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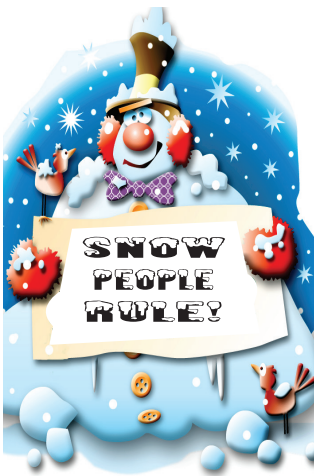
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Crosby Council approves 2018 budget and \$1,254,500 levy

During the council meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 27, Mayor Bob Novak addressed City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo as "administrator." A position the firm David Drown and Associates had recommend the city create about a year ago. Sovo has been actively applying for administrator positions in several other area government offices.

Later in the meeting, Gary Weiers a representative from David Drown and Associates presented two proposals to the council. The first was an organizational review of the city staff. The second was a compensation and classification of positions in the city. The cost for the organizational review is \$2,000 with \$1,000 each shared cost to National Joint Powers Alliance, (NJPA) and the city. The cost for the compensation and classification cost to the city is not to exceed \$10,762 or a total of not to exceed \$11,762. The council approved this expenditure.

Budget and Levy

Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo

presented for approval a resolution for the 2018 final levy with no change from the preliminary levy of \$1,254,500. Council approved the resolution for the 2018 final levy. Sovo then submitted for approval the 2018 budget with a balanced budget for the general fund. The Library fund will have a \$20,613 coming from fund balance. The Hallett Center of Crosby has a balanced budget. The council adopted the 2018 budget.

The council approved adjusting the 2018 mileage reimbursement rate set by the IRS to 54.5¢ per mile.

New Police Fleet/Storage Area Reconfiguration

Police Lieutenant Kevin Randolph made a presentation to the council following a workshop about a new fleet of police vehicles.

Of the five police vehicles the Crosby Police Department is using, only three of them work. Randolph also reported that there is a problem of office/storage space management.

In effort to solve both problems, Randolph proposed a solution to purchase a new fleet of individual officer assigned police vehicles. This would allow the officers to outfit the vehicles with their own equipment and supplies. Randolph said the officer would then be able to take their assigned vehicle home.

Police Chief Kim Coughlin was asked via a text message "Are there any restrictions on the fleet vehicle use or travel distance limitations?"

Coughlin responded, "Yes, there will be restrictions. We are working on the details of what those will be."

According to Randolph, the Crosby Police Department would purchase three squad cars within three months in 2018. Then in three years or 2021, the Crosby Police Department would purchase three more squad cars. Then get on a four car every three year rotation.

Novak added that it would also allow the police department to reconfigure space to resolve the needs.

Randolph replied, "We would be able to reconfigure the space we have, as opposed to building a new building or moving."

When asked for clarification point by point by Novak.

Randolph said, "What we would be able to do is get rid of all the desks that you see through the window. All the desks around the outside of the main room, which currently are used primarily for storage of individual gear. Which gets taken in and out of the squad cars at the beginning and end of every shift, that would now be going home with the officers. We would be able to reconfigure one of the garage stalls into a holding cell and also a computer office area for the officers. We only have three or four computers in that main room right now. None are on the individual desks. Again the individual desks are just storage areas. So by getting rid of that parameter desk area, we can move the main desk back. Be able to close in the front of that area

and make it into a reception area / soft interview room. Where you would interview victims of crimes, things like that or people who come in and talk about private issues and don't want to do so in the lobby. They can now be in an unwindowed area. We would have set up on video and audio and be able to meet a lot of the needs we currently have that we're deficient in by reconfiguring the current space and getting a lot of the vehicle related stuff out of city hall."

Novak spoke about the fact the police car fleet is in disrepair because only \$15,000 per year was allocated in the budget and not always used. He then asked Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Sovo to explain the financial plan for the update.

Sovo said, "So for starters, we spent a lot of time looking at the flow of the dollars. And how we could accomplish what we need through with the least impact to the budget. What we're recommending at this point is the purchase

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Beds for Kids program winners sponsored by Crosby Mattress in Crosby

Doug Gillette owner of Crosby Mattress wanted to give back to the communities he serves and thought that one way to do that was to

offer a complete sleep system to children whose families are economically challenged. Crosby Mattress' Beds for Kids campaign launched

on November 20. To enter the drawing, children were asked to write a 100 word or less essay why they felt they needed a new bed.

