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Quilts of valor presented to faithful vets as The 11th hour of 11th day of 11th month marked in Aitkin



With Stan Nix in the lead and Bob Brandt calling orders, the colors are presented in Aitkin on Veterans' Day.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
American Legion Commander Bob Carlson called order on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month as Veterans' Day was celebrated in Aitkin on November 11. About 40 people attended the event at the American

Legion. Chaplain Carroll Janzen opened in prayer. He prayed for those missing in action and taken prisoners of war and also for veterans suffering with mental and physical disabilities.

"I pray for the victims and families of the recent shootings in our country and world and pray for an end to war, violence and terrorism."

Carlson welcomed all and recognized all past Legion and VFW commanders and auxiliary presidents.

"A veteran is someone who wrote a blank check and I hope everyone who leaves the building today understands what a veteran has done and shows gratitude and respect for all former and active veterans serving our nation," said Carlson.



Ashlee Kearney reads her Voice of Democracy essay. Winning essays go to district and then state competition. National winners get a trip to Washington DC and a scholarship, among other prizes.

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Veterans Day Ceremony in Aitkin | Continued from Page 1



A Quilt of Valor is displayed during the Veterans Day ceremony at the Aitkin American Legion.

"A veteran is a veteran, whether they served in war or peacetime—they all signed that blank check. And let us not forget our military families who keep our home fires burning," summed up Carlson.

Essay winners

Young people wrote patriotic essays entered into contests. "Patriot's Pen" is for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Blaise Sanford took first place, Connor Rose, second and Julia Peterson, third.

Older students, in grades 9-12, entered the "Voice of Democracy" contest where Ashlee Kearney took first, Cody Davies second and Kody Johnson, third.

Julie Peterson was on hand to read her essay. "When I see a hurting friend at school I ask if I can pray for them. I can speak my mind about something that I want to say that probably can't be said in another country. Every vote matters and I'll exercise my right to vote when I'm of age."

Ashlee Kearney was also on hand to read her essay. "If we all work tougher and give more than we take we can be an example. ...I believe people have the right to be heard but need to do so in a respectful way...We need to find a way to heal. Like me, so many people are tired of the unrest in America."

Quilts of Valor

Anita Sundholm and her daughter sewed Quilts of Valor and matching pillows. Quilts were award to Bob

Brandt and Stan Nix, who faithfully attend every event where the Aitkin Color Guard is asked to serve.

Jody Ennis, VFW adjutant, was also recognized for all the work she does on organizing patriotic programs.

As if the American way, the program ended with a lunch and cake for everyone who attended.



From left: Bob Brandt, color guard and also a quilt recipient, watches fellow color guard member Stan Nix get his Quilt of Valor from Jody Ennis, VFW adjutant. Bob Carlson, Legion commander, holds a pillow that each fellow also received. Ann Schwartz photos

Toys For Kids kickoff November 24

Toys for Kids program, officially begins on November 24. The kickoff event will the parking lot of the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce and Ace Hardware (west of the Mississippi River). Donations

will be received 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by the Heartland Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Toy donations will also then be accepted at over 50 drop-off sites in the area until Thursday, December 14, the day toy distribution will be made to families at the Brainerd Armory.

Please mail monetary gifts to: TFK, Heartland Detachment, Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 2811, Baxter, MN 56425.

Heartland Detachment, Toys For Kids has no affiliation with the national "Toys

For Tots" program. All monies donated to the local Toys For Kids program are spent locally.

In 2017, through the generosity of this local community, more than 950 boys and girls through 15 years of age from about 404 families residing in Southern Crow Wing County were able to receive Christmas gifts. Last year the economic impact of the area was about \$40,000.

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Ongoing Events:

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm "Ask an Attorney," Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 4th Tues. of month at noon.

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.

Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyan Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295

Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-9271383.

Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting. Meet in member's homes. Info call Vern 320-684-2244 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need, 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@mfaf.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 each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark. 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin, MN

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanic.com.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

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

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

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) 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 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.

November

18th - Needle-felted Gnomes at The Crossing Arts Alliance with Lisa Jordan 10 am - 1 pm. This class introduces students to 3-dimensional felting. Using a specially barbed needle and fluffy wool, students will create a small gnome to use in their holiday decorating. \$20 for Crossing Arts Members, or \$25 for non-members. All tools and materials are provided and students will keep their mats and needles for future use. Register by calling The Crossing Arts Alliance at 218-833-016 or in person at 711 Laurel Street, Brainerd.

