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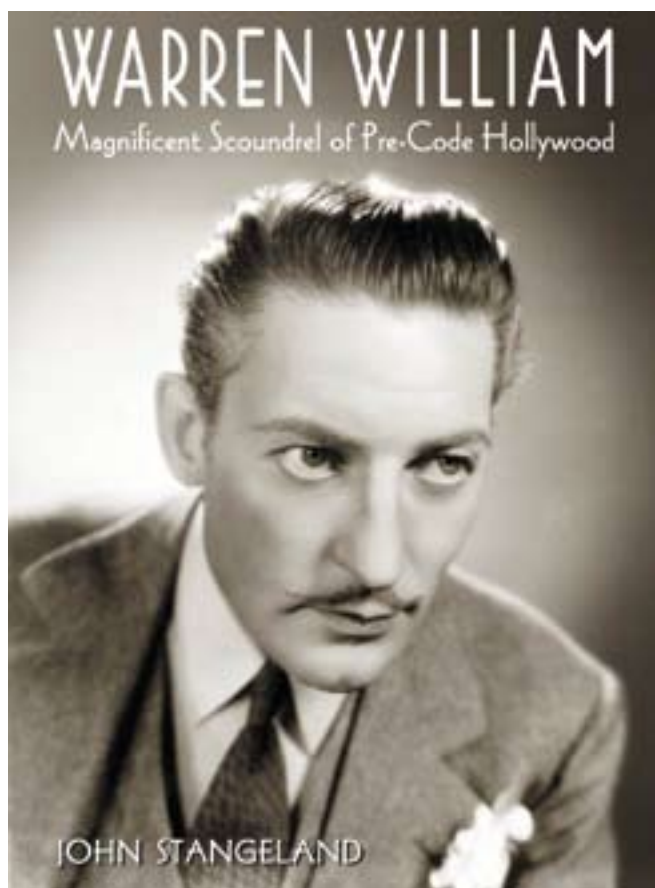
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Warren William Magnificent Scoundrel of Pre-Code Hollywood is available at www.mcfarlandpub.com; amazon.com; and barnesandnoble.com. Copies will be in the Aitkin County Historical Society Depot Museum bookstore in the near future.

Book just released about local star of stage and screen

By CONNIE PETTERSEN

Grand Rapids may be the home of Judy Garland, but did you know Aitkin also has a famous movie actor with his official star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame? Did you realize that as a young starlet, Judy Garland traveled home to Grand Rapids with a stop off in Aitkin to see the places where this popular Hollywood actor had grown up? Did you know the actor,

known to the world as Warren William, began his acting debut at Aitkin's Opera house (now Butler's building)?

You can learn more about these facts and many others in a new biography just released by McFarland & Company Publishers entitled "Warren William Magnificent Scoundrel of Pre-Code Hollywood" by John Stangeland. The reader will discover more about the acting talent of

Warren William, as well as learn about his Aitkin, Minnesota beginnings — where his acting bug began — and just how his small-town roots influenced his life in Hollywood.

The book's author, John Stangeland, came to Aitkin to research the biography and said that Warren William never forgot his area upbringing or values.

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Ryan says no voter fraud

Crow Wing County Attorney said no crime was committed in an alleged voter fraud incident at the Crow Wing County courthouse on Oct. 29.

A citizen filed a complaint after he said he witnessed group home staff filling out ballots for mentally handi-

capped individuals. He said that they filled the ballots out for DFL candidates.

Ryan said the matter was investigated, but he didn't have evidence to prosecute a crime.

It was discovered that group home staff did help clients fill out their ballots,

when they were physically unable to do so themselves. One client was very adamant that he vote DFL, as his family had that tradition, Ryan said. In another case, a worker said she voted for different candidates on her own ballot than the ones she helped her client vote for.

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I first connected via email with Stangeland shortly after I published a series on Warren William for the **NEWSHOPPER** a few years ago. I offered to help find places he could visit here; including the Krech family home, meeting some of Warren William's area relatives and helping do research at the Depot Museum in Aitkin. It's the same depot Warren William used when traveling to and from Aitkin to New York for acting school, for his military service in WWI, and across the country when he returned here to visit family while living in California.

This new biography describes Warren William (1894-1948) as "a magnificent rogue, often deliciously immoral and utterly callous, yet remarkably likable in his wickedness. Off-screen, the actor was a humble and retiring as his film characters were mean and heartless."

The 224 page book has 60 photos and describes Warren William's life and career, his meteoric rise and fame in 1930's-40's Hollywood. Stangeland analyzed his film persona and the curious mechanisms which our culture "selects" certain film personalities to remember and others to forget. It features "a wealth of biographical material never before available, rare candid photos of William's early years, and interviews with surviving nieces and personal remembrances."

About Warren William of Aitkin

Warren William's film career began as a silent movie star. After signing with Warner Brothers in 1931, he became a Hollywood star, often with leading ladies like Mae West, Claudette Colbert, Barbara Stanwyck, Bette Davis and Rita Hayworth.

Born "Warren William Krech" in Aitkin on Dec. 2 1894, he was raised with two siblings in a prominent family. His father was Freeman Krech, part owner of the *Independent Age* and his mother, Frances (Potter) Krech, was a daughter of wealthy Aitkin businessman and Civil War veteran, Col. Warren William Potter. Named after his grandfather, who had been a founding father of Aitkin, the young Krech grew up with dreams of his own. They lived across the street from his grandfather in a three-story house in the wealthier district of Aitkin, and attended services down the block at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Warren William would later admit that he did not like being a scholar, and graduated from Aitkin in 1915, no longer a teenager. However, he apparently did enjoy his first stage experiences and appeared in at least one Aitkin High School production "The Kingdom of Hearts Content" in 1912, as "Sidney Hilton, a Student Card Sharp(sic)" presented at the Aitkin Opera House. It was Aitkin's first cultural theatre, built

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

in 1904 by Samuel Hodegdon and featured vaudeville, minstrel shows, traveling theater groups and local drama.

