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From everyday lunches to Thanksgiving dinner these seniors lend their helping hands. Wickhams are Aitkin County's Outstanding Senior Citizens

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Dolores and Gerald Wickham are Aitkin County's Outstanding Senior Citizens. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ They help other senior citizens get through the day by delivering Meals on Wheels for Aitkin County CARE.

Delivering hot, nutritious noon meals to senior citizens around Aitkin is just one way that Gerald and Dolores Wickham help out in the community. And that's just

one reason why they were named Aitkin County's 2017 Outstanding Senior Citizens.

They spend two hours a week delivering meals and also, Dolores runs for the Fare for All program where families may buy food through a cooperative food purchasing network. Gerry drives over 50 miles to meet the food

truck, load and deliver the packages to the Maryhill Manor apartments in Aitkin for distribution.

Come Thanksgiving, they know how to pitch in, coordinating the dinner at Maryhill Manor. They purchase, prepare and serve the dinner to about 50 residents. Low-income families can enjoy a holiday meal shared with family and friends.

Potato peelers in hand, the show up at the First Lutheran Christmas Dinner and peel and prepare the mashed potatoes.

At St. James Catholic Church they help prepare the soup suppers during Lent.

In addition to these regular jobs, this active couple also transports CARE clients to medical appointments and errands, volunteer at the St. James Church, serves on the

Rivers and Lakes Fair Board and watches the gate at the Aitkin County Fair.

Gerry even constructed the cabinets at the Glen Kimberly Town Hall.

The Outstanding Senior Grange.

Volunteers needed

More than 500 mountain bikers their friends and families will come to Crosby the weekend of August 19-20 for the Third Annual Cuyuna Lakes Crusher Race sponsored by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber and the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series.

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.

Limited time offer - Call now!

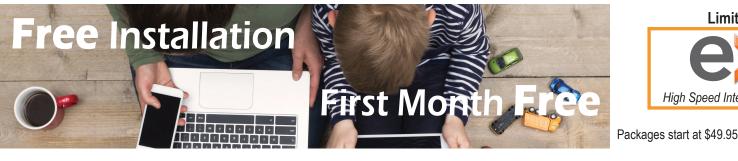
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On Saturday, August 19, racers and the public are invited to celebrate at the Cuyuna Lakes Crusher Happy Hour, located on Cross Avenue in front of the Spalding House from 5 to 9 p.m. There will be live music by Avery & Duncan Trio, and food provided by Maucieri's Catering throughout the evening.

The Minnesota Series Race takes place in the Mahnomen Unit of the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area on Sunday, Aug. 20. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

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Help Team Taylor and CureSearch raise money to end childhood cancer



At 18 months of age, Taylor Grace Nguyen, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. After remission, the cancer returned and she died in February of 2015 at the age of three.

By Shana Nguyen

Childhood cancer affects the lives of innocent children and their families, everyday. Childhood cancer is the number one disease killer of children in the U.S.. Every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer. Every year, 300,000 families around the world will hear, "Your child has cancer." There are over a dozen types of childhood cancer and a hundred of different subtypes. Because of treatment options available, more than 95% of childhood cancer survivors will have chronic health problems by the time they reach middle adulthood. One in five diagnosed will not survive. This is devastating. These statistics are quoted from, "Childhood Cancer Facts: 10 Things You Should Know" by the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Our family is one of many

affected by childhood CureSearch and walk to raise cancer. We are local to the Brainerd Lakes Area and we know of many other local families affected by childhood cancer as well.

Our firstborn daughter, Taylor Grace, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia at just 18 months of age. Taylor was inpatient for nearly 6 months at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis while she endured harsh, toxic, outdated treatments and multiple daily medical procedures. She obtained remission and was cancer-free for nearly 14 months. However, Taylor's cancer returned. Taylor's cancer had quickly become chemo resistant and grew too rapidly for any other treatment options to offer her a another chance

at remission, or one day, a cure. It consumed her Central Nervous System; Taylor passed away less than three months later, February 2015.

