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## Doctor makes blankets for the babies he delivers in Aitkin



Dr. Erik Bostrom in a delivery suite at Riverwood Healthcare Center with a baby warming bed. Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ

For a doctor, there is a special joy in the miracle of delivering babies.

Dr. Erik Bostrom, 32, a family physician at Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin, has delivered 240 babies in his career. And now the families of the newborns he delivers are presented with a handmade blanket made by the same hands that helped to bring the baby into the world.

Bostrom is from Mora and likes small towns and the chance to spend time outdoors. He also likes the variety of duties encountered when

practicing at a rural hospital.

"I'm drawn to the variety," Bostrom explained about his caseload. "I really get engaged with delivering babies -- it's a unique part of medicine," he noted in an interview. "You help new life enter the world and there is hope and joy."

When pondering how to expand his practice, Bostrom contemplated making a customized item for the families he works with. He saw a mitered blanket pattern and watched a video on how to do it and then his blankets took off from there.

He had a friend who let him use her daughter's embroidery

machine to put the baby's name, date of birth, weight, and length onto the blankets. But the friend's daughter moved, along with her machine, and he was also tired of having to do battle with his substandard sewing machine. When shopping in St. Cloud, he found a used, sewing/embroidery machine for a good price and bought it and got into sewing and embroidering even more. "It's a ton of fun. And my sewing machine is a Husqvarna brand, just like my chainsaw," he joked.

Though sewing was a new pursuit for him, Bostrom has

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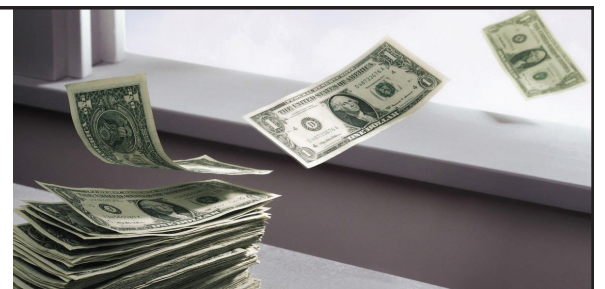
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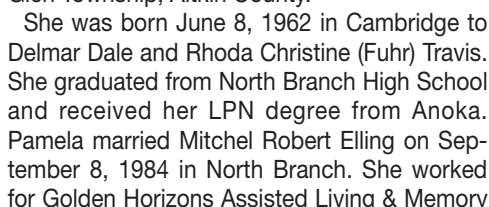
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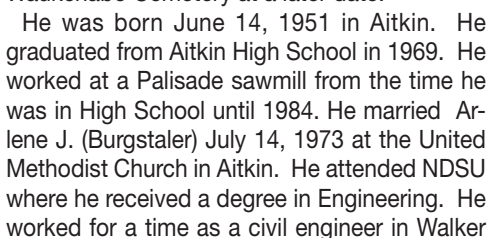


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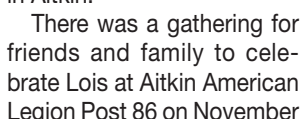
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Two month old Hudson with his blanket. Submitted photo

done woodworking and mending.

He uses a cuddle fabric for the back and flannel for the front. He has everything cut out and ready to go as he and the family await baby's arrival. Then, when the little one is born, he can add the embroidered information to the blanket and finish it.

"I don't know the gender ahead of time most of the time so I need to find that out. I have a variety of fabric patterns and colors I use, based on what I know about the parents."

With prospective mothers making 12-14 doctor visits throughout their pregnancy, plus the delivery; doctor and mom form tight relationships. Bostrom makes it a priority to deliver all the babies of patients he sees – unless he is traveling out of state. If he is elsewhere in Minnesota, he'll come back to Aitkin for a delivery.

Moms comment

Kaylee Tesch, 22, Palisade, is raising her baby boy Hudson. He was born on 9.11.18.

"I actually work at River-

wood so I know Dr. Bostrom kind of on a personal level," said Tesch in an interview. "I didn't know he made blankets until I got pregnant and when I found out that he made blankets and was making Hudson a blanket, I was super appreciative. He takes the time to get to know his patients on a personal level. When he brought it in the next day I kind of wanted to cry. It is blue polka dots

on one side and blue and neon green hippos and has Hudson's full name, date of birth, weight, length – it's a great memory to have of when you have a baby."

