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Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin new remodel



The remodeled front lobby at Aicota Health Care Center features a new fireplace in Aitkin currently decorated for Halloween.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin planned to build a new addition for short-term rehab residents in 2014.

But, according to Administrator Alison Matalamaki, since staffing of long-term care facilities is always a challenge, they decided to remodel instead of adding on a wing when they didn't have staff to run it.

"We still wanted to accomplish many of our goals our original plan had to meet the increasing expectations of the residents and patients we now serve," said Matalamaki in an interview. "Our plan changed to be a remodel of our existing building that will meet the needs of our long-term residents, as well as, our increasing short-term rehab and transitional care patients."

The project lasted for nearly a year. Matalamaki notes:



The south dayroom now has a updated resident bistro all ready for Halloween.

"The project started in December 2016 and was finished up in October 2017. Aicota worked with Norson on our project. They also built both phases of our assisted living. The crew was great and our residents really enjoyed interacting with them and watching the project progress. The crew got to know a lot of our residents by name and enjoyed chatting

with them too. Some of our residents spoiled the crew – making them goodies and treats with our activities staff, inviting them to join in on our outdoor picnics and even had the crew superintendent be a judge for one of our pie baking contests."

With this project, Aicota: renovated and redecored the front lobby and nurses'

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Two of three phosphorus-reducing projects complete and runoff-regulating ordinances adopted

Clearing up Serpent Lake with \$1.2 million grant plus matching funds



Serpent Lake will benefit from a \$1.2 million targeted watershed program grant the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources awarded to Crow Wing Soil & Water Conservation District in 2014 to fund projects that would reverse the trend in declining water quality. With two of three projects complete, clarity has improved. A fourth plan element helped local governments adopt ordinances regulating stormwater runoff.

Serpent Lake hasn't been this clear since 1991. That's the last time anyone could see 18 feet into the Crow Wing County lake, which is central to a growing tourism economy, home to about 275 lakeshore residents, and next door to Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area. "The initial data is encouraging," said Arlen Bowen of the Serpent Lake Association, who since 2004 has collected Secchi disk readings three times a month, June through September, from the same spot on Serpent Lake. Clarity averaged 18.3 feet for the 2017 season – the

fourth consecutive year it's beaten the longtime trend toward murky waters. A former statistician, Bowen was cautious about jumping to conclusions based on four years' data. "Maybe we did something," Bowen said. The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources in 2014 awarded the Crow Wing Soil & Water Conservation District a \$1.2 million targeted watershed grant for projects to reverse the trend in declining water quality and to preserve the regional resource. With two phosphorus-reduction projects complete, a

third scheduled for fall construction, and newly adopted ordinances in place, lake association members expect continued improvements in water quality. Bowen and fellow SLA member Clark Marshall sat down in mid-September to talk about how the lake got to this point. Marshall grew up on Serpent Lake in the 1950s when iron ore mining defined Crosby's economy, only 30 percent of the lakeshore was developed, and "watersports" meant fishing and swimming. "Back in those days, you fished out of rowboats," said Marshall, 72, a retired information systems project manager who returned to Crosby in 2006. "You could be fishing in 30 feet of water and see the bottom." Today, tourism drives much of Crosby's economy. Nearly 100 percent of the lakeshore is developed. Watersports on Serpent Lake means everything from motorized fishing boats to stand-up paddleboards.

