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## Possible double murder and suicide near McGregor

The deaths of three adults in Shamrock Township on Sat. Sept. 13, 2008 are under investigation by the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office and MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The bodies were discovered near a campfire outside of a residence north

of McGregor.

The victims are identified as Jaime M. Gage, 32, of Minneapolis; Mark W. Root, 51 of McGregor; and John M. Brightman, 55, of McGregor. Their bodies were transported to Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office

for autopsies that showed all three died as a result of gunshot wounds. Gage was shot twice in the back. Root was shot three times, twice in the back and once in the chest. Brightman had a single shot to the head.

Authorities were first sum-

moned to the residence at 1:40 a.m. Sept. 13 after a 911 call reported two people had been shot. A weapon was recovered at the scene. Authorities believe that Brightman used a .357 revolver to shoot Gage and Root, and then turned the gun on himself.

Witnesses have indicated that there had been an argument between Brightman and Root earlier the previous evening, and that the argument may have been over Gage. The investigation will continue with the BCA Crime Lab processing the information.

## Mission to educate about a former Aitkinite/Hollywood star

By CONNIE PETERSEN

John Stangeland, a writer from Chicago, recently came to Aitkin to research the hometown of Hollywood star, Warren William (Krech) for his upcoming biography.

Warren William (who dropped his surname Krech early in his career) was born in Aitkin on Dec. 2, 1894 and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1915. He became known on Broadway and was discovered by Warner Brothers. During his film career, Warren William made almost 70 films from many major film studios and would likely have had a longer career, but he died in his early 50's of

cancer.

I became involved helping Stangeland research Warren William's Aitkin roots after answering his request for information about his family and the area. I had just finished a series on Warren William that ran in the May/June 2007 NewsHopper (see archives at www.newshopper.net) and contacted Stangeland.

We both found a common goal — to educate this area as well as Minnesota — and anyone else interested in Aitkin's relatively unknown star, a true Hollywood gentleman. Warren William's career earned a star on the original

Hollywood Walk of Fame, yet most people know little if anything about him.

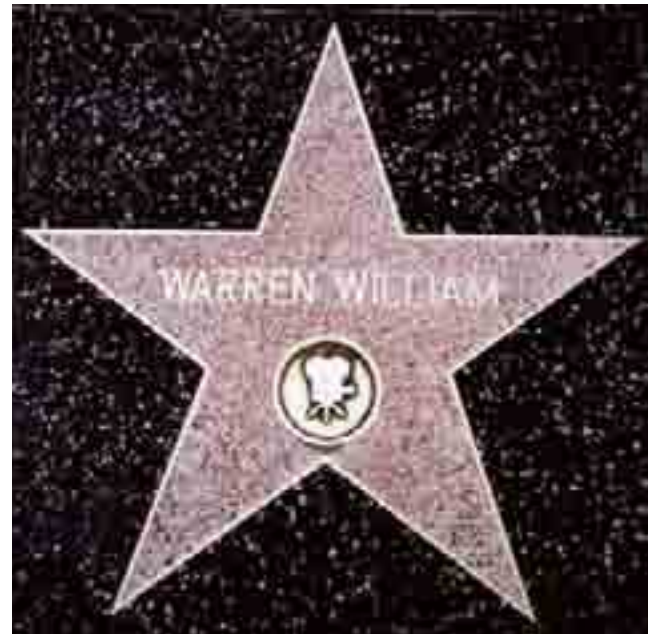
### Striking gold in Aitkin

During Stangeland's research trip, he found a payload of data.

Besides visiting the graves of Krech and Potter family members at Lakeside Cemetery, he found a death notice of Warren's William's sibling, an unnamed baby boy who tragically only lived four days.

At St. John's Episcopal in Aitkin, he stood in the church that the Krech family attended.

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# The search for Babe comes to an end

The Oxtrot came to a close at the Ox Auction on Sept. 6 after a successful summer campaign that had both residents and visitors trying to "Find Babe."

Oxtrotters searched for Babe at 23 local participating busi-

nesses and organizations in the Brainerd Lakes Area. Comments from people searching for Babe included "We enjoyed seeing new places in the Brainerd Lakes Area" and "The anticipation of what each ox would look like gave

us a thrill." Along with photos and memories, Oxtrotters could also register in a contest by recording unique codes at each ox. Nearly 300 participants entered in the contest for one of five prizes.

Julie Smisek of Faribault, was the lucky grand prize winner.

The second place prize was awarded to Debra Wesp, Pequot Lakes; third place went to Patrick Pyatt, Olympia, WA; fourth place went to Paula Per-

sons, Brainerd; and fifth place went to Jean West, Elk River.

Fifteen ox statues are still on display at their sponsoring businesses and the remaining nine oxen went up for bid and sold as follows: Van Go-Gough Does the Oxtrot sold for \$700,

Oxygen sold for \$700, the Jaycee Ox sold for \$800, Babe's Bank is Best sold for \$750, Warrior Babe sold for \$800, Doc Ox sold for \$800, Ox in Sox sold for \$1,050, Oxagraph sold for \$875, and Jackson Pol-Iox sold for \$700.

# Gold Buyers coming to Brainerd area

MJR-LLC of Minneapolis, 2nd generation buyer of gold and silver will be in the Brainerd/Baxter area buying precious metals. This buying event will take place between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and the Holiday Inn Express located

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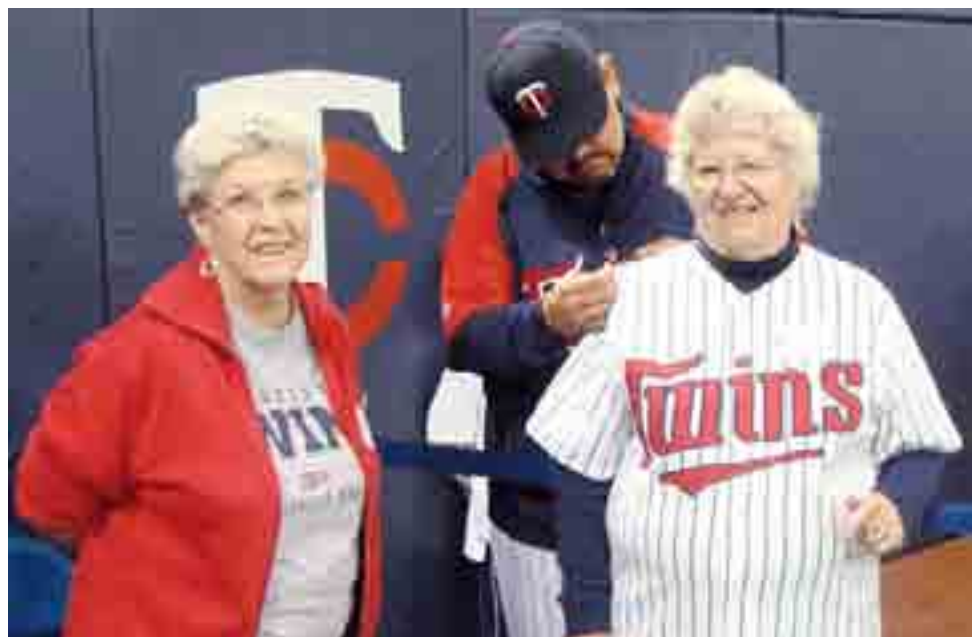
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# Tearing down the old making room for the new and improved



The old south wing of the former Aitkin Community Hospital is being demolished. Aitkin Health Services, a care center for the elderly will expand with a new wing of rooms that look more like homes. The unit will be complete with center courtyard containing a service kitchen and family room individualized in varying colors and materials. Rooms will be private and shared doubles with a goal of an at-home feel, and not a medical dormitory. Currently Aitkin Health Services has 70 employees and can house up to 48 residents. By Connie Pettersen.