18th - Turkey Bingo at the Crosby Fire Hall on First Street NW, 6 p.m. Turkey raffle tickets, \$1 donation. Hosted by the Crosby Fire Department Auxiliary.

18th - Deerwood Legion Auxiliary Hunting for the Holidays Craft and Vendor Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 23659 Forest Road, Deerwood.

20th - Deerwood Fire Department's Annual Turkey Bingo at the Deerwood Auditorium, 7 p.m.

23rd - Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge Thanksgiving Buffet.

23rd - Free Thanksgiving Dinner at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church 11 am - 2 pm or until food is gone T Shepherd of the Lake Church is located on Highway 169, one mile north of the "Y" in Garrison. For more information please call 320-592-4581.

24th - Thanksgiving Dinner Cascade United Methodist Church, noon. For reservations, please call 218-534-3507, or email casca-deumc@embarqmail.com. Free will offerings accepted. Church is located between Crosby and Deerwood on Hwy 6 and 210.

24th - Fish House 5K Run and Walk at 9 a.m. The Fish House 5k serves as the official kickoff to Aitkin's World Famous Fish House Parade. The race starts and ends at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds and the course runs through the streets of Aitkin and the city park. The 5k route has been certified by USA Track & Field. A 5K Run/Walk category for ages 12 and under will make this event more economical for entire families. For questions, please contact Brian at the Aitkin Chamber of Commerce at 218-927-2316.

24th - Emily, Outing and Fifty Lakes Lakers Lions tree lot opens in downtown Emily.

29th-Waukenabo Dance, "Frank & Fran" will be performing 1-4 p.m. at the Waukenabo Community Center located 15 mi. north of Aitkin on Hwy. 169 to Co. Rd. 3, west 1 1/4 mi. on left.

December

2nd - Harding Horse'n Around Christmas Parade (Christmas equine parade) 5 p.m. on Main Street in Harding. Horses will go thru town with lights & music. For more info call Dondi Schubert at 218-831-8850.

5th - Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library and JFHML Friends Holiday Open House from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, shopping and cake for retiring staff.

5th & 6th - Jaques Art Center St. Nicholas Day Tea 1 p.m. each day - tickets are \$20. An annual affair at the Jaques complete with lovely British tea, appropriate finger appetizers and a guest speaker. 121 2nd Street NW, Aitkin, 218-927-2363

Auditions set for "And Then There Were None"

Are you "dying" to be a part of a good mystery? Pequot Lakes Community Theater invites you to audition for a role in one of Agatha Christie's best-selling novels "And Then There Were None" Monday or Tuesday, Nov. 27 or 28.

Ten strangers are lured and stranded together on Soldier Island when the weather takes a turn for the worse. All of them have a deep dark secret. One by one they begin to die according to the lines from a sinister nursery rhyme.

Will anyone survive? Who is the killer?

Auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday Nov. 27 and Tuesday, Nov. 28 at in the Pequot Lakes High School Theater.

No need to prepare anything to read; there will be excerpts from the script for reading at auditions.

Director Craig Friday said the cast consists of 11 characters -- eight men and three women.

Character descriptions are:

Vera Claythorne - Secretary, early to mid-20s, attractive;

Anthony Marston - Early to mid-20s, rich, spoiled, good looking, not overly intelligent;

Philip Lombard - Late 30ish-40ish, sense of adventurer about him;

William Henry Blore - former detective, suspicious of everyone, middle-aged;

Dr. Armstrong - fussy, good looking man, mid-40's, rather tired;

Emily Brent - spinster type with a disagreeable, suspicious face;

General Mackenzie - stoic, former military type;

Sir Lawrence Wargrave - retired judge, older gentleman, known as the "Hanging Judge";

Rogers (Tom) - competent, middle-aged manservant;

Mrs. (Ethel) Rogers - thin, worried, frightened-looking woman, the maid;

Fred Narracott - Boatman, seagoing type, scruffy looking.

"A read-through will be held for the cast on Monday,

Dec. 4," said Friday, "with blocking rehearsals on Dec. 5, 6, 11, 12 and possibly the 18th and 19th.

