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Crosby Mayor Hunter might resign pending a council vote

Crosby Mayor Jim Hunter might resign pending a council vote of no confidence at the next council meeting on Monday, August 14.

Following heated questioning and discussion at Monday's council meeting, Mayor Hunter will be asking the council to decide if they want to have him remain on as mayor or not at the next city council meeting.

Hunter expressed concerns with the department heads contracting personnel attorneys without bids and spending money on legal fees at the July 24 council meeting. Hunter was concerned about thousands of dollars of the city's funds that are being spent on attorney's fees, most being authorized by department heads without council oversight.

Some of the legal work being done is to clear the records of Crosby Police Chief Kim Coughlin and Lieutenant Kevin Randolph of negative wording in an arbitrator's decision in the Jesse Smith mediation between the City of Crosby and the Teamsters Union Local 346.

Here is the wording in the arbitrator's decision suggested falsifying an investigators

report: "My Finding is based upon the following deficiencies noted:

"With respect to the conclusions of [Cass County Sheriffs Department] Lt. Thompson regarding the criminal investigation, I find it disturbing, disingenuous and possibly untruthful, that in his final IA report, [Crosby's Police] Lt. Randolph apparently purposefully slanted/misconstrued Lt. Thompson's findings and specifically omitted Thompson's concluding statements regarding the 'double-dipping' allegations. At one point in his report, Lt. Randolph states, 'After reading Lt. Thompson's report, it appeared that there was enough evidence to generate a criminal complaint against Officer Smith.' [emphasis added] I note that [Crosby Police] Chief Coughlin also made this same assertion in her written recommendation to the Mayor and the Members of the City Council for Smith's termination, dated September 26, 2016. As Coughlin stated to the City Council in her letter, 'Lt. Thompson's report indicated that there was enough evidence for a criminal complaint against Officer Smith, however due to the complexity of the case

(among other reasons) it was decided to proceed with an internal investigation...' [emphasis added]

"Cass County Sheriffs Department Lt. Thompson conclusion actually said 'There does not appear to be instances of this type of activity. I could find no evidence of Officer Smith creating ICRs in order to be paid from both the cities of Crosby and Cuyuna, or by creating ICRs to coincide with hours put in for payment by the city of Cuyuna.' [emphasis added] Obviously, Thompson's report effectively rendered the Criminal Investigation, as I put it in the hearing, 'A Dead Horse.'"

Hunter suggested that to leave the unelected department heads in charge of decisions being made on spending of City of Crosby dollars without council oversight is a

bad idea.

When he asked to discuss the human resource attorney fees at Monday, July 24 council meeting, department head, Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo indicated she could not talk about what the fees she had approved, because it was related to personnel issues and is private data.

When Hunter asked, if the personnel committee had approved the attorneys work, Sovo responded the personnel committee doesn't authorize it, she does.

When Hunter wanted to find out why the City Council wasn't included in the authorization, department head, Chief of Police Kim Coughlin spoke to Hunter telling him it was unfair to "target Lisa with all these questions without her having a chance to research it. At least, give her a list of ques-

tions, so she has the opportunity to research it, before you start telling her that she's the one that's in charge of making sure that we're spending this money correctly."

If you are a resident of the City of Crosby let the council know what you think before the next meeting or attend the next meeting on Monday, August 14 at 6 p.m.

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DNR extends walleye closure on Mille Lacs Lake to August 11

Walleye fishing on Mille Lacs Lake will remain closed until Aug. 11 to protect the walleye fishery, and ensure its long-term health and sustainability into the future, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

New fisheries data collected by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources show the total safe harvest allocation for walleyes on Mille Lacs Lake (44,800 pounds) has already been exceeded this season.

In order to extend the walleye fishing season through Labor Day, the state will allow for an additional 11,000 pounds of walleye harvest. Catch-and-release walleye fishing will run from Friday, Aug. 11, through Monday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day weekend. Walleye fishing will then be closed from Tuesday, Sept. 5, through Thursday, Nov. 30.

