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Detours begin July 8 as Highway 210 and Highway 6 close

Sat., July 6, 2019



Highway 210, between Ironton and Brainerd, will close on Monday, July 8 for four months, as the \$6.2 million improvement project along 11 miles of the busy highway begins.

Motorists traveling on Highway 210 in Crow Wing County will experience delays as the road closes and a detour is put into place for four months between Brainerd and Ironton beginning Monday, July 8.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will close Highway 210 to reconstruct the road from the end of the four-lane in Brainerd to Seventh Avenue in Ironton on July 8. A signed detour will direct motorists along Highway 25 in Brainerd, Highway 18 to Highway 6 in Deerwood,

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A temporary mini-roundabout at the east intersection of Highway 6/210 has been installed in Deerwood to help accommodate for the increased traffic due to the detour.

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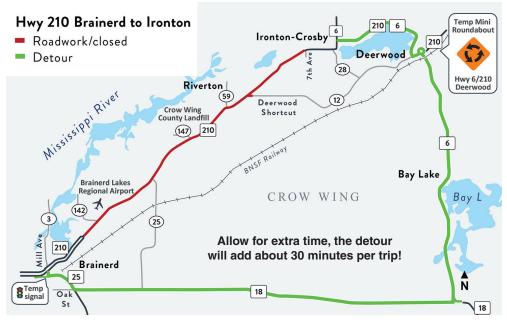






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then Highway 6/Highway 210 to Crosby-Ironton. Allow for extra time, the detour will add about 15 miles or 30 minutes per trip.

As part of the detour, motorists will encounter a temporary mini-roundabout at the east intersection of Highway 6/210 in Deerwood. Slow down when approaching the roundabout and continue through to your destination. Also, be alert for trains. Highway 6 has a railroad crossing just south of the intersection. When a train goes through Deerwood, all traffic on Highway 6 and Highway 210 will come to a complete stop at the roundabout.

Those traveling to/from the Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport or the Crow Wing County landfill, should allow for extra time and use Highway 210 west access from Brainerd.

Highway 210 access will be restricted to local residents and businesses, however expect changes and gravel surfaces when navigating through the work area. Expect slow or stopped traffic, single-lane closures with use of flaggers and a pilot car. Some locations will close for several days to replace pipes below the road. For your safety and ours, stay out of barricaded areas and use nearby roads for access.

Mainline work operations will begin between the Crow Wing County landfill and Ironton, then move west of the landfill towards Brainerd. Crews will:

- Reconstruct the road surface on Highway 210 between Pine Shores Road in Brainerd and Seventh Avenue in Ironton using a full-depth reclamation process
- Repair or replace underground pipes
- Add left-turn lanes at County Road 25, County Road

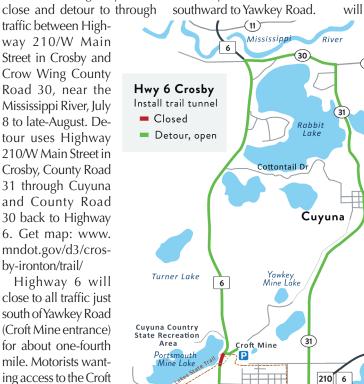
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- Reconstruct the Highway 210/County Road 12 (Deerwood shortcut) intersection to improve sight distance, turning movements and extend turn
- Add bypass lanes at the Mississippi Northwoods entrance and Sploezens Road

When complete in October, the \$6.2 million Highway 210 project will improve the ride, safety and access along 11 miles of the busy highway carrying 12,000 vehicles per day. **Highway 6 detour in Crosby**

Motorists traveling on Highway 6 in north Crosby will encounter a detour, as the city of Crosby installs a pedestrian tunnel beneath the road to connect the paved Cuyuna Lakes State Trail between Portsmouth Mine Lake and Croft Mine Historical Park beginning Monday, July 8.

Here's what to expect:



Ironton

Trail users: The paved trail Motorists: Highway 6 will at County Road 30, and travel will close at Highway 6 to all

trail users, follow the temporary trail crossing south of the project over Highway 6. Expect gravel surfaces.

The Cuyuna Lakes State Trail is eight miles of paved trail within the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area from Crosby to Riverton. Abandoned by mining companies more than 35 years ago, the state recreation area contains six natural lakes. plus an additional 15 deep lakes that were former mine pits.

When complete in late-August, the trail project will improve motorist and pedestrian safety, and be an asset to the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area tourism industry.

Brainerd Ski Loons water ski shows

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Serpant Lake



The Brainerd Ski Loons will start their season with a show on Tuesday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Ruttger's 's Bay Lake Lodge in Deerwood. The water ski show will take place in front of the resort and can be viewed from shore. It is free and open to everyone.

