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Bob Novak sworn in as newest Crosby council member

At the City of Crosby council meeting on July 10, City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo administered the oath of office to newly appointed Council Member Bob Novak.

Heglund supports Crosby Police Department

Council Member Paul Heglund said he had a couple of things he would like to run by the mayor.

"Well," Heglund said, "what I really don't like is the way our police department is getting bashed from like, Roger Bentley and yourself. About the Chief [Kim Coughlin], the Lieutenant [Kevin Randolph] and all of our other police officers, I think they're doing a real good job and I back them a hundred percent. And for some reason some of these people just think that there not doing their job and I think they're doing their job."

Mayor Hunter thanked him for his opinion.

Heglund asks for Mayor's resignation

Then Heglund said, "And I got one other thing. Now, a couple of months ago you said there was going to be no distractions from you being mayor up here, with all your other personal things going on. Now again, this morning, there was something else in the paper. Is that a distraction or not?"

Hunter replied, "I don't think so."

Heglund then said, "I truly think you should resign immediately."

This statement was met with boos from the audience.

Hunter replied, "You're entitled to your opinion and I



(left to right) Council Member Ron Prushek and Mayor Jim Hunter witness City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo administer the oath of office to newly appointed Council Member Bob Novak at the City of Crosby council meeting on July 10. Novak was appointed to the seat left vacant by the resignation of Jim Goshey.

works committee. Since personnel was more in line with Novak's work experience, Novak and Hunter both agreed Novak should be on the Personnel Committee.

Heglund then inquired if Council Member Jim Traylor who was also on personnel wanted to be on it and Traylor responded that he did. The committee appointment resolution 2017-22-0710 was passed with all recommended changes from Hunter except Heglund was reappointed in place of Novak on the public works committee.

The committee assignments are as follows: Parks and Recreation: Hunter and Novak; Finance: Members Jim Traylor and Ron Prushek; Cemetery: Heglund and Prushek; Public Works: Traylor and Heglund; Library: Novak; Community Center: Hunter and Heglund; Police Advisory: Traylor and Novak; Planning and Zoning: Traylor and Prushek; Personnel:

Traylor and Novak; Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District: Buzz Neprud and Hunter; Fire Relief Association, Hunter and Prushek; Economic Development: Prushek and Heglund and Refuse: Traylor and Heglund.

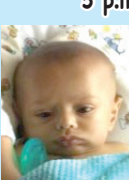
City Engineer: campground

City Engineer Phil Martin asked for council approval for the campground sewer work low bid from Pratt Affordable Excavating of \$103,353.50. The project estimate was \$115,000. The campsite electric pedestals did not need to be raised because of the change in the grade. So the only proposed electric work would be adding electric pedestals to eliminate the need for extension cords for campers to hookup. The estimated cost for adding the electric pedestals is \$6,500 from Moores Electric.

Novak asked how many complaints were there about needing an extension cord were there over the past five years? Novak said his research showed there was one complaint. Mayor Hunter suggested it wasn't about the complaints. He said if we are going to spend \$103,000 on the sewer upgrade, the easier
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Join the fun at Surly Red Dirt Fest Aug. 5 at Morningside Park in Ironton

Surly Red Dirt Fest mountain bike ride will be on Saturday, August 5 at Morning-side Park in Ironton. From daring to dandy, there is something for everyone; and the group rides are a highlight of the Surly Red Dirt Fest. All the rides will commence from and return to Morningside-Park, so that you can keep building on your Red Dirt Fest attitude. Helmets are required and the means no exceptions.

Bike rides

Starting at noon will be Ride 1: Legs of Steel or Ride 2: Green-HornGrind.

At 1 p.m., there will be Ride 3: Boulevard Thru the Bor-

ough or Ride 4:Skilled Sisters Shred Seriously(ladies only)

At 2 p.m., there will be Ride 5: Back-woods Benedic-tion or Ride 6: Virgin Marys (ladies only)

At 3 p.m., there will be Ride 7: Treadin' in the Threads (costume ride) or Ride 8: Average Joes.