# A dream come true at the Dome

During Aitkin Day at the Dome, On Sept. 7, 2008, Marge Johnson, Aitkin, got a chance to go down onto the field before the Twins vs Detroit Tigers game. Much to her surprise there was her favorite Twins pitcher, Eddie Guardado! He very graciously came over shook her hand, signed her jersey and allowed her to "steal" a hug & a kiss on the cheek! It was a moment she will never forget (much to her husbands chagrin). To witness such an event was Marge's long time friend, who is also a diehard Twins fan, Lois Newman, also from Aitkin. Too bad the crowd of over 100 Aitkin fans at the game didn't get to see the expression on her face or watch as the chills went down her spine!

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# Fall cleaning... a necessity

Spring cleaning is a good idea, but fall cleaning is a necessity. Increased foot traffic and open windows and doors during the summer months leads to more dust, dirt, grime and allergens in the home. Before the holiday season starts, and now that the kids are back in school, it is the perfect time to do some fall cleaning.

### Outside the Home

**Patio Furniture** — Prior to putting the patio furniture in storage for the year, clean it to remove pollen, dust, dirt and grime.

• **Plastic Furniture:** Create a cleaning solution by mixing dish soap and water in a bucket. Hose down the plastic furniture with water and use a sponge to apply the cleaning solution and scrub away any dirt, dust and

grime. Hose off the cleaning solution and let the furniture air-dry.

• **Wood Furniture:** Direct and in-direct sunlight causes wood to dry out, become brittle and fade. Clean wood furniture with a product that contains natural oils, including lemon, walnut, safflower, sesame, almond and avocado to restore the wood's natural oils lost during sun, wind and rain exposure and to prevent checking during storage.

**Grills** — Whether or not you store your grill during the cooler months, take some time this fall to remove summer's BBQ leftovers.

• **Grill Interior:** To clean the grates, remove and wrap the grates with a few sheets of tin foil (make sure the shiny side is touching the

grates). Place grates back on the grill and turn grill on high for 30 minutes. Wait for the grill to cool and remove tin foil. All the food particles and carbon will come off with the foil.

• **Grill Exterior:** To remove baked on grease from a grill's exterior, create a cleaning solution using dish soap and warm water. Apply with a soft cloth. For stainless steel finishes, use a non-abrasive stainless steel cleaner and finish by buffing the surface with a soft cloth or paper towel.

**Screens/Windows/Doors** — Remove the screen doors and windows. Replace the screen doors with storm doors. Create a cleaning solution in a bucket using dish soap and water, and hose down the screens. Scrub

screens with a soft brush using the cleaning solution. Hose down screens, let air-dry and replace window screens.

Clean exterior windows using a squeegee (squeegees with a 10- to 12-inch blade work best) and a no-drip glass cleaner to keep the solution and moisture from seeping into windowpanes, frames and sills. A screw-on-squeegee extension and ladder will help you reach higher windows.

### Inside the Home

**Windows and blinds** — Opening windows allows the fresh air to flow in, but it also brings dust, dirt and mold into the home. Be sure to clean your windows, blinds and drapes to remove mold, dust, dirt and allergens before the colder months

arrive. Start by vacuuming windowsills, blinds and drapes to remove dust and dirt. Make a cleaning solution by adding one-cup water and one-teaspoon dish soap into a spray bottle. Using a soft cloth or paper towel, clean windowsills. Clean windows with a streak-free, no-drip solution cleaner.

**Heating Vents** — Clean heating vents prior to use to reduce the spread of allergens throughout the home. To clean, remove the vent and gently vacuum in and around vent opening. Carefully wash the vent using a micro-fiber or soft cloth with warm soapy water. Dry and replace vents. Keep vents free of dirt, dust, pet hair and dander by dusting, mopping or vacuuming around them weekly.

**Stoves** — Take time before the busy holiday season to thoroughly clean the stove and oven. Before cleaning, make sure the stove and oven are cool. To clean the stove, use a non-abrasive cleaner. Then, use a soft cloth or paper towel to buff the surface. For regular, non-self-cleaning ovens, sprinkle a thick layer of baking soda on the bottom of the oven. Use a spray bottle filled with water to wet baking soda until it is damp (do not saturate the baking soda with water). For a few hours, continue to wet the baking soda as it dries out. Afterwards, simply scrape the baking soda, food particles and carbon from the oven. Be sure to remove all the baking soda before using the oven.

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# OBITUARIES

## JANICE R. BLOOD

Janice R. Blood, 66, of Crosby, died Sun., Sept. 7, 2008, at Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

Services were held Fri., Sept. 12, 2008, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby.

She was born April 29, 1942, in Canby, to Jake and Lena (Gessert) Waltz. She graduated from Canby High School in 1960. She was a retired employee of Potlatch in Brainerd with 14 years of service. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Crosby.

She is survived by her husband, Tom; sons and daughters-in-law: Scott (Denise) Blood,

Baxter; Robert (Sandy) Blood, Crosby; Jamie Blood, Crosby; Jason (Nikol) Blood, Elk River; Craig (Jesse) Blood, Crosby; daughter, Tammy DeCent, Crosby; brothers and sister-in-law: Vernon (Sue) Waltz, Canby; Robert Waltz, Marshall; sisters and brothers-in-law: Bernadette (Dallas) Larson, Savage; Patricia (Bob) McKeen, Canby; 21 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Charles Waltz.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## CLYDE W. JONES



Clyde W. Jones, 83, of Nisswa, died Thur., Sept. 11, 2008, in Milwaukee.

Services will be held 10 a.m.

on Fri., Sept. 19, 2008, at Halvorson-Johnson Funeral Home in Brainerd with Pastor Harold Tongen officiating. Burial will be in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Camp Ripley. Visitation is one hour prior to the service.

He was born Nov. 13, 1924, in Osakis, to

Albert and Mildred (Chapin) Jones. He was a US Veteran who served during World War II. He was employed for 37 years at West Publishing in St. Paul.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; and daughter, Jeanette Jones.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are with the Halvorson-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Brainerd.

## WARREN R. KNUTSON

Warren Ray Knutson, 84, of Brainerd, died Fri., Sept. 12, 2008, at his home.

Services were held Thur., Sept. 18, 2008, at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

He was born Aug. 30, 1924, in Benson, to Martin and Alma (Lundebrek) Knutson. He married Barbara Steller on Aug. 19 1967, in Brainerd. He was a retired owner and operator of Knutson Electric Services in Benson.

He is survived by his son and daughter-

in-law, Gregory (Debra) Knutson, Cuyuna; daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia (Edmund) Maile, Brainerd; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Barbara, in 2003; sister, Marion Smith; and brother, Robert Knutson.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## RODNEY D. HOLM

Rodney Dale Holm, 68, of Palisade, died Fri., Sept. 12, 2008, at his home.

Services were held Mon., Sept. 15, 2008, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade with Rev. William Sass officiating. A private burial was held in Pine Grove Cemetery in Palisade.

He was born May 13, 1940, at his grandfather's house in Morrison Township to Knute and Ruth (Pratt) Holm. He grew up in Palisade and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1958. He married LaVonne Lieske in 1959. In 1981 he married Judy Lamson. He was a farmer, worked construction for Victor Carlson & Sons, and ran the Palisade Mercantile Store. In 1979, he became an over the road truck driver, traveling more than a million miles until his diagnosis of brain cancer in December of 2006. He drove for Midland Co-ops, Minneapolis; Maverich Inc., Rogers; International Transport, Rochester; Nelson,

Inc., Deerwood; and the last 13 years for Tri-State Transport, Joplin, MO.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; son and daughter-in-law, Perry (Sheri) Holm, Ferguson Falls; daughter and son-in-law, Jaye (Theo) Lawrence-Durbin, Eagan; two granddaughters; brothers and sisters-in-law: Jerry (Cherie) Holm, Aitkin; Mike (Suzi) Holm, Barnsville; sisters and brother-in-law: Charity (Kinny) McNeil, Swatara; Patsy Sandsness, Columbia Heights; Linda Iverson, Omaha, NE; Many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-daughters: Patty Ann and Bobbie-Sue Lamson; and brother-in-law, Larry Iverson.