Mine Historical Park

at Yawkey Road or

trail parking, should

access Highway 6

from the north end

The show is a throwback to days gone by at Ruttger's where water ski shows were a big part of the resort experience through the 1970s. At that time, the resort staff – led by current Ruttger's CEO Jack Ruttger, Sandy Ruttger, Julie Ruttger, Fred Bobich and others - put on a weekly show for resort guests.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring back this beloved tradition," Jack Ruttger said. "It's especially nice to be able to support such a fabulous group of young men and women as the Brainerd Ski Loons. It's going to be a great show."

Also mark your calendar, the Brainerd Ski Loons will be performing four free water ski shows at Lum Park in

Brainerd this summer. The shows will be held on Sunday, July 14; Sunday, August 4; Sunday, August 11, all at 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. Come and watch human ski pyramids, ski jumpers, barefoot skiers, and skiers being pulled 360 degrees around the boat. This event is great fun for the whole family. Concessions will be available. Free will donations are appreciated. Please bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating.

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OMMUNITY EVENTS

Ongoing Events:

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30, Mon. Step Study 7:00pm Open, Tue. Big Book Discussion Meeting 6:30pm Open, Open Meeting 8:00pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9am.

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

Aitkin Lions meet on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm at

the Aitkin Forty Club restaurant. Call 218-839-3954 for more info.

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

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 Tues-

"Ask An Attorney" Workforce Center - 20-3rd St. NE, Aitkin, 4th Tuesday of month at noon Pre-registration required call 218-723-4005

days at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434.

www.foodaddicts.org Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs

Food Shelf (Emily) First Wednesday of the month for produce and bakery only, 9:30 - 11:00 am. Third Wednesday distribution 9:30 - 11:00 am, followed by Thursday distribution 5:30 -6:30 pm. Enter from south door.

Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4. 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 AN-GELS 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-

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 EveCare 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.operationminnesotanice.com.

Overeaters Anonymous 9:30am at Aitkin Library, 7:00pm at 112 1st Ave SW - house next to New Life Church. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12 step program fashioned after AA. Not a diet club, no dues or fees or weigh-ins. For more info: OA.org, or call meeting contact Cheryl at 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

Pickleball 9 a.m.- noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. For more information, contact Ron Mogen, u-equity@usa.net.

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 American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanual Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Weight Watchers (now called WW) meets at Hallett Center in Crosby everyWednesday at 5:45 pm. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information call 218-820-9725.

White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

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9th - Ski Loons Waterski Show at Ruttger's start-

ing at 7:30 p.m. 9th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning: Radicalism on the Cuyunalron Range: Searching for Economic Justice with Pam Brunfelt, Heartwood Senior Living Community, Crosby, 1:30 - 3:30

10th - Riverboat Ramblers sing gospel songs at the Aitkin

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14th - Brainerd Ski Loons will be performing a FREE water ski show at Lum Park, 5 p.m. Come and watch human ski pyramids, ski jumpers, barefooters, and skiers being pulled 360 degrees around the boat! This event is great fun for the whole family. Concessions will be available. Please bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating. The Ski Loons are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Brainerd. For more information, find the Brainerd Ski Loons on Facebook or visit their website www.skiloons.com.

14th - Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity's Toolin Tour Motorcycle Ride at 11:30 a.m. Proceeds will build a new home in Aitkin in 2020. If you can't go on the ride, come to the American Legion at about 4 p.m. for more information log into www.habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org, call the office at 218-927-.5656 or email annschwartz@habitatforhumanityaitkincounty.org

20th - Emily Day in Emily. Parade, food, raffles, games for kids and beer garden.

20th - Malmo Evangelical Free Church Outdoor Gospel Concert, 7 pm, Due North - Coming from Duluth to share their original and amazing music with us. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain or excessive heat, the concert will be inside the air conditioned church. Refreshments will be available and a free will offering will be received. Malmo Church is located near the junction of Hwys. 47 and 18 on near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

27th - Because of Brandon Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV club ride at 9am. Open to the public and no tee. A donation bucket will be passed around. Meet in the parking lot next to the Great River Eye Clinic in Crosby. A guided ride will take you through the Miller Black ATV trails. A light lunch will follow at the Cole Lake Shelter upon completion of the ride. For more information contact Ken Irish club president 651-470-2601 ironrider@comcast.net

askdrsmith.com featuring Dr. Murray Smith

Lymes taking a bite out of your life?