The Beds for Kids campaign concluded on December 28 with a live drawing of the winners on radio, KKIN's Community Connection pro-

gram. A total of six winners were drawn from around the area. Two winning entries drawn from each of the three com-

munities: Aitkin, Crosby and McGregor.

The winners from Aitkin were Braylee Gabrio and Avril Rehwinkle. The winners from McGregor were Charlotte Chouinard and Allie Rian. And the winner from Crosby is Auggie Torgerson. There is one more bed winner from Crosby. However, the parent of the winner did not contact the school district by press time.

Three school districts played a pivotal role in helping with the promotion of the program. Many thanks go to Teppi Bundy from the Crosby-Ironton School District, Meredith Sander from Aitkin, and Cheryl Meld from McGregor.



Bed winner from Aitkin, Braylee Gabrio being held by her mother, Courtney Gabrio.



Avril Rehwinkle, Aitkin, won a bed from Crosby Mattress.



Charlotte Chouinard, McGregor, won a bed.



Allie Rian, McGregor, won a bed from Crosby Mattress.



Auggie Torgerson, Crosby, won a bed.

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of five squad cars and we're going to put that on a payment plan over six years. This year the payments would exceed our budget by \$15,900 and my recommendation is that money come from the capital outlay budget which has \$125,000 that has been levied for capital purchases. And that money has not been earmarked at this point, so you could take \$15,000. And then next year, if we increase the budget, we really need to be budgeting about \$30,000 a year. The payment next year would be another approximately \$26,000, so we'd have a little bit left over. And then the following year we talked

about replacing the rest of the fleet. Trading in what we have because there would still be value. So once we get on this rotation, we'll have trade in vehicles every three years that retain some of the value. Right now we're in a situation that the Crown Vic doesn't have much, if any value and Kim's (Coughlin) Explorer is pretty tough too. So we don't really have a lot of equity but we do have the two newer Explorers and then the Dodge that they're still valued at. So we're talking about trading those and then purchasing the rest of the fleet. Then the payments would go up to about \$38,000 if we go

that way and not tap into any other capital. This is the least impactful, when I close the year and look at where we're at from budget to actual spending. I feel like there are going to be extra dollars in 2017 because some of the things we budgeted for, we didn't do. And so I'm going to come back to you with another recommendation for lower lease payments once I those numbers final. But at this point what we're asking for is permission to buy five squad cars and spending \$16,000 out of capital outlay improvement budget."

Council-member Jim Traylor said he felt it was time they upgraded and that it would

probably save more time than was suggested having the cars already outfitted. Traylor also said some officers will have garages and some of them wouldn't and would need to plug the cars in and might need to be reimbursed for the electric expense.

Council-member Paul Heglund said he thought it was an excellent idea.

Council-member Robyn Wolfe said, "I agree and one of the things that was discussed in the workshop, that I just wanted to bring to light again, was the ability for the force to actually do some specialization: have a K9 unit, perhaps swat, rescue, search whatever the termi-

nology that you use for those. Because we're switching cars all of the time the officers aren't able to have what they need without going through the 20-30 minute shuffle so to speak."

Council-member Ron Prushek said then they wouldn't have two cars running 24/7.

Novak indicated they had done their homework, well thought out, researched, finances available and really liked the space reconfiguration options.

The council approved the fleet renewal program and reconfiguration of space for the police department.

Randolph asked the coun-

cil to approve appointing Police Reserve officers Matthew Lacy, Michael Kramer, Sean Condon, Aaron Endlund and Elizabeth Burns and Reserve Clerk Linda Peebles. The council approve the appointments.

