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## Crosby mayor defines his role and attempts to squelch critics

During the public comments portion at the City of Crosby Council meeting, Crosby resident Sandy Blood requested the council restart a free membership program at the Hallett Center of Crosby for people with low incomes and disabilities.

Blood said she was in charge of the scholarship or working for wellness program in 2013-2014, when she worked at the Hallett Community Center. In 2014, Blood was diagnosed with cancer that resulted in her resignation.

Mayor Bob Novak said he need more clarification from Blood and he wanted in writing what her definition of a poor person is.

Novak then said, "Until we get a proposal from the board of the Hallett Center, we will not give this subject any further consideration,

because I have no idea what the size, scope and definition of your proposal is. There are no numbers. There are no dollars. There are no people identified other than poor."

Blood asked, "Could you find out for me when the board of the Hallett Center of Crosby disbanded that program? Because the General Manager can't."

Novak responded, "I'm sorry, that's not my responsibility."

Blood said, "Whose is it?" Novak said, "Yours perhaps, if you want to suggest that this program go forward."

Blood made an appeal to the council, "Can I ask someone on this City Council to take that duty away from me? Because I have stage four cancer; and I don't have time I got some other issues I'd rather be talking to you about today. So could any-

body volunteer?"

The Council did not respond. Then General Manager of the Hallett Center of Crosby Amber Moon was instructed by Novak to work with Blood to define who would qualify and the details to give to the council.

### Communication Issues

Mayor Novak suggested adding to the current microphones: giving one to Lisa Sovo who currently shares one with the City Attorney. Novak also suggested another microphone at the department heads table and another to be handed to the audience, so they didn't need to come to the front.

Then Novak asked if the council was comfortable having people comment at the public comment portion of the meeting that were not residents or property owners in the City of Crosby.

Council member Robyn Wolfe said, "I think we should ask Joe [Langel] about that, because I have done some research and I can't really find anything that says that we can eliminate anyone or that we have any authority to do that."

City Attorney Joe Langel explained the public comment portion of the meeting is not specific to property owners in the City of Crosby. So therefore non-property owners should not be eliminated from that portion of the meeting. He said there are people who are not residents of the city who may have an interest in city affairs.

Langel said, "I would be very concerned in laying down a hard fast rule that only Crosby residents can speak here. Especially it's more acute probably in a situation like this. When you [have] three cities, more than that. When you [have] a lot of things that impact one another."

Novak then warned the newspaper reporters again against bias and slant in their reporting.

### Excessive water bill

Joel Kubesh a resident of Brainerd spoke to the council about his excessive October water bill. The bill was for a property in Crosby, once owned by his in-laws. His wife is an only child and since her parents passing, Kubesh and his wife have

owned the property for the past two years. The bills from the City of Crosby have been made on automatic payment and have been averaging \$20 to \$23 per month. In the month of October, because an unusually high meter reading of 49,000 units, Kubesh received a water bill of \$970. He investigated for leaks and verified with a member of the Crosby Public Utilities that the meter was working correctly. Kubesh said the November bill is back to the average again. He asked the council if they would allow him to pay his normal amount instead of \$970 for October.

Novak said they will have to look into the details and get back to Kubesh.

### Campground rates increase

Council approved rates effective Jan. 1, 2018 for the upgraded RV sites increasing from \$25 to \$40 and leaving tent campsites at \$25 located in the Crosby Memorial Park. With the increase, the projection suggests it should pay for the \$103,000 upgrades in approximately seven years.

### Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Jay DeCent told the council there were three calls - two vehicle accidents and one retrieval on the ice of Serpent Lake. DeCent continued "The lakes aren't safe. We still have open water and thin ice. Stay off the lakes."

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## Meatballs and Gravy

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## Serpent Lake snowmobile fatality

Crow Wing County Sheriff Todd Dahl reports that a man died early Monday morning, after the snowmobile he was operating went through thin ice on Serpent Lake in the City of Crosby.

The victim was identified as Anthony Bjerkness, 34, from Ironton.

The incident was first reported by a Crosby Police Department Officer who heard calls for help coming from the lake around 5:30 a.m. on December 11.

Law enforcement and area first responders responded

to the scene and dive team personnel were able to locate the deceased adult male in approximately 45 feet of water. It was determined that the snowmobile had driven onto the lake from an adjoining road and traveled approximately half way across the bay before going through the ice.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Crow Wing County Dive Team, Crosby Police Department, Crosby Fire Department, Deerwood Fire Department, CRMC Am-

bulance and area residents.

The body was transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office.

Sheriff Todd Dahl would like to remind everyone that the ice on our lakes is never 100 percent safe. Please do not venture out on lakes that you are unfamiliar with and be sure to let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.



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# Soup was the catalyst that got them out in the Cuyuna Lakes Area



Johnna of Mixed Company serves up the People's Choice winner, Cream of Reuben soup. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ

It was a pleasant winter day as groups of families with children, couples and friends walked the streets of Crosby, Deerwood and Ironton.