As these regulation changes were announced, Minnesota DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr reiterated the state's commitment to rebuilding and sustaining a healthy walleye fishery in Mille Lacs Lake.

"Improving the walleye population in Mille Lacs is a top priority for the DNR," Landwehr said. "We deeply regret the hardships these new regulations will cause for anglers and business owners. But they are essential to protect and enhance the future of walleye fishing in the lake for future generations. We will continue

doing everything we can to understand the challenges facing the walleye fishery, and take whatever actions we can to resolve this very difficult situation."

Landwehr and DNR fisheries chief Don Pereira noted that allowing for additional catch-and-release fishing in August is essential for area anglers, businesses, and Mille Lacs area communities. The decision to allow for this additional harvest was made with input from the Mille Lacs Fisheries Advisory Committee.

"We want to allow as much walleye fishing on Mille Lacs as possible," Pereira said. "So even though state anglers already have caught their quota of fish, the DNR will dip into the allowed conservation overage to reopen the season on Aug. 11."

Through the closure, anglers on Mille Lacs Lake may fish for all other species in the lake including bass, muskellunge and northern pike. When fishing for other species, only artificial baits and lures will be allowed in possession, except for anglers targeting northern pike or muskie, who may fish with sucker minnows longer than 8 inches.

A prohibition on night fishing will remain in place from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Nov. 30. However, anglers may fish for muskie and northern pike at night, but may only use artificial lures longer than 8 inches or sucker minnows longer than 8 inches.

Bowfishing for rough fish also is allowed at night but possession of angling equipment is not allowed and only rough fish may be in possession.

The DNR and the Chippewa bands that cooperatively manage Mille Lacs Lake agreed this year to harvest quotas of 44,800 pounds for state anglers and 19,200 pounds for tribal fishing. They also agreed that up to 75,000 pounds of walleye could be harvested from the lake from Dec. 1, 2016 to Nov. 30, 2017.

That agreement allows the state to use a built-in buffer – the 11,000 pounds difference between the 75,000 pounds conservation cap and the 64,000 pounds combined harvest quotas – in an attempt to allow catch-and-release walleye fishing through Labor Day, following the mid-summer closure. Bi-weekly creel surveys show that state anglers already have reached their quota.

Continuing the walleye fishing closure will reduce the number of fish that die after being caught and released, a condition known as hooking mortality. The likelihood of fish suffering hooking mortality increases as water temperatures warm.

High walleye catch rates on Mille Lacs have increased DNR fishing projections. A hot walleye bite attracted more anglers to the lake, resulting in angler effort that is about double what it was in 2016.

"Cooler than normal tem-

peratures kept hooking mortality rates low, but more anglers fished Mille Lacs, particularly catching walleye longer than 20 inches," Pereira said. "That increased the poundage of fish caught and put us over our walleye quota."

According to the DNR, bigger fish are biting, in part, because there is a shortage of food for larger walleye. Last fall's assessment showed that larger walleye were thinner than average.

Mille Lacs' hot bite also reflects the findings of studies done in many other fisheries that show catchability actually increases when fish population drops. In Mille Lacs, walleye congregate in preferred spots rather than disperse evenly throughout the lake. Fewer fish in the

lake means there is more room in the preferred spots for fish to gather, creating a situation where a larger percentage of the population is in position to be caught rather than gathering in a less preferred but less fished area.

The DNR announced in June that a new external review team of scientists will take a fresh look at Mille Lacs Lake's walleye fishery, using all of the best science available to gain a better understanding of the lake. This new review, led by walleye expert Dr. Chris Vandergoot of the U.S. Geological Survey, will provide additional recommendations to improve fisheries management of the lake, and contribute to a long-term solution to improving and sustaining

a healthy walleye fishery for future generations. The group's report is expected in time to help guide and inform fisheries management decisions for the 2018 season.

DNR encourages Minnesotans to fish for other abundant species on Mille Lacs Lake

Bassmaster Magazine named Mille Lacs the nation's best bass lake in June and will send 50 of the country's best anglers to the lake in September for its Angler of the Year tournament.