Tesch works as an emergency room tech at Riverwood. Hudson, now two months old, rolls over, loves it when lays on his belly and he smiles a lot – but he can't quite laugh yet. He loves taking his bath. "He is a super well-behaved baby. He sleeps great and is absolutely fantastic," enthused mom.

Lacie Hietalati is 26 and is "married to my wonderful husband, William Hietalati. We live a couple miles out of McGregor. We enjoy goat farming, trapping, and spending lots of family time together. We have our beautiful daughter Reese and our four-legged baby Mia (black lab)."

"I work at Riverwood Healthcare Center as a medical assistant," Hietalati continued.

"Dr. Bostrom was my doctor before I started working at Riverwood. The reason we choose Dr. Bostrom was because he made us feel so welcomed and

I was very comfortable with him. He was very informative and helpful with all my questions and gave tons of insight about being pregnant with me being a first-time mom. He was not pushy about anything and explained all his decisions with us before doing anything. We could also tell he had a real passion and joy for delivering babies.

"My labor was not what we were thinking it would be, but Dr. Bostrom did everything he believed was best so that I could have a natural labor. He checked on me the whole time and made sure we were comfortable with all the plans," she continued.

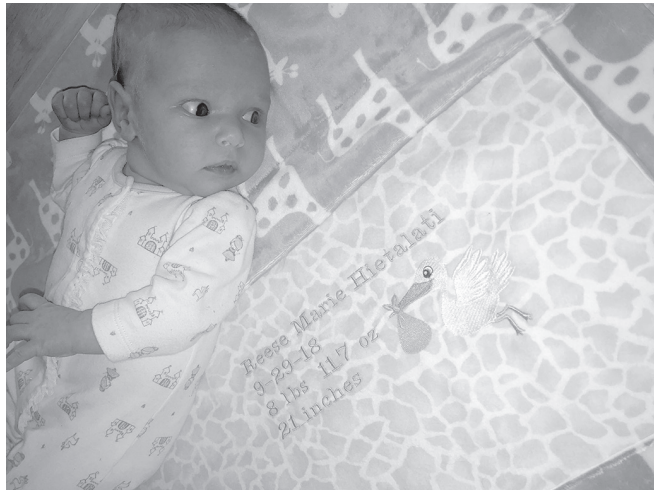
"Once it came time to deliv-

you he is a very busy man) to make a blanket for our daughter. Reese will be six weeks old on Saturday and she is a happy baby – a very strong and a cuddly little girl. We can't thank Dr. Bostrom enough for all he did and will do for us."

Babies and their families

Part of his reward for being a family physician is that Bostrom often treats a whole family – grandma, grandpa, mom, dad and children. "It's really cool to get to know multiple generations."

Two more babies are expected before the end of 2018. Bostrom gets all his fabrics at Country Fabrics in Brainerd. "They are super helpful with me," he said.



Reese's blanket. Submitted photo

er Reese he was phenomenal! He was very encouraging and positive the entire time," she added. "We could not have been any more pleased and happy with Dr. Bostrom.

"I had heard some rumors that he made blankets for his OB patients but because I had never seen them or heard it from him I just let it be," Hietalati recalled. "When I brought Reese into her two-week checkup, he gave us the beautiful blanket. He sews and does all the embroidering himself. It meant a lot to us that he took this extra time (mind

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## A lot to lose

The Crosby police leadership are aware their actions are career ending. In June of 2017, using your money, they appealed arbitration report BMS Case No 17-PA-0260 (view at www.newshopper.net or Crosby Happenings Facebook page) through the City of Crosby (Employer). They wanted to silence the arbitrator finding the police leadership comments were "... disturbing, disingenuous, and possibly untruthful." The report found they lied, distorted the truth, misled the council and Mayor, altered documents, and conducted biased and prejudiced investigations. The police leadership have attempted, and continue to attempt, to turn innocent people into criminals. Creating criminals is dangerous. Therefore, the Crosby police leadership need to be labeled Brady/Giglio officers. Their untruthfulness is destructive to continued employment, their honesty and integrity shall forever be called into question. The city council and Mayor have a duty to terminate their employment to protect the citizens of Crosby.

by of the massive violation of the public trust. The police leadership have a lot to lose, they are doing everything to protect their careers with more lying, attempts to discredit the truth, bullying and intimidating newspaper owners, lying to council members and Mayor in meetings, misrepresenting themselves, fabricating stories about support from the State Auditor's office and trying to control what gets printed.

