEC as a 25 year member and user of NISC software. NISC develops and supports software for electric and telecom distribution cooperatives that provides an integrated approach to accounting, account management, billing, payroll, and outage management.

Rylee Oehrlein benefit for alert dog



There will be a benefit for Rylee Oehrlein at the St. Mathias Park Pavilion, 4548 Co. Rd. 121, Fort Ripley on Saturday, April 8 from 4 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$10 and the event will include

Activities during this benefit include a DJ, 50/50 drawing, quilt raffle, silent auction, live auction, meal and cash bar.

Rylee Oehrlein is a 13 year old, 8th grader at Browerville school. He was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in February, 2011. He struggles daily with his blood sugars. He has had numerous hospital stays, emergency room visits and multiple doctor's appointments. Money is being raised for a diabetic alert dog to help Rylee.

With the help of his alert dog, Rylee will be notified when his levels are high or low. Currently, Rylee's dog is in training in Las Vegas.

When Rylee has a diabetic attack, he puts cotton balls in his mouth, which absorbs his saliva. Those cotton balls are then shipped to Las Vegas where scent training takes place. Although the two haven't met yet, his service dog will be very familiar with Rylee's scents and will be able to help him tremendously. Rylee plans on meeting his dog in May or June - depending on how long it takes her to learn the scents.

If you can't make it to the fundraiser, financial gifts and donations are being accepted at: www.gofundme.com or Rylee Oehrlein, P.O. Box 34, Browerville, MN 56438.

better in the fund balance. The current year fund balance is about \$246,000. And with that a \$150,000 grant comes in December for next years operating expenses. So that is included in the \$246,000 cash fund balance. The Hallett Community Center there was a decrease in charges for services this year compared to last year. About a \$60,000

drop. So the expenses were still higher than the revenues.

Other

Council approve the service contract with the Office Shop for the DMV copier maintenance.

Council approved Exempt Permit Application for a raffle for Cuyuna Regional Medical Center.

Council approved refuse

hauling license renewals April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 for Range Disposal, Garrison Disposal, Nisswa Sanitation, Waste Management and Crosslake Roll Off. Blue Lakes Disposal.

Council approve the purchase of replacement fire exit devices for the Council Chambers from Gull Lake Glass.



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New MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union branch opens in Aitkin

By ANN SCHWARTZ
After a long remodeling process, that included the complete renovation of a building in west Aitkin that was first a funeral home and

then a daycare -- MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union opened a branch in Aitkin on January 17.

This is in addition to branches in Crosby, Alexandria, Baxter, Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, Little Falls, Pequot Lakes, Staples and Twin Valley.

Ashley Warner is the branch manager at both the Aitkin and Crosby sites. She

is joined by three other employees: Assistant Manager Valorie Barglof-Broeckert; Member services specialist/teller Jill Decent and Teller Michele McIntyre.

The grand opening was celebrated in a Business After Hours event on March 16 that had a packed house.

The branch is open Monday through Friday during business hours with the

drive-up window open on Saturdays.

They offer checking and savings accounts, lending, mortgages, business loans and safety deposit boxes

"I moved to Aitkin about a year ago and I'm super-excited to be in the Aitkin Community, said Warner. "And I'm glad the branch was opened in this community too."



Celebrating the opening of a MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union Branch office in Aitkin are: front row: Ashley Warner, branch manager; Valorie Barglof-Broeckert, assistant branch manager; Michele McIntyre, teller and Jill Decent, member services specialist. Back row: Daryl Doucette, vice president of HR; Jonathan LeMieur, vice president of consumer and mortgage lending and Marnie Perfetti-Galston, director of marketing. Ann Schwartz photo

CWC Sheriff cautions people to stay off ice after angler rescued

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office responded to a call at 12:55 p.m. Tuesday of a person who fell through the ice on Hubert Lake, east of Nisswa. It was reported Robert Carlson, 59 Brainerd, was fishing on the lake and fell through the ice. Nisswa Fire Department personnel were able to rescue the fisherman and North Memorial Ambulance transported him to the hospital.

The sheriff's office was also assisted by the Nisswa Police Department.

This is the second rescue

of fisherman who have fallen through the ice the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office has been called to in the past two days. A man fell through the ice Monday on Gladstone

Lake, also near Nisswa.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office is advising everyone that the ice should be considered unsafe for all traffic, including those on foot.

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