Our family has endured the loss of a child due to childhood cancer. No child deserves to be diagnosed with cancer, or furthermore, pass away from this awful disease. No parent(s) or family should face the heartache of a child gone, and re-living the pain each and every day. This is why our family, along with some of our extended family and friends joined

money and awareness for childhood cancer.

My husband and I have created Team Taylor. We walk to remember our daughter, Taylor Grace, and to support CureSearch.

Team Taylor wants to improve treatment options and to find a cure for childhood cancer, because children ARE our future and they deserve to live normal, happy childhoods.

According to the website www.curesearch.org, "CureSearch for Children's Cancer's mission is to end children's cancer by driving targeted and innovative research with measurable results in an accelerated time frame."

Team Taylor will participate in the CureSearch walk on September 17. If you would like to support Team Taylor, along with Cure-



Team Taylor was created to remember Taylor Grace, improve treatment options and to find a cure for childhood cancer, so that someday other families will no longer face the devastation and heartbreak caused from cancer. Team Taylor will participate in the CureSearch walk on September 17, 2017. To support Team Taylor, visit http://www.curesearchevents.org/goto/ TeamTaylor2017 and place a monetary donation or email at shanaleaprice@hotmail.com.

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of any kind. You may also donate by

place a monetary donation cash option, please contact me at shanaleaprice@hotmail.com for our address.

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Firearm shooting range grants available

State Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin, urges area shooting clubs to tap into \$1.2 million in grant funding available this year to develop and improve firearms ranges.

The grants are available through the Department of Natural Resources and require a match from organizations. September 1 is

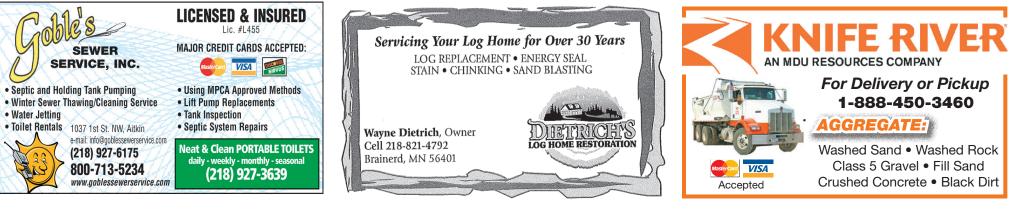
the deadline to apply.

"We have a good number of excellent shooting ranges in District 10B," Lueck said. "This is an opportunity to reduce the cost of upgrading club facilities and expanding shooting opportunities at these great community assets."

The DNR indicates that, since 2014, it has provided

over 120 matching grants to over 100 shooting sports organizations. This includes 2015, when the Minnesota Legislature authorized \$2 million for matching grants to recreational shooting clubs. The DNR provided grants totaling \$675,000 to 20 organizations last year.

There are two levels of grant funding available, at or below \$25,000, and above \$25,000. Each level has a separate request for proposal form, which can be found by logging on to www.dnr.state.mn.use and entering "2017 shooting range grants" in the search field. More information also can be obtained by calling 612-756-4165 or by emailing at chuck. niska@state.mn.us.





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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, 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 Weslayson 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, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.
- 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 availalible to those who qualifiy. 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.

Lions Youth Outreach scholarships

The Youth Outreach Brainerd, Merrifield, Niss- Hackensack, Longville,

- 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.operationminnesotanice.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) Mon.: 10 Glory Baptist Church; 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 Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. 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.

July

- 22nd Malmo Evangelical Free Church Summer Gospel Concert featuring Higher Call 7 pm, bring a lawn chair. In case of rain or excessive heat the concert will be inside the air conditioned church. Refreshments will be available and a free will offering will be received. Located Hwy. 18 near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs.
- 27th Music in the Park, Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 5 p.m.
- 27th Crow Wing County Genealogical Society will host a research meeting at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd, 6 - 8pm. . For questions, call 218-828-9178 or 218-851-4819.
- 27th Cuyuna Range Community Band at Brainerd Gregory Park 7:30 p.m.
- 29th Because of Brandon fund-raiser at Crosby Bar. Event includes beer and wine tasting, silent auction, barbecue, raffles and a street dance featuring Pandemic
- 29th Malmo Evangelical Free Church Summer Gospel Concert featuring Hear by Faith, 7 pm, bring a lawn chair. In case of rain or excessive heat the concert will be inside the air conditioned church. Refreshments will be available and a free will offering will be received. Located Hwy. 18 near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs.
- 29th & 30th Power boat races along the shores of Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake. Noon to 4 p.m. each day. Concessions available. For more information call 546-8131.