The police leadership is not being attacked, maligned, slandered, and they are certainly not victims of what gets printed. They are being exposed and know the danger the documentation of their actions presents to their careers and your city council and Mayor are okay with their attempts to create criminals. By the way, in July 2017, the arbitrator found the Employer's Motion to be without merit, they Denied and Dismissed it, in its entirety, wonder why.

**Kelly Avelsgard**  
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**Ongoing Events:**  
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AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.  
ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.  
ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.  
Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.  
Aitkin IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2 pm  
Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1 st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting  
Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!  
Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.  
American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m.  
Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm "Ask an Attorney," Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 4th Tues. of month at noon.  
Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.  
Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.  
Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyan Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295  
Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-9271383.  
Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.  
Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 or Roxy 218-927-4558.  
Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.  
Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.  
Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.  
Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.  
Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.  
Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday  
Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.  
Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Heartwood Senior Living Complex. Social begins at 5:30pm followed by Dinner/Meeting at 6:00pm. We are very involved in community events and would love to have you join us. If you would like to come to a meeting and see what we do or going to be doing, please call Lion Nancy at 218-678-4165 and let me know by the Thursday before our meeting.  
Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.  
Emily Community Care N Share is serving meals on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church, Highway 6, Emily  
Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.  
FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org  
Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org  
Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin  
Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm,at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.  
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Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.  
Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm  
Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon  
Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.  
Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.  
Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd. This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.  
Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.  
Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.  
Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club  
McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.  
McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.  
McGregor Community Meal sponsored by ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.  
McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.  
McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.  
MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.  
Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.  
National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.  
North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.  
ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Woodland Chapter #122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin, MN  
Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanic.com.  
Overeaters Anonymous Open Meeting, Sat. 9:35am, Aitkin Library. Everyone welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12-step fellowship of people recovering from compulsive eating. OA is not a diet club. We are dedicated to helping individuals recovering from compulsive eating, anorexia, bulimia, food addiction and obesity. If you are struggling, you are not alone any more. For more info: OA.org, or call Cheryl, meeting contact, 770-576-5984.  
Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.  
Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.  
Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.  
RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.  
Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood Ameri-

can Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.  
Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.  
TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm  
TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.  
Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.  
White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.  
**November**  
17th - Nick Landrus Benefit 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Rustic Trail, Palisade  
17th- Turkey Bingo at the Crosby Fire Hall at 6 p.m. Hot dog and chips,\$3. Bake sale and pop are also available. Purchase a turkey raffle ticket for a \$1 donation with a chance to win \$500, \$250 or one of three oven-ready turkeys. Sponsored by the Crosby Fire Department Auxiliary. Must be 18 or older to purchase raffle ticket.  
20th - Minute To Win It game nights at the Aitkin Public Library at 6 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required on the East Central Regional Library events calendar at eclrib.org.  
21st - Fleming United Methodist Church Bake Sale 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Security State Bank in Aitkin  
22nd - Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church 11 am - 2 pm, or until food is gone! Shepherd of the Lake is located on Highway 169, 1 mile north of the "Y" in Garrison.  
23rd -Fifth Annual Fish House 5K Run and Walk at 9 AM. The Fish House 5K serves as the official kickoff to Aitkin's World Famous Fish House Parade. The race starts and ends at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds and the course runs through the streets of Aitkin and the city park. The 5K route has been certified by USA Track & Field. A 5K Run/ Walk category for ages 12 and under has been added which will make this event more economical for entire families. The is event is professionally timed by Karma Race Management of Brainerd. All participants will receive a fish house 5k long sleeve t-shirt and there will be prizes. Early bird registration is now open at www.fishhouse.itsyourrace.com or Aitkin.com. For questions, please call Brian at the Aitkin Chamber of Commerce at 218-927-2316.  
23rd - From Hearts Through Hands Artisan Guild Sloppy Joe Fundraiser 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. or until gone next to Ri-alto Theater, Aitkin  
26th - Tree of Love Lighting and Dedication Ceremony, 4:15 p.m. at Heartwood Senior Living Community in Crosby. Contact Cuyuna Regional Medical Center at 218-546-2311 for more information.  
30th - Grassroots Concert- Brianna Lane will perform on the Grassroots Concerts stage in Nisswa at 7:30 p.m. in the Live Well Night Club and Coffee Bar, 5459 CR 18 (next to the school). tarist." The non-profit series welcomes concert-goers' donations of nonperishable food or cash for the food shelf. Come early to claim your choice of seats. For more information, go to www.grassrootsconcerts.org or call 218-829-4092.  
**December**  
1st - Free holiday program featuring traditional Irish and Scottish music by Laura MacKenzie 10:30 a.m. at the McGregor Public Library.