Rehearsals start full swing Tuesday, Jan. 2 to continue Monday through Friday. Depending on the progress of the show, there may be a Saturday rehearsal added.

"Rehearsals will run 6:30 - 9 p.m. or until everyone is DEAD tired," Friday added. "Hope to see you at audi-

tions....those that are brave enough."

"And Then There Were None" is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

The play will be staged in Pequot Lakes Feb. 16-18 and 23-25.

Information is available on the website www.glapa.info, or by calling Pequot Lakes Community Education at 218-568-9200.



Friday, Nov. 24
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Crosby Council contends with even more resignations from the library

At its November 13 meeting, the Crosby Council accepted resignation of Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library-Board Member Greg Maddux effective September 25, 2017, with regrets.

They also accepted with regrets the resignations of regular part time library staff Deb Weide, Becky Munns and Sharon Beaman effective December 31, 2017, due to Library budget constraints.

They also approved Margaret "Peggi" Beseres changing her retirement date from December 15, 2017 to December 31, 2017. During the transition period end of December and until a new Head Librarian is hired.

Effective January 2018, Abby Smith will be assuming duties as full-time interim librarian up to 40 hours per week. This is a temporary solution and will utilize existing staff and to cover open hours of Library operations. Also changing beginning January 2018, the JFHM will be closed on Mondays. The other weekly hours will remain the same. The Board will reevaluate library hours as needed.

Mayor Bob Novak described the process and approximate time-line after approving the position description for the head librarian including creating the questions, job posting and job matrix. Posting for the position and hopefully running ads as soon as Friday, November 17. The Council approved the position description.

Library board members Cathy Aykens and Mary Gaviglio with Mayor Novak and Council Member Jim Traylor will create the questions, job matrix and interview the candidates hopefully within three weeks. Beseres will observe the interviews.

Council approved the resolution to accept donations to the Jesse F Hallett Memorial

Library. The council approved gambling permit for the chambers raffle during the upcoming fishing contest, Christmas in the Park and related requests.

Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network

Andrew Hook of the Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network gave an update. The group oversees the Soo Line Depot Museum in Crosby. Hooks included information about a new biography about Judge Miles Lord written by Roberta Walburn. Miles Lord, "The Maverick Judge Who Brought Corporate America to Justice," is also a C-I graduate.

Head Librarian Peggi Beseres noted and thanked Mary Lou and Al Houle for the donation of a copy of the Miles Lord book to the library.

Hook suggested adding C-I Alumni Hall of Fame for academic accomplishment to the sports hall of fame that already exists.

Hook also discussed an idea of looking at what the area has to offer through the eyes of area youth. A contest for submitted themes using photos and videos about things that are unique to this area. The details for prizes and time line weren't defined yet.

Hook also talked about the Scorpion Snowmobile Plant history needing recording before everyone to talk to is gone. The council and mayor liked the ideas as presented by Hook.

Lakeshore Drive

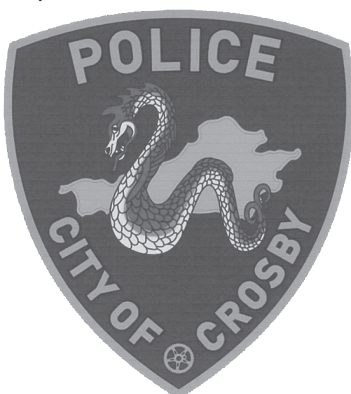
The council approved the resolution receiving the feasibility report and calling for a public hearing on improvements to Lakeshore Drive.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Jay DeCent said they had four calls since last meeting. DeCent talked about the open house that was held in October. Turkey Bingo to be held Saturday, Nov. 18 at the fire hall.

Hallett Center of Crosby

Amber Moon General Manger Hallett Center of Crosby spoke to the council. And the council approved the bid of \$4,981.56 plus an installation charge of \$559 for purchase of new carpet from Hudrlik Carpet for their fitness room.



Officer Alan Booth's design of a patch for the Crosby Police Department Volunteer Reserve Program. The reserve patches will have the word "Reserve" at the top in place of the word "Police."

The acceptance is contingent upon Moon verifying the carpet being used by Hudrlik is of the same or better quality as the competing bidder. The council also approved a resolution to accept an anonymous donation of LED Lights for the Hallett Center.