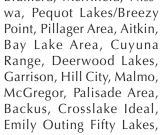
August

- 5th Reddirt Fest Music will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Morningside Park in Ironton
- 5th Cuyuna Range Community Band at Aitkin Riverboat Days
- 8th Lakes Area Unlimited Learning Tom Hansen, former diplomat, returns to discuss U.S. Foreign Policy: Will Threatened Nations "Push Back"? Heartwood Senior Living, 1:30 p.m. non-members welcome \$5.00
- 10th Music in the Park, Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 5 p.m.
- 11th & 12th Deerwood Summerfest
- 11th & 12th Deerwood Lakes Lions Health Fair and Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Deerwood Auditorium.
- 18th Kidsfest in Ironton 4 to 6 p.m. the free event includes a Slip n' Slide, bounce house and games for children
- 19th Heritage Days Car Show in the softball field at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Multiple trophies awarded. For more details contact Ron Martin at lionscarshow@yahoo.com. 19th - Cuyuna Crusher
- 19th Annual Corn Feed at Granny's Bar and Grill in Emily, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



scholarship committee of Lions District 5M9 is offering up to nine \$1,000 college scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year. The application deadline is November 15, 2017.

Students must be in their final two years of college and have a major which leads to a career in working with youth. To be eligible the students must have graduated from a high school that is within Lions District 5M9 or their home is in District 5M9. District 5M9 has 66 Lions Clubs and includes the following clubs in this region: Baxter,



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Scholarship applications are available by contacting a Lions member from one of the clubs or downloading the fillable application from www.lionsof5m9.org



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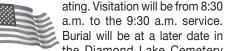
OBITUARIES

MERRILL HONNOLD



Merrill M. Honnold, 79, of Wealthwood Township died Saturday, July 15, 2017 at his home.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. from Bethesda Lutheran Church at Malmo with Rev. Terry Frovik offici-



ating. Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. to the 9:30 a.m. service.

the Diamond Lake Cemetery near Aitkin. Military honors will be provided by the Aitkin VFW and American Legion Posts. Memorials are preferred to Twin Cities Public Television or Minnesota Public Radio.

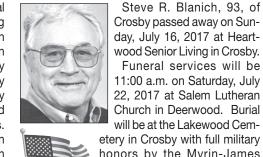
Merrill was born March 30, 1938 at McCone City, Montana the son of Raymond and Erma (Murray) Honnold. He moved to the Wealthwood area with his family at the age of two. He attended the Wealthwood One-room School through the 7th grade and then attended Aitkin Schools and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1956. He attended Hamline University and graduated in 1961 with a degree in Economics. He then served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963. Upon his discharge he lived in the Twin Cities and worked for St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co. and later for Kresge's as a manager trainee. He started a career with the Social Security Administration in Kansas City, Missouri in 1965. He married Marijean Snowden on July 4, 1968 in Kansas City,

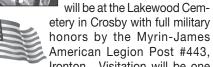
Missouri. He continued his career with the Social Security Administration in Rock Spring, Wyoming and then Moses Lake and Seattle Washington until he transferred to Baltimore, Maryland in the early 1990's. He retired from Social Security in 1995. He married Patti Marie Wilcox on May 24, 1997 in Baltimore County, Maryland. They moved to Minnesota in 1999 and have resided in the Mille Lacs Lake area for the past 15 years. He was a member of the Bethesda Lutheran Church at Malmo and the Bethesda Lutheran Church Romeo's. He volunteered with AARP as a tax preparer. He enjoyed bike riding, roller blading, running, cross country skiing, hunting and photography. He enjoyed spending time on his "Forty". He loved the outdoors and especially teaching his grandchildren how to fish. He also enjoyed debating the current affairs.