1st -Kids Lunch with Santa - The Bay Lake Area Lions are pleased to invite children (infants – 12 years old) and parents/grandparents from the Cuyuna Range Elementary School (CRES), to enjoy a puppet show, face painting, lunch with Santa and a special gift on 11 am - 2 pm at the Deerwood Auditorium. (parents are encouraged to take photos) Reservations must be made by November 21 through CRES or The Deerstand, Deerwood; call or send a text reservation to 218-330-7804.  
2nd - Annual Christmas Tea Aitkin Public Library Annual Christmas Tea, 2-4 p.m. at the library. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Sign up today on the East Central Regional Library events calendar at eclrib.org. For more information, ask for the Aitkin Public Library at 218-927-2339 or drop by 110 1st Ave. NE in the downtown area.  
5th - Christmas in the Park. Celebrate the season in Crosby's Memorial Park on Serpent Lake with music, food, bonfires, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and more. Call the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce at 218-546-8131 for more details.  
18th - Minute To Win It game nights at the Aitkin Public Library at 6 p.m.. Space is limited and registration is required on the East Central Regional Library events calendar at eclrib.org.



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Photo left: MarB Backstrom smiles as boxes pile up to give to needy children overseas. Ann Schwartz photo

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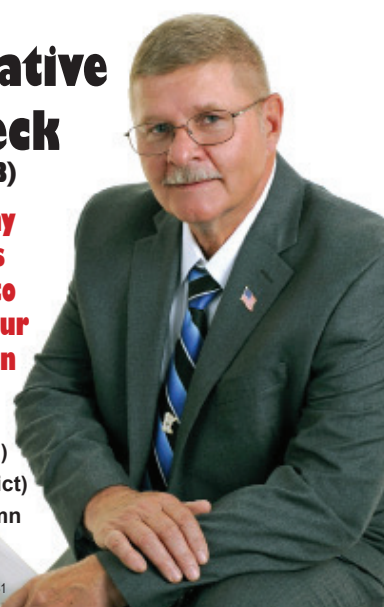
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2015 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5SL



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TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE, LEATHER HEATED SEATS, MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, BLUETOOTH BACKUP CAMERA  
**LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE**

**\$16,487**

2011 MAZDA CX-9 TOURING



#10AD090T

ALL WHEEL DRIVE, LEATHER HEATED SEATS, MOONROOF, BOSE AUDIO, POWER DRIVERS SEAT  
**LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE**

**\$10,599**

2015 JEEP PATRIOT LATITUDE



#10AC845T

FACTORY REMOTE START, HEATED SEATS, AUTOMATIC, ALLOY WHEEL  
**LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE**

**\$10,987**

2012 HONDA CR-V EX-L



#10AD184P

ALL WHEEL DRIVE LEATHER HEATED SEATS MOONROOF POWER DRIVERS SEAT ALLOY WHEELS  
**LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE**

**\$16,998**

2012 INFINITI FX35



#10AD189P

LIMITED EDITION ALL WHEEL DRIVE NAVIGATION LEATHER MOONROOF HEATED SEATS BACKUP CAMERA  
**LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE**

**\$20,998**

2002 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLE



#10AC948T

EXTENDED CAB, 4X4, FULL POWER EQUIPMENT, CHROME WHEELS, TOW PACKAGE  
**LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE**

**\$7,987**

2008 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLE



#10AD108T

CHROME WHEELS, REMOTE START, DUAL ZONE, CLIMATE CONTROLS, POWER DRIVERS SEAT, TOW PACKAGE  
**LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE**

**\$11,998**

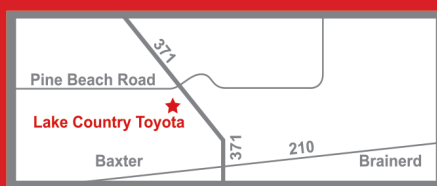
2009 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER SS



#10AC982T

ALL WHEEL DRIVE, DVD PLAYER, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, 6.0V8, TOW PACKAGE, ONLY 103K MILES  
**LAKE COUNTRY'S LOW PRICE**

**\$18,487**



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