If you're looking for something to talk about this holiday weekend, or have a lot of spare time, ask someone if they have ever had Lyme's disease. Chances are if they have, you'll want to freshen up your lemonade and sit back for a long tale of life altering events. That's exactly what can happen with this tic-borne disease. We're going to spend the next few weeks taking a closer look at some of the related aspects of this disease and treatment options.

So, where and how do you get Lyme's and how common is it? The highest occurrence of Lyme's is in the northeastern and north central U.S., which unfortunately includes Minnesota near the top. Although reporting practices vary greatly for each state, it's estimated that there are 300,000 new cases each year. The primary carrier is the blacklegged tic. This menace goes through four different stages during its two-year life: egg, sixlegged larva, eight-legged nymph, and adult. They will feed from mammals (like us!), birds, reptiles and amphibians as they require blood meal in each stage to stay alive.

So what do you do if you find a tic on you?

Glad you asked, because this is the first step in minimizing the damage from the tic. Start by removing the tic with a fine tipped tweezers. Grab the tic close to the skin and steadily pull up being careful not to break off the

mouth-parts. If they do get left behind, remove them and leave to heal. Be sure to clean the bite site and your hands with soap and water or rubbing alcohol. As far as the tic goes, you can flush it down the toilet or soak it in alcohol. Some say to save it in a plastic bag and bring it in with you to your health care provider, if symptoms occur.

Next week, we'll delve into the vast array of possible symptoms and some ways to test for Lyme's and other co-infections (Yup, you can get other stuff as result of Lyme's!)



Dr. Murray Smith DC, cAcu, CSCS, CCSP is a Board Certified Doctor of Chiropractic, Board Certified Acupuncturist, Clinical Nutritionist with a passion for helping people reclaim their health naturally and empowering them to keep it! He is the co-founder of SHIFT Integrative Medicine serving the Cuyuna Lakes and Brainerd Lakes areas of central Minnesota for over 25 years.

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OBITUARIES

DONALD DREW

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Donald W. Drew, 89, of Aitkin, died Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A memorial service for Donald and his wife, Joanne will be held Friday, July 19, 2019 at 11 a.m. from St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin

with Rev. David Becker officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, July 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and also one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Lakeview Cemeterv in Aitkin. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

Donald was born June 18, 1930 at Monticello. He grew up in Augusta and graduated from the Waconia High School in 1948. He then attended Dunwoody Technical Institute and learned Auto Body Repair. He married Joanne M. Lenzen on April 21, 1951 in Carver. He worked for Dauwalter's Garage in Carver for a time and in 1962 he and his family moved to Aitkin where he worked for Northern Service and then MacDonald Wold for a time before working for Aitkin Autobody for many years before retiring in 1994. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, fly tying, traveling, the outdoors,

puzzles and especially baseball. He was a pitcher for the Carver Black Sox from 1946 until 1962 when he moved to Aitkin. He then played a short time for the Aitkin Baseball team. He had always been a Yankees Fan and enjoyed reading the "Twins Toilet Paper Express". He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin.

He is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Joel and Diane Drew, Alexandria; daughter and son-in-law: Patricia Ann and David McLaughlin, Ortonville: six grandchildren: Daniel (Becca) McLaughlin, Leah (Wayne) Howe, Colleen (Marc) DelValle, Ross McLaughlin, Lindsey (Brvce) Emmons, Jackie (Nate) Peterson; seven great-grandchildren: Maverick, Sabastian, Paisley Hammers, Gage and Oakley Peterson, Cylas and Deelia Emmons; brother, Robert Drew, Janesville, WI; sister, Shirley Kamann, Morrisville, PA.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 68 years, wife Joanne on June 20, 2019; parents; brothers: Harvey and James; aunts, uncles and brother-in-law, Larry Kamann.

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

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PHYLLIS FLETCHER



Phyllis M. Fletcher, 91, of Emily died on June 27, 2019 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at the Wesleyan Church in Emily. Burial will be at the Pine Ridge Cemetery

in Emily. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Saturday.

She was born on September 15, 1927 in Crooked Lake Township to Philip and Mabel (Haarberg) Chenevert. Phyllis married Virl E. Fletcher in Emily on October 8, 1948. Phyllis was a humble person who led a modest life. Her life revolved around a large family and a small group of friends whom she cared about deeply. She

met life's many challenges with tenacity, integrity, and kindness.