Northern pike abound in Mille Lacs, along with muskellunge. In early July, a woman from southern Minnesota caught and released in Mille Lacs what may have been Minnesota's largest-ever muskellunge.

Hwy. 169 traffic stopped in Aitkin



Traffic came to a near standstill in Aitkin on Monday, July 24, as MnDOT did a mill and overlay project on Hwy. 169 from the railroad tracks to the round-about/Westwood Drive. "It is a maintenance mill-and- overlay project," said Tony Hughes, MnDOT Engineer. Anderson Brothers is the contractor of the \$110,000 project. It was expected to be finished in one day, with road striping to come later. They are working on the the driving lanes from the railroad tracks south to the round-about. Midwest Asphalt, the subcontractor, is doing the milling -- pulling up the old paving and recycling it. They will mill 1.5 inch out and Anderson's will pave 1.5 of material back in.

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Ongoing Events:

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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 Jacques 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. 218-927-1383.

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 available to those who qualify. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler,

open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm

Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.

Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.

Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the Third Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm,

606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.

National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.

Order of Eastern Star, Woodland Chapter 122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays September through May and 2nd Tuesday in June and 4th Tuesday in August at 7:30 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 Tues at 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Weight Watchers meets every 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

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 218-546-8131.

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

6th - Knights of Columbus Car Show 8am- 2pm, at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin. Pancake breakfast will be served 8am until noon, with brats, hot dogs, & root beer floats served until 2pm. Come view all makes/models of cars & trucks, silent auction and door prizes too. If you have a vehicle you would like to show, registration is \$5. If you have any items to donate to ward the auction, call Carroll 218-927-6119).

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 - St. Francis Catholic School Golf Classic is set at the Cragun's Legacy Golf Club. This fundraiser directly supports the school's scholarship program. Call to schedule your foursome and sponsorship opportunities, Ryan Kramer at 218- 866- 0970.

10th - Music in the Park, Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 5 p.m.

11th - St. Joseph Church Bake Sale, held during the Deerwood Summerfest outside the church, starting at 9 a.m. until the goods are gone. Located right outside of the Deerwood church

11th - Sons of Norway Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 summer potluck picnics, eat at 6:30 pm at the home of Doug Jacobson 40868-47th Ave. Wahkon, MN. 56386. Bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair, a friend or neighbor. If you have questions you can call Gary 1-218-927-6557 or Candice at 1-320-983-2886 or Doug at 1-320-362-1371.

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OBITUARIES

DENNIS LANDBORG



Dennis J. Landborg, 71, of Aitkin, died Thursday, July 20, 2017 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral service was on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Reverend Darrell Pedersen officiating. Burial with military honors by the Vietnam Veterans of America was in Our Saviors Lutheran Cemetery in Soderville, Ham Lake with Reverend Dan Nordin officiating.



Dennis has fought a battle against "Agent Orange" for the past 40 years. He was born January 31, 1946 in Ham Lake to Melvin C. and Victoria Elizabeth (Strecker) Landborg. He graduated from Anoka High School. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran serving in the Vietnam War. Dennis married Merlyn Mary Fiddymont on April 16, 1977 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in East Bethel.

He served as a councilman and then mayor of Ham Lake. In 1972, he joined the Minnesota State Highway Patrol and retired in 1998 after being elected Aitkin County Sheriff, serving in that position until 2005. He was a member of the McGregor VFW Post #2747 and First Lutheran Church in Aitkin.

He is survived by his wife, Merlyn Landborg, Aitkin; three daughters and son-in-law: Rhonda Landborg, St. Francis; Stacy Schmitz, Paynesville; LaNae (Dave) Ashton, Aitkin; five grandchildren: Levi Landborg, Ryan Lowers, Craig Ashton, Nora Ashton, and Andrew Schmitz; brother and sister-in-law: Kenny and Lois Landborg, Deerwood; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Phillip and Ronnie Landborg and his son-in-law: Joe Schmitz.