Snow Removal

Councilman Paul Heglund spoke about snow removal. Heglund said, "We had Christmas coming up and there was some calls wondering why main street was not cleaned. It's been cleaned in the past for 40 some years when I was working there. But, I heard that the state put their finger in that a little bit, and said that there wasn't

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 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!
 Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.
 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.
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 Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and

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 Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Ave. 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 the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.
 Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.
 Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday
 Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.
 Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 5:30pm social, 6:00 pm dinner/meeting, at the Heartwood Senior Living. Call 218-831-5683, if you need more information or would like to join our club. Lions affordable hearings aids available to those who qualify. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.
 Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.
 FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org
 Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402
 Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin
 Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.
 Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.
 Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.
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 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 sponsored by ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd 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.
 McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.
 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.
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 Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com.
 Overeaters Anonymous Open Meeting, Sat. 9:35am, Aitkin Library. Everyone welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12-step fellowship of people recovering from compulsive

eating. OA is not a diet club. We are dedicated to helping individuals recovering from compulsive eating, anorexia, bulimia, food addiction and obesity. If you are struggling, you are not alone any more. For more info: OA.org, or call Cheryl, meeting contact, 770-576-5984.
 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.

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enough snow there to remove it. I don't know. I talked to Lisa (Sova) about that. And I think if the city would have cleaned it then. I think the taxpayers would have had to pay for it all of the snow removal. Because usually the state would cover that. Right Lisa?"

Sova responded, "The State does reimburse the city for removing snow from main street. But they have to authorize it."

It was decided that Heglund will check with Working Foremen Adolph Rono about program clarification and authorization from the State.

45NORTH Whiteout

The owner of the Spalding in Crosby, Nadine Albrecht requested the council to allow a local vendor without closing the street on Friday Feb. 2, 2018 for the 45NORTH Whiteout preregistration party. The council heard ordinance related rules from the City Attorney Joe Langel. It was decided the street needed to be closed for the event. The Council approved to allow the permit and road closure from 4-10 p.m. pending the submission of the proper paperwork and payment for a special event permit.

Project payment questions

City Engineer Phil Martin talked about side street road use by the contractor during construction of the CSAH 33 project last summer. To speed up construction in Mid-July there was an addition to the contract with the county that

stated that be a fee \$500 per day for the use of non-designated roads plus any damage to the street could be charged to the county. So now that final payment for the project has been submitted for payment, Martin wasn't sure if the billed amount includes the deduction for the road use fee already, but he wanted the council to be aware in case it wasn't. There were trucks traveling for 11 days with load and five days without load on non-designated city streets during this period. Martin wasn't sure if there was any damage from the much heavier trucks on streets not built to handle the extra load.

It was decided after City Attorney Langel had some concerns about the agreement status and language clarity. Langel wanted to review it further before making payment and any potential adjustment at the next council meeting.

The water bill disputed from last meeting was found to be valid and will be making payments on the approximate \$900.

Head Librarian Position

There were five candidates being considered for the Head Librarian position at the JFHML (Library). The meeting was continued until Friday, Dec. 29 or any last minute changes and last minute additions to payments for 2017.

Public Comments

At the public comments portion of the Crosby Council meeting, Crosby resident Sandy Blood again spoke about

restarting a free membership program at the Hallett Center of Crosby for people with low incomes and disability. From 2013-2014 Blood was in charge of the scholarship or working for wellness program when she worked at the Hallett Community Center. In 2014, Blood was diagnosed with cancer that resulted in her resignation. Blood said she was happy to announce General Manager Amber Moon was doing the research Novak requested at the last meeting. At the conclusion of Bloods five minute time limit, Mayor Novak said, "I appreciate that you followed up with her (Amber Moon) and you will work toward reinstating the program."

Other

Council approved the Hematite road chip seal project expenditure of \$10,920 for Crosby's portion. The money will come from the state's small cities assistance program.

Council approved the resolution to accept donations from the Hallett Charitable Trust of \$50,500 in support of the library.

Council appointed Councilperson Robyn Wolfe as a non-voting ad hoc liaison to the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

Justin Burslie NIPA Zoning Administrator requested a Rezoning Application to rezone a 40.1 acre tract located on the south side of the Manuel Mine Pit Lake from "Light Industrial" to "Recreational". The council approved this rezoning action.

Super Bowl Business After Hours

Join Heartwood Senior Living Community for a Super Bowl tailgate themed Business After Hours on Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. at 500 Heartwood Dr., Crosby.

Business after Hours is a Chamber function for members of the business community and is also open to

the public, so bring your business cards and get ready to network and build relationships while you enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and raffle prizes!

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OBITUARIES

SANDY SPAETH

Sandy Spaeth, 44, of Pine River and formerly of Aitkin died Thursday, December 21, 2017 in Pine River.