After graduation, Warren Krech did not follow in his father or grandfather's footsteps. He chose to go to New York's American Academy of Dramatic Arts. After graduation, he entered the US military and was sent to WWI France and he remained abroad for a time after the Armistice to tour with a theatre group.

Warren Krech made his Broadway debut in 1919 in "Mrs. Jimmie Thompson." He acted in 17 more plays on Broadway as well as in several silent films. For obvious reasons, he dropped his German surname, combining his first and middle name as his permanent professional stage name. The 1924 H.G. Wells play "The Wonderful Visit" was his first appearance acting as Warren William. His silent film career evolved into substantial speaking roles because he had an excellent melodic voice, good diction, and carried himself as a very suave and sophisticated gentleman. The new Warner Brother's "talkies" were perfect for him and he was later loaned to other studios.

In his long career in Hollywood, Warren William was often typecast as a merciless scoundrel or villain. However, he also did many roles of character such as the first Perry Mason in film. He is credited with making about 70 movies. Although he met his wife Helen Barbara Nelson in New York early in his career, they remained happily married until his premature death in California on September 24, 1948 of bone cancer. Ironically, Helen died a couple months later.

Author struck gold in Aitkin

While visiting Aitkin to do research for his book, Stangeland found a payload of data. Besides visiting the graves of some of the Krech and Potter families, 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, the author stood in the church that the Krechs attended. He also met relatives of the Potter/Krech family. A highlight was touring the original home Freeman Krech had built in 1899 and where Warren Wil-

liam and his sisters grew up. The house is currently owned by John and Betty Fossen.

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 starring roles, Stangeland admitted having had the most fun watching movies in 15 years. He looked for him on Turner Classic Movies and searched the Internet for biographical information, however, was disappointed with how little there was. His research led to writing a letter to the editor of the same newspaper that Warren William's father had once owned.

Stangeland also went to Los Angeles and searched the archives of 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," said Stangeland, a free-lance comic book artist for Marvel, DC, Now Comics, Image, Comico, and Malibu. He also owns Atlas Comics, a retail comic book store in Norridge, Illinois.

Stangeland said he wanted to do more than just a "bare bones project" so he put a lot of time and detail into this biography and it shows. Next spring, the author wants to return to Aitkin for a book signing and to try to line up a movie festival with Warren William movies at the Rialto, just like the public saw in the 1930's and 40's.

"How many famous people of the past are forgotten?" asked Stangeland. "Warren William is a Minnesotan and a star. It stands to reason that his star should shine brightest in Minnesota."

Warren William trivia:

- Starred in three films nominated for Best Picture Oscars.
- Worked for many infamous Hollywood studios including MGM. Some of his movies include: *The Mouthpiece*; *Three on a Match*; *Lady for a Day*; *Imitation of Life* (1934) starring Claudette Colbert; *The Mind Reader*; *Satan Met a Lady* with Bette Davis, and played Julius Caesar in DeMille's classic *Cleopatra*, again with Claudette Colbert.
- Was the 61st member of the Screen Actors Guild and 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 on his Encino estate and was an ingenious inventor who loved his workshop filled with gadgets, power tools, etc.
- His star is on the original Hollywood Walk of Fame located at 1559 Vine Street.

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The fierce and fearless Northern Goshawk

By WARREN NELSON

Strong, fast and agile, the largest of the North American accipiters darts through the northern woods, intently in pursuit of an unsuspecting victim. Once referred to the “gray ghost”, the Northern Goshawk’s fiery red eyes, glowing like living embers, strikes fear in the hearts of many small animals and birds, leaving them with nightmares for life. Accipiters are those hawks with short rounded wings and long tails which help it make sharp turns and help in dodging obstacles. It flips its tail to change direction, sails in low and fast, thrusting its powerful feet forward and throwing its talons in with force, killing its prey quickly. Edward Howe Forbush offered two examples of the goshawk’s relentless hunting instinct. In one case, a goshawk followed a hen into the kitchen of a Connecticut home and killed it in front of two people. In the second case, in Maine, a frantic hen ran under a woman’s skirt and the pursuing hawk was trampled under foot. Pioneers used to call it the “chicken hawk” or the “hen hawk” because it was often found chicken coops, eying what seemed like easy prey.

The Northern Goshawk’s scientific name is “accipiter gentiles” which means “a bird of prey belonging to a noble clan.” And, goshawk literally

means a goose hawk. They are found throughout North America, Europe and Asia. They are between 19 and 27 inches long and have a wingspan of between 40 and 48 inches long – with the female noticeably larger than the male. Male and female are similar in appearance. They are a uniform slate gray color with a black crown, bluish gray back and white under parts mottled with gray. They have a distinct white line over each of its fierce red eyes. Immature birds are brown above and white below with heavy brown streaking. Like the adults, they have a white stripe over each eye. Over a period of several years, the eyes of the young goshawk change from yellow to orange to red.

In Minnesota, they nest in the north-central and northeast parts of the state. Goshawks don’t migrate very far south, only as far as the northern tier of states – and a few will even over-winter within the state. Most will return between mid-March and early April. The bulk of the fall migration is in October. They prefer to nest in mixed hardwood and conifer forests. The nest is built by both the adults – but the larger female lets the world know that she is the dominant partner. The nest is bulky, built on a horizontal branch of either a hardwood or conifer, well back in the woods. It can be up to three feet across, made up of

many sticks and twigs. The female lays three or four whitish eggs which she alone incubates for 30 to 40 days. To keep the eggs developing correctly, the female turns the eggs every half hour. The male brings food into the nest, but because of her superior size and demeanor, it is the female that feeds the young and defends the nest with little help by the male. The female fiercely protects the nest and will even attack humans that get too close to it. She will scream out a loud “kee-a-ah” and the male will call out a loud “cuk, cuk, cuk”. The female broods the young steadily for about the first 10 days of life. At 40 days of age, the young begin to climb around in the branches of the nest tree and in 45 days, the young make their first flights. They don’t get their adult plum-

age until the following spring. Captive birds have been known to live up to 19 years of age.