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

VIRGIL LEMIRE



Virgil P. Lemire, 87, of Aitkin died Friday, July 21, 2017 at his residence.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Father David Forsman and Reverend Darrell Pedersen officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Thomas Cemetery in Aitkin. Military honors will be accorded by Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86 and Aitkin VFW Roberts-Glad Post # 1727.



He was born December 22, 1929 in Merced, California to Benjamin and Evelyn (Reilly) Lemire. He attended Hickory Lake grade school and Aitkin High School. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1947 and was a veteran of the Korean War. He served at Woodrush, Lightship, and the Brookland Shipyards. Virgil was united in marriage to Eleanor Charlotte Hedberg on November 22, 1952 in Aitkin. They moved to the Iron Range, where they resided for 43 years and he worked as a heavy equipment operator at Hoyt Lakes, LTV, Erie Mines. After retirement in 1995, they

moved back to the homestead near Aitkin where Virgil grew up. They wintered in Texas and Virgil enjoyed playing pool and won many awards. He also enjoyed, reading Louis L'amour books, making maple syrup, and wood carving. He was a member of the American Legion and the Catholic Church.

He survived by his wife of 64 years, Eleanor C. (Hedberg) Lemire, Aitkin; sons and daughters-in-law: Jeffrey and Mary Lemire, Alamogordo, New Mexico; David and Jeanne Lemire, Becker; Perry and Denise Lemire, Duluth; seven grandchildren: Jennifer, Jeff, Jr., Kristen, Danielle, Sarah, Ted, and Joe; five great-grandchildren: Lincoln, Gavin, Holden, Bennett, and Natalie; brother and sisters-in-law: Herb and Kathy Lemire, Robbinsdale; Beatrice Lemire, Aitkin; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Cindy (Lemire) Paakkonen; son-in-law: Richard Paakkonen; two brothers: Oliver and Robert Lemire; sister: Lois Chouinard; and his parents: Benjamin and Evelyn (Reilly) Lemire.

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

MARK BERGEE

Mark Andrew Bergee, 62, of Crosby died on Thursday, July 17, 2017 in Pine River as a result of an automobile accident.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at the Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township followed by a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby.

He was born on November 29, 1954 in New Ulm, MN to Almonte and Agnes (Callanan)

Bergee.

Mark is survived by his wife, Barbara; three sons: Mark Bergee of Deerwood, Luke Bergee of Cuyuna and Ted Bergee of Crosby; two brothers, Ron of Stillwater and Brian of Hudson, WI; three sisters: Jean, Apple Valley; Marie Ann, Buffalo and Ruth, Duluth.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

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Yingling; Worship 11.</p> <p>REFORMED Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com</p> <p>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</p> <p>UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Pequot Lakes — 28877 Slate Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476</p> <p>UNITED METHODIST Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible. Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows. Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9. Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9 Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible. Fleming—(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible. 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Crosby Mayor Hunter questions clerk/treasurer on expenditure approval

At the July 24 City of Crosby council meeting, Mayor Jim Hunter suggested putting the contract for a human resources (HR) attorney up for bids. Currently, Abrams and Schmidt of White Bear Lake do the work.

Mayor Hunter said, "I'd like to bring up the fact that the city council has not had too much control of department heads calling these attorneys. Our bill is very, very expensive for the amount of calls that come in per month. I think that should be overseen. I don't think we should be able to just pick up the phone and just call and get an opinion on every little thing. I think the council should be controlling some of that."

Hunter drew a comparison to Crow Wing County Personnel with an annual budget of \$17,000. Hunter pointed out the in one month the attorney fees for personnel was over \$5,500.

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo responded, "I guess you just have to rest assured that your professionals that you've hired are following the steps to keep the city out of trouble."

Hunter pointed out, "We have a city attorney, we have a HR attorney and we have the League of Minnesota. We have more resources at our hand that we should be using. I don't think we should be racking up bills of \$5,000 per month."

Sova responded, "The cost of an error would greatly exceed that. The League of Minnesota Cities will not advise on that."

Hunter asked, "Is it bad administration?"

Sova replied, "Absolutely not."

Hunter asked "So what is it?"

Sova said, "I'm unable to comment on that due to the personnel issues of private data."