They were part of the 2017 Cuyuna Lakes Soup Walk. About 29 various merchants prepared soup and let shoppers sample it and vote on it, if they wanted to. Some shoppers also sported Blinky Pins which, if purchased, qualified them for various deals at participating vendors.

It was truly a holiday atmosphere as tasting and talking about soup that opened up conversations among strangers and friends.

One young man braved it to try sauerkraut soup at Mixed Company. "That's



Laura from Cuyuna Brewing Company dishes up Potato Bacon Beer Cheese Soup.

nothing," he noted. "I tried fried squid when we were traveling."

The walk took place on Saturday amid sun and wind and mild temps. By Monday, when the winners were announced, there was snow on the ground and a cold snap threatened.

Winners of the Judge's Choice category were: Coach's Chicken Tortilla Soup, North Country Café's Lasagna Soup and Heartwood Senior Living Community's Reuben Soup.

Judges were Crosby-Ironton School Superintendent Jamie Skjeveland and wife Sherry, Deerwood Mayor Mike Aulie and Miss C-I Princesses Ariel Holmes, Taedra Elliot and Jayda Wagner.

The people spoke with their "choice" award and awarded a three-way tie for second place. Number one was Cream of Reuben Soup at Mixed Company followed by Ace Hardware's Hearty Butternut Squash, Cuyuna Lakes Parts City Chicken Dumpling and Spalding House Cheesy Chicken Tortilla.

Others who participated are Barstock Liquors, CRMC Cornerstone Coffee, Croft Pub and Grub, Crosby Bar, Crosby Mattress, Cuyuna



Shirl of Deerwood tastes soup and shows off her Blinky Pin.

Brewing Company, Cycle Path & Paddle, Dairy Queen, Deerwood Technologies, Deerwood True Value, Gifts Galore, Iron Range Eatery, Ironton American Legion, Jacobs Realty, JF's Mini Mart, Midway Bar, Red Raven Bike Café, Restoration Books and Gifts, Roth RV and Marine, The Deerstand and the Shirt Shop.

Getting folks to shop local and to walk around local towns is a challenge. But the soup walk warmed bellies and got the foot traffic going so everyone could see all the shops, businesses, eateries



An extended family from Brooklyn Park with grandparents from Remer enjoyed the Soup Walk at the Cuyuna Brewing Company. From left: Faith, John, Wyatt, Jane, Larry and Ella.

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and specialty vendors that the Cuyuna Range has to offer.

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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.  
Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.  
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  
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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.

**December**  
16th - Just for Kix Holiday Dance Show at 4 p.m. in the Crosby- Ironton Ranger Gym.  
16th - Tuba Concert, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
30th - Fireworks over Lawrence Lake at dusk. Sponsored by the Outing Chamber of Commerce.  
**January**  
10th-Waukenabo Dance, "Jerry's Dance Band" 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.  
27th - Brainerd Jaycees 28th Annual Ice Fishing Extravaganza on Gull Lake's Hole in the Day Bay, north of Brainerd, MN. This year's prize list is valued at nearly \$200,000. More information and official updates can be found at www.icefishing.org.  
31st-Waukenabo Dance, Joe & Ross 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.

**February**  
14th -Waukenabo Dance, "Two for the Road" 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.  
16th -17th - Fishing for Ducks Ice Fishing Contest. Over \$100,000 worth of prizes to win! Visit www.fishingforducks.org for more information.  
17th - Waukenabo Valentine's Dinner & Dance, dinner is 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Jerry's Dance Band will be performing 7:30 - 10:30 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. For more information call Gene at 218-845-2819.  
28th-Waukenabo Dance, Chmielewski & Leroy 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.

I Still Believe: *Tonic Sol-Fa* holiday show

Grammy Award-winning vocal group *Tonic Sol-Fa* will present their holiday show 'I Still Believe' on Thursday, December 21 in the Tornstrom Auditorium. The 7:30 p.m. show is part of the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center's Cultural Arts Series. *Tonic Sol-Fa* has established itself not only as the most in-demand vocal group in the Midwest, but also one of the most successful independent acts in America. With sales of over 2,000,000 copies of their 10 CD's, the group has toured extensively throughout the US and abroad. They perform approximately 100 concerts a year across 48 states to a combined audience of over 250,000 people. 'I Still Believe' is part of a sold-out 25 city holiday tour in the Midwest. *Tonic Sol-Fa* began at St. John's University in Central