Funeral service were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2018 at St. James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father David Forsman officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

She was born February 20, 1973 in Ham Lake. She was Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic Church. As a child she was a member of the Girl Scouts of America. She attended elementary and junior high school in Blaine and graduated

after moving to Aitkin. She enjoyed biking, fishing and water skiing.

Sandy is survived by her brother, Dean Spaeth, East Bethel; sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Jason Lindquist of Andover; nephew, Cody Lindquist; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Norbert F. Spaeth and Theresa A. (Schoenecker) Spaeth.

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

EARL SMITHSON, JR.



Earl Arthur Smithson, Jr., 65, of Aitkin, died Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at home with his family by his side.

A gathering of family and friends was held Thursday, January 4, 2018 from noon until the 1 p.m. Memorial Service in Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin with Pastor Dallas Smith officiating. Spring interment will be in

Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery, Little Falls.

He was born April 28, 1952 in Minneapolis to Earl and Mary (Gunn) Smithson, Sr. Earl graduated from South High School, Minneapolis. He was a veteran of The United States Army who served during the Vietnam War. Earl married Patricia Kalinowski on November 26, 1976 in

Minneapolis. Earl enjoyed riding motorcycle, golfing, softball, fishing and especially spending time with his family. He was a member of Moose Lodge #1060 of Aitkin.

Earl is survived by his children: Jesse (Martha) Smithson of Baxter, Nicole (Ashley) Eklund of Malmö and Jammie (Jim) Rehwinkel of Aitkin; 13 grandchildren: Devon, Mitchell and Andrew Eklund; Michael and Anton Smithson; Colin, Cedric, Dustin, Jimmy, Avril, Odin, Oscar and Earl Rehwinkel; 3 sisters, Jody (Robert) Reichgeld of Glen, Jackie Switalla of Minneapolis and Joanne Wiscovitch of Burnsville.

Earl was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; his parents; step-mother, Patricia R. Smithson; brother, Patrick Smithson.

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

MARY JOHNSON



Mary Louise Johnson, 83, Aitkin, died Saturday, December 23, 2017, at her home in Aitkin.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 11 a.m. at First Lutheran Church, Aitkin with Rev. Jordan Gades officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the spring at Diamond Lake Cemetery. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers to Great River Strings Orchestra, PO Box 202, Aitkin, MN 56431.

She was born May 17, 1934, in Chicago, IL, to Lester and Gladys (Rush) Siegfried. Mary attended Aitkin Schools until her senior year when the family (Mother, stepfather and three half-sisters) moved to Cottage Grove, OR, where she graduated from Cottage Grove High School. In June of 1953, Mary married Leonard Theide in Cottage Grove, OR, and they had one son, Perry. Mary was remarried to Malcolm Kennedy and they made their home in Danbury, CT. They had two children, Mary Lou and Warren. Mary and Malcolm owned and operated an electronics company. Mary also worked as an administrative assistant to Health Services, Fairfield County, Danbury, CT. Mary moved back to Aitkin in the 1980's and married Ronald Johnson on Sept. 11, 2004. She worked as a health care aide in Crosby. She was a member

of First Lutheran Church in Aitkin, The Great River Strings Orchestra, the Jaques Art Center, and the Country Road Classics Car Club. Mary played violin, viola, and the dulcimer in the Great River Stings Orchestra, of which she was one of the early founding members. She played in the Fireflies String Quartet, and also enjoyed playing viola in the evening worship services at First Lutheran. Mary was a talented, award-winning, artist. She enjoyed painting with oils, watercolors, acrylics, pen and ink; and was a member of the Sunday Afternoon Painters. Among Mary's many talents, was her interest in geology and, while in Connecticut, belonged to a geology (rock) collectors club. Plus Mary was an avid gardener both with vegetables and in landscaping their lovely yard.

Mary is survived by her husband, Ronald Johnson, Aitkin; sons: Perry Theide, Cottage Grove, OR and Warren Kennedy, Morris, CT; daughter, and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Pete Feige, Charlotte, NC; two grandchildren: Kaitlyn Feige and Cara Feige; sisters and brothers-in-law: Ariel and Jeff Glad, Mapleton, MN; Janice and Donald Hasselius, Aitkin; Adele and George Knoerlien, Glyndon MD, and Debra Streichert, CA; brothers and sister-in-law: Wayne and Mary Siegfried, Beaver Dam, WI; Roland Siegfried, Knoxville, TN.