The diet of the goshawk is a varied one, consisting of rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, ducks, grouse, songbirds, moths and even beetles. A study has shown that the main prey during the summer is red squirrels, followed by crows, grackles and blackbirds. For those birds that hang around during the winter, their main prey is grouse and rabbits. When not in pursuit of prey, while flying high, they have rapid, steady wing beats, alternated with glides. There may be no better place in North America to watch the Northern Goshawk than at Hawk Ridge in Duluth in October and November as the snow is being to show up in Minnesota. Through light snow flurries, dozens of



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OBITUARIES

RICARDO KOLODJI


Ricardo “Rico” Cinco Kolodji, 43, of Deerwood, died on Tue., Nov. 30, 2010, at Mille Lacs Hospital in Onamia.

Services were held Mon., Dec. 6, 2010, at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Reverend Dorothy Sand officiating.

He was born June 24, 1967, in Manila, Philippines. He graduated from Belgrade High School and then attended vocational college. He was united in marriage to Polly Thue on July 31, 1999, in Sandstone. He was employed at the Grand Casino in Hinckley and Mille Lacs, working as a Compliance Liaison.

He is survived by his wife, Polly; children:

LEO PEPPERSACK

 Leo Martin Peppersack, 90, of Crosby, died on Sat., Dec. 4, 2010, at St. Gabriel's Hospital In Little Falls.

Services were held Thu., Dec. 9, 2010, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial was in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

He was born March 3, 1920, in Struble, IA to John and Josephine (Bueltel) Peppersack. He married Betty Jean Maertens on Jan. 15, 1949, in Green Valley, MN. He was a WWII Army Veteran. He retired from Ford Motor

Anthony Miller, Mikayla Kolodji, and Logan Kolodji; parents: Robert and Jan Kolodji, Aitkin; brothers and sisters-in-law: Allyn (Beth) Kolodji, Mora; Dean (Julie) Kolodji, Mora; sisters and brothers-in-law: Diane (Rich) Rasmussen, Front Royal, VA; Karen Kolodziejczyk (Jeffrey Slater), North St. Paul; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

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

HELEN KOZMIK

Helen Gertrude Kozmik, 91, of Deerwood, died on Mon., Dec. 6, 2010, at her home.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Fri., Dec. 10, 2010, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood. Burial will be at the Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights at 3 p.m. Friends may call on Friday one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

She was born Aug. 5, 1919, in Willmar, to Marius and Marianna (Larson) Johnson.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law: Katherine (Mark) Kiel, Blaine; Mary Lou Kozmik, Vadnais Heights; three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; a sister; and four brothers.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.



TRISTAIN NEWMAN

Tristian Edward Newman, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz., was born Nov. 30, 2010, in Aitkin, to Kayla Roberts and William Newman of Aitkin. Grandparents are: Elton and Sabrina Roberts, Braham; Edward Newman and Jeryl Mertens, Aitkin.

ADDISON CANFIELD

Addison Marie Canfield, a girl, weighing 8 lbs., 6 ozs., was born Dec. 2, 2010, in Aitkin, to Melissa and Gregory Canfield of Aitkin. Addison is welcomed home by sibilings, Brett and Andrew. Grandparents are: Marianne Washburn, Aitkin; Russel and Janel Canfield, Aitkin.

AYDEN AUBID

Ayden Casey Aubid, a boy, weighing 9 lbs., 1 oz., was born Dec. 4, 2010, in Aitkin, to Rachele Moose and Azhibik Aubid of East Lake. Grandparents are: Linda Moose, McGregor; Dorothy Aubid, East Lake. Great-grandmother is Caroline Boelter, Tamarack.

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin — Rev. Dan Turner; SS 9; Worship 10; Wed. 7 p.m.

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 p.m.

Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Bible Study, Wed. 7 p.m. at church, Wed. 7 p.m. kids games and bible activity, grades K-12.

BAPTIST

Aitkin — Westside, Pastor D. Smith; Worship 10; Bible Life group 11:11; aitkinwestside.org.

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 p.m.

Deerwood — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m.; Wed. Service, 7 p.m.

Glory — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed. 6:45 Kids Club, Youth Group and Divorce Care.

Hill City — Pastor L. Lee; 697-2645; SS 9:45; Worship 11 am, 7 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.; Bible Study, Fri., 7 p.m.

Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.

Opstead — Pastor P. Johnson; 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Aitkin — St. James, Fr. Justin Fish, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.

Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.

Crosby — St. Joseph's, Fr. T. Deutsch, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun 10:30 a.m.

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, Mass: Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8:30

Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. T. Deutsch, Mass: Sun. 8:30; Sat. 7:30 pm.

Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Sun. 10:30; 8 Wed. & Fri; 218-763-2101.

Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Justin Fish, 218-927-6581; Masses: Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m.

Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483

Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. Justin Fish, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 9 a.m.

McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sun. 11.

McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.

Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Ron DeCent 218-546-6512; Priesthood/Relief Society, 10; SS 11; Sac. Mtg. 11:50

COMMUNITY

Aitkin Community — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE. Glen, Rev. R. Stauter; Worship 9, May - October.