(L to R): Shaun Johnson, Jared Dove, Theo Brown, Greg Bannwarth

Minnesota and includes lead vocalist Shaun Johnson, tenor and vocal percussionist, Greg Bannwarth, and bass, Jared Dove. Together the group reached national prominence with appearances on NBC's Today Show and in Newsweek magazine. Along the way, they shared the stage with a number of recognizable performers including Jay Leno, Jeff Foxworthy and Lonestar, and were recently part of Garrison Keillor's 30th Anniversary celebration of A Prairie Home Companion. The group has three PBS television specials: 'Christmas,' 'If I Dream,' and 'Greatest Time of Year.' Last year *Tonic Sol-Fa* released two albums: "Original," and "30K", a holiday offering. These releases added to a catalog of numerous award-winning DVD and CD projects highlighting three indelible voices. This outstanding blend has resulted in multiple Contemporary A cappella Recording Awards, NACA (National Association of Collegiate Activities) Entertainer of the Year nominations, considerable national press, and has landed their music on the best-selling seasonal DVD at Wal-Mart, The 12 Dogs of Christmas. Further, *Tonic Sol-Fa* released their third television holiday special in 2010, which aired over 1800 times in 47 states and Canada. In late 2010, *Tonic Sol-Fa*

won its first Emmy in the "Musical Composition/Arrangement" category for a song performed in a Toys for Tots PSA (Public Service Announcement). TSF recently won two Independent Grammys for Best Original Holiday Song and Best Pop Song out of 650,000 entries worldwide. *Tonic Sol-Fa's* original songs, arrangements and albums have won numerous contemporary a cappella awards for best pop album, gospel song and Christmas original, have been featured on television and in movies and have garnered numerous positive national reviews. The group has performed the 'Star Spangled Banner' for national Republican and Democratic events, former presidents, the Minnesota Twins, the Chicago Bears, the NY Mets, the National 4th of July Celebration at Mount Rushmore, the Minnesota Timberwolves, Minnesota Lynx and the Saint Paul Saints to name a few.



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OBITUARIES

NEVIN JOHNSON



Nevin Warren Johnson, 58, of Bloomington and formerly of McGregor, died Monday, December 4, 2017 at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis after a courageous battle with cancer.

Visitation will be Friday, December 8, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sorensen-Root Funeral Home in McGregor. Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, December 9, 11 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in McGregor with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Nevin was born January 22, 1959 in Aitkin, to Warren and Regina Johnson. He graduated from McGregor High School in 1977. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served nine years and attained the rank of Sergeant. He was stationed in several areas including California,

Germany, and Korea. He was later employed at the VA Medical Center for over 30 years serving in various capacities, most recently in the Safety department. Nevin also was a proud member of the Bloomington Fire Department for over 20 years. He was also a dedicated member of McGregor VFW Post 2747 and also was a member of the Dale E. Wayrynen American Legion Post 23. Nevin lived to serve other people, whether it was in the military, the fire department or helping many friends when needed. Nevin's beautiful daughter, Isabella Rose, of whom he was so proud, will forever be in his heart. Although he resided in the Twin Cities, Nevin's true roots always remained in McGregor. Nevin always found it important to stay connected with past military members, firemen, co-workers, classmates, relatives, and his many friends.

He is survived by his daughter, Isabella Rose ("Rosie"); brothers: Tim Johnson (Debbie), Cook; and Ted Johnson (Karen), Inver Grove Heights; nephews: Jacob Johnson, Staunton, VA; Nick Johnson, Inver Grove Heights;

nieces: Kendra Johnson and Bailey Johnson – both of Cook.

He was preceded in death by parents Warren and Reggie Johnson, and sister, Anne, who died at birth.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

RAMONA STEWART



Ramona V. Stewart, 83, of Tamarack died Friday, December 8, 2017 at the Villa Vista Care Center in Cromwell.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Interment will be at a later date in the Round Lake Cemetery.

Ramona was born November 15, 1934 at Bowdle, SD to Jacob and Anna Oster. She grew up and attended schools in Nisland, SD. She then moved to Rapid City, SD where she worked and met her husband who was stationed at the Air Force Base there. She married Robert A. Stewart on July 19, 1952 in Nisland, SD. Ramona raised four children while traveling with her husband during his military career. Upon Robert's retire-

ment from the Air Force they moved to Tamarack in July of 1974. They have lived in the Tamarack area since. She had worked at the Savana Golf Course, the Greenwood Lodge and the McGregor Motel. She enjoyed bird watching, fishing, flower gardening, playing darts at Banns and she loved people.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Stewart, Tamarack; son, Ronald Stewart, Kingsport, TN; daughters: Rita Stewart, Minneapolis; Rhonda Stewart, Brooklyn Park and nephews: Bill Hubbard, Rapid City, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant son, Duane; son, Roger; brothers: Delmer and Marvin and sisters: Lorraine, Dallas and Dorothy.

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GENEVIEVE KULLHEM



Genevieve E. Kullhem, 85, of Aitkin died Monday, December 11, 2017 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 11 a.m. from First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. Jordan Gades officiating.

Visitation will be Monday December 18 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and also one hour prior to the time of services at the church. Interment will be in the Lakeview Cemetery at Aitkin in the spring.