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.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

\* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

## ALLIANCE

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McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10

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Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30  
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Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass Sun. 9, confession before Mass.  
Hill City — St. John's, Fr. Jerry Weiss; Fr. Keith Bertram, asst. pastor Mass: Sun. 8:30  
McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. J. Fleischhacker, O.S.C., Mass: Sun. 11.  
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. J. Fleischhacker, O.S.C., Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.  
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## COMMUNITY

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Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 p.m.  
Jacobson Community Church (the little white church in Jacobson). Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 p.m.  
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.  
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 9:30 at McGregor VFW; Bible study Sat. 7 p.m. VFW basement; Contact: Pat Perrine 218-768-2234  
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Larry Harshman; SS 9:45; Service 11 & 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.  
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, Pastor Ralph Hegman; SS 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:30 p.m.  
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 9; Fellowship 10; Contemporary Worship 10:15.  
Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's Sunday School 9 a.m.; located between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.  
Tamarack — Church of Christ, Pastor Brandt Johnson, 218-768-2965; Service 9:30; SS 10:45. Wed. worship, 6 p.m.  
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

## COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

Aitkin — Community of Christ, Elder S. Wasserzieher, 218-678-2506 for meeting place and time.

## CONGREGATIONAL

Aitkin (UCC) — First, Rev. Richard Celley; Worship 10; Comm. 1st Sun.; Trustees Mtg., 2nd Sun.; Diaconate Mtg., 3rd Sun.; Adult Bible Study Sun. 9 am.

## EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — Rev. Karl E. Bell, plus Rev. John Willms 2nd Sun. of month. St. John's, Holy Comm. or Morning Prayer, 9

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Crosslake — Pastor Fred Cressman; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email [thelochurch@crosslake.net](mailto:thelochurch@crosslake.net)  
Isle — Pastor Charles Visser; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 p.m.; Adult Prayer 6:30 p.m.  
Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10:30; Worship 10:50; Wed. Care Group 9:30  
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Wed., Bible Study, 7 p.m.

## INDEPENDENT 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 p.m.

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# OBITUARIES

## MARK W. ROOT



Mark William Root, 51, of McGregor, died Sat., Sept. 13, 2008.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 20, 2008, at the McGregor High School gymnasium with visitation one hour prior to the service.



He was born Dec. 24, 1956, in Grand Rapids, to Russell and Myrna (LaDoux) Root.

He grew up and attended school in Grand Rapids until serving in the US Army from 1975-1977. He then attended Itasca Community College and Staples Vo-Tech where he became a certified welder and machinist. He lived and worked in the Twin Cities until

1991, when he moved to the Big Sandy Lake area and helped his dad at the Shamrock Store and Bait Shop. He was employed at Star Tool and Machine since 1995.

He is survived by his sons, Jacob and Kyle and daughter, Jessica, all of McGregor; brothers and sisters-in-law: Mike (Jeanie) Root, Blaine; Jason (Traci) Root, Marble; sisters and brother-in-law: Rhonda (Roger) Fickert, Bejou; Jennifer Jarva (Todd Karjala) Pengilly; 13 nephews and nieces and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Sharon Root; and sister, Rene Trahan.

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

## HELEN M. PICHA

Helen Marie Picha, 98, of Bay Lake and Hopkins, died Sat., Sept. 13, 2008, at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 20, 2008, at Crosby-Ironton Presbyterian Church in Crosby. Burial will be at Faith Presbyterian Cemetery in Hopkins. Friends may call on Saturday one hour prior to the service.

She was born May 26, 1910, in Hopkins, to Frank and Mary (Shenkyr) Bren. She married Richard Picha in Hopkins on Sept. 22, 1934. She was a graduate of MacPhail College of Music; taught public school music in Mill, SD and Hopkins. She volunteered her musical

abilities at John Hus Presbyterian Church, Hopkins and was a member of Ida McKinley Eastern Star, Hopkins; Coasterettes Shrine organization, Pompano Beach, FL.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Richard (Martha) Picha, Bay Lake; daughter and son-in-law, Meredith (Dr. Jerome) Poland, Bay Lake; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; sister, Gladys Smith; and brother, Howard Picha.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## BOB BARTZ



Bob Bartz, 69, of Palisade, died Sat., Sept. 13, 2008, at his home after a fight against cancer.

Services will be held Fri., Sept. 19, 2008, at Hilltop Chapel in Palisade, at 11 a.m. Visitation at 10 a.m.

He was born Oct. 18, 1938, to Ruth and Henry Bartz of Mendota. He graduated from Sibley High School in 1956. He attended the University of Minnesota, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Palisade, where he lived for more than forty years. He was married to Lynn Sue Mizner. He owned and operated Palisade Supply, Inc., a wood

manufacturing facility, until late in 2007. In December 2007, he was honored with the Buzz Ryan Award for his contributions to the profession of forestry.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn Sue; sister, Judy Peterson, Pennsylvania; former wife, Joan Cheek, Montana; sons and daughters-in-law: Brian (Michelle) Bartz, Lakeville; David (Sonia) Bartz, Duluth, Katherine Bartz, Eagan; Holly Bartz, Apple Valley; Marne (Kirk) Sall, Seattle, WA; two grandchildren; and step-children Jessica Wade-Ferrell of St. Cloud; Darcie (Reid) Peifer, St. Paul; and Thomas (Pamela) Mizner, Palisade.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Thomas Bartz.



## TIMOTHY BENJAMIN JR.

Timothy Adam Benjamin Jr., a boy, weighing 6 lbs., 9 ozs., was born Sept. 4, 2008, at Kanabec Hospital in Mora, to Shannon Martin and Timothy Benjamin Sr. of Hinckley. Timothy is welcomed home by sibling, Jesse.

## JACOB WIMMER

Jacob Gary Wimmer, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs., was born Sept. 10, 2008, at Kanabec Hospital in Mora, to Jeremy and Melisa Wimmer of Pine City. Jacob is welcomed home by siblings Emily and Grace. Grandparents are: Wayne Sr. and Rose Dehkes, Pine City; and Kathy Wimmer, Pine City.

## DIXIE RIGGS

Dixie Lee Riggs, a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 8 ozs., was born Sept. 14, 2008, at Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin, to Faren Elling and Reid Riggs of Blaine. Grandparents are: Terry Elling, Aitkin, and Russ and Mary Riggs, Aitkin.

## DAKOTA RICHARDSON

Dakota Lynn Richardson, a girl, weighing 5 lbs., 15 ozs., was born Sept. 15, 2008, at Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin, to Tara and Benjamin Richardson of Aitkin. Grandparents are: Raymond and Kathy Collins Jr., Aitkin; Charles and Deborah Carriger, Stuggurt, Germany. Great-grandparents are: Raymond and Catherine Collins Sr., Aitkin; and Gloria Beckstrant, Aitkin.

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## Evolutionist says creationism should be taught in schools



A leading scientist in the U.K. says creationism should be taught in schools as a legitimate worldview.

The Rev. Michael Reiss is education director for

the Royal Society, which has claimed Charles Darwin among its members. Although Reiss strongly supports evolution and natural selection, he said teachers should be open

to discussing creationism.

Reiss' comments go against U.K. curriculum guidelines, which say creationism has no place in the classroom.

"I realized that simply (going) on about evolution and natural selection didn't lead some pupils to change their minds at all," he said in a statement, referring to Creation-believing students. "Now I would be more content simply for them to understand it as one way of understanding the universe."