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; Elders: Larry Koehler 218-768-4407, Pat Perrine 218-768-2234, Joel Seibel 218-768-3771

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 Benjamin Peterson; 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; ContemporaryWorship 10:15.

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.

McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL

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

EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — St. John's, Rev. Karl E. Bell, Holy Communion Service 9

EVANGELICAL FREE

Crosslake — Pastor Fred Cressman; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@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; Young Families Fellowship 2nd and last Fri. of month, 5 p.m.

Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thurs., 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 Ironton Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 p.m.

LUTHERAN

Aitkin — Bethel* (CLB), Rev. G. Salmonson; Worship, 9:30; Wed. Bible Study & prayer 7; SS following morning worship.

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Cindy Gray; Worship 9:30; SS 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun. each month.

Aitkin — First* (ELCA), Rev. Dorothy L. Sand; Worship: Sun. 8 & 10:30; SS 9:15; Fellowship & Adult Bible Study between services; Contemporary 2nd & 5th Sun., Communion every Sat. 5 p.m. & 1st & 3rd Sun.; second service broadcast live on KKin (930 AM) & on TV cable channel 8 at 9 am Wed.

Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

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

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; Sat. 5 p.m. worship; 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), Pastor Mark Anderson; Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.

Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; SS/Bible Study 10:45; Worship 9:30; Fellowship follows; Holy Comm. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays; Confirm./Youth Group Wed. 6 p.m.; 218-692-4228

Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor D. Anderson; Worship: 9:30; after Labor Day 8:15 & 10:30

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

Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Chris Hill; Worship 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 10:0 a.m.; Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; 320-692-4773.

Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (Missouri Synod), Vacancy Pastor, Bible Study & SS Sun. 8:45; Worship 10; Fellowship 11.

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

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Cathie Rhodes; Sun. Worship 9:30. 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), Pastor John Lundberg; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.

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

Jacobson — Carmel, Pastors Loren & Judy Anderson-Bauer; SS 9:30, Service 11, fellowship follows.

Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 p.m.; Sun. Worship 8 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 p.m., 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 Henry Koopman; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 p.m.

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

Outing — Our Saviors; Worship 9.

Palisade — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10; Wed. School classes 4:30 p.m.

Rosburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd Sat of Mo. 9 - 1 p.m.; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor P. Franz; 1st & 4th Sun. 11; 3rd Sun. 1

Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.

Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Henry Koopman; Worship 10:30; Bible Study Thu. 10.

PENTECOSTAL INDIAN

Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, 218-768-3585, Pastors Ken and Robin Fairbanks, Praise and Worship, Sat., 11. Everyone Welcome!

PRESBYTERIAN

Crosby/Ironton — Pastor Norma Spurgin, 1st St. SE, Hallett Ave.; Worship 10 ; SS during worship.

Crosslake — Pastor Kate Stangl; Worship 9:30 coffee/fellowship 10:30; Adult Forum 3rd Sun. 8:15; Bible Study Wed. 9:45; Thu. Prayer 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Rd., 218-692-4769

McGrath — Calvary, Interim Pastor - Rev. Bill Chadwick; Worship 9:30; SS 10:30.

McGregor/Round Lake — Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 9:30.

Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

Round Lake — Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 9:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin — Pastor R. Brauer; Worship, Sat. 9:20; Sabbath School 10:20; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST

Aitkin — Rev. Judith A. Clark; high school & adult SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 Nursery & School age SS, fellowship follows.

Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Mark Nordell; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.

Emily — Pastor Lois Hansen; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.*

Cromwell — Northern Lights Parish (United Methodist) — Pastor Russ Christensen; Worship 10:30; SS 9.

Fleming — Worship 10:30; handicapped accessible.

Hill City — Rev. Russ Christensen; Worship 10:45

McGregor — Pastor Russ Christensen .Worship 8:45; SS 10:15.*

Palisade — Pastor Russ Christensen; Worship 9.

Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Judith A. Clark; Worship 9; King's Kids 10 on 2nd Sundays.

WESLEYAN

Emily — Rev. Jeff Drake; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ongoing Events:
Access North Craft & Coffee, Mondays, 1 p.m., 210 2nd St. NW, Aitkin.
Aitkin Children's Center Fall Family Nights, Thursdays, 6-7:15 p.m., at the Center. Call to register 927-4838, ext. 202.
Aitkin Class of 1958 luncheon, 3rd Thu. each month (except Aug.), 40 Club, noon.
Aitkin Youth Center, every Sun. thru April, Westside Building, ages 10 and up. Under 10 need parent. Families welcome. Info 218-927-6171, Steve.
Aitkin Weight Watchers meet Thu, 5 pm weigh-in, 5:30 meeting above Aitkin Eye Care Center. Call 218-927-2407 for more info.
Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.
Cancer Support Group, meets on the 3rd Tue. of each month at 6:30 p.m. rotating between Riverwood Healthcare, Aitkin and Cuyuna Regional, Crosby, Call 218-927-8287 or 218-546-4302.
Circle of Parents, community based support group for parents and children, Tue. at St. James Church, Aitkin, 6-7:30 p.m., Info 218-927-2327.
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. call Brandi, 800-997-5723.
Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.
Cuyuna Range Youth Center, 1st & 3rd Mon. 6-8 p.m. for grades 3-6; Thu. 4-8, Fri. 5-9, Sat. 5-10 for grades 7-12. Questions call 218-851-5165.
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. & Thu. 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.
Emily-Outing AA group will meet every Sunday at 4 p.m. at Emily Wesleyan Church, 40141 Hwy. 6 N., Emily. Call 218-792-5881 for more info.
Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 p.m., Gampers Supper Club, Moose Lake, open to public.
Gamblers Anonymous in Aitkin County meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, Palisade. Info call Mary 218-461-5258 after 9 p.m.
Garrison AA & ALANON meet every Mon. 7:30, at city hall; also AA at Alliance Church, Garrison Wed. 7-8 pm.
Garrison Area Community Food Shelf open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 p.m., Alliance Community Church. Everyone welcome. For emergency Food Shelf call Community Alliance Church 320-692-4420, Light of the Cross Lutheran Church 320-692-4773 or Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church 320-962-4581.
Genealogy Group meets 2nd Sat. of month at Aitkin Depot Museum, 10 a.m., from Sept.-May.
Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 p.m., Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, every Thu., 1 p.m., 210 2nd St. NW, suite A, Aitkin, 927-3748.
Ironton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Tue., 3:30 weigh-in, 4 meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 4th St. SW, Crosby. Men & women invited. Info call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523.