Gen was born August 5, 1932 in Portland, ND to Axel and Alida (Finnell) Knudson. She grew up and attended schools in Portland and graduated from the Portland High School in 1950. She married Richard Nelson in 1951 at Portland. They lived in various communities as her husband Richard managed grain elevators. They moved to Aitkin in 1969 and she has lived here since. She worked as a clerk for the Ben Franklin Store in Aitkin for many years and she also worked for the Paulbeck's Super Valu and also Paulbeck's County Market. She married Charles R. Kullhem on September 17, 1988 at First Lutheran Church

in Aitkin. She was very active in First Lutheran Church and was a member of the circle groups. She helped start the Prayer Shawl Ministry at the church. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, baking. Playing piano and violin and was a member of the Red Hat Society.

She is survived by her husband, Charles R. Kullhem, Aitkin; daughter, Gloria Paulbeck, Aitkin; sons and daughter-in-law, Rodger Nelson, Moorhead; David and Teri Nelson, Little Canada; stepdaughter, Carol Kullhem, Hopkins; four grandchildren: Mike Paulbeck, Tom Paulbeck, Madison Nelson, Benjamin Nelson; great-grandchildren: Macy, Drew, Levi, Tori, Evelyn, and Joe Paulbeck; brothers and sisters-in-law: Kenard and Loretta Knudson, Portland, ND; Gilman and Carolyn Knudson, Portland, ND, and sister and brother-in-law, MaryAnn and Ed Gunderson, Fargo, ND.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Richard; brother, Rollan Knudson and sister, Alvia Knudson.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

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Aitkin\* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Youth Group, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.  
Garrison\* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30. McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10  
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino;Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; Sunday Morning Service 9:30  
Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30  
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45  
Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 pm.  
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

**BAPTIST**  
Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9 and 10:30, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)  
Brainerd\* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; [fbcbainerd.net](http://fbcbainerd.net)  
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org](http://www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org)  
Brainerd — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673, Worship 11, SS 9:45.  
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.  
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm  
Deerwood\* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.  
Glory\* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12.  
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.  
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.  
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

**CATHOLIC**  
Aitkin — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am.  
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.  
Brainerd — St. Francis , Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.  
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.  
Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.  
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmstemilys.org](http://www.ihmstemilys.org); Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.  
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sun 8:30.  
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.  
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.; Sat. 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)  
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483  
Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10  
McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sun. 11:15 am.  
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:45 am  
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362  
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; Sacrament Mtg. 10 , SS 11;10 Priesthood/ Relief Society noon

**COMMUNITY**  
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959  
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005  
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.  
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm  
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm  
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.  
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.  
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.  
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.  
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.  
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10  
Outing\* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon 4th Saturday, 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge  
Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.  
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

**CONGREGATIONAL**  
Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

**EPISCOPAL**  
Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 \*Brainerd - St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

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

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

**LUTHERAN**  
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Kari Foss; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.  
Aitkin — First\* (ELCA) Pastor Darrell Pedersen, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 8:15 & 10am, Wed. 5:30pm w/supper; communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed nursery during 10am Sun. & Wed. services. Sun. school

10:30am, Wed. night youth activities grades 3rd – 9th. Sunday service broadcast on KKK (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](http://www.christbaxter.com).  
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Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship at 10, followed by coffee fellowship. Wednesday 7pm Adult Bible Study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Rd, Brainerd, 218-824-3052,[www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church](http://www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church).  
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Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Breezy Point\* — Eagles Nest, Pastor Jonathan Lemaster, 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m.  
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.  
Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.  
Crosby —Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910  
Crosslake —(ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.  
Crosslake —Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30; Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, [www.missionofthecross.org](http://www.missionofthecross.org)  
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15.  
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sut-ton-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](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org).  
Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.  
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.  
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)  
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30 —(ELCA)-3069.  
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicap accessible.  
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Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.  
Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Inter-lachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)  
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.  
Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.  
Pequot Lakes\* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed – 10:15 am. Wed. Worship 5:45 pm. Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm.  
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.  
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210  
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.  
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall", Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut);Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.  
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# Hot Enough to Melt the Ice Davina and the Vagabonds to perform



Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center director Patrick Spradlin remembers the bitter cold of last winter, and he’s got the perfect solution for the coming arctic blasts. “What better way to spend a frigid January afternoon or evening than listening to hot blues and jazz?” he asks. To do just that, he’s

presenting Minneapolis sensations Davina and the Vagabonds for two shows on Saturday, January 6 in the Chalberg Theatre on the Brainerd campus. Show times are 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. “This is the third occasion we’ve presented Davina,” Spradlin notes. “She and the band have developed a real following here in Brainerd. We sell her shows out every time.” For those who haven’t seen

the group, Spradlin refers to another source. “The best description I’ve heard about this band was from Jon Bream of the Star Tribune. It was this: ‘Davina Sowers Lozier sounds like the daughter of Leon Redbone and Betty Boop trained on piano by Randy Newman.’ That just about says it all.” Davina Sowers and the Vagabonds (DATV) have created a stir on the national blues scene with their high-energy live shows, sharp-dressed professionalism, and Sowers’ commanding stage presence. With influences ranging from Fats Domino and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band to Aretha Franklin and Tom Waits, the band is converting audiences one show at a time, from Vancouver to