Phosphorus made itself known in 2003, when an algae bloom turned the lake green. Water clarity dropped to 15 feet. It would get worse—dropping to 12.1 feet in 2012. "This 2003 event was a shock to the lake(shore) owners. That's not what people living on the lake had expected," said Bowen, 74, a retired electrical engineer who moved to Serpent Lake in 2000. The Serpent Lake Association had been monitoring, off and on, since 1971. "We thought it was a nice, clear beautiful lake," Bowen said. "That fall, I experienced my first algae bloom. It was a doozy. It covered 80 percent of the north shore." Serpent Lake Association members mobilized. Bowen led intensified monitoring efforts, adding upstream test sites. The SLA promoted shoreline buffers, rain gardens and non-phosphorus fertilizers. When tests of 143 septic systems showed 30 were failing, owners replaced all 30. With an Minnesota Pollution Control Agency grant, the SLA and Crow Wing SWCD identified the main sources of phosphorus – untreated stormwater runoff sites in Crosby and Deerwood; and water flowing in from Cranberry Lake, which had served as Deerwood's 1970s sewage discharge pond. "This lake is still meeting water quality goals, but we know that runoff is causing more algae. The effort was to stop the runoff before it becomes a bigger problem," said Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing SWCD manager. The headwaters of the Cuyuna Lakes Area, Serpent Lake lies within the Upper Mississippi River Basin. Through Serpent Creek, it feeds into Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area – a nationally recognized single-track mountain

bike destination that draws about 177,650 annual visitors. In Cuyuna, a city park provides public lake access. "It's definitely an economic driver for these communities. Even for Crow Wing County, this region is becoming more and more popular for recreational opportunities," Barrick said during a Crosby site visit. Waves ruffled lily pads along the shore, where corrugated plastic pipes and a black plastic drum awaited installation. Lengths of concrete pipe stretched up the hill to Second Street Southeast, the replacements for a 1928 system that sent 14 acres of untreated Crosby stormwater directly into the lake. The grant provided \$200,000 for the Crosby project, which was projected to cut the lake's total yearly phosphorus load by nearly 12 percent. It's projected to finish under budget. "This was the project that we had No. 1 on our list as a priority," said Crosby Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sova. "We're a small town. We don't have a large tax base." Crosby, population 2,386, contributed \$50,000. "It solves an issue for the city," Sova said. "It's something we've had on our radar as something we've been working to resolve. By partnering with Crow Wing (SWCD), and through the grant we have the funds available to address that issue now." The new system will filter runoff through sediment traps and rain gardens outside City Hall. "Cumulatively what we've figured out so far, not including the Crosby project, we have reduced 16 tons of potential algae growth in the lake – or 67 pounds of phosphorus," Barrick said. Together, the Crosby, Deerwood and Cranberry Lake projects were projected to cut

annual phosphorus loading by more than 40 percent, bringing levels within acceptable limits. Cranberry Lake responded almost immediately to a grant-funded, \$90,000 alum treatment, which bound phosphorus to the lake bottom and prevented more than 40 pounds of phosphorus a year from flowing into Serpent Lake. Cranberry Lake's phosphorus levels decreased from 90 micrograms per liter before the 2016 treatment to 30 mg/l after. Deerwood's \$500,000 stormwater treatment project was completed in 2016. Marshall was most enthusiastic about the ordinances. In Crosby, it represents how far the SLA, SWCD and city have come in building partnerships. Initially, even small projects such as establishing a rain garden in Crosby were met with stiff opposition. Crosby and Deerwood adopted ordinances that require new development to include stormwater runoff plans. Irondale Township is in the process. With \$90,000 in grant funds, the SWCD hired a consultant to meet with elected officials, draft ordinances and organize public meetings. That project came in under budget. "It's very important. If this becomes a one-time shot, that's not good," Marshall said. "There's a future view to what's going on here with this ordinance, which says we don't want to create any more runoff now that we're going to get our 50 pounds of phosphorus out. We don't want to start having more problems." The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources' mission is to improve and protect Minnesota's water and soil resources by working in partnership with local organizations and private landowners. Website: www.bwsr.state.mn.us.

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BARBARA GREIFZU



Barbara A. Greifzu, 81, of McGregor formerly of St. Paul and Woodbury died Monday, October 16, 2017 in McGregor.

A funeral service was held Friday, October 20, 2017 at noon from the Grace Lutheran Church near McGregor with Rev. Erika Foss officiating. Visitation one hour before the service. Burial will be at a later date in the Pine Needle Cemetery.