At 4 p.m., there will be Ride 9: Gluttons for Punish-ment or Ride 10: Get Over Your Hills.

Sign-up for the rides at www.cuyunalakesmtb.com/reddirtfest.html

Entertainment

The Surly Red Dirt Fest provides a great lineup of bands,

music and entertainment that go all through the day. These bands will be playing on the stage at Morningside Park, meaning you can put down the blanket under the shade of the trees and tap your toes. Since the music is going all day, no matter what you do at the Red Dirt Fest, there will be a soundtrack to everything. Performing are *Highchair Kings, Jud Hailey, The Last Revel, RideMN, The Thirsty River, The Games and Shenanigans.*

Bike games

What is this all about, games on bikes? Get your competi-tion face ready for fun bike



game events. And remember, its never too early to get some friends together and practice. Besides bragging rights, bike event winners will be awarded amazing swag from Surly Brewing and Surly Bikes. For all bike related games helmets are required. Here are a sample of the bike game events .

Log Pull: There is a log, attached to a bike. You have to pull it... a somewhat long distance... there may be fire. Your quads will ache, as you learn why Paul Bunyan kept that stupid blue ox around.

Best Calves Contest: You

work hard for your KOMs so show off those downstairs guns that got you there. Hairy, shaved,tattooed or oiled, it doesn't matter,so long as they are awesome.

Surprises: This is just a peek at what is in store. More games are in the works. So to find out, register to come out and have a lot of fun.

For more information or to register visit: www.cuyunalakesmtb.com/reddirtfest.html or e-mail: info@cuyunalakesmtb.com

Brainerd Ski Loons water ski show

The Brainerd Ski Loons will be performing a free water ski show at Lum Park on Sunday, July 16 at 5:00 p.m. Come and watch human ski pyramids, ski jumpers, barefooters, and skiers being pulled 360 degrees around the boat. This event is great fun for the whole family. Concessions

will be available. Please bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating.

There will be three additional shows later in the summer. Upcoming show dates are Sunday, July 30 at 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday, August 20 at 5:00 p.m. All

shows are performed at Lum Park in Brainerd.

The Ski Loons are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Brainerd. For more information, find the Brainerd Ski Loons on Facebook or visit their website www.skiloons.com.

Free lunches for youth this summer

Nutritious lunches are available to area youth again this summer through the Cuyuna Lakes Lunch Bunch, a free program organized by area churches and Cuyuna Regional Medical Center.

The lunches are available on weekdays through Friday, Sept. 1. They will be at the

following locations: 11:30 to 11:50 a.m. in Deerwood Veteran's Park across from the American Legion; 12-12:20 p.m., in Crosby at the Cuyuna Range Food Shelf, 302 Cross Ave.; and 12:30 to 12:50 p.m. in Ironton at Grandpa's Park behind Wells Fargo Bank.

The Cuyuna Lakes Lunch

Bunch's goal is to provide meals for students who normally receive free or reduced lunches through school programs. Fifty-seven percent of Crosby area school students receive free lunches.

The lunches are prepared and distributed by several local volunteers including members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby; Cascade Methodist Church and Salem Lutheran Church, both in Deerwood; St. Joseph Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul in Crosby and Deerwood; and employees of Cuyuna Regional Medical Center.

For more information or to contribute to the Lunch Bunch, contact Ellen Brandt at [St. Vincent de Paul, eltrbrandt@gmail.com](mailto:St.Vincent.de.Paul_eltrbrandt@gmail.com).

Capturing rainwater workshop

A Capturing Rainwater workshop will be held on Monday, July 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. It will be held at the Andrew F. Kokesh VFW Post # 1816 in Garrison located at 27234 Monroe Street in Garrison, just 1.5 blocks west of the Garrison grocery store. There is no charge for the workshop, and one lucky participant will win a rain barrel to take home. All participants will receive handouts and resources.