Miami and across Europe. So much more than just a blues act, DATV’s shows are filled with New Orleans charm, Memphis soul swagger, dark theatrical moments that evoke Kurt Weill, and tender gospel passages. Davina’s voice and stage presence defy category in a different way. Davina has been compared to Etta James, Amy Winehouse, Janis Joplin, Billie Holiday and Betty Boop, but comparisons don’t suffice: Sowers is a true original. Something unique to this “blues” project is the instrumentation. This rollicking quintet is held together by Sowers’ keyboard playing, with acoustic bass, drums, and a spicy trumpet and trombone horn section. The

group’s focused, clean sound and emphasis on acoustic instruments is novel to both blues and jazz worlds, and sets the show closer to New Orleans than to Chicago. This has set the Vagabonds apart at blues festivals in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Sighisoara, Romania, Sierre, Switzerland, Kemi, Finland, and 2012’s New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, and Monterey Jazz Festival 2013 & 2014. Davina, a classically-trained pianist, has years of experience in piano performance. She and her band made a big splash at Duluth’s Bayfront Blues Festival in 2006 to 2008, having the highest sales in CDs all three years. She has been called the ‘hardest working blues woman in frigid Minnesota.’ “Two

things remain consistent in all her shows: her throaty, but cushiony voice, which has a sort of hard mattress comfort to it that’s part Bonnie Raitt, part Etta James and a little Amy Winehouse; and her band’s rollicking New Orleans flavor, driven home by dueling horn players and a bayou thick standup bass,” notes Chris Riemenschneider of the Star Tribune. Tickets for Davina and the Vagabonds are available from the CLC Theatre Box Office at (218) 855-8199, or online at [www.clcperformingarts.com](http://www.clcperformingarts.com). “This girl is something special and her band is top notch. She just simply sits down at the piano and totally takes over the room,” notes Fizz Kizer of The Honkytonk Cafe in Wisconsin.

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mission to purchase five sets of gear, two portable LED battery lights and a new gas monitor for \$17,079.43 to be paid out of donation funds. Council approved this request.

### Hallett Center of Crosby

Moon said the Hallett Center of Crosby November membership increased by 45 members. She said the rooftop units are installed. The carpet is being installed and the new equipment will be installed this week. The grand re-opening of the facility is scheduled for Sunday, December 17, beginning at noon. There will be raffle prizes, door prizes and demonstrations of the new equipment.

### Hallett Library Report

Head Librarian Peggie Beseres presented her report to the council for the final time prior to retiring December 31, 2017.

She said the Give-To-The-Max Day campaign featuring Jingle Books, had a very successful kick off on Thursday, November 16. That first

week the JFHML Friends Fundraiser raised over \$8,000 -with a \$10,000 match from the Hallett Charitable Trust- To date Jingle Books has now raised \$11,860+ or \$21,860+ with the match. All of these funds will go directly back to the JFHML to purchase books, e-books, audiobooks, periodicals and provide programming in 2018. She said credit card donations can still be made online via <https://givemn.org/project/jingle-books>, or checks made payable to the JFHML Friends Foundation can be brought into the Library. The campaign runs through December 31.

The Story Hour children will be having a special visitor at their end-of-year Christmas Party. Santa Claus will make an appearance and there will be opportunity for photos with Santa.

She said the Friends held their 3rd annual Friends Holiday Open House on December 5. This was also a day for the community to say farewell to retiring librarians

Deb Weide, Becky Munns, Sharon Beaman and Peggi Beseres.

Coming in January 2018 will be Hot Reads for Cold Nights!

Council approved the resolution to accept donations to the library.

There were 12 applicants for the new head librarian position. Novak said it appears they have some very qualified applicants.

Abby Smith will be the interim head librarian until the new person is hired.

### Police Department Report

Lieutenant Kevin Randolph handed out new patch designs to the council, mayor, clerk/treasurer, attorney and local media in attendance. The council approved accepting the donation of a bike rack to the Crosby Police Department from Crow Wing Energized.

Randolph said the high bidder backed out of the transaction when the old fishing pier was sold at online auction. The highest bidder didn’t realize the pier

was frozen into the ice and they needed it now. So as a result the sale defaulted to the second place bidder at \$750 with allowance for a springtime removal.

Randolph said that they are moving forward with the reserve program.

He said that he would like to thank all of the businesses in town for helping with the retrieval efforts on Serpent Lake that day.

He said, “Everybody came together and brought water, food and we had probably 40 [to] 50 people out there today at some point, in and out. I don’t even know the final count of rescue workers and volunteers and ambulance. And you get into a large logistical situation like that a lot of times you get caught up of just having water and hot coffee. You’ve got divers under the ice. You got fire rescue standing out on the ice in the brutal cold. And so it’s nice for them when they come in for a warm up break to have coffee and water and food available.”