He is survived by his wife, Patti Honnold, Aitkin; son, Martin Honnold, Sun City, AZ.; daughters and sons-in-law: Amanda and Roman Wilcox, Baltimore, Maryland; Natasha and Matthew Nicholson, Clear Lake, Iowa; Alexandria and Dan Lichty, Waterloo, Iowa; seven grandchildren: Annamaria, Caleb, Elisabeth, Esther, Isabella, Grace, Sebastian; sister and brother-in-law, Gwendolyn and Russell Hass, Eyota, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Thomas and sister, Caroline.

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





Ironton. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church.

He was born in Marble, MN December 31, 1923 to Bob and Mary (Sedlachek) Blanich. Steve came to Crosby with the family in 1926, growing up on Birch Street in the west end of the city. It was a diverse, ethnic neighborhood that provided lasting friendships, traditions, stories and memories that his family still cherishes. He was the youngest of five children. A 1941 graduate of the Crosby-Ironton High School, he attended Carlton College before entering the Army Air Corps in

Katherine Jean Hill, 63, of McGregor died Saturday, July 15, 2017 at McGregor, Minnesota.

A Funeral Mass was held at the Holy Family Catholic Church in McGregor on Friday, July 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in the Woodland Cemetery in McGregor.

Katherine was born February 25, 1954 at Cass Lake, Minnesota to Alvy and Emmarose (Hatfield) Algers.

She grew up Obituaries, Births, Open and attend-Houses, Engagements, ed schools in Chicago, Weddings IL. And then & Community Events moved back are published FREE! to Minneapolis and lived Send your e-mail to there for a time hopper@ before moving to Bagley, crosbyironton.net MN. She then 1942. A veteran of 23 missions as a B-26 pilot with the 9th Air Force in Europe, he was discharged in 1946. In 1948, he married Josephine (Granby) Blanich in Crosby. As a youth he was an avid sportsman, later becoming a dedicated conservationist and a well-known birder with his wife Jo. He was a longtime member of the Bee-Nay-She Council, they garnered statewide recognition for his ornithological photography, educational wildlife preservations, and bird count records, receiving numerous honors and award over a span of 60 years. With a sharp memory, interest in local history, and a unique gift of storytelling, Steve enjoyed his volunteer work with the local historical society helping to preserve our Cuyuna Range heritage.

He is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Josephine, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Milo, George, Lewis and a sister Dorothy.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby

KATHERINE HILL

STEVE BLANICH

Steve R. Blanich, 93, of

Funeral services will be

moved to McGregor where she has lived the past 20 years. She was involved in a number of churches when she lived in Minneapolis and helped people with home decorating. She enjoyed sewing, beading, the outdoors and she loved to fish. She was a loving helpful woman who was always there to lend a helping hand.

She is survived by her children: Candace Onamia; Donald D. Hill, Edward R. Hill and Kelly L Hill all of McGregor; Dawn M. Hill, Rice Lake; grandchildren: Patrick J. Hill, Randy L. Hill, Cassandra L. Hill, Nikko J. Hill, Renee L. Hill, Catherine J. Hill, Carlos J. Taylors Jr., James D. Rabideau, Jalonny D. Hill, Pacer J. Hill, Aleah L. Hill, Allayah L. Hill, and Jacob W. Hill; great- grandson: Daniel J. Hill; brothers: James P. Hill, Rice Lake; Alvin Hill, Naytahwaush, MN; sisters: Cynthia L. Boyer, Bagley; Gloria J. Hill, Rice Lake; and Sharon Hill, Springfield, MO; and many nieces and nephews.

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SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45

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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.

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Worship 9, coffee fellowship 10, Wednesday evening 7 nm adult hible study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Bd

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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.

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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.

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- Aitkin The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9 and 10:30, thejourneynorth.com
- Baxter The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com
- Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
- Brainerd Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673, Worship 11, SS 9:45.
- Breezy Point Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.
- Crosby Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm
- Deerwood* Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm
- Glory Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed. 6 pm Glory Family night, Kids' Club age 4-6, MAD4Christ grades 7-12.
- Hill City Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
- Isle Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
- Opstead 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC

- Aitkin St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am.
- Brainerd St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
- Brainerd St. Francis, Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
- Cromwell/Wright Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.

Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.

- Crosslake Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; 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
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- 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, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon 4th Saturday, 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
- 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

- Crosslake Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@ crosslake.net
- Isle Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm
- Malmo Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10: Worship 10:15
- Wright Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

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Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

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- 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 KKIN (94.3FM) at 10 am and on TV cable channel

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- 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 Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. 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. Lovaas; 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.
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- SS 10; Worship 11.
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- Wright St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

PENTECOSTAL

- Emily Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
- Ironton Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
- Tamarack Warriors of the Rainbow Mishtry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN

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- Tamarack First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED

Crosby - Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 218-927-4107

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ship 9:45; fellowship follows.

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Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10

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Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser: high school & adult SS

Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Wor-

Cutler - Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Wor-

Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship

Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship

McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellow-

Onamia - Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fel-

lowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp;

320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.

Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9

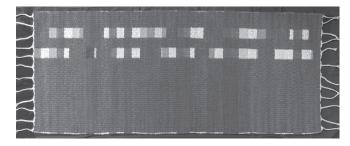
9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped

July 22, 2017 www.NewsHopper.net Fiber Handcrafters Guild art exhibit celebrates 'web of connection'

From the clothes we wear to the products we use, fiber arts are crucial to everyday life. Weaving, spinning, knitting, felting and stitchingthe appreciation and mastery of these time-honored skills, passed down from generations and across cultures, tell a unique story of human connection. Twenty-three artists, all members of the Duluth Fiber Handcrafters Guild, will celebrate this "Web of Connections" at Ripple River Gallery in an exhibit that opened July 19 and continues

items including handwoven garments and scarves, knitted shawls, hand-spun yarn, felted work, baskets and jewelry, blankets and rugs and more.

Exhibit coordinator Beverly Martin, Duluth, has been "playing with fiber" from an early age. An award-winning weaver, Martin learned to knit, sew and weave as a child and has continued to study with fiber artists from across the U.S. and Canada. Inspired by the colors and patterns of nature, Martin often hand-dyes the fibers



through Aug. 14.

A reception to meet the artists and learn more about their work is set for Saturday, July 29. The public is invited to enjoy refreshments and learn more about fiber arts at the Bay Lake area gallery from 2 to 5 p.m.

"Web of Connections" features a wide range of functional and decorative fiber

for her woven creations. "I'm honored to have worked with the talented members of one of the strongest guilds in the country, the Duluth Fiber Handcrafters Guild. I can't wait to see their latest creations showcased at the Ripple River Gallery!" Martin said.

Duluth artisans Erin Endsley and Cindy Ericksmoen are both is drawn to the tactile nature of the materials and the limitless opportunities that fiber, color, texture and structure offer. Kristina Bourne calls herself a "collector of ideas" and weaves to bring her ideas to fruition. Fiber artist Martha Ritter uses mixed media of recycled and scrap fibers along with found fibers from the forest environment to create her projects. Former scientist Donna Forbes also turns to nature for inspiration and the materials for her fiber work.

Barb Dwinell, Studio Manager for the Duluth Fiber Handcrafters Guild/Duluth Art Institute Fiber Studio, weaves to reflect the colors of her home in northern Minnesota and her roots in Norway. Sue Brown studied Saori weaving with Chiaki O'Brien and discovered the joy of knowing, "There are no mistakes, but rather opportunities to learn."

Leslie Williamson-White says, "I have come to realize that my fiber work, though play, is also a spiritual path that I must pursue." Through her travels, clothing designer Carol Colburn finds inspiration in everyday as well as festive folk clothing traditions, reflected in the linen and silk garments woven for the exhibit.

Christine Jenkins, Cloquet, signed up for a weaving class and then became enthralled with the transformation of linen from fiber to thread to woven fabric. Mary Vanderwerp, Duluth, found her passion for weaving began with a family vacation to Colonial Williamsburg. "As a student of folklore, I appreciate the traditional belief that function and beauty are inseparable," she said.

Terry Hamp and Cindy Hale credit their grandmothers with introducing them to fiber arts. The two artisans share an appreciation for sculptural felted wool and have both studied with renowned Icelandic artist, Anna Gunnarsdóttir. Felter Pat McQuade finds it interesting to take a formless blob of fleece and poke it with a felting needle into something recognizable, interesting, appealing or sometimes functional.