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

RAMONA LINDBERG



Ramona Mae Lindberg, 80, of Brainerd formerly Ironton died on Monday, January 1, 2018 at Edgewood Vista in Brainerd.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2018 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby and one hour prior to the services at the church on Friday.

She was born on July 9, 1937 in Crosby to Clarence and Marguerite (Mongan) Bottineau. Ramona was the former owner of Esther's Big Beautiful Fashions in Crosby. She was also

employed with Tri-County CAP as a cook and an Educators Assistant with its Head Start Program. She was member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Timothy and Christine Lindberg, Cuyuna; Michael and Mary Lindberg, Lakeville; and Gregory Lindberg, Garrison; daughters and sons-in-law: Pamela Ballard, Ironton; Lynn and Gordon Spicer, Brainerd; and Tracy and Jeffery LaSart, Frazee; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Lindberg; one sister, Bonnie Kile; and son-in-law; Joe Ballard.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

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ALLIANCE

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

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, 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.; fbbrainerd.com

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org

Brainerd — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673, Worship 11, SS 9:45.

Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.

Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm

Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.

Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am; Wed 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; 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 10; Service 11; 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

Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm

Malmö — Pastor Glenn Browner; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15

Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

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

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 KKN (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 Ingelwood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.

Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.pobpaxter.org

Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

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.goodshepherdfreechurch.org.

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.lhchurch.org)

Brainerd — Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. — Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

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 (ELCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, 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 Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.

Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday; Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.

Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.

Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicap accessible.

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)

Malmö — 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.

Rosburg — 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; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210

OBITUARIES

JOHN SODERQUIST



John Soderquist, 80, of Aitkin died Saturday, December 30, 2017 at his home.

Funeral services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church of Aitkin, Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Private

family interment to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

He was born on March 21, 1937 in Aitkin to Runa and Arthur Soderquist, the youngest of four children. He attended school in Aitkin, graduating in 1956. After his marriage to Elizabeth (Betty) Koenig in 1959, he worked selling insurance. In 1968, he went to work for U.S. Steel Corp. on the ore boats plying the Great Lakes. During this period, he and his wife had three daughters Julie, Jane and Paula. In 1973, he obtained his First Class Pilot's license from the U.S. Coast Guard and worked as an officer for the U.S. Steel on various ships until 1982. He was then hired by Upper Great Lakes Pilots guiding foreign ships from all over the world that entered the Great Lakes through the St.

Lawrence Seaway system. This is what he did until 1996 when health issues forced him to retire. In retirement, he then turned his focus to perfecting the game of golf. He looked forward to Thursday lunches with his golfing buddies and spending time on the fairways. Off the greens, he was his grandchildren's number one fan in all their endeavors. He and Betty also traveled extensively. They frequented Gulf Shores, AL for the winter months to enjoy the sun and the sea with in-laws and close friends. His family saw him as a jack-of-all-trades; from a seamstress, carpenter and a patriarch — he encompassed it all.

He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law: Julie and Scott Smith, Jane and Chris Hills, and Paula Soderquist; grandchildren: Emily O'Neil, Eric O'Neil, Colleen (Brett) Christensen and Brenda (Jake) Mehr; three great-grandchildren: Lydia, Jonah and Matthias; niece and nephews: Vicki (Bob) Lieske, Chris Swanson, Joanne (Bob) Britten, Mike Boerner, Pat Boerner.

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

LUELLA OLSEN - JULUM



Luella "Kit" Ann Olsen - Julum, 94, of Aitkin died Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Reverend Jordan Gades officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Aitkin. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; Jacques Art Center, Aitkin; Aitkin Historical Society, Riverwood Health Care Center Healing Garden, Aitkin.

She was born October 9, 1923 to Alfred and Martha (Johnson) Olsen. She was Baptized July 27, 1924 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aitkin and Confirmed May 8, 1938 at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin Church. After her mother died in April of 1925 she went to live with her Aunt Anna and Uncle Gunder Julum. Kit graduated from Aitkin High School. She worked as a secretary for the Principal and Superintendent at Aitkin Public Schools, Deputy Clerk of Courts for Aitkin County, and Legal Secretary for Ryan, Ryan, and

Zimmerman Law Office in Aitkin until her retirement. She was Sunday School Superintendent, a member of the church choir, Miriam Circle (a teen mission circle), Circle Leader for WELCA, and also held various other offices in the church. She was on the Aitkin Public Library Board, Aitkin High School Professional Advisory Board, Jacques Art Center Board, as well as a volunteer. Her hobbies included baking, gardening, music, photography, needle point, sewing, and puzzles.