Police Department

Police Lieutenant Kevin Randolph addressed the council with newly grown facial hair. The reason for the new growth is an idea the other officers had to follow other departments with the theme "No Shave November."

Randolph said, "It is a fund raiser for the department and a team builder as well. We're raising money for the Courage Cabinet at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center. This is a fund that provides expenditures for patients who are undergoing cancer treatment."

Randolph said it was their first year of doing it. Each officer that wanted to participate had to donate a minimum of \$40. Randolph gave some camera location ideas and bid update to the council.

The council approved a camera budget total of up to \$6,500 including installation. Randolph talked about the

reserve program, starting in December applications will be reviewed. Some of the new volunteer officers will begin training in January. Officer Alan Booth did a new design of a patch for the police. The reserve will have Reserve at the top in place of Police.

Public Works

Clarence of Public Works addressed the council. The council approved the hiring of part-time laborer Jared Bloom.

Mayor or Novak asked Clarence about the recycling bins being full. Clarence talked through the regular monitoring of the bins. Depending on the weather they will fill up in two to four days.

There has also been people putting items that aren't recyclable like sheet rock, storm windows, and mattresses. They try to be sure the bin is completely full before they call to have it picked up. There was some discussion of locking an empty bin to fill one first. The new cameras should help with surveillance of the bins.

Clarence also said he heard a rumor that Ironon recycling is going curbside. There was some concern with what effect that would have on the use of the bins in Crosby.

Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo addressed the council. Council approved resolution to assess unpaid charges to the property taxes.

Council approved changing to Xpress Bill Pay for on-line credit card payments of city utility bills.

Council approved contract with the League of Minnesota Cities for codification of the cities ordinances. Council approved the contract with Clifton Larson Allen for the

2017 audit. As a result of the September resignation of Clerk's Assistant Shelly Skeim.

Sova informed the Council "Just an update on our staffing situation. We've been short since the middle of September and I found a temporary employee who has a lot of city experience. Her name is Krista Okeman and she is the City Clerk in Jenkins. She is willing to come and work as a temp for us a day or two a week. Until we're able to get our position set. So she's going to start next Monday and come in an assist us one or two days a week. So during the interim, December 7th we have a workshop with Gary Weiers from David Drown and Associates and Anna Gruber of NJPA. And talk about job descriptions and restructuring. So Krista will get us by."

Council approved Sovas request to contract with Krista Okeman She will temporarily be performing part-time clerical duties until a new clerk could be hired.

LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Nov. 18 & 25, 2017)
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY CROW WING
DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT FILE NO.
18-CV-17-4230
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

In the Matter of the Petition of Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for FFMLT Trust 2006-FF4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF4

In Relation to Certificate of Title No. 56802.0 issued for land in the County of Crow Wing and State of Minnesota legally described as: Lot Three (3) Block Two (2), North Oaks

TO ALL PARTIES WITH AN INTEREST IN THIS REAL ESTATE, PARTICULARLY:

Parties to be served: Elmer A. Bikkie.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that unless you appear before this Court on the 11th day of December, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Crow Wing County Government Center, and then, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, show cause, if there is any, why this Court should not enter an Order as follows:

That the Registrar of Titles of Crow Wing County, upon the recording of a certified copy of this Order, cancel Cer-

tificate of Title No. 56802.0 and enter a new certificate for the land therein described in favor of Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for FFMLT Trust 2006-FF4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF4, with address c/o Specialized Loan Servicing LLC 8742 Lucent Blvd. Suite 300, Highland Ranch, CO 80129, covering the above real estate, subject to the memorial of Document No. T92980, but free of all other memorials on the said Certificate and free of the memorial of this Order.

Attendance is required only by those who wish to object to the entry of the above-described Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order to Show Cause be served:

(a) at least ten (10) days before the hearing upon the above-named parties residing in the State in the manner provided by law for the service of a Summons in a civil action;

(b) at least fourteen days before the hearing upon each of the above-named nonresidents by sending a copy of this Order to the nonresident's post office address, by Registered or Certified mail, return receipt requested;

(c) upon each of the above-named parties who cannot be found by two weeks published

notice and by sending a copy of this Order at least fourteen days before the hearing by first class mail to the last known address of the party and by sending another copy of this Order at least 14 days before the hearing by first class mail to the address of such party as stated on the Certificate of Title if an address is so stated;

(d) upon a dissolved, withdrawn, or revoked business entity governed by Minn. Stat. Chapters 302A, 303, 317A, 321, 322B, or 323A in the manner provided by Minn. Stat. § 5.25. (Note: return date on Order to Show Cause must be at least 30 days after date of mailing by the Secretary of State.)