Hunter responded, "Personnel issues of private data, we have a Personnel Committee...have they approved of this kind of bill?"

Sova responded, "The Personnel Committee [does] not approve bills."

Hunter asked "Who approves them?"

Sova said, "I do."

Hunter exclaimed, "You do?"

Debate continued as to whether to put the HR attorney contract out for bids or not.

Newly appointed Councilman Bob Novak relayed how he saw the HR attorney history, "What the council did at the time was to get recommendation from the League of Minnesota Cities. I believe that's correct. And then based on the recommendations the city decided to choose this firm. And it's been the practice of the city and the council to allow Lisa to have the oversight for expenditures. They are to go to her first and if she knows the answer or has a place to go to get the answer without going through the attorneys, she will tell them. Otherwise Lisa has been given the authority to have oversight. So, if we want to change that, I think we should do it in a reasonable and methodical fashion. And I don't think it's appropriate to jump down her throat because you disagree with the cost. And I think it is a lot of money, but also look at the time when these fees were incurred. We had some serious personnel issues going on that our city attorney is not contracted to deal with, so we're getting specialized knowledge to keep our butt out of the sling."

Novak criticized Mayor Hunter on his approach with Sovo saying, "You were accusatory and you kept going right straight for the face."

Councilman Heglund said, "And I want to say one more thing about spending money. He's talking about spending money? You don't know this Bob, you weren't on the council. We had meetings set up here a month ago, a closed meeting, and we were going to talk. Mr. Hunter and Mr. Traylor walked out of the

meeting. We had two attorneys sitting here and it cost us \$1,200 and you talk about blowing money?"

Heglund was referring to the special closed meeting called on June 22 to decide if the city would take steps to appeal the decision of an arbitrator on the reinstatement of Officer Jesse Smith to the Crosby Police Department. Hunter and Traylor walked out of the meeting, after City Attorney Joe Langel erroneously told Hunter he could not be at the meeting because of a conflict of interest.

Traylor said, "I still think we should look at it. And see if we do get a better deal somewhere. All we got to do is ask an HR person by the hour it shouldn't be that difficult to do."

Sova replied, "It actually is, I have to put together an RFP[request for proposal], which is a pretty complex document. Specifying what umm...."

Traylor added, "What type of HR they're going to do?"

Sova continued, "Yeah, the types of the issues you're looking for representation."

Traylor asked if they had any of those canned, ready to go.

Sova said, "No, it would take some time."

Traylor said they should look at for the end of the year. Councilman Novak agreed to look at it and indicated they should be sure to know what they're looking for. The council decided not put the HR attorney contract up for bids at this time.

Sidewalk Public Hearing

A public hearing for Ordinance Amendment Application 17-4505 to Amend Chapter 4, "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places" was discussed. Following much discussion about types of businesses, handicapped considerations, size of tables and chairs, outside serving of customers, it was decided to make changes to allow five feet of the pedestrian walkway. Businesses in the com-

mmercial district (Main Street and Third Avenue) wishing to use the sidewalk in front of their business would need liability insurance and pay a fee to be granted a special permit, based on each specific business request. Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo suggested the permit would be allowed from April 1 through October 31.

Linda Peeples, owner of Gifts Galore, said if this application was for all businesses then it should be made more clear so everyone that is effected could attend and voice their concerns.

Distractions

Councilman Paul Heglund started the additions portion of the meeting with a statement, "Well, I got a couple of additions, I want to speak about. And the first one is our police department. Last week, I talked about that; and I got some good feedback from some local people in town. And I got four phone calls from [people from] different states, that get the *Courier* from Crosby-Ironton. And what they said is [what] I asked Jim Hunter —distractions. And they said, there is plenty of distractions with your doings with being the Mayor of Crosby. And I just wanted to run that by you."

Ranger Pride

Heglund continued addressing Hunter, "And I'll tell you another thing Jim, there's been thousands of us that graduated from Crosby-Ironton. And once you're a Ranger, you're always a Ranger. You never were a Ranger. Bob was a Ranger, Ron was a Ranger and I was a Ranger. And once your a Ranger you always look up to Crosby-Ironton. Everybody follows Crosby-Ironton a lot. They get the *Courier* all over. So when you tell me there's not distractions with you, I disagree. And I just wanted to run that by you."