### Public Works Report

Working Foreman Adolph Rono spoke about the Hematite Street project he was looking to confirm councils authorization for Crosby’s portion. Council will decided to wait and make a decision on the project at the Dec. 27 meeting.

Councilman Paul Heglund said he felt snow plowing went well and Rono agreed.

### City Engineer Report

City Engineer Phil Martin presented information about the meeting with MNDOT. The meeting was positive. The MNDOT will fund about two-thirds of the project cost for the tunnel under MN Hwy. 6 just North of Crosby by Yawkey Road and Portsmouth Pit. The city would be responsible for the lights, camera and landscaping. The council gave their approval to do the engineer work for the project. Engineering cost is 15 to 20 percent of the project cost. The estimated total project cost would be \$673,000. Martin said the DNR and the city would share 32 percent

of the project cost (11 percent for the city and 21 percent DNR). If the city eliminated the lights, camera and landscaping their contribution could be as low as zero.

### Clerk/Treasurer Report

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo asked the council to approve reducing voting precincts from two to one to save money on required new equipment. The one location would be at City Hall. The council approved this change.

Council approved Sovo signing the letter of understanding between the Teamsters and the City of Crosby relative to the health and welfare fund merger for the Police and Public works employees.

### Other

Council approved appointment of Julie McGinnis, owner of the Red Raven, to the Crosby HRA Board of Commissioners for the term expiring August 31, 2019.

Council approved the renewal of the 2 a.m. liquor license for Peanuts Pub at the Midway Inc.

**EARLY DEADLINE:**  
The deadline for the Dec. 30th  
NewsHopper issue (after Christmas  
issue) will be Fri., Dec. 22

**LEGAL NOTICE**

(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, Dec. 9 & 16, 2017)

**KIMBERLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

Notice is hereby given for the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for township officers to be elected at the Kimberly Township Annual Meeting, which will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

Filings will open Tuesday, January 2, 2018 and close at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Filing hours by

appointment please call 218-549-0615.

Offices to be filled are Supervisor for a three (3) year term, and Clerk for a two (2) year term.

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KIM MILLER, CLERK

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**The following recycling services are provided for residents of Aitkin County:**

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At the locations and times listed below:

- **Hill City (Sunny’s Citgo) – the first and third Monday (starting at 11:00am) thru Thursday (until 1:00pm) each month (Unavailable on Holidays)**
- **Malmo (Westerlund’s Citgo) - the second and fourth Monday (starting at 11:00am) thru Thursday (until 1:00pm) each month (Unavailable on Holidays)**

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Corrugated Cardboard	Corrugated Crdboard Paper board (cereal, Kleenex, chip boxes) Milk/Juice Cartons, Egg Cartons	Contaminated paper board. Anything made of or containing Styrofoam	Remove all plastic & Styrofoam, flatten and bundle
Paper	Newspaper, computer, notebook Catalog, magazine, manila folders, office paper, envelopes, phone books	Blue print, Styrofoam, carbon paper, food packaging, paper plates and cups, metal bindings	Put in clean, stack in bundles or put in brown paper bags
Plastic Food and Beverage containers with a recycling symbol of 1, 2 and 5	Milk jugs, pop bottles, beverage containers, Cool whip and Butter tubs	Plastic bags, plastic wrap, toys, utensils, Plant Containers, oil jugs, Dishes, Bottle Caps, Styrofoam	Rinse container of food or other residue, Caps/lids may remain on bottles/containers
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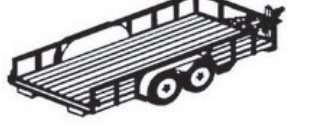
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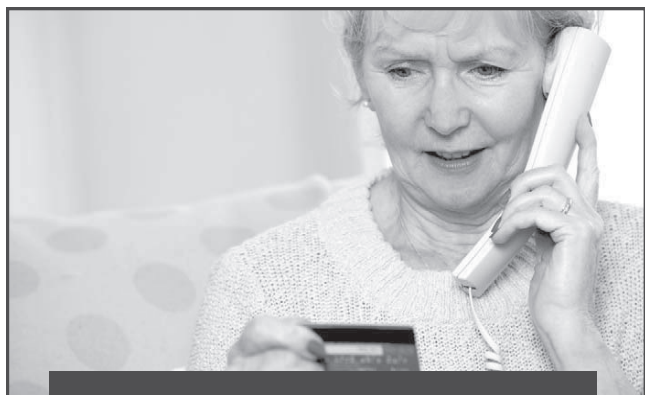
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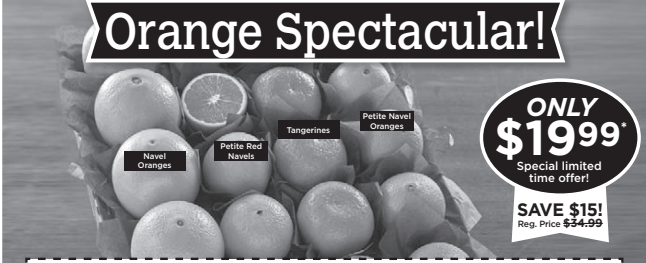
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# Governor Dayton appoints Lt. Governor Smith to serve as U.S. Senator