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Deputy Examiner of Titles
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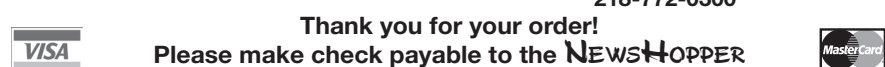
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Opinion—

Taxpayer and ratepayer subsidies squandered on dismantles solar project

By TOM STEWARD
 There were no dignitaries on hand, ribbons to cut or speeches on sustainability to commemorate the latest chapter in solar power at the Maplewood Community Center (MCC).
 Five years after a massive \$310,000 subsidy from taxpayers and Xcel Energy ratepayers, the St. Paul suburb now has nothing to show for the supposed model renewable energy project -- except for 216 obsolete solar panels and 198 reflector panels headed for storage and, more than likely, oblivion.

“I think that’s certainly a risk worth taking.”
 Yet it turned out to be a cautionary tale of the pitfalls of government-subsidized activities that are pursued only because of the availability of so-called “free money” from taxpayers and other sources.



Maplewood Community Center’s solar panel system will be dismantled and stored. Ten K Solar, the Bloomington-based company that manufactured the solar panels for the project, recently declared bankruptcy.

The Maplewood Community Center’s rooftop solar system was one of dozens of green projects in Minnesota rolled out with little scrutiny under the 2009 federal stimulus program (ARRA), meant to put people back to work after the 2008 Great Recession. A second stimulus solar power project installed at Maplewood City Hall remains in operation.

“It seems silly not to take advantage of it,” Maplewood Mayor Will Rossbach said when the City Council approved the project in De-

“When ‘free money’ is on the table, governments can move forward with these programs knowing they won’t be held accountable for the outcome,” said Peter Nelson, Senior Policy Fellow at American Experiment. “That’s exactly what’s happened in Maplewood with hundreds of thousands of dollars in solar panels now gathering dust in storage.”

The project’s \$310,000 in capital costs were covered by a rainbow of Federal and utility grants. State government directed approximately

\$50,000 in Federal stimulus funds. Because the project used locally-sourced panels, utility ratepayers provided another \$78,000 in “Made in Minnesota” solar money. In the end, the City of Maplewood had no “skin in the game.”

The local utility, Xcel Energy, kicked in another \$90,000. Presumably, the project hung around long enough to collect \$92,000 in Federal production tax credits.

Under the best case scenario, it would have taken 70 years for federal taxpayers and utility ratepayers to break

even on their investment, based on the \$4,428 in estimated electricity savings generated annually for the city.
 Yet the community center solar system didn’t come close, shutting down this fall after about five years in operation. The project ended -- not because of an equipment breakdown -- but because the MCC roof needed replacement, a factor evidently overlooked when selecting a site for the stimulus project.

In fact, the cost for the removal and potential reinstallation of the 200-plus solar panels essentially offsets the estimated \$22,000 in total electrical savings realized by Maplewood so far.

It cost the city the equivalent of three years’ worth of solar power savings from the

project -- about \$13,000 -- to have a contractor break down the system in recent weeks. City officials estimate it would cost an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 to have the panels reinstalled on the MCC roof.

While the solar generation system still works, it may never be plugged into the grid again, due to the reinstallation costs and its already outdated technology. A final decision will be made by spring.

“The technology has changed dramatically since 2011. They’re not even using those systems anymore,” said DuWayne Konevko, Maplewood Environmental and Economic Development Director. “They’re three or four steps ahead of that now. Way back then there was more money from the feds and the state. Most of that is drying up or has dried up.”

In the end, everyone loses. The \$50,000 contributed by Federal taxpayers didn’t work as economic stimulus: by the time the project was installed in 2012, the state’s unemployment rate had already fallen back to pre-recession levels. Federal taxpayers further

contributed another \$92,000 in production incentives, but missed out on an expected 15 years of carbon-free of electricity production.