Jacobson Busy Bees meets every Thu., 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.
Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Monday of month, 6:30 p.m., Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
McGrath Historical Committee meets 3rd Wed. of month, 1 pm, Vie's Place.
McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 3:30 p.m. at Lake Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.
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.
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.
Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com
Rainbows Grief Support Group meets every 2nd & 4th Wed., 9:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran (Log) Church. Info call Mary Ann at 218-426-3491 or Diane Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to noon at 218-426-3343.
RSVP Bone Builders Tue. & Thu from 10-11, in Aitkin Commerce bldg. above EyeCare. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-7206.
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. For info call Kathy at 218-546-5486.
Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 p.m., 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.
Women's AA "Women 1st" open topic meetings Wed. at 7 p.m. at Aitkin Alano Society, 322 1st Ave. NE, Aitkin. Info call Julie 218-927-3533 or Kim 218-927-6546.

December:
All Month - Paul Bunyan Enchanted Holiday Village, free admission, open Fridays and Saturdays 6-9 pm, Hwy. 18 Brainerd.
8th-12th - Christmas Boutique, Wed - Fri 12-6 pm, Sat. 9-6 pm, Sun. 12-4 pm, Little Country Greenhouse, Crosby.
10th - Santa Shop, McGregor School for students K-6.
11th - Spirit of Christmas Nativities and Pie, 1-3 pm, United Methodist Church, Aitkin, \$5 adult, \$2 children 10 and under.
11th - "A Classy, Classic Christmas" performed 7 pm, First Lutheran Church, Aitkin, cost \$10 for adults & seniors, students 18 and under free.
11th - Sons of Norway - Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 meeting and Christmas Party, Noon, at I.R.E.C. in Isle. Public invited, info call 320-684-2174.
14th - Crow Wing County Comprehensive Recreation Trails Plan and High Conservation Value Forest Assessment project meeting, 6 pm, meeting room 2, Land Services Bldg., Brainerd.
16th - From Age to Age presents "O Nata Lux" 7:30 pm, Holy Catholic Church, Onamia, free will offering.
17th - From Age to Age presents "O Nata Lux" 7:30 pm, St. Francis Convent - Sacred Heart Chapel, Little Falls, free will offering.
18th - From Age to Age presents "O Nata Lux" 7:30 pm, First Lutheran Church, Brainerd, free will offering.

Reif Center dances Nutcracker

Flurries of snowflakes and visions of sugarplums will grace the Reif Center in Grand Rapids stage as Reif dance students present their annual Nutcracker Ballet, Dec. 17-18 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.

In addition, there will be a special gallery exhibit and silent auction entitled Art en Pointe. A handful of local artists graciously volunteered their time and talents to turn pointe shoes into works of art. These works will be displayed in the Reif Gallery Dec. 11-20. A silent auction will be held during Nutcracker performances, Dec. 17-19. The proceeds from the auction



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will support the Reif Dance program.

Tickets for this performance and more are currently available at the Reif Center box

office, by phone at (218) 327-5780 or online at www.reifcenter.org. Ticket prices: \$12/Adult, \$11/Senior, \$8/Student.

Aitkin FFA Horse Team off to state competition

The Aitkin FFA Horse Judging Team traveled to Novak's Equestrian Center near Brainerd to compete in the Region II Horse Judging Event. Aitkin's FFA Team consisted of Melissa Paulson, Kassie Kokesh, Michaela Zebro and Jade Weimer. The pressure was on as they competed against 10 other schools within our region. For the fourth year in a row, Aitkin took first in Region and will now travel to the University of Minnesota to compete in the State contest to be held at the State FFA Convention in May. Aitkin also had three individual rankings in the top 10 individual scores: Jade Weimer placed second high individual, Michaela Zebro placed seventh high individual and Kassie Kokesh placed eighth high individual within Region II.



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Thrift Store at Dorothy's Rainbow

The Thrift Store, at Dorothy's Rainbow in Garrison, Grand Opening will be Wed., Dec. 15.

Through the generous bequest of Norm and Dorothy Barthel, and Lorene Loscheider, the Garrison Area Caregivers were able to purchase the building at 9535-41 Madison Street in Garrison to serve the Food Shelf and Thrift Store. The new Thrift Store will be open for business from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, with holiday exceptions during the month of December. The

Thrift Store is planning to sell household items, clothing, small appliances and some furniture items. The Food Shelf will continue to offer services at 9541 Madison Street, Garrison, on Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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President Obama seeks tax cuts compromise

With the end of the congressional session closing in, President Obama is seeking a deal with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to extend the tax cuts put in place by President Bush.
"The American people didn't send us here to wage symbolic battles or win symbolic victories," Obama said at a news conference Mon., Dec. 6. "They would much rather have the comfort of knowing that when they open their first paycheck in January of 2011, it won't be smaller than it was before, all because Washing-

ton decided they preferred to have a fight and failed to act." Obama's plan includes the following:
• Two-year extension of all Bush tax cuts.
• Two-year extension of the death tax cut.
• Thirteen-month extension of federal unemployment programs. This would not add additional weeks of benefits.
• One-year payroll tax holiday. Employees' portion of Social Security payroll taxes would be reduced, saving the average American about \$1,000 next year.