Kit is survived by her Godchildren: Karen Olsen, Barbara Johnson Carlson, and Steven Carl Kurtz; nephew: Thomas Arnold of Hibbing and many special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Aunt Anna and Uncle Gunder Julum; brothers: Jens, Arthur, Floyd, and Rudolph Olsen and her sister Alphie Backa; the Julum sisters and brother: Mildred, Esther, Harriette and Elmer (Jerry) Julum; Foster brother: Marvin Carlson; and very special friend: Stephen Kurtz.

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

ROLAND STERLING

Roland A. Sterling, 36, of Deerwood died on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at his home.

There are no services being held.

He was born in Minneapolis on August 21, 1981 to Allan E. and Rose (Zemlicka) Sterling, Jr.

Roland is survived by his mother, Rose of Deerwood and preceded in death by his father Alan Sterling, Jr.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

BETTY BOOTH



Betty May Booth, 88, of Aitkin died Sunday December 24, 2017 at the Crosby Care Center in Crosby.

Services are being postponed until a later date.

She was born on November 13, 1929.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Dwaine Francis; two daughters: Shirley Davis and Sally M. Mauer; four sons: Dwaine Francis, Jr.; Timmie Lee; Kenny Eugene and Allen Lee; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren with two more on the way.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra Kay Sandland.

GENEVIEVE HILL

Genevieve Irene Hill, 98, of Crosby formerly of Deerwood died on Sunday, December 31, 2017 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

No services will be held. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born on January 21, 1919 in Parkersburg, IA to Clifford and Trena (Vanderlaan) Johnson. Genevieve was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood, the Cuyuna Range Senior Citizens Club and the Walter Scott Erickson American Legion Auxiliary, Post 557 of Deerwood.

She is survived by one son, Michael Hill, Ironton; two daughters and son-in-law: Leanne Genderson, Baxter and Barbara and Ronald Kriener, Myrtle Beach, SC; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Gary; four brothers: Merton, Lee, Arnold and Robert Johnson; and two sisters, Gertrude Johnson and Clara Wittren.

Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

LEGAL NOTICES

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

The Board of Audit for Wealthwood Township will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow.

Dated: December 18, 2017
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk
Wealthwood Township
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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Jan. 6, 2018)

BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICES

Bay Lake Township JANUARY MONTHLY BOARD MEETING on January 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Bay Lake Town Hall.

FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ELECTION from January 2, 2018 to January 16, 2018 at 5 p.m. Phone Carol Pundt at 218-678-3256 for an appointment to pick up a filing form.

ANNUAL AUDIT AND BUDGET MEETING at the Bay Lake Town Hall on January 24, 2018 at 6 p.m. Alternate date due to inclement weather from January 25, 2018 at 6 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING at the Bay Lake Town Hall on March 10, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS. Polling hours will be opened between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Bay Lake Town Hall on March 13, 2018.

ALTERNATE DATE FOR ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS due to inclement weather March 20, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP will be held at the Bay Lake Town Hall March 13, 2018 at 8:30 p.m.

ALTERNATE DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING/ ELECTION/BOARD OF CANVASS meeting due to inclement weather on March 20, 2018 at the Bay Lake Town Hall.

BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING on March 13, 2018 after Annual meeting at the Bay Lake Town Hall

REORGANIZATION MEETING on April 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bay Lake Town Hall

REORGANIZATION MEETING due to inclement weather on April 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Bay Lake Town Hall.

MARCH MONTHLY BOARD MEETING on March 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bay Lake Town Hall.

Dated this 1st day of January 2018
CAROL PUNDT, Clerk
Bay Lake Township
218-678-3256
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY CROW WING DISTRICT COURT NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE NO. 31-CV-17-2395 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

In the Matter of the Petition of Bank of America, N.A.