Governor Mark Dayton announced Tuesday, Dec. 13 that he will appoint Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith to serve as United States Senator for Minnesota. Smith will be appointed to serve a one-year term in the Senate, concluding in January 2019. Minnesotans will choose a U.S. Senator



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leased the following statement on the appointment of Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith. “Tina Smith will make an excellent United States Senator,” said Sen. Franken. “She is a dedicated public servant who’s worked tirelessly on behalf of Minnesotans, and Governor Dayton couldn’t have

appointed Senator Tina Smith plans to be anything other than a bridge to whomever Minnesotans elect to fill Senator Al Franken’s seat, she is going to be sorely disappointed. While it has been reported Smith intends to run for the vacant seat in next year’s special election, the last thing Minnesotans want is a handpicked political insider representing them in Washington. Smith’s resume is a case study in swampiness—she’s been a Planned Parenthood executive, high-paid political insider, and now political appointee. Not to mention as Lt. Governor, Smith supported increasing taxes on everything from clothes to gas. “The last thing Minne-

sotans want is a political operative committed to raising taxes while representing them in the U.S. Senate,” said McAdams. “Minnesota voters deserve a Senator who will look out for their best interests, not another DFL insider handpicked by Mark Dayton.” McAdams said Smith ran a Washington, D.C. ad firm, served as Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations for Planned Parenthood of Minnesota and South Dakota. He also said in 2015, the Dayton and Smith administration proposed a 6.5 Percent Gross Receipts Tax of Gasoline and a half-cent sales tax increase. **Succession of a Lieutenant Governor** According to Article V, Sec.

5 of the Minnesota Constitution, if there is a vacancy in the Office of Lieutenant Governor, the President of the Minnesota Senate becomes the Lieutenant Governor. District 13 Republican Senator Michelle L. Fischbach is the President of the Senate and she plans to keep her current job in the Minnesota Senate, when she becomes lieutenant governor to Governor Mark Dayton. By doing so she would help the Republicans keep their thin majority in the state Senate. Dayton, however, said the opposite. Governor Dayton said his counsel told him Senator Fishbach could not keep her job in the Senate. He said he formally requested an analysis by the state attorney



Minnesota Senator Michelle L. Fischbach (R) District 13 is the President of the Minnesota Senate and explained at a press conference on Wednesday how she plans to keep her current job in the Minnesota Senate, when she becomes lieutenant governor to Governor Mark Dayton.

to serve the remainder of the term being vacated by Senator Al Franken in a Special Election, which will be held concurrently with the 2018 General Election on November 6, 2018.

According to a press release issued by Gov. Dayton, Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith has focused on building an economy that works for all Minnesotans, and making state government work better for the people it serves. Tina helped expand paid parental leave for Minnesota workers, crack down on wage theft, combat the opioid crisis, and grow Minnesota’s clean energy economy. Tina also led efforts to enroll tens of thousands of children in high-quality early learning programs, expand access to high-speed internet in Greater Minnesota, and expand access to jobs and economic opportunity for all Minnesotans.

Governor Dayton said, “Tina Smith is a person of the highest integrity and ability. There is no one I trust more to assume the responsibilities of this important office. I know that she will be a superb Senator, representing the best interests of our state and our citizens.”

Tina Smith will resign the Office of Lieutenant Governor prior to being sworn into the United States Senate, which will occur following Senator Al Franken’s formal resignation from the Senate. She will then immediately begin her work on behalf of Minnesotans as United States Senator.

“I accept this appointment, and it will be my great honor to serve Minnesota as United States Senator,” said Smith. “Though I never anticipated this moment, I am resolved to do everything I can to move Minnesota forward. I will be a fierce advocate in the United States Senate for economic opportunity and fairness for all Minnesotans.”

**Appointment Support** U.S. Sen. Al Franken re-

made a better choice for this job. Her record of accomplishment as Lieutenant Governor demonstrates that she’ll be an effective senator who knows how to work across party lines to get things done for Minnesota. I look forward to working with her on ensuring a speedy and seamless transition.”

Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party Chairman Ken Martin issued the following statement, “Governor Dayton appointed a true public servant to the U.S. Senate with his appointment of Tina Smith. I have had the great privilege of working with Tina in many different capacities over two decades, and she is one of the most trusted and respected leaders we have in Minnesota. Whether it’s behind the scenes or out front, Tina has contributed greatly to building a better Minnesota. Her strong character and consensus-building approach have gained her respect on both sides of the aisle, and will serve her well in Washington. I know she will make our state incredibly proud.”