Phyllis is survived by her daughter, Marjorie (Jim) Parks, Bayard, NE; five sons: Bruce (Paula) Fletcher, Emily, Ted (Sandy Dalton) Fletcher of McGrew, NE; Terry (Pat) Fletcher, Kimball, NE; Kenneth Fletcher, St. Paul; and Edward (Sue) Fletcher, New Ulm; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Vernon (Mary Lou) Chenevert. Remer and one sister. Mavis Berry. Eveleth.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Virl; son, Dale Fletcher; two grandchildren: Kyle Fletcher and Dale Fletcher Jr., and two brothers, Arthur and Edwin Chenevert.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

Genetic testing scams warning

The Minnesota Department surance information, while of Commerce is echoing a warning by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General regarding a fraud scheme involving genetic testing.

Scammers across the country are offering Medicare beneficiaries cheek swabs for genetic testing to obtain their Medicare information for identity theft or fraudulent billing purposes. Fraudsters are targeting older adults through telemarketing calls, booths at public events, health fairs and door-todoor visits.

Specifically, reports from Kentucky have indicated scammers operating out of vans - offering to pay Medicaid recipients \$20 for DNA swabs and their health in-

Nebraska residents have reported scammers conducting group visits to senior living communities - advertised as "DNA checks for cancer."

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services have set forth guidelines for when and where they will offer genetic testing services. Guidelines can be found on the CMS website.

Minnesotans should be mindful of the following ways to minimize the risk of personal information being compromised and used fraudulently:

If a genetic testing kit is mailed to you, don't accept it unless it was ordered by your physician. Refuse the delivery or return it to the sender. Keep a record of the sender's name and the date you returned the items.

Be suspicious of anyone who offers you free genetic testing and then requests your Medicare number. If your personal information is compromised, it may be used in other fraud schemes.

Medicare beneficiaries should be cautious of unsolicited requests for their Medicare numbers. If anyone other than your physician's office requests your Medicare information, do not provide it.

If you have questions or if you believe you may have been the victim of a scam or fraud, you are encouraged to contact the Commerce Department's Consumer Services Center by email at consumer.protection@state. mn.us or by phone 800-657-3602 (Greater Minnesota).

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

ALLIANCE

Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Adult Sunday School 9 am; "Elevate" youth group for 7th-12th graders, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; wwwpointway.org

Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30. McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10

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Pharmacy to deliver: both their product and hometown service



By ANN SCHWARTZ Matt Doucette, 33, Crosby, is opening a new GuidePoint pharmacy in Aitkin on July 22.

The building, on the corner by the theater on Minnesota Avenue North (a block north of the stoplight) is the latest in the remodeling and revitalization of Aitkin's downtown.

The building was the original eye care center and in recent years was a sweet shop and then a gift shop. Doucette has completely redone the inside of the building, taking advantage of some used fixture from Shopko, which is closing its store in Aitkin. The end product is a gray-and-white modern, pleasing building with great decorative touches designed by his wife Erika.

Doucette grew up and graduated from Brainerd High School, the son of Patrick and

Mary Doucette. He completed his pharmacy degree from North Dakota State University and has practiced with Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin and GuidePoint in Crosby.

"I have developed a lot of relationships and we see some of our customers several times a week," Doucette observed in an interview. "While I'll miss all the connections in Crosby I look forward to developing relationships in Aitkin."

Free delivery within a fivemile radius and free mailing of prescriptions are a couple ways he hopes to offer enhanced service to the community.

"I'm meeting a need in this community," he said, acknowledging that when Shopko closed Aitkin had only one pharmacy left. "It's more than a job to me."

He has been working hard since February, completing the physical work and paperwork to start the business. There is a long list of certifications and licenses that he must obtain and he's now in the process of negotiating contracts with insurance companies. He's confident he can fill orders for everyone who walks in

the door.

"I did a lot of this work myself but by no means did I do it alone," he explained. Uncle Mike Cluever was the contractor and other family and friends helped him immensely. Mike and Laura Schwartzwald, who own other GuidePoint stores, are his mentors

"I'm excited to use the skills I've learned to help people. Getting your medications shouldn't be a difficult pro-

Part of his service credo means that he or his staff will personally answer the phone, not a voice mail tree. He will have a part-time pharmacist, Tim Johnson, formerly of Shopko, helping him, along with two technicians. As the business grows his staff will grow he says. "When we get busy enough my dad wants to come over and do the deliveries for me."

In addition to prescription drugs, the store will stock over-the-counter medications of many kinds, along with vitamins, allergy medicine, smoking cessation products, beauty products, snacks, drinks and

"We hope to expand the

and the chief's biased, flawed,

prejudiced investigations and

help Crosby heal. Encourage

the council and mayor to im-

mediately terminate the chief,

it's the only solution Crosby

The county attorney can

act upon the problem.

gift section as we grow more." They will be open Monday through Saturday.