Inspired by the sights and sounds of nature, Duluth artisan Sarah Erickson combines unconventional materials in her handspun yarn. Judy McLaughlin, Hermantown, finds pleasure in the meditative state one achieves while spinning and the beauty and usefulness of handspun yarns.

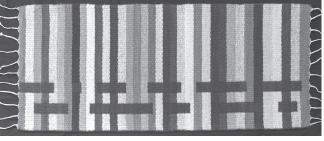
Mary Erickson lives on the Mesabi Iron Range and cites the influence of landscape, history and family on her work. "Just as each layer of yarn in a weaving is not only part of the image, but is vital to hold the structure together, influences from the people, the culture and the landscape become the fabric of who we are."

Inspiration for Marcia Mc-Cormick's miniature woven tapestries comes from nature and the environment around her home. Debbie Cooter, who has been weaving for over 27 years, continues to experiment with different patterns and dying to create contemporary designs from a traditional craft. Both artisans

enjoys trying different fiber techniques to express the colors and textures of the natural world. "The process holds the intrigue for me."

Fiber studies in several indigenous communities throughout the world have informed the work of Louise Young. "Cloth is created to perform a function," she said. "Its very functionality adds to its beauty." Young lives and works in South Range, WI.

Ripple River Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays (other times by chance or appointment). The gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles



live in Two Harbors.

Sara Mustonen, Herbster, WI, learned to weave on a handmade barn frame loom and was tutored by an 80-year-old Finnish rug weaver who lived down the road. Beauty and function are the two words she uses to direct her weaving. Katie Chmielewski, Roseville,

east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail ripplerivergallery@gmail.com.





Don Sergott, 79, of Crosby died on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at his home.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

He was born on January 11, 1938 in Chicago,

IL to James and Alifie (Boone) Sergott.

Don is survived by his companion, Andrea Ukura, Crosby; three sons: Patrick Sergott, William Sergott and John Sergott; one daughter, Katherine Sullivan; two brothers: Frank Quarzenski and Richard Sergott; and seven grandchildren. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

ALICE HUDSON

Alice Jane Hudson, 92, of Aitkin died Sunday, July 9, 2017 at her home.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 28, 2017 at 11 a.m. from First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. Darrell Pedersen and Rev. Paul Andell officiating. Visi-

tation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Lakeview Cemetery at a later date. Memorials are preferred to tland Animal Rescue Team (HART).

years and had also played organ for the Glen Community Church, the Aitkin Methodist Church and 15 years for St. James Catholic Church. Alice was instrumental in starting the production of "Handel's Messiah" here in Aitkin and conducted that choir for 10 years. Alice was very active in the Heartland Animal Rescue Team (HART) where she served on the board since its inception and was chairman for six of those years. Alice had served 12 years on the Aitkin School Board, four years on the State Board of Psychology, served three years as a representative for Aitkin County on the Health Systems Agency of Western Lake Superior (15 counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin), two year board member of the Lakes Area Music Association, served three years as a representative on the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, and had co-chaired the City of Aitkin Red Cross fund drive. Alice had served a time as temporary editor for the Aitkin Independent-Age.

28 charged in drug investigation

Through a large-scale, nearly eight-month-long narcotics investigation in Crow Wing County conducted by the Lakes Area Drug investigative Division, 28 people have been charged in connection with the sale of illegal drugs.

Over the past 8 months, LADID Agents conducted numerous controlled buys of narcotics which led to a total of about 320 grams of meth, 19 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, 9 grams of heroin, and four firearms being purchased. LADID agents worked closely with the Crow Wing County Attorney's Office to coordinate the cases

• Willie B. Navy, 59, first-degree sale of a controlled substance

- Diallo Nantombu Navy, 41, first-degree sale of a controlled substance
- Heather Jean Virnig, 29, first-degree sale of a controlled substance
- Kylie Rose Ledoux, 19, first-degree sale of a controlled substance
- Matthew Alan Jowiski, 31, first-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Zachary John Grunst, 32, first-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Eric Christopher Jensen, 35, first-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Larry Benjamin Berg Jr., 45, second-degree sale of a controlled substance