Likewise, Xcel ratepayers contributed \$78,000 to buy locally-produced solar panels. But the Made in Minnesota solar subsidy failed to sustain a state solar industry and the program was shut down by legislators this year.

Finally, the \$90,000 in additional ratepayer money is no longer helping the utility to meet its renewable energy mandate.

“In the end, it just creates a hassle for the city staff and delivers zero benefits to the city residents,” Nelson said. “They had the federal money hanging over their head and they couldn’t say ‘no.’”

Ultimately, everyone got paid on the deal except the people who fronted the money-taxpayers and ratepayers.

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Concerns about requested increases to Minnesota Power bills

\$225 annual hike requested from average household; new power plant could add additional \$350 million to customers’ bills

The Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota is closely watching three Minnesota Power proposals that could significantly increase electric bills for families and seniors. The utility has requested two rate hikes that would spike the average resident’s electric bill by roughly \$225 a year. In addition, Minnesota Power has asked for a new \$350

million power plant that could translate into future bill increases.

“We’re talking about a nearly 25 percent increase in the average customer’s bill,” said Annie Levenson-Falk, executive director of the Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota, a nonprofit consumer advocate. “For customers who use the least electricity, which includes many lower-income households, the increase could be substantially more.”

In the past 18 months, Minnesota Power has re-

quested two rate increases. The requested general rate increase would add approximately \$175 per year to the average household’s yearly bill. The energy-intensive, trade-exposed (EITE) industry rate is expected to add another \$50 per year to bills. The EITE rate was requested to pay for rate cuts to Minnesota Power’s largest customers. Both proposals are under consideration by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

On Tuesday, an administrative law judge recom-

mended a significantly lower general rate increase. The judge was responsible for gathering input on the general rate increase from the public, the utility, the State of Minnesota, and advocates over the 11 months. His recommendation goes to the Public Utilities Commission for the final decision.

In addition, Minnesota Power has requested to purchase about half of a new \$700 million natural gas power plant.

“Customers would pay off

a power plant for decades to come,” said Levenson-Falk. “Minnesota Power needs to demonstrate that additional power is needed, and all of the possible alternatives need to be fully considered before customers are put on the hook for a large investment like this. Alternative energy options could be cheaper.”

State law requires the PUC to review Minnesota Power’s plant proposal, to ensure it is in the best interest of customers. Like all the state’s investor-owned

utilities, Minnesota Power provides monopoly electric service in its region, and utility investors would earn a return on investment on this plant. The plant would be jointly owned with Dairyland Power Cooperative and be built in Superior, Wisconsin.

On September 19, the PUC ordered Minnesota Power’s natural gas plant proposal to be reviewed in a public process led by an administrative law judge with a recommendation due in July.

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Harvest up 10 percent

Hunters register 145,054 deer through second weekend of season

Minnesota firearms hunters registered 145,054 deer through the second weekend of deer season, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Preliminary results through the second weekend show that the number of deer registered was up 10

percent from 2016. Of the deer harvested, 54 percent were bucks, compared to 63 percent during the same period in 2016.

In Zone 1, in northeastern Minnesota, total firearms harvest was up 25 percent. In Zone 2, which covers the majority of the state and

runs from Canada to Iowa, harvest was up 6 percent and Zone 3, in southeastern Minnesota, was down 12 percent.

"It appears as though deer harvest improved substantially since the first weekend," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and

regulations manager. "Getting more corn out of the fields and a bit drier weather likely helped."

Based upon the number of antlerless permits available and the number of permit areas that allow multiple deer to be taken, the DNR is projecting the 2017 total

deer harvest to be around 200,000. The 2016 total harvest was 173,213.

In much of Minnesota, the firearms deer season ended Nov. 12. Additional deer will be harvested during the northern rifle zone season, which continues through Sunday, Nov. 19; the late

southeast season, which runs Saturday, Nov. 18, through Sunday, Nov. 26; and the muzzleloader season, which begins Saturday, Nov. 25, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 10. More information on deer management can be found at mndnr.gov/deer.

Excellent conditions and record hunter success at Camp Ripley

Archers took 263 deer during this year's archery hunts in October at Camp Ripley Military Reservation near Little Falls, representing a 132 percent increase from last year's total harvest.

There were 2,570 permits issued, with 2,011 hunters

participating. Although participation declined this year, harvest increased 132 percent from last year's total take, and participants experienced a record-high success rate of 13.1 percent.