In Relation to Certificate of Title No. 22571 issued for land in the County of Itasca and State of Minnesota legally described as: That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE of SE), Section Twenty-five (25), Township Fifty-six (56) North, Range Twenty-three (23), West of the Fourth Principal Meridian described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said NE of SE; thence South 0 degrees 14 minutes 30 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the East line of said NE of SE a distance of 800 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 33.00 feet to the West edge of the right-of-way of Itasca County Highway #560, said point is the point of beginning; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 276.91 feet; thence South 0 degrees 13 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 250.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 276.98 feet to the West edge of the right-of-way of Itasca County Highway #560; thence North 0 degrees 14 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 250.00 feet more or less along the West right-of-way of Itasca County Highway #560 to the point of beginning, according to the United States Government survey thereof

TO ALL PARTIES WITH AN INTEREST IN THIS REAL ESTATE, PARTICULARLY:
Parties to be served: Kenneth W. Carlson and Jeannie M. Carlson.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that unless you appear before this Court on the 16th day of January, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Itasca County Courthouse, 123 4th St NE, Grand Rapids, MN 55744, to make a valid objection, the Court will enter the following Order:

That the Registrar of Titles of Itasca County, upon the filing of a certified copy of this Order, Court File No. 31-CV-17-2395, cancel Certificate of Title No. 22571 and enter a new certificate in favor of Bank of America, N.A., subject to the existing recitals and memorials of Document Nos. 9643 and 14320, but free of all other memorials now appearing on said cancelled certificate up to and including Document No. 53521 and free of the memorial of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be served:

(a) at least 10 days prior to such hearing upon all of the above named parties residing in this State in the manner provided by law for the service of a Summons in a Civil action;

(b) at least 14 days prior to such hearing upon any of the above named parties not residing in this State by sending a copy of this Order by registered or certified mail, return receipt, to each of such parties at his/her post office address;

(c) upon any of the above named parties who cannot be found by two weeks published notice and at least 14 days prior to the hearing by sending a copy of this Order by First Class mail to each of such

parties at his/her last known address and at his/her address as stated on the Certificate of Titles if his/her address is so stated.

(d) upon a dissolved, withdrawn, or revoked business entity governed by Minn. Stat., Chp. 302A, 303, 317A, 322A, 322B, or 323 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.)

Dated: November 8, 2017
/s/ Heidi Chandler
Judge of the District Court

Approved as to Form By:
/s/ Kent E. Nyberg
Examiner of Titles

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Attendance is required only by those who wish to object to the entry of the above-described order.
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PROBATE OF WILL NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Court File No. 01-PR-17-1271
State of Minnesota
District Court
County of Aitkin
Probate Division
Ninth Judicial District

ESTATE OF RICHARD GORDON JOHNSON, DECEDENT

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 28, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at the Aitkin County Courthouse, 209 NW Second Street, Aitkin, Minnesota 56431, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated June 9, 2017, and for the appointment of Susan Marlys Wewetzer, whose address is 767 Birch Avenue, Gibbon, Minnesota 55335, as personal representative of the estate of the decedent in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated December 28, 2017
(COURT SEAL)

/s/ David F. Hermerding
Judge

/s/ Paula R. Lang
Court Administrator
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DNR: 2017 was a great year for hunting, fishing and getting outdoors

The year 2017 saw an increase in the number of Minnesotans getting outdoors and enjoying the state's abundant natural resources, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

GETTING OUTDOORS

More people got outdoors and visited state parks – New and returning visitors flocked to Minnesota state parks and trails. Year-to-date overnight stays at state parks in 2017 were up 4.1 percent compared to 2016 and sales of year-round state park vehicle permits were up 4.5 percent.

The DNR opened two new state campgrounds, one at Whitewater State Park and partially opened a new campground at Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park. The DNR also reopened two state trails after extensive repairs. Following the completion of a five-mile segment severely damaged by flooding in 2012, the 70-mile Willard Munger State Trail is now completely open for the first time in more than five years. A six-mile segment of the Glacial Lakes State Trail is also open, after being widened and resurfaced between Willmar and Spicer.

New parks benefits for veterans – Active military personnel in any branch or unit of the United States Armed Forces and veterans with a service-related disability are now eligible to receive a free year-round state parks vehicle permit, providing unlimited access to all 75 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas. These new benefits were proposed by the DNR and approved by state lawmakers during the 2017 Minnesota legislative session.