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# CRYC fund raiser & hours change

The Sat., Sept. 20 the Cuyuna Range Youth Center (CRYC) will be having a "Hot Dog and Root Beer Float Sale" fund raiser event. The Super Valu Store in Crosby will be sponsoring this event. The hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by the

store and have a treat while supporting our area's youth. Change in hours for the CRYC. The first and third Monday will be open from 4-6 p.m. for youth in grades 3 through 6th. The Center will be open for 7th through 12th from 4-8 p.m. on Wednes-

days and Thursdays; Fridays from 4-9 p.m.; and on Saturdays from 5-10 p.m. If you have any questions, call Leona Miller at 218-546-5744. (This should be the last change in the hours for the center.)

# Meyer spaghetti dinner

There will be a homemade Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Edna Meyer on Sat., Sept. 27, from 4-7 p.m. at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church, Garrison. The cost for this special dinner is \$8 for adults and \$4 children 5-12; children under

5 are free. Meyer has been suffering from cancer and this benefit will help to offset some of her medical bills. Everyone is welcome. There will be a raffle of many great items held during the dinner time. The Garrison Senior

Kitchen Band is sponsoring the benefit and matching funds are provided by Thrivent Financial Central Lakes. Light of the Cross is located two blocks west of the Super Valu in Garrison.

# Second annual Brainerd High School alumni art exhibition set

The Crossing Arts Alliance is sponsoring the Second Annual Brainerd High School Alumni Arts Exhibition from Tue., Sept. 30 through Sat., Oct. 11, 2008. The Exhibition, held in conjunction with the 2008 Brainerd Homecoming Community Celebration, will be displayed at The Crossing Gallery 119, Franklin Arts Center. The Gallery will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-4 and on

Sat., Oct. 11 from 10-3. An opening reception will be held at Franklin Arts Center on Sun., Oct. 5 at 5 p.m., following a concert by multi-talented BHS alumnus Shawn Stengel, now a Chicago-based musical theater director. The reception is open to concert attendees, the participating artists and the public. "We want to highlight the importance that the creative

arts have played in the lives of our alumni" says one exhibition volunteer. "This show is a way for them to share what they love to do [art] with the rest of the community." For further information contact: The Crossing Arts Alliance, Franklin Arts Center, 1001 Kingwood Street, Brainerd, MN 56401; www.crossingarts.org; 218-833-0416; or email: marylou@crossingarts.org.

# Cultural Thursday presents... France

Larry Kellerman of Brainerd will present "Paris to Provence: The Back Roads of France" Thur., Oct. 2 at noon in the Dryden Theatre at Central Lakes College, Brainerd.



Kellerman and his wife spent two weeks in June touring France. His illustrated presentation will highlight the history and culture, from Paris to southern France and the beauty of the Mediterranean Coast, including the fishing village of Cassis. This Cultural Thursday

presentation is part of the free, monthly series hosted by the Resource Center for Cultures and Languages of the Americas.

# Operation Community Connect

The Aitkin County Homeless Coalition will be hosting the third annual Operation Community Connect (OCC) on Thur., Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the McGregor School.

opportunity for community members to actually apply for services and receive assistance all under one roof. A free lunch will be served and free child care will also be provided to allow parents

the opportunity to visit with agency representatives. For information contact the Operation Community Connect toll free number at 866-631-6748 or e-mail: jasahra@charterinternet.net.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Ongoing Events:

- Aitkin Area Go Green Farmers Market, 1-6 p.m., Fridays, Pamida parking lot.
- Aitkin Singles, meets monthly for various activities such as music, hiking, and dancing. For more info call 218-927-3153.
- Aitkin Women's Tennis, every Tue. & Thur. 8-10 a.m., Aitkin Courts. All levels welcome.
- Blind Lake (Aitkin Area) ATV Club, meets the 2nd Fri. of each month at Aitkin City Hall, 7:30 p.m. New members welcome.
- Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thur. of each month at Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol in Respiratory Therapy, 320-225-3646.
- Cancer Support Group, meets on the 3rd Tue. of each month at Riverwood Hospital conference room "B", 6:30 p.m. Call 218-927-2121 x2257 or 218-546-4302 for more information.
- Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 p.m. If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you. Circles of Support provides an informal, confidential support system. If you are a self-starter and self-motivated, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.
- Deerwood Lions Card Party, 2nd Tue. each month, 1 p.m. social, 1:30-3:30 card playing. \$3 per person. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. Info call Kathy Novac 218-546-5486.
- Dial-A-Ride service in Aitkin. Call for pick up: 218-326-3503 or 1-800-642-6143.
- DivorceCare meets every Wed., 6:45-8:30 p.m. at Glory Community Center, 12 mi. southeast of Aitkin. Call 218-927-3678.
- Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are: Tue. & Thur. from 12 to 3 p.m. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.
- Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meets on the first Thur. of the month at 7 p.m. Sept. 4 & Oct. 2 meeting held at Gampers Supper Club. Open to the public.
- Garrison City Council meets the first Thur. of each month at the City building.
- Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tuesday of month, 1-2:30 p.m., Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
- Heartland Region, Minnesota Senior Federation meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at Lakes Area Senior Activity Center, Brainerd. For info call 218-927-3395 or 218-963-2298.
- Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, 1st & 3rd Thur., 1 p.m., Access North, 105 4th St. NW, Aitkin, 927-3748.
- Ironton TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Mon. evenings, 7 p.m. at 212 Viola Ave., Ironton. All interested is invited. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for more info.
- Jacobson Busy Bees meets every Thur., 10-2 p.m. at Jacobson Comm. Bldg. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-6652.
- Kids Game and Bible Activity night at Palisade Assembly of God. 7-8 p.m., K-12.
- Legal Aid meets in Aitkin every other month on the third Wed., at Security State Bank, 2nd floor, 402 Minnesota Ave. N, 10 a.m. to noon. Contact the Senior Office, 218-927-3811 for appointment.
- LinkAge Line™, 4th Thur. of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 at Aitkin Co. Senior Office (Security State Bank bldg., 2nd floor). Counselors will assist with Medicare-related issues. For an appt., call 800-333-2433.
- Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Monday of month, 6:30 p.m., Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
- McGrath City Council, first Thur. of the month, 7:30 p.m. at fire station hall.
- McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thur., 3:30 p.m. at Lake Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.
- McGregor VFW Post dances, 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month, 1-4 p.m.
- MS Support Group, meets the 3rd Mon. of the month at 1 p.m. and the 1st Wed. of the month at 7 p.m., Hope Drop in Center, 210 2nd Ave. NW, Aitkin
- Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tue. of the month at 7:30 p.m. over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.
- North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of the month at Blackberry Town Hall. Worknite, every Wed. night at 6 p.m. on show grounds, throughout summer. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.
- Ripple River Quilters meetings 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m., Aitkin Health Services, 301 MN Ave. S., lower level. Use side entrance. Call 218-927-5760.