Barb was born June 18, 1936 in St. Pau to Alfred and Virginia (Lutz) Greer. She grew up and attended schools in St. Paul graduating from Mechanic Arts High School in 1954. She worked for the Gillette Company in St. Paul for almost 25 years. She married Robert A. Greifzu on March 18, 1988 in St. Paul. They built a home near McGregor and upon retirement in 1992 they moved to McGregor and have resided here since. She was very active in her church, Grace

Lutheran Church and the community. She was involved in the Rivers and Lakes Organization, the McGregor Area Clothes Closet where she helped sort clothing and worked in the store. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, served as an election judge, was involved with the women quilters and served many, many, funeral lunches at Grace Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Greifzu, McGregor; children: Bob (Pat) Olson, Oakdale; Jim Greifzu and Rebecca Esquera, Minnetrista; Jeff Greifzu and Steve Perez, Irvine, CA; Jeff (Patti) Harvey, Oakdale; Honore Harvey and Dave Grunow, Milwaukee, WI; seven grandchildren: Ann (Tom) Leary, Stephen Osmanski, Emma Osmanski, Karen Williams, Jeffrey Harvey, Bre (David) Truong, Vanessa Stusek; one great-grandchild, Greer Leary; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Ian Harvey; four brothers and three sisters. Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

MILDRED REINHARDT



Mildred (Rowland) Reinhardt, 97, of Palisade died Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin, two days before her 98th birthday.

A memorial service will be held Monday, October 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Rev. William Sass officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date in Gary, SD. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers. All memorials will be donated in Mildred's name to the Aitkin Elementary Kindergarten Program.

Mildred was born October 13, 1919 in Gary, South Dakota the daughter of Walter and Birdie (Griffing) Rowland. She spent her whole childhood in Gary. Mildred had a brother, Charles and they were best friends. Mildred attended schools in Gary and graduated high school in 1937. She then attended State College at Brookings, South Dakota for one year. She then attended the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis. After that she attended the Miss Woods Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary training school in Minneapolis and graduated from there. Mildred married Lawrence "Bud" Reinhardt on February

29, 1944 in Minneapolis and then they moved to Gary, South Dakota where they rented a farm from Art and Anna McKie. Bud was a good farmer but became ill and the doctor advised him to get off of the farm. They purchased a 30 foot mobile home and set off to seek their fortune. After one year of travel they moved to the Palisade area as it appealed to them. Bud's sister Hazel, and Mildred's dear friend also lived there. Mildred taught kindergarten for four years at Riverton, Mn. and then 19 years of Kindergarten at the Aitkin Elementary School. Mildred published 6 stories for children, compiled three educational card games for children and from 1987 to present she has published 11 reminiscent books for adults. Mildred cherished teaching, her family, her friends, her flowers, pet dogs and cats. It was a good life all the way.

She is survived by her children: Cathleen (Thomas) Gorsuch of Palisade, Steve (Carol) Reinhardt of Palisade, Vivian (Mark) Fowlds of Palisade; four grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Bud in 1986 and brother, Charles. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

MARY JOHNSON



Mary Jane Johnson, 73, of Crosby died on Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

She was born on September 26, 1944 in Plainview to Ernest and Christina (Kohn) Anderson. Mary lived in Hayfield. When she got married she moved to Sargeant. In 1977, she moved to Spring Valley/Cherry Grove. In the late 1990's, she moved to her lake home in Garrison. Then in 2000 she lived in Brainerd and in 2007 she moved to Crosby.

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Sunday service broadcast on KKIN (94.3FM) at 10am, and on TV cable channel 181 at 9am on Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9:30am – 5pm.
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 Ingewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
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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. Lovaa; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
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Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod); Rev. Mark Maunula;Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.
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Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.

McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
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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Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
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Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
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.
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OBITUARIES

TERRY NISTLER



Terry R. Nistler, 73, of McGregor died Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at his home. Funeral service was held Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the McGregor Funeral Home with Rev. Dawn Houser officiating. Burial was in the Woodland Cemetery at McGregor. Military honors will be provided by the McGregor VFW and American Legion Posts. Terry was born September 7, 1944 in Aitkin, to Reinhart and Alice (Johnson) Nistler. He grew up and attended schools in Aitkin. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Ticonderoga during the Vietnam War. Upon his discharge he returned to McGregor for a short time and then moved to Superior, WI, and then to Arkansas and finally back to McGregor. He worked as an over the road trucker for many

years. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was a member of the McGregor VFW Post. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law: Terry Nistler II, Stephenville, TX; Tony and Pamela Nistler, McGregor; Dan and Jenny Nistler, Hico, TX; daughter and son-in-law, Krystal and Chris Gerhardt, Dublin, TX; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law: LeRoy "Sonny" and Brenda Nistler, Tom and Sandy Nistler, and Greg Nistler, all of McGregor; sisters and brothers-in-law: Sandra and Erland Ammala, McGregor; Joyce and John Knaack, McGregor; Judy and Roger Ake, Aitkin; Peggy and Dick Ladd, Palisade; Karen and Ray Marsyla, McGregor; and Joanie and Terry Benton, Vero Beach, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, David Nistler. Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

KENNETH TETRICK



Kenneth George Tetrick, 91, of Aitkin died Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin. Kenneth was born September 21, 1926 in Redwood Falls to Wilbur and Emma (Zimmerli) Tetrick. A memorial service was held Friday, October 20, 2017 at 11 a.m. from St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Fr. David Forsman officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Military honors were provided by the Aitkin VFW and American Legion Posts. Burial will be at a later date in the Minnesota Veterans Cemetery at Camp Ripley, Minnesota. He attended country grade school and graduated from Redwood Falls High School in 1945 where he participated in football and wrestling. He was also active in 4-H where he showed champion cattle. Ken enlisted in the Marine Corps during WW II and after his discharge was called back into service during the Korean War. After serving his country, he attended Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara, California, graduating with a major in photography. Santa Barbara is also where he met Nancy Stephany (a girl from his hometown) who later became his wife. In 1954, they were married at St. Catherine's

Church in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. They made their home in Minneapolis where Ken was employed at Brown Photo. Ken and Nancy had six children. In 1970, they moved north to Aitkin to raise their family. Ken owned and operated Hasskamp equipment with his longtime friend Noel Hasskamp and in his later years helped out when needed at Auto Valu. Ken was a member of the Aitkin American Legion and VFW Posts where he served in the Color Guard. Ken was always proud to be a Marine. Ken had been active as a Boy Scout Leader, enjoyed farming and gardening and spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nancy (Stephany) Tetrick; 6 children: Greg (Sandy), Brian (Jody), Kelly (Shari), William (Jill), Stephanie, Suzanne (Mark); 14 grandchildren: Nicholas, Melissa, Danielle, Aimee, Garrett, Sara, Matthew, Kathryn, Allison, Nathan, Cassandra, Rachel, Jacob, Annika; 10 great grandchildren: Tucker, Audrey, Chloe, Miley, Ethan, Isabella, Piper, Alexander, Spencer, Waylon; 4 brothers: Russell, Dewey, Roger, Charles; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Lucille and Merlie Ann and one infant sister, Priscilla. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

Crosby lieutenant chosen Investigator of the Year



Crosby Police Lt. Kevin Randolph was chosen as the 2017 Investigator of the Year by the MNSCIA. Crosby Police Lt. Kevin Randolph was chosen as the 2017 Investigator of the Year by the Minnesota Sex Crimes

Investigator's Association, according to a new release from the City of Crosby. Randolph was presented the award October 4 at the association's annual fall conference. Randolph has been in law enforcement for 15 years specializing in investigations. Randolph attributes his success in bringing cases to favorable outcomes through the use of forensic investigative tools, active management of cases from report through prosecution and a strong desire to uphold the law, a news release stated. Randolph's award was due in part to the national recognition he gained for Crosby and the University of Minnesota by investigating and apprehending a serial rapist who preyed on University of

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The newly remodeled employee lounge kitchen.