• Stimulus bill tax cut extensions. The lower earning threshold for the child tax credit would be extended for two years. The expanded earned income tax credit would be extended.
Democrats are challenging the wisdom of the president's plan, which could come up for a vote any time. In a press conference today, Obama defended the deal.
"This isn't an abstract debate," he said. "This is real money for real people. This package will help strengthen the recovery. That I'm confident about."

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Memories from around the old school water fountain

By PHILIP NEESE
**Lakeside School,
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Margaret Webster explained, "When I was a child we had 18 cows on our farm. Dad rented the neighbor's pasture and the cows got into some arsenic and molasses mixture and all our cows were killed or ruined. The arsenic mixture was given out by the government to kill grasshoppers during the plagues of the 30's. We were ruined. However the community, our neighbors, got together and had a fundraiser that provided us with enough money for seven cows. Our Community club also helps people in trouble. On Sept. 25 of this year, we had a fundraiser to help a neighboring farmer who had lost equipment in a fire. We raised \$1,400.

Calvin Heikkla was a first grader and at the Christmas program Santa appeared and the smaller children got to sit on Santa's lap. When it was Calvin's turn he pulled up Santa's beard and said, "Grandpa! What are you doing here? Tony Heikkla was Santa and

he walked with a limp. He explained, "Children, I limp because that reindeer Dancer kicked me!

Sandy Nistler tells us about her mother, Mary Oja Aho, "In the 1930's, my mom was helping the teacher by putting papers on the bulletin board. The teacher gave her a jawbreaker, as a reward. Mom was talking and swallowed the jawbreaker and it went half way down and stuck. The teacher and the children carried Mary upside-down to a nearby farm but the people did not know what to do so they carried her upside down back to school. Mom was starting to turn blue by now. They carried her over to Mrs. Mary Kari, who gave my mom hot water and melted the jawbreaker. I am glad, else I wouldn't be here!"

Toini Kari went to the Sunday school program at school and after the program candy was given to the Sunday school students. Toini did not get any candy and she was feeling bad. Leonard Aho came up to her and shared his candy, "I married that guy—of course that was years later, but

we are still together."

Cedar Lake School
"Hazel Knutson and I rode in a covered horse drawn wagon to McGrath High School. That was our school bus in the winter of 1928. Hazel Knutson was my very best friend. She married Walter Tramm and is the father of Wally Tramm of Isle. Actually our covered wagon had very little resemblance to the prairie schooners of the 1849 gold rush. We rode a regular bus to high school until the snow came and it was then that the bus driver, Mr. Edwin Ruud, attached a wagon box to a bob sled, hitched up a team of horses and drove the bus route. There was a canvas over the top to protect us from the wind and there were at least 20 high school students inside. We dressed warm and had blankets but it was still quite a ride!"

Aina Carlson Robinette was also a student at Cedar Lake School and she held the record for walking the longest distance to school, 2 ¾ miles. She walked this distance in the spring and the fall. Sometimes she would be rowed across the lake. In the winter she walked

over the ice on Cedar Lake. "Most of the time I walked alone and it was scary going over the ice, but I never fell through. I could hear wolves howling as I crossed that lake. I was very happy when a neighbor boy was able to walk with me. I remember that our lunch was often frozen by the time we got to school."

Aina recalled, "We were required to carry in wood and one day several chunks of wood fell from the pile and hit me on the head. I cried but soon my favorite teacher, Mrs. Ernest Ruud comforted me and I felt better. She was the kindest teacher, I loved her."

Lloyd Jarson and his brother Edward walked to school with Bertha Johnson and he remembers when the snow was so deep that the snow plows could not get through and all of the neighbors had to pitch in and shovel snow so that the road could be opened. "The men had to shovel the snow higher than their heads. It was like walking in a tunnel."

Opstead Central School
Carol (Freer) Bailey tells of an incident at North School involving her brother, "Merlyn was about ten years old

and on this warm winter day he left his coat hanging on the pump handle at North School. When he got home his father, Eugene, became very angry and sent Merlyn back to school to get his coat. It was now getting dark and snowing quite heavily. Mother, Inez was getting worried as this was a three mile walk for her young son. She was on pins and needles until Merlyn finally showed up."

Ron Johnson attended Central and could have ridden the bus to school but he chose to ride his bike the three miles when weather permitted and he especially liked to race the bus home. The bus had further to go, but Ron always felt the challenge and would sometimes win the race.

Ron remembered an incident with a slingshot, "A boy loved to shoot the slingshot but the teacher always had the slingshot taken away from him by a nearby farmer and then the instrument would be thrown into the furnace. The boy kept making more and they kept being burnt. One day the boy hollowed out the handle of the slingshot and filled it with gunpowder. When that slingshot was thrown into



The old water pump at Kimberly School. the fire the resulting explosion blew the door clear off!"

Ron's brother Darrell bought a roller-skating business and rented halls. One of these halls was in Malmo and kids would come from all over to skate. They played organ music and it was a grand time, a time for showing off and skating with your girl.

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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: January 22, 2007

MORTGAGORS: Wayne Gerald Wagner, Jr. and Wendy Michelle Wagner, husband and wife.