- Rainbows Grief Support Group meets every 2nd & 4th Wed. of the month, 9:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran (Log) Church. For more info call Mary Ann at 218-426-3491 or Diane Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to noon at 218-426-3343.
- Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 p.m. social, card playing 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments available. For info call Kathy at 218-546-5486.
- Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 p.m., 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.
- Stroke Support Group, meets 4th Mon. of each month at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin, 2-3 p.m. Family caregivers as well as stroke patients are welcome.
- Storytime for Toddlers, meets Wed. from 10:30 -11 a.m. at the McGregor Area Public Library.
- Westside Church Children's Program, Wednesdays. K-5th grade, 5-7 p.m.,

## September:

- 19th - McGregor Merc's Tailgate Party, 4:30 p.m., \$5, north parking lot of high school.
- 19th - 2008 Woodland Owner Conference, Windigo Lodge, Grand Rapids. For more info call Stephanie at 218-326-1130.
- 19-21st - Festival of Adventures, Aitkin
- 20th - Harvest Supper, Cascade Methodist Church, Deerwood, 4-7 p.m., \$8 Adults, \$4 ages 6-10, 5 & under free.
- 20th - 4th Annual Hammerin the Highway for Habitat, 40 Club, Hwy. 201, Aitkin, registration 10 a.m., ride starts at noon.
- 20th - Fall Family FREE Day, Hallett Community Center, Crosby, 12-3 p.m.
- 20th - 2nd Annual Fall Fund Raiser "A Mexican Fiesta" to benefit Brephos Pregnancy Center, Grand Rapids, 4-7 p.m., Assemblies of God Church Fellowship hall, 1585 E. Hwy. 169.
- 21st - Annual Turkey Dinner, Bethesda Lutheran Church, Rossberg, 11-2 p.m.
- 24th - Fall Harvest Luncheon, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Aitkin, 201 2nd St. NE, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., \$6.
- 25th - Cromwell Young Old Timers Dance, features Donna & Friends, Cromwell Park Pavilion, 1-4 p.m., BYOB, setups, ice, pop & water available.
- 26th - Legacy Five Quartet, Heritage Assembly of God auditorium, 13242 Berrywood Dr., Baxter, 7:30 p.m. For more info and ticket info call 218-838-1812.
- 27th - 5th Annual Harvest Dinner, Emily City Hall, 5-7 p.m., hosted by Emily United Methodist, Cost \$8 adults, children under 12 \$5, under 3 free.
- 27th - Lutefisk & Meatball Supper, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Pequot Lakes, 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. Adults \$13, children 5-12 \$5, 4 & under free.
- 27th - Women's Expo & Fall Arts/Crafts Show, Hallett Community Center, Crosby, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., FREE Admission.
- 27th - Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Supper at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes beginning at 3:00 p.m. This is a traditional Scandinavian dinner with all the trimmings, apple or pumpkin pie. Adults \$13, children 5-12 \$5 and children under 4 eat for free.
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# Riverboat Teacher — Part 6

BY PHILIP NEESE

This is a continued story about Verna Evens, a Sandy Lake teacher, reconstructed with the help of her daughter, Marjorie Roeschlein.

Verna continues, "It was just getting sunlight when the paddlewheel steamboat Oriole entered the Sandy River.

"The Sandy River was a little over a mile long and then we were into the Libby Locks. Actually they steamed the Oriole into a concrete box that was longer than the boat. Then concrete gates were closed behind us. Water drained into this box and raised the Oriole to the level of Big Sandy Lake. The gates were opened in front of us and we steamed out into Big Sandy Lake.

"What a beautiful place, the scenery along the Mississippi was enjoyable, however, Big Sandy Lake was just spectacular. Open spaces over water waves and a beautiful shoreline on a sunny day. What could be better?"

"We traveled a ways down

the west side of the lake to Brown's Point and that is where I ended my wonderful riverboat trip.

"While waiting at Brown's Point, I was thrilled to meet a lady who introduced herself as Elise LeVesseur. She stated that she too was a school teacher and that she taught school near the Pine Beach Resort, which was on the south side of Big Sandy. I had a thousand questions for her about teaching. We talked for quite some time and then she invited me to come to the resort for Thanksgiving dinner. I am looked forward to that.

"I want to comment about the naming of the waters around Big Sandy Lake. The names have been a thorn in my side for years. I taught school near the lake for several years and I also taught in Palisade and Kimberly, so here are my thoughts.

"Shouldn't the river from Big Sandy Lake to the Mississippi (1½ mile long) have been called the Savanna River because of the Savanna's importance in establishing

the fur trade route, which was sometimes called the Interstate of river transportation. There is history here. I am not sure that the Sandy River has any significant history. This mile and a half of river could also have been given a name like Libby as the river has significant individual characteristics, such as, in it's natural state it was a river that flowed both ways. When the lake was high, the water flowed into the Mississippi, when the Mississippi water was high the water flowed into Big Sandy Lake.

"Talking about the Lake, nobody called the lake, Big Sandy Lake in the early days or even in the riverboat days; it was just plain Sandy Lake. In 1832 the American Fur Company was located at the Sandy Lake Post (see sign at Libby Locks). Many people still refer to the lake as Sandy Lake. They may have called it Big Sandy Lake because of all the water backed up by the Libby Dam, however that was years ago.

"If it was right to change

the name of Sandy Lake to Big Sandy Lake, why didn't they change the name of Sandy River to Big Sandy River? It seems that this naming was not consistent. In addition if you travel up the Sandy River from it's entrance to Big Sandy Lake, you would come to a lake called Sandy River Lake. How could they do this? That lake would never be sure whether it was a lake or a river! If you proceed further, you come to a lake called Flowage. This is a body of water the size of a lake and it has been here for years, so why not give it a real name.

"The last lake that bothers me is Rat Lake. Now the local people know that the name refers to Muskrats, so why not give it a name with a good connotation like Muskrat Lake.

"The final indignity is that the maps now show that the West Savanna River does not even go to Big Sandy Lake but instead drains into the Prairie River, then the Prairie River flows into Big Sandy Lake. This is not the way the



Libby Lock.



Sandy River and the Park at Libby.

early explorers wrote it up. I am not sure if this naming situation could be straightened out but wouldn't it be nice if some of the most beautiful area of our state promoted itself with names like Minnewawa? "Enough preaching, I am on my way to Wilderness School in a launch." To be continued...

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# Canning fruit pie fillings safely with modified food starch

Canning fruit pie fillings with thickeners such as cornstarch, flour or tapioca usually results in a thin product and requires additional thickener when baking. Also, these thickeners can interfere with heat that is needed to kill bacteria during canning and may result in an unsafe product that could cause a foodborne illness.

The National Center for Home Food Preservation did research and developed methods for pie fillings that can be canned safely. Recipes and methods are available from their website at: [www.uga.edu/nchfp/](http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/). The recipes use a modified waxy maize food

starch called ClearJel. This corn starch derivative can be used anywhere you use flour, cornstarch or tapioca as a thickener such as gravy, puddings and sauces, and is used widely by bakeries.

There are two types of this modified starch product, ClearJel and Instant ClearJel, which are available in a white powder form. ClearJel also comes in a pearl form. ClearJel requires a heat process to thicken and is recommended for canning. Instant ClearJel is pre-gelatinized and thickens when cold liquid is added. Instant ClearJel is freezer-stable and recommended for frozen fruit pies.

Unfortunately, ClearJel is difficult to find in grocery stores but may be available in bulk food stores, cooperatives, the internet or Sweet Celebrations (formerly Maid of Scandinavia) at (800)328-6722. There are approximately 3 cups in 1 pound of ClearJel. Most recommended recipes require 1 1/2 to 2 1/4 cups per 6-7 quarts of pie filling.

The National Center for Home Food Preservation recommends following recommended recipes closely for a safe, high quality product. If you do have overflowing jars, here are some tips when canning apple pie filling:

Slice apples thin, no more than 1/2 inch thick.

Blanch apple slices and work in small batches. Blanching stabilizes the product and helps to remove air trapped in the apple cells.

Cook the sugar and Clearjel mixture in a large kettle. The mixture needs to come rapidly to temperature and to maintain heat even when apple slices are added. Working in a too-small kettle will prevent the product from cooking properly.

Don't increase headspace to try and prevent product overflow; it won't work.

If you have tried everything to no avail, try switching



apple varieties. Many things can influence the success of the product, including variety, growing conditions and length of storage.

If you do not find Clearjel, can pie filling without adding

starch and thicken it before baking.

*Carol Ann Burtness is a food science educator with University of Minnesota Extension.*

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John Stangeland in front of the Aitkin childhood home of Warren William Krech.