The Central Lakes College Natural Resources Program

coordinated morning check-in and provided deer registration services at the hunts, which took place Oct. 19-20 and Oct. 28-29.

"We have a strong partnership with Central Lakes College and the event is a great opportunity to train students

pursuing a career in wildlife management," said Beau Liddell, wildlife manager at Little Falls for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"We also received excellent cooperation from hunters to test their deer for chronic wasting disease that will assist

with meeting sampling goals for deer permit area 248."

Additional CWD testing within the area will occur this coming weekend during the firearms seasons at designated sampling stations, with more information at mndnr.gov/cwd.

The archery hunt at Camp Ripley is an annual event. The DNR coordinates the hunts in collaboration with Central Lakes College Natural Resources Department, and the Department of Military Affairs, which manages the 53,000-acre military reservation.

Hunters reminded of whole carcass importation ban from other states

The Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters who harvest deer, elk, moose or caribou outside of Minnesota that whole carcasses cannot be brought into the state.

The restriction is part of efforts to minimize the opportunity for chronic wasting dis-

ease to become established in Minnesota.

Only the following cervid parts may be brought into Minnesota:

Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.

Meat that is boned-out

or that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately).

Hides and teeth.

Antlers or clean (no brain tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached.

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Meat and trophy handling already are part of the trip

planning process so taking the additional steps to minimize CWD risk can be added to that process. Another item to consider is the mount itself, and hunters should make those arrangements in the destination state and have the animal caped before leaving.

Alternatively, hunters can

view a video at <http://bit.ly/capeyourdeer> on how to cape a deer. The same technique can be used on elk or moose. The video also includes helpful information on the carcass importation ban.

Nonresidents transporting whole or partial carcasses on a direct route through

Minnesota are exempt from this restriction.

Carcass import information is available at mndnr.gov/deerimports, in the 2017 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook on page 65 and the questions and answers section on the back cover.

Applicants sought for Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on the statewide Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Advisory Committee.

The committee was established in January 2013 to help guide the department's AIS activities.

Members provide advice and a diverse perspective to the DNR invasive species program. Responsibilities include reviewing reports, preparing comments and participating in eight meetings a year in a central Minnesota location. Applications are due by Nov. 21.

Aquatic invasive species are one of the state's most pressing natural resource issues. Preventing the spread of zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, invasive carp, stary stonewort and other invasive plants and animals is of critical environmental, recreational and economic importance.

DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr seeks to continue building strong relationships with AIS stakeholders. The insights and perspectives of individuals, citizen organizations and local governments have been very helpful in guiding DNR AIS activities.

The DNR AIS Advisory

Committee comprises 15 individuals appointed by the commissioner for terms of up to four years. Questions in the brief application reflect the DNR's desire to have a well-rounded committee. Members have a range of personal and professional experience with AIS issues, including prevention, decontamination, public awareness and control activities. Similarly, the DNR seeks representation from different parts of the state, as well as a diversity of ages, genders, ethnicities, recreational interests and education. The committee also reflects the range of private, nonprofit and public sector

organizations that are actively engaged in AIS issues.

The DNR commissioner determines all appointments. Appointees may request mileage reimbursement, but they are not paid or eligible for

per diem. They must abide by requirements pertaining to potential conflicts of interest. Advisory committee work can be a significant time commitment. Applicants should be prepared to make a four-year

commitment.

For more information, contact Heidi Wolf, 651-259-5152, heidi.wolf@state.mn.us; or Ann Pierce, 651-259-5119, ann.pierce@state.mn.us.

2019 turkey stamp designs sought

Wildlife artists can submit entries for the 2019 Minnesota Wild Turkey Stamp from Monday, Dec. 4, through 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15.

The cost of a turkey stamp is included in a turkey license, but pictorial stamps are sold as collectibles. In the contest, the eastern wild

turkey must be the primary focus of the design.

Final judging is open to the public and will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at DNR headquarters, 500 Lafayette Road, in St. Paul. The public is welcome to come and view the winning design 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, Dec. 22.

For more information on stamp contests, guidelines for submitting work, and to sign up to receive regular email updates on stamp contests, visit mndnr.gov/stamps. Contest guidelines are also available from the DNR Information Center by calling 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367.



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