MORTGAGEE: H & R BLOCK MORTGAGE CORPORATION.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded February 5, 2007, Aitkin County Recorder, Document No. 379428.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

Assigned to: OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Dated: November 20, 2007, Recorded: December 4, 2007, Document No. 385149. And thereafter assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust

Company, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2007-HE1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-HE1, Dated: October 14, 2010.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: H & R BLOCK MORTGAGE CORPORATION

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Chase Home Finance, LLC

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 40453 US Highway 169, Aitkin, MN 56431

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 23-0-058700

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE CITY OF AITKIN, COUNTY OF AITKIN, AND STATE OF MINNESOTA, TO WIT:

THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4) OF SECTION THIRTY-FOUR (34),

TOWNSHIP FORTY-EIGHT (48), RANGE TWENTY-SIX (26), DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE POINT WHERE THE WEST BOUNDARY OF S. HIGHWAY 210 INTERSECTS THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4, RUNNING THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF SAID HIGHWAY A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY (230) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET ALONG WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID HIGHWAY; THENCE WEST ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET; THENCE NORTH ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET; THENCE EAST ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND

THAT PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 48, RANGE 26, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE POINT WHERE THE WEST BOUNDARY OF U.S. HIGHWAYS 210 AND 169 INTERSECTS THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4, AND RUNNING SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY HIGHWAY

BOUNDARY ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF THE NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 230 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ANGLE RIGHT 100 FEET; THENCE ANGEL RIGHT 24 FEET; THENCE ANGLE RIGHT 100 FEET TO THE WEST HIGHWAY BOUNDARY; THENCE ANGLE RIGHT 24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PROPERTY IS ABSTRACT COUNTRY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Aitkin

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$84,500.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$99,403.84

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: January 27, 2011 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 unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on July 27, 2011.

MORTGAGOR(S) RE-LEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORT-

GAGE: 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: November 18, 2010

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 75-3585

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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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 25, 2006

MORTGAGOR: Myron William Haldy, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc..

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded September 6, 2006, Aitkin County Recorder, Document No. 376513, as corrected by Document No. 396574.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-31CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-31CB, Dated: June 11, 2009.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100271100000248623

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Homebridge Mortgage Bankers Corp

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: BAC Home Loans Servicing L.P.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 30663 392nd Place, Aitkin, MN 56431

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 24-0-037207

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of Government Lot Seven (7), Section Nineteen (19), Township Forty-six (46), Range Twenty-six (26), described as follows: Commencing at the iron monument at the Southeast Corner of said Government Lot 7; thence North 86 degrees 10 minutes 32 seconds West, assumed bearing, 220.51 feet along the South line of said Government Lot 7 to an iron monument; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 32 seconds West 897.05 feet to an iron monument; thence South 86 degrees 54 minutes 42 seconds East 57.65 feet to an iron monument; thence North 1 degree 29 minutes 02 seconds West 205.33 feet to an iron monument; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 44 seconds East 57.71 feet to an iron monument; thence North 1 degree 33 minutes 04 seconds West 18.01 feet to an iron monument; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 44 seconds West 57.71 feet to an iron monument; thence North 73 degrees 41 minutes West 55.84 feet to an iron monument; thence West 119.60 feet to an iron monument; thence North 6.00 feet to an iron monument; thence West 85.20 feet to an iron monument, the point of beginning; thence continuing West 13.16 feet; thence South 75 degrees 41 minutes West 75.11 feet to an iron monument; thence North 10 degrees 01 minute 08 seconds West 194.27 feet, more or less, to the shore of Ripple Lake; thence Easterly along said shore to its intersection with a line bearing North 10 de-

grees 59 minutes 53 seconds East from the point of beginning; thence South 10 degrees 59 minutes 53 seconds West 193.75 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Together with a 30.00 foot wide easement and an 18.00 foot wide easement across part of said Government Lot 7. The centerline of said easements are described as follows: Commencing at the iron monument at the Southwest Corner of said Government Lot 7; thence North 5 degrees 14 minutes 47 seconds East 389.50 feet along the West line of said Government Lot 7 to the point of beginning of the centerline of the 30.00 foot wide easement; thence North 65 degrees 51 minutes East 234.76 feet; thence North 62 degrees 47 minutes East 277.62 feet; thence North 57 degrees 39 minutes East 208.18 feet; thence northeasterly 176.08 feet along a tangential curve concave to the Northwest having a radius of 175.00 feet and a central angle of 57 degrees 39 minutes; thence North 82.32 feet; thence northeasterly 74.63 feet along a tangential curve concave to the Southeast having a radius of 56.50 feet and a central angle of 75 degrees 41 minutes; thence North 75 degrees 41 minutes East 154.84 feet; thence East 96.48 feet and said 30.00 foot wide easement there ending and said 18.00 foot wide road easement there beginning; thence continuing East 1 18.3 1 feet; thence South 73 degrees 41 minutes East 55.84 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 44 seconds East 59.24 feet and said 18.00 foot wide easement there ending. AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA (Abstract)

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Aitkin

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$212,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$226,587.18

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: February 4, 2010 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 unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under sec-

tion 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on August 4, 2010.

MORTGAGOR(S) RE-LEASED 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: November 23, 2009

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

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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 March 25, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: February 4, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

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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 April 15, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: March 20, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

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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 May 27, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: April 13, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 18-511

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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 July 1, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: May 21, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 18-511

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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 December 2, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: October 18, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until January 20, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: December 2, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

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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 January 20, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: August 3, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

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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 October 14, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: September 8, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

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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 December 2, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: July 7, 2010

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 18-511

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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 August 5, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: July 7, 2010

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Wrestling coach moves to administrative role

Aitkin's wrestling family gathers to tease/honor Dan Stifter



Wrestling has long been a successful sport at Aitkin High School. First, the late John Fremling handled the coaching duties and then Noel Bailey. Bailey passed it to Dan Stifter in the mid 1990s and on Sunday night, Dec. 5, Aitkin's wrestling family gathered to honor Dan Stifter

Stifter is now Aitkin's athletic director and dean of students. But in the years he was at the helm, he continued the success of Aitkin's wrestling program. Kevin Lamke has taken over as the Gobblers' head wrestling coach and they've successfully started their season with two wins.