John Stangeland (L, center) with some of the Aitkin residents who helped him research Hollywood film star Warren William's hometown. Marcia and Tom Hasskamp, (R) are distant maternal cousins of Warren William (Krech). Tom remembers visiting Warren William and his wife Helen at their California ranch estate with his mother when Tom was 6-7. Tom swam in the huge swimming pool and enjoyed their friendly dogs. (L) Connie Pettersen, writer and area historian who helped organize Stangeland's Aitkin trip.

He also met relatives of the Potter/Krech family still in the area. One of the most rewarding opportunities was visiting with Jack and Betty Fossen who live in the original house built in 1899 where Warren William Krech was raised. Betty's grandfather purchased the property from the Krechs in 1920 when they moved to New York.

Stangeland said his interest in Warren William began

in 2003 after watching some of his 1930's starring roles. "I'd seen him in a couple other movies like the Wolf Man, Cleopatra and Imitation of Life, but he wasn't really the star," said Stangeland.

After viewing a DVD of three of his starring roles, Stangeland admitted having had the most fun watching movies in 15 years. He looked for Warren William on Turner Classic Movies and searched



This clipping, courtesy of Tom and Marcia Hasskamp, shows Warren William with one of his beloved dogs.

the Internet for biographical information. However, he was disappointed with how little there was. He began his own research, which led to writing a letter to the editor at Aitkin Independent Age because Freeman Krech, Warren William's father, was one of the paper's early owners.

In 2006 Stangeland, went to Los Angeles and researched the archives at Warner Brothers, where his curiosity got the better of him. The more he dug, the more he wanted to know. Each tidbit gleaned was like finding lost pieces in a picture puzzle that you just need to finish.

"Once I realized there was no biography of Warren William, it was a realistic idea to write one," he said. "But I wanted to do something more than just bare bones." Now armed with a giant satchel of information, he's close to not just a modest biography, but a fairly extensive one.

The next step is finding a

publisher and submitting a sample chapter that is already completed on what he could find on Warren William's WWI experiences. He hit a snag to discover that WWI records were burned up in a fire, in St. Louis, in 1973.

Plans are to have his book finished by next summer, although there are a few loose ends yet to check. He's looking for surviving family through Warren's sisters and wants more information about the last couple years before his untimely death from multiple myeloma.

Stangeland's research shows Warren William made movies until 1943, none in 1944, and one a year from 1945-1947. He died in 1948. "I'm trying to figure out why he took so much time off," said Stangeland. "I know in 1946 that his wife had cancer and he got sick in 1947 and was ill a year and a half until he passed away."

He may contact Mickey Rooney, who starred in Midsummer Night's Dream from Warner Brothers in 1935 when Warren William was at their studio to see if Rooney knew Warren William. Stangeland also talked with a woman from the Screen Actors Guild archives who was thrilled to find interest taken



Warren William:

- was born to Freeman and Frances (Potter) Krech. His mother was a daughter of Civil War veteran Warren William Potter, the first storekeeper in the village; well respected and prosperous.
- was the son of a newspaper publisher but did not want to follow in his father's footsteps.
- began his acting career on the Aitkin stage during high school performances at Aitkin Opera House (currently Butlers in Aitkin).
- attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.
- served in France in WWI and remained after the war in a theatrical group.
- moved to New York where he acted on Broadway.
- signed with Warner Brothers in 1931 and became a Hollywood star, often with leading ladies like Claudette Colbert, Barbara Stanwyck, Mae West, Bette Davis and Rita Hayworth.
- starred in three films nominated for Best Picture Oscars.
- worked for many famous Hollywood studios including MGM.
- was the very first Perry Mason; played Ceasar in DeMille's classic Cleopatra with Claudette Colbert.
- made almost 70 movies and was the 61st member of the Screen Actors Guild.
- was well liked and respected by actors and actresses, including Judy Garland.
- did charity work, was humble, loved boating and his dogs.
- repaired his own ranch equipment; was an ingenious inventor who loved his workshop filled with gadgets, power tools, etc., on his Encino, California estate.
- was one of the original stars on the original Hollywood Walk of Fame. His star is located at 1559 Vine Street.

in one of their former board members.

Stangeland enjoyed his trip to Aitkin and had a fantastic time. He found almost everything he could have wanted. "Minnesota Nice" is not just a quaint pleasantry, it's really true," he said, finding everyone here extremely generous with their time and help.

"How many famous people of the past are forgotten?

Warren William is a Minnesotan and a star. It stands to reason then, that his star should shine brightest in Minnesota."

If you have any information that can add to the biography of Aitkin's Warren William Krech, contact Connie at the NewsHopper office in Aitkin (218-927-6990) or e-mail John Stangeland: atlas@acomics.com.

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## Fall is the best time of year to make those home lawn repairs

While this year has seen fewer 90-degree and hotter days, below-average rainfall in many areas has resulted in brown lawns. Lawn grasses adapt to hot, dry conditions by slowing growth or even turning brown and going dormant. Normally, once rainfall or irrigation increases and days get shorter and cooler, grasses green up and resume growth.

However, there are limits to how much stress our lawn grasses can endure before permanent injury and death result. If your lawn needs repair, mid-August through about mid-September is the best time of the year to do some overseeding. At this time the soils are warm and seeds germinate much more quickly than in cold spring soils. This gives our lawn grasses an

excellent opportunity to germinate and get established before winter and without the competition of weedy annual grasses, such as crabgrass.

When overseeding, make sure that there is good seed-to-soil contact. This helps ensure uniform germination and early seedling growth. Where all of the grass has died in an area, scratch up the soil surface with a

garden rake and remove any excess dead grass. With the soil loosened, sprinkle some grass seed over the area and lightly rake it in. Always use fresh seed and grass species adapted to your site conditions.

After seeding, keep the area damp but not saturated with water. Germination should begin in a week or two. Mow when the first grasses to germinate and

grow have reached about 3 inches. At that time cut back to about 2 or 2 1/2 inches.

If overseeding into an existing thin lawn, keep the existing grasses mowed fairly short until the newly seeded grasses have had a chance to germinate and catch up with the others. If the existing grass get too long, it will compete with the new seedlings and your

overseeding efforts will end in failure.

A little bit of overseeding and some good fall lawn care will help restore your lawn to a healthy, dense condition and be in a much better position to resume active, vigorous growth come next spring.

*Bob Mugaas is a horticulturist and turf specialist with University of Minnesota Extension.*

## Tree seedlings available

A wide variety of tree and shrub seedlings are available for purchase from state forest nurseries, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

"There are seedlings that work well for wildlife food and shelter, as well as for timber, shelterbelts and water conservation," said Steve Vongroven, a DNR nursery supervisor.

Several new packet combinations are being offered for the 2009 planting season. New this year is a Pheasant Winter Cover Packet, a Grouse Packet, a Wild Turkey Packet and

an Evergreen Packet. The nurseries also have a wide variety of conifer and hardwood seedlings available.

The tree seedling order form and a list of available seedlings can be found on

the DNR Web site at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/nurseries/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/nurseries/index.html). People can also call the nursery order office at 1-800-657-3767 or stop in at a local DNR Forestry office.