station; updated the handicapped-accessible front entrance; renovated upstairs space into three offices and a conference room; relocated the business office downstairs for easier access for residents and families; redecorated the south dayroom into a bistro and sitting-area concept; remodeled employee areas to give them a pleasant and relaxing atmosphere to take breaks and spend time with coworkers; redecorated the north dayroom and nurses' station and all common area hallways; redecorated the family room and chapel; redid resident rooms and installed flat screen televisions; updated the handicapped-accessible doors at the rehab center entrance; completed exterior water mitigation; installed new windows on the south end of the building and painted the exterior; redid the front parking lot and added new LED lighting fixtures. How is the new space working out? "The remodel is working out great! Our residents, visitors and employees are enjoying all of the renovations

and remodeling. The bistro is a popular spot for residents and visitors to relax and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee. Our front lobby is also a popular place to be – residents enjoy the new fireplace and like sitting and visiting with people coming and going. Our daily activities, events and pictures are now posted on a large screen television which makes it easier for our residents and visitors to

know what is going on. Our employees are taking full advantage of the new employee lounge whether relaxing on a sofa in the quiet lounge or enjoying some fresh popcorn in the employee dining room. "We held a photo contest earlier this year where people in the community were asked to submit photos of landscapes, buildings, etc. in Aitkin County. The goal of this was to provide familiar images of the community and scenes of local life to decorate the walls and provide a sense of home for our residents. There are four resident room wings at Aicota – each with a different theme. We encourage the community to stop in and admire some of the contestants photos and the winning photo located in the business office. In addition, we will be holding an open house soon – please watch for dates and come visit us!," summed up Matalamaki.

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Man charged with burglary, theft

Robert Kenneth Harff, 57, St. Cloud, was arrested and charged with burglary and theft for his role in an October 6, 2017 burglary in Turner Township north of McGregor.

At around 6:00 p.m. on that date, the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary to a cabin on the north side of Big Sandy Lake. The deputy responded and observed the property in the cabin had been gathered up for removal from the cabin, but that the suspect(s) had ap-

parently been scared away.

At 8:46 p.m. it was reported that the suspect, subsequently identified as Harrf, was in the cabin of the earlier burglary report and that he had fought with the party checking the cabin. Deputies responded and located Harrf in a stolen vehicle a short distance away.

Harff was arrested and transported to the Aitkin County Jail. On October 9th the Aitkin County Attorney's Office filed a complaint

in Aitkin County District Court charging Harff with Felony Burglary Second Degree, Felony Possession of Stolen Property, Misdemeanor Criminal Damage to Property and Misdemeanor Trespass.

Harff made his appearance in front of the Honorable John DeSanto. Bond/Bail was set in the amount of \$30,000 unconditional bail/bond, \$15,000 conditional bond, or \$5,000 conditional cash bail. Harff remains in the Aitkin County Jail.

Isle man arrested for burglary

Jeremiah Logen Kramer, 25, of Isle is facing burglary and weapons charges after the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office linked him to a couple of recent burglaries in Lakeside Township.

On October 9, 2017 two separate burglaries were reported to the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office in the rural Isle area. Reported taken from these burglaries were tools, clothing and an ATV.

While investigating these burglaries, a Deputy Sheriff located an ATV matching the description of the one


reported missing. Kramer admitted to the burglaries that had been reported earlier and a search warrant was executed at Kramer's residence. Property missing from the burglaries was located as was a firearm, ammunition and drug smoking devices.

Kramer was arrested and booked into the Aitkin County Jail.

On October 11, 2017 the Aitkin County Attorney's Office filed a complaint in Aitkin County District Court charging Kramer with Two counts of Felony Felon in

Possession of a Firearm, Two counts of Felony Felon in Possession of Ammunition, Felony Burglary 2nd Degree, Felony Burglary 3rd Degree, Felony Theft, Gross Misdemeanor Controlled Substance 5th Degree Possession and Misdemeanor Theft.

Kramer appeared in District Court in front of the Honorable Judge John DeSanto. Bond/Bail was set in the matter at \$30,000 unconditional cash bail or bond, \$15,000 conditional cash bail or bond. Kramer posted \$15,000 conditional bond.



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