Expanded information center hours – Responding to public demand, the DNR expanded its Information Center hours into week-

day evenings and Saturday mornings. The hotline is a great resource to get many outdoor questions answered from fish limits on lakes to trail conditions for snowmobile and skiing. The project started as a pilot project late in 2016, but public response was so overwhelmingly positive that operational hours were made permanent. The DNR's Information Center received 85,146 calls in 2017; more than 12,000 of those calls were taken during the new weekend and evening hours. Anyone can call 888-MINNDNR (646-6367) and talk to an information consultant – 21.5 more hours a week – from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday.

HUNTING

Minnesota deer hunters had one of their better deer seasons in several years, with fall harvest expected to total nearly 199,000 deer with some late season hunting yet to come, compared to 173,213 in 2016. The state has about 500,000 deer hunters each year.

Statewide Deer Plan engagement – The DNR is committed to ensuring sustainable and healthy wildlife populations across the state. In 2017, the DNR held a series of 12 public meetings statewide with people interested in deer to discuss goals and values that would define Minnesota's first-ever statewide deer management plan. A diverse citizen advisory

committee met monthly to discuss the plan and further input was gathered through public surveys. The draft plan will be finalized in 2018.

Chronic wasting disease was not found in precautionary testing of nearly 11,500 samples from deer that hunters harvested in north-central, central and southeastern Minnesota outside deer permit area 603. Within permit area 603 the disease was identified in 2016, and this past season six new cases of CWD were confirmed.

FORESTRY

Minnesota's forest products industry has seen increased global competition, high raw material prices, and increased demand for state timber in recent years. These and other developments underscored the need to update the sustainable timber harvest level from DNR-administered forest lands.

The DNR is working closely with a stakeholder advisory group to evaluate the implications of various harvest levels for the forest ecosystem and economy. Specifically, the analysis will examine the sustainability of harvesting 1 million cords of timber per year from DNR-administered forest lands. If the analysis does not support that level of harvest, the DNR will use information from the analysis to determine what is the sustainable harvest level.

DNR-administered lands

provide 30 percent of the wood fiber in the state. The state's forest products industry is the fifth largest manufacturing sector in Minnesota by employment, with a \$17.8 billion economic impact supporting 64,000 jobs.

New state forest maps – The DNR created seven new, state-of-the-art maps that make it easier and safer for people to explore, hunt and recreate in state forests. The maps were developed for Paul Bunyan State Forest, Badoura State Forest, St. Croix State Forest, Hunterville State Forest, Lyons State Forest, General C.C. Andrews State Forest and Chengwatana State Forest. In addition to paper maps, a geoPDF map allows users to download a map onto a mobile device using a variety of map apps and then track their location on the screen. The agency plans to produce 52

more new state forest maps in coming years.

FISHING

New state records were recorded for golden redbone (4 pound 7 ounces), shortnose gar (5-pound 4-ounces), catch and release flathead catfish (53 inches), and two caught and released lake sturgeon that were 70 inches long. There are more than 1.4 million anglers in Minnesota.

CLEAN WATER

After processing 4,200 public comments and making 2,800 changes to Minnesota's buffer protection map, the DNR updated a map of public waters and ditch systems that require buffers under a state law. Minnesota's buffer law, passed in 2015 with bipartisan support, requires landowners to establish perennial vegetation buffers, up to 50 feet wide, along rivers, streams and ditches to help protect clean water

quality across the state. Over 97 percent of public waters are now in compliance with the state's buffer law.

INVASIVE SPECIES

Two new K9 dogs, Shelby and Storm, were added to the agency's resources to quickly locate zebra mussels attached to all types of water related equipment such as boats, trailers and docks. Shelby and Storm join veteran mussel-sniffing dogs Brady and Reggie.

The DNR also captured a 37-pound, 43-inch bighead carp in the St. Croix River, surgically implanted a thin, 4-inch long tracking tag, and returned the fish to the river. The fish will give scientists better data about the fish's movements, precise range, feeding areas and other details about the types of conditions these invasive species prefer.

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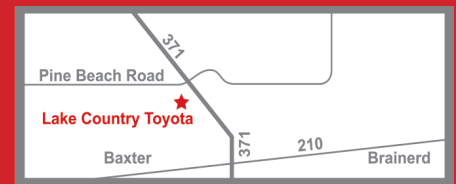


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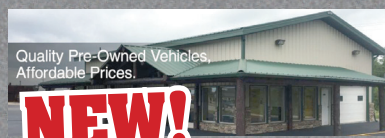
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