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# The lamenting Mourning Dove

By WARREN NELSON

I would guess that for most people pigeons and doves are thought of as two different families of birds. The pigeon is usually associated with the Rock Pigeon, a bird that is found in huge flocks in large city parks, birds that are easily fed by hand and leave behind a real mess. In contrast, the dove is associated with peace and love. It was the bird that Noah sent out after the flood in search of land, the bird that brought back the olive branch, the symbol of life, peace and a new beginning. And Christ the Savior was the Dove of Life. Actually, the pigeon and the dove are members of the same family of birds with the smaller members generally known as doves and the larger members known as pigeons. The word

“pigeon” comes from the Latin word “pipere” which means to peep and word “dove” comes from the Old German word “dubo” which simply means pigeon. There are sixteen different species of the pigeons and doves in North America but the state of Minnesota has only three members of the family on a regular basis, the Mourning Dove, the Rock Pigeon (formerly called the Rock Dove) and the newly arrived Eurasian Collared Dove. The Mourning Dove is the most wide spread of the doves in North America and it gets its name from the “mournful” sad “coo, coooo” call it makes. It is the only dove to nest in all of the 48 contiguous states. It is a game bird in 31 different states including Minnesota, making it the widest spread

game bird in North America. The sexes are very similar in appearance with the female being duller and slightly smaller. They are about 12 inches long. They are a brownish gray color with a pinkish wash on their breast. They have a long, slender pointed tail and long pointed wings with black spotting on the upper parts. They are small headed with a black bill that is very small and slim for the size of the bird. They have a single black spot on each side of the face. When seen in flight they can resemble a small member of the hawk family because of wing shape and their soaring abilities. They have become quite adaptable, being able to flourish in a lot of habitats. They can be found in a wide diversity of areas, farm country,

urban settings, city parks, wind rows, open fields and back yards in town. They feed primarily on the ground and eat on a large variety of foods including grass seeds, wheat, millet, cracked corn, thistle seed and some insects. In Minnesota, they nest throughout the state with the exception of the far northeast corner because of the large stands of woods. Although some over winter, most return from the south by late April and begin nesting by early May. They truly are love birds and the term “billing and cooing” comes from doves because their courtship is ardent. They are monogamous unlike a lot of birds and this adds to their symbol of love. The nest building is a joint venture with the male bringing the sticks and the female



weaving them together into a very flimsy mesh which can be easily seen through. Nests are often lost in heavy winds because of the poor construction. Although they prefer to nest in pines and spruces, they also nest in other trees and sometimes on man made structures. The female lays 2 all white eggs which are incubated by both parents, the male during the day and the female during the night. It takes about 14 days for the eggs to hatch out and another 14 days for the young to attempt their first flights. Normally, they have two broods during a season. It is estimated that 70 percent of all the juvenile birds die in their first year and adult mortality has been set at 55 percent. Maybe that's why our ancestors used to refer to them as “moaning doves”. Hopefully their early morning cooing will continue on for a long time to come.

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## T.B. testing livestock requires planning — Are you ready?

With the downgrading of Minnesota's TB accredited status, livestock producers in Minnesota should make sure that their marketing plans are not side-tracked because they did not meet the TB testing requirements or missed testing timelines for their animals. The following are some practical suggestions for livestock producers:

1. Make sure to check with the sales barn you go through, or the feedlot/farm you're selling to as to what they will require.
2. Plan to test 3-4 weeks

before you want to sell. Surrounding states require a negative test on feeder cattle and breeding cattle within 30 days (Iowa) or 60 days (ND, SD, NW & WI) of shipping. In addition, at this time both Wisconsin and North Dakota require a negative 'Whole Herd' negative test within a year of shipping.

TB testing involves an initial injection and the reading of that injection site 72 hours later. The test is such that 3-5 percent false positive results are expected. Finding of such, are classified as “suspects”

and result in quarantine of the entire herd until the State Veterinarian comes out to retest just the suspects. This could take up to two weeks, so plan accordingly. Note: At this time all suspects in this area have tested negative on retest. But realize false negatives are going to occur, and so, plan accordingly time and facility wise. (i.e. a pen to keep the suspects in until retested).

3. Cost is variable but can be expected to average \$10-\$12 per head plus two mileage charges (check with the Veterinarian in your area). There are variables that could raise the cost

4. Check your scheduling ahead of time because the testing is done one day and then read 3 days later.

5. All animals tested must be ear tagged and identified with a metal Minnesota 'Hasco' type tag.

A good source of information for TB in the state is the Minnesota Board of Animal Health website: [www.bah.state.mn.us/](http://www.bah.state.mn.us/). If you have any questions – contact the website, or call your veterinarian.

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# AITKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Booking Report:** 8/25/08 - 9/01/08 Four for failure to appear, one for burglary, three for DWI/UI, one for stolen property and one for assault.

**Aug. 28:** Dog complaint was made on 326th Ave., Isle... trespass complaint was made on 320th Ln., Aitkin... disorderly conduct and harassment was reported on Cook St., Palisade... accident was reported on 2nd St. SE, Aitkin... suspicious vehicle was reported on Bunker Hill Dr., Aitkin... one vehicle rollover was reported on Co. Rd. 28, Aitkin... suspicious person was reported in Aitkin... breaking and entering was reported on 330th St., McGregor... alarm was reported on 230th Ln., McGrath... two-year-old was reported not moving on Goshawk St., McGregor... cattle issue was reported on 195th Ln., Isle... property tampering was reported on Air Park Dr., Aitkin... bicycle theft was reported on 1st St., McGregor... breaking and entering was reported on Hwy. 200, Jacobson.

**Aug. 29:** Traffic stop resulting in a DWI arrest was made on 2nd St. NW, Aitkin... theft of a purse was reported on Hwy. 210, McGregor... warrant arrest was made on Hwy. 210, McGregor... suspicious vehicle was reported in Aitkin... trespass complaint was made on 198th Ave., McGregor... warrant arrest was made in Hill City.

**Aug. 30:** 911 hang up was reported on Partridge, Aitkin... fight was reported at Mike's Bar, Hill City... noise complaint was made on 493rd Ln., McGregor... noise complaint was made on 304th Ln., Aitkin... found purse was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... male passed out on side walk was reported on Minnesota Ave., S. Aitkin... breaking and entering was reported on 257th Ave., McGregor... breaking and entering was reported on 250th Ave., McGrath... breaking and entering was reported in McGregor... ATV complaint was made in McGregor... ATV accident was reported at Castaways Resort, Malmo... dump-

ing complaint was made on Hwy. 65, McGregor... possible boating DWI was reported on Big Sandy Lake, McGregor... breaking and entering was reported on 3rd Ave., NW, Aitkin... driving after suspension was reported on Minnesota Ave., S., Aitkin... vehicle rollover was reported on 490th St., McGregor... possible underage consumption was reported at Howie's Mud Bog, Finlayson... fireworks complaint was made on 337th Ln., Tamarack... fireworks complaint was made on 337th Ln., Tamarack... out of control female was reported on 352nd Ln., Aitkin.

**Aug. 31:** ATV was reported on road on Kestrel Ave., McGrath... property damage complaint was made at the City Park, Aitkin... burglar alarm was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... property damage complaint was made on 420th Pl., Aitkin... damage to property was reported on Schoolhouse St., McGregor... gas drive off was reported at Sunny's on Hwy. 200, Hill City... boating complaint was made on Round Lake Aitkin... Palisade Fire Department responded to a grass fire with structure threatened on 270th Ave., Palisade... theft was reported on Great River Rd., Palisade... alarm was reported at Minisnaakwaag Leadership on Hwy. 65, McGregor... McGregor Fire Department responded to a small fire caused by a tree on power line on Kestrel Ave., McGregor... Aitkin Fire Department responded to a small brush fire in Aitkin... jet ski complaint was made on the south side of Hanging Kettle Lake, Aitkin... Aitkin Fire Department responded to a carbon monoxide detector alarm on 327th Ave., Aitkin... deer and car accident was reported north of Hassman on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... fireworks complaint was made on 116th Ln., Aitkin... window was reported on broken on 1st Ave. NE, Aitkin... welfare check was requested on 362nd Ln., McGregor.