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar released the following statement, “During her years of experience serving our state, Lieutenant Governor Smith has shown herself to be a capable and effective leader who has worked to improve the lives of Minnesotans. She is well-qualified to step into this role and will be ready to hit the ground running.

“We have a lot to get done over the next year -- from strengthening our infrastructure to reducing the high cost of prescription drugs to ensuring our workers have the skills they need to get good jobs -- and I look forward to working with Lieutenant Governor Smith on these critical issues.”

**Appointment Criticism** National Republican Senatorial Committee Regional Press Secretary Michael McAdams issued a statement critical of Smith. If newly

## Press Release from the Governor’s office about Tina Smith

In 2014, Tina Smith was elected by Minnesotans to serve as the state’s 48th Lieutenant Governor. As Lieutenant Governor, Tina focused her efforts on building an economy that works for all Minnesotans, everywhere in Minnesota. Her leadership helped connect nearly 40,000 Greater Minnesota homes and businesses to high-speed internet, expand access to high-quality early learning opportunities for over 22,500 children, and support statewide job creation.

Tina also led efforts to expand access to paid parental leave for Minnesota families, securing the benefit for 34,000 state employees. She also advocated for legislation that would make paid sick and family leave available to all Minnesotans, and has advocated for legislation that, if passed, would help crack down on wage theft, when employers do not pay workers what they owe them for work they have already done.

As Lieutenant Governor, Tina led the state’s efforts to combat the opioid crisis, meeting with survivors and families, and announcing new guidelines for medical providers designed to reduce the risk of opioid addiction. Tina also worked with a bipartisan group of lawmakers to urge the Legislature to pass legislation that would charge pharmaceutical companies a “penny a pill” to help pay for opioid addiction treatment, prevention, and recovery.

Tina also worked with a bipartisan coalition of legislators to make property taxes more fair for Minnesota farmers while still supporting bonds for local school construction. She also worked closely with farm groups to advocate for more affordable health care options for Minnesota farmers, who purchase their coverage on the individual market. Tina also has been a leading advocate for Minnesota’s clean energy economy, proposing bipartisan legislation that would increase Minnesota’s Renewable Energy Standard to generate 50 percent of the state’s energy from clean, renewable sources by 2030.

Both as Lieutenant Governor and Chief of Staff, Tina played an integral role in efforts to build a state government that is representative of the diversity of its people. During her tenure, state government made a commitment to more than double the percentage of employees of color – with a goal of 20 percent by 2018. Thanks to these efforts, the State of Minnesota’s workforce has gone from just 8 percent workers of color in January 2011, to 12.3 percent today, with more progress made every day to build a state government that reflects the people it serves.

Tina also led the Destination Medical Center initiative – a multi-billion-dollar public-private partnership designed to make the Greater Rochester Area “America’s City for Health.” The DMC is expected to create 30,000 new jobs in southeast Minnesota, and attract over \$5 billion in private investment over the next 20 years. In 2016, Tina was recognized for her leadership by Congressional Quarterly Roll Call, which named her one of “The 25 Most Influential Women in State Politics.”

Before being elected Lieutenant Governor, Tina served as Governor Dayton’s Chief of Staff. In that role, she managed the daily operations of state government – a \$45 billion enterprise with more than 34,000 state employees. As Chief of Staff, Tina led the Administration’s Better Government initiative, aimed at making state government work better for the people it serves. Because of her leadership, state government sped up permitting times for businesses, made government forms and procedures easier to understand, and saved taxpayers money through more efficient, customer-friendly services.

Prior to her service in state government, Tina served as Chief of Staff for Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak. After the Interstate 35W Bridge collapse in 2007, Tina worked with the Administration of Governor Tim Pawlenty and Minnesota’s Congressional Delegation to secure fast-track funding to rebuild the bridge in record time.

Tina moved to Minnesota in 1984 for a job in marketing at General Mills. She left General Mills to start a small business that served state and national businesses and nonprofits. Tina previously served as the Vice President of Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, where she expanded education and outreach efforts to increase women’s access to healthcare.

Tina graduated from Stanford University and earned an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Before college, she worked in Prudhoe Bay on the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline. Tina and her husband Archie have been married for more than 30 years. They have two sons, Sam and Mason, who also live in Minnesota.

Today, U.S. Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) released the following statement on the appointment of Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith to serve as United States Senator for Minnesota:

“Tina Smith will make an excellent United States Senator,” said Sen. Franken. “She is a dedicated public servant who’s worked tirelessly on behalf of Minnesotans, and Governor Dayton couldn’t have made a better choice for this job. Her record of accomplishment as Lieutenant Governor demonstrates that she’ll be an effective senator who knows how to work across party lines to get things done for Minnesota. I look forward to working with her on ensuring a speedy and seamless transition.”

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