About 40 people attended Stifter's event at the 40 Club. He said that due to his roast being announced people thought he was retiring or leaving town. But, instead, he is taking a new role that allows him to interact with Aitkin's students and coaches in a new way.



Tom Stifter

Tom Stifter, Dan's brother and look-alike opened the roast. He joked about how he is often mistaken for Dan, so he act up when he is in Aitkin and Dan gets blamed for it.

"Since he got out of wrestling, Dan said to me, this is the first time since sixth grade I didn't have to get up early the day after Thanksgiving. I said, heck, you get summers off so who cares."



Noel Bailey

Noel Bailey, Dan's predecessor as Aitkin's wrestling coach, said he might get emotional, as did many of the men



Justin Chounard, former wrestler

Justin Chounard told a story about how he wouldn't cut his hair and finally the ref called him on it before a match. Stifter took him into the bathroom and "Cut my hair with the tape scissors. No layering, no nothing."

He said he and Stifter often butted heads but: "That's what two hard-headed guys do."



Lynn Wikelius, long-time fan

Lynn Wikelius represented the fans from Aitkin who go to wrestling matches, even though they never had a son who wrestled. "Me and Charlie [her husband] always felt part of the wrestling family."

Charlie wrestled for Aitkin in the 1960s and she was a wrestling cheerleader in the 1970s and the wrestling cheerleading advisor in the late 1990s.



Greg Hills, former Gobbler's basketball coach

Greg Hills spoke about the rivalry between wrestling and basketball and still denies pulling the prank of a lit-up Gobbler mascot during one of the wrestling matches. "He had great kids and he had high expectations and those kids worked their butts off."



Bob Mlynar, former wrestling parent

Bob Mlynar grew up as a Lester Prairie Bulldog about 10 miles away from where Stifter grew up as a Holy Trinity Trojan. Their schools were rivals, as are Aitkin and Crosby today.

"As far as Aitkin athletics

go, we've had some good teams but none were as good as the wrestling program. Part of is due to the kids but a lot is due to the coaches. Only Dan knows how much time he spent on it."



Billy Wilson, former wrestler

Wilson had the timing of a stand-up comedian as he talked about how Stifter, who had wrestled as a heavyweight, only knew heavyweight techniques, which did no good for the small guys from 105-140 pounds.

"One year I spread the rumor that I was going out for basketball. On the first day of practice, you really chewed me out. Now, 13 years later, I'll tell you, it was a joke."

Mike Statz, assistant wrestling coach

Mike Statz said that fans in the other towns got annoyed with Dan who always challenged the timer and referees and pointed out technical mistakes. "Sit down, you fat SOB," an annoyed woman fan yelled in a different town.



Kevin Lamke, new head coach

"I'm glad to call you a friend," he said, and the two hugged.

Noel Bailey took the stage again and read letters of praise to Dan sent by neighboring coaches. He pointed out Dan's accomplishments: a 188-win 76-loss record; Teacher of the Year in 2003; Great River Conference Coach of the Year three times and Section 7A Coach of the Year three times.

At the end of the night, Stifter took the stage. He fact-checked the speeches of others, reading notes he took on napkins. He pointed out and thanked many people in the room.

"The kids worked hard and it always was my goal to get the kids to win more than they thought they could. That was different for every student."

The wrestling tradition continues in Aitkin. Under the new regime of Kevin Lamke, Mike Statz, Larry Liljenquist and BJ Wasserzieher, they started the 2010-2011 with a bang. Now, it's on to the future, with Aitkin wrestlers on the mat and Dan Stifter watching from his lofty new perch as the athletic director. Go Gobblers.

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"During these tough economic times, the Pamida Foundation is proud to give back to individuals and families who need it the most," said Jessica Strohman, executive director of the Pamida Foundation. "We are extremely proud to supplement local food banks with donations from the Pamida Foundation and our loyal and generous customers."

The Foundation is proud to donate to each community and a total of \$302,500 will go back to local community food banks this holiday season.

"We ask that all of our customers donate whatever they can to support our efforts. Even the smallest donations can make a big difference in the lives of many. Together, we can put food on the table for all those in need and make it a memorable holiday for everyone in our communities," adds Strohman.

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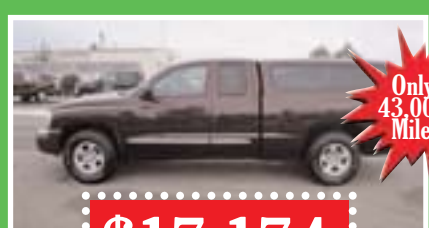
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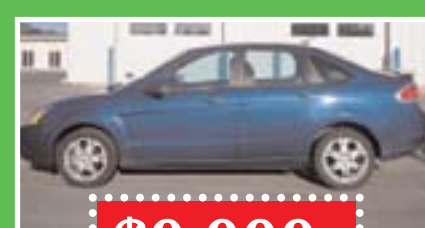


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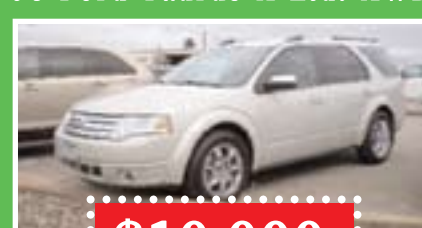
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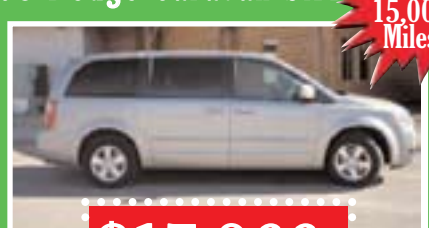


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