**Sept. 1:** Suspicious activity was reported on Stoner Ave., Hill City... disturbance was re-

ported on 442nd Ln., Aitkin... disturbance was reported at Sherwood Forest Resort, Aitkin... assault was reported on Hwy. 18, Finlayson... request was made on 7th Ave., NW, Aitkin... suspicious vehicle in driveway was reported on Hwy. 210, McGregor... personal injury accident to juveniles on motorcycle was reported on 285th Ave., Aitkin... traffic stop resulting in an arrest was made on Hwy. 18, Aitkin... driving complaint was made on 7th Ave., NW, Aitkin... trespass complaint was made on 210th Pl., Aitkin... possible harassment was made on 498th Ln., Palisade... theft was reported on 480th St. Tamarack... DWI arrest was made on Hwy. 18, McGrath.

**Sept. 2:** Report was made at Aitkin Motor, Aitkin... report was made at Hammel Lake access, Aitkin... mailbox damage was reported on 526th St., McGregor... assault was reported on 364th Ln., McGregor... damage to property was reported on 340th Ave., Hill City... noise complaint was made on Goshawk St., McGregor... disturbance was reported on 275th Ave., McGregor... disturbance was reported on Hwy. 169, 1 mile north of Aitkin.

**Sept. 3:** McGregor Fire Department responded to an alarm at Big Sandy Lake Lodge on 487th St., McGregor... theft of propane tanks were reported on 360th St., McGregor... vehicle was reported parked on 210th St., Aitkin... cows were reported out on Co. Rd. 3, Palisade... gas drive off was reported on 1865 Cafe, McGrath... alarm was reported at Moose Lodge, Aitkin... vandalism to door was reported at H&R Block, Aitkin... suspicious activity was reported at Aitkin Self Serve on Minnesota Ave. S., Aitkin.

**Booking Report:** 9/01/08 - 9/08/08 One for child endangerment, seven for DWI/UI, one for assault, one for theft by worthless check, three for failure to appear, one for traffic violation, two for probation violation, one for fleeing an officer,

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**Sept. 4:** Theft of vehicle was reported on 363rd Ln., McGregor... unoccupied vehicle was reported on Co. Rd. 2, Aitkin... open door was reported on South Dr., Aitkin... cows were reported out in Aitkin... assistance was requested on 170 Pl., McGregor... loose cattle were reported on 195th Ln., Isle... car and deer accident was reported on Co. Rd. 22, Aitkin... driving complaint was made on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... dog complaint was made on 365th St. McGregor... theft of handgun was reported on 364th Ln., McGregor... hay bale was reported blocking road on Co. Rd. 22, Aitkin... noise complaint was made on 1st Ave., McGregor... resident was reported egged on 3rd St. NW, Aitkin.

**Sept. 5:** Aitkin Fire Department responded to a fire alarm on 485th Pl., Aitkin... noise complaint was made on 363rd Ln., McGregor... DWI arrest was made on Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin... alarm was reported on 4th St. NE, Aitkin... property dispute was reported on 380th Ln., Aitkin... cows out were reported on Co. Rd. 5, Aitkin... welfare check was requested on 342nd Ln., Aitkin... loose horses were reported on 305th Ave., McGregor... unwanted people were reported on Deer St., Aitkin... welfare check was requested on Dam Lake St. Aitkin... car and deer accident was reported on Hwy. 200, Jacobson... theft of ATV ramps were reported on Solana State Forest, McGrath... child custody dispute was reported in Aitkin... breaking and entering to garage was reported on Goshawk St., McGregor... loose donkeys were reported on 480th St., Palisade... vehicle on side of road was reported on Co. Rd. 3, Palisade... fireworks complaint was made on 218th Pl., McGregor... hit a run was reported in Tamarack... driving after revocation was reported on Hwy. 169, Aitkin.

**Sept. 6:** Alarm was reported at Snyder Drug express,

McGregor... breaking and entering was reported on 2nd St. NW, Aitkin... animal complaint was reported on 2nd St. NW, Aitkin... assisted State Patrol with possible suicidal female on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... possible assault was reported on Hwy. 18, Aitkin... ATV theft was reported on 330th St. McGregor... property line dispute was reported on 4th Ave., SE, Aitkin... breaking and entering to pole shed was reported on 170th Pl., McGregor... threat complaint was made on 4th Ave., SE, Aitkin... suspicious person was reported on Hwy. 210, McGregor... welfare check was requested on 2nd St. NE, Aitkin.

**Sept. 7:** DWI arrest was made on Riverdale Dr., Aitkin... unwanted person was reported on 2nd Ave. McGregor... cow on road was reported on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... accident was reported on 150th St., Isle... car and deer accident was reported on 540th Ln., McGregor... disturbance was reported on 364th Ln., McGregor... theft of money was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... three barking dogs complaint was made on 5th St. NW, Aitkin.

**Sept. 8:** Executed search warrant assisting Mille Lacs County Drug Task Force in Onamia... unconscious male was arrested for probation violation... missing prescriptions were reported on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... threats at city council meeting were reported on Ash Rd. McGrath... car and bike accident was reported on 228th St. Aitkin... nuisance property was reported on 1st St. NW, Aitkin... damage to vehicle were reported on Minnesota Ave. S. Aitkin... property dispute was reported on Hwy.,

169, Aitkin... dog complaint was reported on Kestrel Ave. McGrath... horses out were reported on 270th Ave. Isle... non-emergency transport was requested on Minnesota Ave., S. Aitkin... dog complaint was made on 348th Ln., Aitkin... disturbance was reported on 4th St. SE, Aitkin.

**Sept. 9:** Vehicle rollover was reported on Co. Rd. 10, Palisade... theft of LP tanks were reported on Main St., Palisade... welfare check was requested on 197th Ave., Aitkin... assault was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... damage to property was reported on 473rd St., McGregor... boat was reported found on 531st Ln., McGregor... theft was reported on Maddy St., McGregor... property damage was reported on 348th Ln., Aitkin... threatening phone calls were made on 480th Ln., McGregor gas drive off was reported on Red Oak Dr., Aitkin... loose cattle were reported on Co. Rd. 38, Isle... 911 hang up was reported on 458th Pl., Aitkin.

**Sept. 10:** Suspicious persons were reported on 1st Ave., NW, Aitkin... McGregor Fire Department responded to a fire on Hwy. 18 east of Aitkin... assault was reported at McGregor High School... possible marijuana use was reported on 1st St., McGregor... breaking and entering was reported on Summit Ave., Hill City... attempt to located was made on Lake Ave., McGregor... lost checkbook and driver's licence was reported in Aitkin... alarm was reported at Bremer Bank, Aitkin... strong gas smell was reported on 472nd St., McGregor.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 3, 2005

MORTGAGOR: Vernon A. Kemnitz, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded November 7, 2005, Aitkin County Recorder, Document No. 370177.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Chase Home Finance LLC, Dated: July 2, 2008.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South 330 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 47, Range 23, as measured at right angles to the South line of said SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 except the East 275 feet thereof.

Together with an easement over a 33 foot strip of land being 16 1/2 feet either side of the following described centerline to-wit: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the NE 1/4, Section 18, Township 47, Range 23; thence West along the north line of said Quarter a distance of one-half mile and terminating at the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of said Section, Township and Range. Aitkin County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Aitkin

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$132,488.00  
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THAT prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 11, 2008 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED

UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: July 7, 2008  
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
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**NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until September 25, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: September 11, 2008  
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 24, 2006

MORTGAGOR: Jennifer L. Coffman, an unmarried woman.

MORTGAGEE: Long Beach Mortgage Company n/k/a Washington Mutual Bank.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded October 24, 2006, Aitkin County Recorder, Document No. 377454.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-8, Dated: August 19, 2008

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Long Beach Mortgage Company n/k/a Washington Mutual Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Washington Mutual Bank

tual Bank

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 121 Highland Avenue, Hill City, MN 55748

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 571064700 and 571064800

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 10 and 11, Block 6, McLain's Addition to Hill City, Aitkin County, Minnesota

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Aitkin  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$63,920.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$67,958.57

THAT prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 13, 2008 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disburse-

ments, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: September 10, 2008  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
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