Cost share assistance is available to help landowners in the Mille Lacs Lake Wa-

tershed implement practices that will protect and improve water resources. Landowners may be eligible to receive up to 50 percent off the cost of a rain garden or shoreline buffer. Everyone can receive \$50 off the cost of a rain barrel when purchased through the Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group.

As development around our lakes and rivers increases, so does the threat posed by storm water runoff. Impervious surfaces like roofs, driveways, and even lawns don't allow water to penetrate and be

absorbed into the soil. As the water runs off it can pick up pollutants like lawn fertilizer, vehicle oil and fluids, pet wastes, grass clippings, sediments, and even bacteria and viruses. These are then carried to the lowest points on the landscape – usually a lake, stream, or wetland.

The workshop is sponsored by the Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group. Funding is provided by a Clean Water Partnership Grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. For more information call 218-927-6565.

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Cuyuna Lakes Crusher race

Minnesota Mountain Bike Series Race Aug. 19-20 come to Crosby the week-end of Aug. 19 and 20 for the Third Annual Cuyuna Lakes Crusher Race sponsored by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber and the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series.

On Saturday, Aug. 19, racers and the public are invited to celebrate at the Cuyuna Lakes Crusher Happy Hour, located on Cross Avenue at the Spalding House from 5 to 9 p.m. There will be live music by "Jill Zimmer-

man and Tony Petersen", a choice of 20 tap beers and a cash bar. Food is also available by Maucieri's Bistro on Wheels throughout the evening. Merchandise such as CuyunaCrusher Pint Glassware, socks and t-shirts. The Minnesota Series Race takes place in the Mahanomen Unit of the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area on Sunday Aug. 20. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The first annual Cuyun Crusher was such a success, that the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series Race

presented the event with the "Race of the Year Award." The Crusher was nominated for the award by the 500 racers who raced at Cuyuna, noting that the course, volunteers, and sponsorship support was outstanding. Volunteers are needed for many different positions to help make the event a success. Those who can assist may send an e-mail message to jessica@cuyunalakes.com or call 218-546-8131 with availability.

Smoke on the Range IV Sept. 16

Smoke on the Range IV Rib Cook-off will be held Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Deerwood Auditorium. Dinner begins at 4 p.m.

The menu includes BBQ ribs, baked beans, coleslaw, corn, coffee and cake. Adults tickets are \$12, children are \$7. There will be music all

day, cash bar and pull tabs. All proceeds go to the Deerwood Splashpad. A raffle will also be held. You must be 18 years old to play. You need not be present to win. Prize drawings begin at 6:30 p.m. The Grand Prize is a 50 inch Exmark Zero Turn Mower from AAA Equipment

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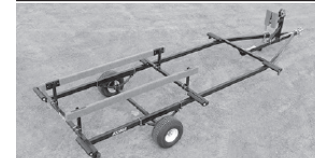
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Trucking company building in downtown McGregor leveled by fire



Lots of metal debris was left after the fire. Ann Schwartz photo

Raveill Trucking's service center in downtown McGregor was destroyed by fire in the early morning hours of June 24. The main trucking terminal on Hwy. 210 east of McGregor was not impacted.

The building is a total loss, as are two trucks, a semi-trailer and a pulp truck owned by DeMenge Trucking and Forest Products. The McGregor Fire De-

partment was on the scene for about eight hours, and, with the help of the Aitkin and Palisade Fire Departments, they contained the fire so it didn't get to nearby buildings. Power was lost at one point while the fires were being fought and portable pumps were used.

It is a shock to drive over the overpass in McGregor and see the remains of the building that has been in

place since the 1960s.

Curt Raveill has owned the building for six years and it was formerly owned by Savanna Pallets.

The fire's cause is being investigated and Raveill says he plans to rebuild.

In 1980, when Curt Raveill was 18, he started his own trucking business, according to the company website. He hauled over-the-road in the truck he owned and settled

into hauling logs and lumber locally.

He started the company Timber Transport Inc. but eventually the timber industry went through a slump. Then, he got into the freight business and started Raveill Trucking in 2002.