Mayor Hunter asked the

council, if there were any other additions.

Jesse Smith Appeal

And Heglund said, "I got one more. Now we're talking about [an] appeal on the Jesse Smith [case]. Now we got until the end of August to appeal. That is that true, Joe?"

Attorney Langel said, "The council has already issued a decision on that."

Heglund continued, "Don't we have until the end of August to appeal that, if we want to?"

Langel responded, "I don't have the dates in front of me. I don't know what the time frame is."

Heglund said, "Here's what I want to say, Joe, stop me if you have to. I wish the City of Crosby residents would know the truth about the arbitration of Jesse Smith. That's all I'm askin' ya. If the people in Crosby would know the truth. That's what I'm sayin'. Am I wrong am I right or what?"

Langel responded, "I can't respond to that, as to the truth or not the truth. All I can say is there is an appeal period. The city council's already voted unanimously not to appeal it. Whether the time period is still running, it's possible to change, that I don't know."

Hematite Road Improvements

Mayor Hunter asked the council to consider road improvements on Hematite.

City Engineer Phil Martin was asked about how old the road was and if he felt it was necessary?

Martin said the road was repaved in about 2012-2013 and it is considered wise to chip seal the road to help preserve it. The cost is \$10,920 and no date for the work being done was indicated on the bid.

The council decided to wait until next meeting to see if they had it in the budget for this year. If Crosby doesn't do it Ironton Township will do their half, the south half of

the the road.

Councilman Heglund will talk to City Working Foreman Adolph Rono and instruct him to find out what type of seal they would be using and when they will be doing the work. The council tabled this until next meeting.

Other

Council approved the request to expand and improve the Community Garden by Susan Cebelinski with spending not to exceed the fund balance.

Council approved donating the use of the band shell area for a fishing tournament weigh in August 14, 15 and 16.

Council approved Consider renewing the 2 a.m. on sale license requested by the Spalding House.

Council approved the request for a temporary liquor license for the Ducks Unlimited banquet to be held at the Hallett Community Center and approve serving alcohol on city property contingent upon presenting license and insurance.

Council approved an application for an exempt permit to Cuyuna Range Ducks Unlimited to hold a raffle on Sept. 16 at the Hallett Community Center.

Council approved Ordinance 2017-03 Establishing the Crosby Floodplain Ordinance

Council approved the Summary for Publication, Ordinance 2017-03

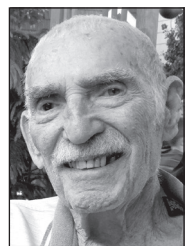
Building Inspector Scott Sadusky talked about the maintenance code that is already adopted could be used to abate occupied nuisance properties. Sadusky recommended that City Attorney Joe Langel look over the maintenance code. Langel said he would look it over before the next meeting.

City Engineer Phil Martin talked about the wrap up of the 2015 utility improvement

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OBITUARIES

EARL SEELY



Earl L. Seely, 89, of Crosby died Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at Aitkin Health Service in Aitkin. He was born December 17, 1927 in Minneapolis.

Family to hold a private memorial at a later date.

Earl graduated then served in the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in 1947. He owned and operated a vending business until moving to Farm Island Lake. Where he semi-retired and worked in the area bartending,

last at Cuyuna Golf Course, in Deerwood. He was married to LaVerne Seely from 1967 until her passing in 2014. He loved golfing, fishing, the Padre Islands in TX, socializing and sports in general. In the interest of helping others who suffer, he has donated his body to the University of Minnesota for scientific research.

He is survived by his daughters: Kim Seely, Florida; Lori Green, Aitkin; sons: David Loken, Ramsey; Wayne Loken, Pequot Lakes; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, LaVerne; son, Kevin; daughter, Dawn Nye.