- David Wesley Berry Jr., 54, second-degree sale of a controlled substance
- Brian Scott Johnson, 51, third-degree sale of a controlled substance
- Travis John Anderson, 29, third-degree sale of a controlled substance
- Noah Joseph Wolfe, 32, third-degree sale of a controlled substance
- Wesley Scott Weous, age not provided, third-degree sale of a controlled substance • Sierra Christine Sam, 26, third-degree sale of a controlled substance

She was born January 1, 1925 in Minneapolis, Minnesota the daughter of Arthur and Clara (Holter) Griswold. She grew up and attended schools in North Minneapolis graduating from North High School in 1942. She then attended the Minneapolis College of Music where she received her Bachelors and Masters degrees. She taught for a time at Fremont, Minnesota and in 1948 moved to Aitkin and taught music at the Aitkin High School until 1960. Alice married William Hudson on July 1, 1950 in Anoka, Minnesota. They made their home in Aitkin and she has lived here since. After she stopped teaching she worked as a choral and music director at First Lutheran Church where she had three choirs which she directed. She also played organ for Bethlehem Lutheran Church for a number of

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Hudson, St. Paul and son and daughter-in-law, John and Joni Hudson, Aitkin and sister, Margrett Bill, Deerwood.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband William in 2001 and two brothers: Ervin and Russell.

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involved.

The following individuals have been charged in Crow Wing County:

• Thomas Jeffrey Young, 45, for first-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Chad Joseph Shaw, 53, first-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Michael Paul Glumac, 36, first-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Tate Douglas Heikkenen, 56, first-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Andrea Dawn Justin, 46, first-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Matthew Michael Berger, 38, second-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Tracy Ann Oddson, 36, second-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Susan Renee Harris, 59, second-degree conspiracy to commit sale of a controlled substance

• Jacob Nicholas Whittenton, 32, second-degree sale of a controlled substance

 Theoderek Dimitri Schanche, 27, third-degree sale of a controlled substance

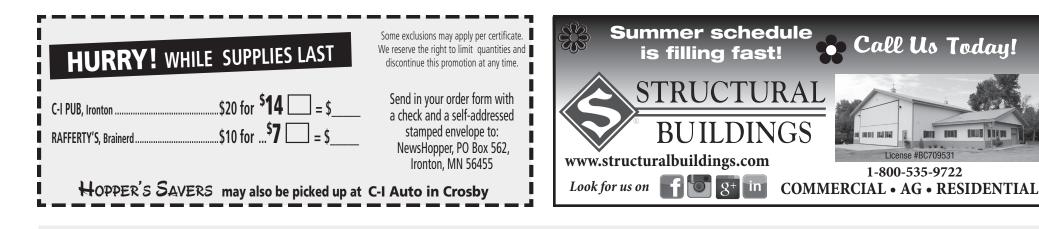
• Madison Kay Auvil, 19, third-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Kyle Alan Aune, 26, third-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Dustin Wade Maaske, 39, third-degree sale of a controlled substance

• Leslie Ann Border, 34, third-degree sale of a controlled substance

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July 22, 2017 www.NewsHopper.net 7 Over 300 local artists display their art at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin



Stop into the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin and see the large community canvas that has been created. Over 300 local artists - from

Interesting mosaics are made. Ann Schwartz photos

small children to senior citizens - contributed their own unique section on a small square of canvas. They have all been put together in a grand scale exhibition that covers several walls of the art center in Aitkin.

There was a gala opening on Saturday, July 15, with children's activities, treats on the plaza and more.

The exhibit runs until Sept. 2 and the art center is open Tuesday through Saturday each week from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

There is vast array subject and media forms imaginable, so plan on spending a contemplative hour or two musing over what a community can do when it takes the time and makes art together. Using a grid system, you

may vote for the Best of Show, for which the artist will receive \$50.



Some of the JAC Board Members include (left to right) Chip Borkenhagen, Leslie Goble and Duane Barnhardt.



Arts and crafts activities for children on a great summer afternoon at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin.







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