Today, the company has 60 trucks and 100 trailers hauling freight to 48 states and logs in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Twenty-two students graduate from CLC Law Enforcement skills program

Twenty-two students graduated from Central Lakes College's Law Enforcement

Skills program on July 7.

They completed two years of general education and

Criminal Justice studies, and now have been through an intense eight-week law en-

forcement training program.

In the Skills training program, they received extensive training in communication tactics/techniques, use of force, firearms, and patrol practicals by various active law enforcement professionals.

Agencies such as the Minnesota State Patrol, Minnesota DNR, Brainerd Police, Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office, Breezy Point Po-

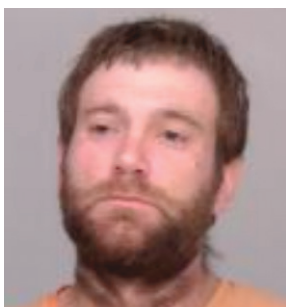
lice, Pequot Lakes Police, Morrison County Sheriff's Office, Little Falls Police, and Stearns County Sheriff's Office have dedicated their time and knowledge to mentor the next generation of law enforcement professionals.

"The training these cadets received is the foundation on which we hope to bring community and peace officers together as

one," said Dave Davis, CLC Law Enforcement Skills Coordinator. "The PPOE academic and skills program train students in compassion and ethics to support our community and be the elite officers each community cherishes to attain. We at CLC take pride in the outcome of our students and the achievements they will make in their career after leaving CLC."

Burglary arrest made in Garrison

A man was arrested after he unlawfully entered a home, stole items, and attempted to steal a car in Garrison on July 7, according to the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office.



Justin D. Stevenson booking photo at the Crow Wing County Jail.

Justin D. Stevenson, 34, of Kenyon, MN, is accused of entering a residence on the 6100 block of Holiday Harbor

Drive in Garrison. The owner of the home was not there, but received an alert and asked a neighbor to check on the home.

A neighbor entered the home and saw an unknown male walking around the house. The neighbor then called 911.

Shortly before deputies arrived on scene, the Sheriff's department received another call of an unknown male attempting to steal a car from a neighboring house. Deputies arrived on scene and Stevenson was taken into custody.

The investigation concluded that Stevenson allegedly entered the house through an unlocked garage window and while inside, stole clothing and food items. He also attempted to steal a car, but failed because he was unable to find the keys.

Stevenson was booked into the Crow Wing County Jail on charges of second-degree burglary, criminal damage to property, and misdemeanor theft.

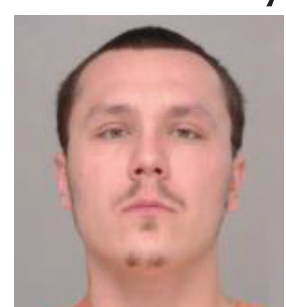
The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department was assisted in the investigation by the Minnesota State Patrol.



(left to right) Front row: Jason Sanderson, Mike Astle, Bren Fletcher, Jacob Revering, Carlos Hernandez, Dillion Houde, Justin Dziedzic, Travis Hanson. Middle row: Blake Petrich, Taylor Hershey, Caden Brose, Spencer Stack, Aaron Larson, Taylor Ebner, Zacharie Fritz. Back row: Scott Williams, Artise Torrence, Jacob Faschnig, Alex Ruikka, Tyler Lenz, Dustin Hines, Conner Collette. In the back is Dave Davis, CLC Law Enforcement Skills Coordinator.

Garrison robbery arrest

A twenty-six year old man was arrested after he robbed a woman in Garrison on Monday, July 10, according to the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office.



Dylan Johnson booking photo at the Crow Wing County Jail.

Dylan Johnson, 26, with no current address, allegedly approached a woman sitting at a picnic table near the grocery store and asked her for some money. He was

told that she did not have any money to give him and he left. A short time later, he returned, slapped her on her back and took her wallet from her purse that was sitting on a table next

to her. Johnson was arrested and booked into Crow Wing County Jail on charges of second-degree burglary.

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