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Don't be a victim safeguard home

The United Methodist Church in Emily will host "Safeguarding Your Home: Don't Be a Victim" workshop on Monday, August 14 at 2-4:30 p.m.

The leader will be Emily Police Chief Josh Harold. This is another in a series of Emily area community educational forums. The public is invited to this free event. Bring a friend.

Our homes are one of our

most precious assets. When a crime occurs in our home or cabin, we can feel personally violated. Crimes against our property so often occur when we are absent. There many practical steps we can take to protect our home or cabin when we are gone for a brief or extended period of time.

Police Chief Harold will discuss with attendees a variety of steps and strategies we can take to protect and

safeguard our homes and cabins, and resources available to assist us. As always it is essential for each of us to take the steps that keep our homes and cabins safe. There will be time for questions and answers.

The community is invited to watch for further 2017 workshops. "Developing your Plan for Aging in Place," will be offered the week of September 11.

The church is located across from the Emily Post Office near the intersection of Hwy 6 and Co. Rd 1. Questions? Contact Dan Klement, 218-566-2220.

American Legion visits veterans



The July American Legion Auxiliary visit to our Veterans at the local care centers centered around Independence Day and thanking them for their service. Pictured with Vietnam Army Veteran Frank Keys are Roberta Elvecrog holding grandson Jack and Bonnie Mickelson, not pictured is Barb Jones.



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project, 3rd Street project is ongoing. To begin with the contractor could only haul on designated roads and now some additional roads were requested and granted. Video was taken of these roads before the hauling started. Council approved up to \$600 to excavate a 30 ft. x30 ft. investigate the area around the sink hole that was created in the high school parking lot, when a valve was turned on. After the investigation, it will be easier to determine who's fault it was and possibly turn it in to the insurance if needed.

Mayor Hunter re-introduced the Linda McLaughlin, over two year old, coal bin sidewalk project topic with a question to the City Engineer. The gas company wants to put the gas meters on the side of the building, where the sidewalk work would afford side access under the sidewalk for the install. It was decided to have City Attorney Langel draft a letter to property owner Linda McLaughlin with a deadline for the project.

Hunter then talked about the campground project. Hunter said when they remove the tank, there is room for another campsite and the water is already there. So he asked for a price from Moores Electric on adding electric and it was approximately \$300. It was decided to have Martin check with public health, to see if there is a problem with adding another site. The idea to discuss raising campsite rents, but no decision was made.

Then Martin talked about the Lakeshore Drive project options. First option was a basic overlay. The next was where they would build up the road and do a bit more blacktopping and tip it away from the houses. The final option would be the last three properties take the pavement off and put down nine inches of 1.5 inch rock and put the road on top of the rock foundation. The costs for these options will be available probably by next meeting.

Music in the Park on Serpent Lake in Crosby

Enjoy live music by Doug Spartz and Eric Cyr while overlooking Serpent Lake at Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's Music in the Park on Thursday August 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. The free, family fun event will feature music, food, games and more at Crosby's Memorial Park.

Doug Spartz is an Americana singer/songwriter who draws upon his years of experience in many aspects of the music world. From charting on Billboard to dominating the Americana charts, he has

done it all.

Eric Cyr has been studying and creating music for 17 years throughout the state

and globe. He started out his musical odyssey on the trombone, an instrument he still plays in orchestras, jazz bands, and smaller ensembles, but has developed a career as a songwriter, guitarist, and singer. In addition to a plethora of domestic musicianship, Eric has spent time studying and performing in South Africa, Belize, and Italy. Based in Duluth, he performs original and cover music

in coffeehouses, bars, and churches, and recorded his first album, *Morose Joy*, under the moniker Cyr in Benque Viejo, Belize at Stonetree Records in 2014.

Prairie Bay's Iron Range Eatery will be serving food and refreshments so come hungry and enjoy the music!

Music in the Park continues the second and fourth Thursday evenings June through August from 5 to 8 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and sit back and enjoy live music while overlooking the spectacular views of Serpent Lake. For more information about each Music in the Park event, visit www.cuyunalakes.com.



Doug Spartz will perform on August 10.

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