Matt and Erika live in Crosby, where she is a RN at

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center. They have two sons, aged 5 and 3, and a newborn daughter.

Needless to say, he's been

more than busy setting up this pharmacy and welcoming a new baby. "It's more like a family than a job for me," he summed up.

Gray wolf delisting – again

Livestock producers, deer hunters and many others concerned with a gray wolf delisting proposal participated in a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service-sponsored public hearing Tuesday in Brainerd.

Individuals from across Minnesota and the United States packed the auditorium at the Franklin Arts Center Auditorium for a public hearing which went well past the 9 p.m. scheduled conclusion.

"I have seen this rodeo many times before," said Rep. Dale Lueck, R-Aitkin. "Public hearings are a standard part of the delisting process before removing federal ESA protection. This is the fourth time since 2007 that USFWS has worked through the wolf delisting process. The three previous efforts resulted in delisting Minnesota's wolves, but eventually all three decisions were overturned by Washington, D.C. federal judges."

About 80 individuals among the several hundred citizens attending the hearing decided to testify on the USFWS's latest delisting proposal. A wide diversity of opinion was provided on the USFWS's proposal to remove the wolf from federal Endangered Species Act protection in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, as well as selected areas in the Rocky Mountains.

The message from cattle-

men across Minnesota, the Midwest and Rocky Mountain states was consistent: The wolf populations met the federal recovery goals long ago, so please delist them now. The point was made over and over again that livestock producers simply want better management of problem wolves.

Cattlemen decried the current practice of reacting only after cattle or family pets are killed or maimed by wolves. They support a more proactive preventive approach which is possible under state management rules. Hunters, in particular deer hunters also stressed the need for a state wide comprehensive wildlife management plan that includes state management of the wolf.

"My testimony was focused on assuring the USFWS that Minnesota's wolf management plan works well and will prevent Minnesota's wolves from ever again needing federal protection," Lueck said. "As a citizen, I was part of the DNR wolf roundtable that, back in 1998, developed the baseline for today's Minnesota wolf management plan. We successfully operated that plan during the roughly two years wolves were most recently delisted. It's a proven plan. I know it works."

Those in opposition expressed concerns about the

validity of the current wolf population numbers. For many years, both Minnesota and the federal government have agreed that wolf numbers far exceed the ESA recovery goals for delisting the wolves in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Skepticism also was voiced about the ability of individual states to properly manage the wolves. Several from the Native American community explained the special significance the wolf has to their culture and heritage. Others testified that they

have lived side by side with wolves in rural areas for many years without any issue. Others opposed delisting, under the theory that more wolves would reduce the over abundant white tail deer population. That would reduce deer ticks and the potential for Lyme's disease. Five state legislators from across central and northern Minnesota provided testimony in favor of returning the wolf manage back to the state.

The public comment period on the wolf delisting process closes July 15. Citizens still have an opportunity to submit online or letter comments on the plan to remove federal protections for wolves. For more information, or to comment on the plan, go to www. fws.gov/home/wolfrecovery/.

Guest Opinion -Ryan should defend the taxpayers

By KELLY AVELSGARD, Concerned Observer

The Crow Wing County Attorney's Office held a very promising press conference last week. The county attorney's office made the decision to pursue the case against a former Crosby Mayor based upon the information of the investigative materials the office was given and they stand by their decision.

The county attorney stated, "I am not privy to any information nor am I aware of any information that would support that there was a political agenda or some kind of political persecution through prosecution that occurred in this case."

The county attorney and his office have not been accused of political persecution, the Crosby chief of police has. The information provided to the county attorney was flawed, biased, prejudiced, and politically motivated, the county attorney would have seen it if they scrutinized the chief and their previous actions.

The county attorney's office was provided BMS Case No 17-PA-0260 arbitration report several months ago. It is possible his office failed to read, process, decipher, discuss that document before prosecuting the former mayor.

Maybe the county attorney and his staff lack respect for the arbitration process?

If they would have read the report, they would have discovered the chief, lies, distorts the truth, alters documents, conducts flawed, biased, and prejudiced investigations. The former mayor's attorney is correct, the trial should have never happened. The source of the information could not be and should not have been trusted. It is no longer pure opinion and supposition un-

supported by evidence. The county attorney's office has the evidence, it lies in the information provided and the actions of the Crosby chief of police.

The county attorney said, if his office conducted itself in the manner of the accusations, it would be unethical and basically criminal. The county attorney is correct, and it's unethical and basically criminal when conducted by the Crosby chief of police. The county attorney can now be added to the long list of judges, arbitrators, and jurors who have warned Crosby about the chief of police and has first-hand experience to speak from.

The county attorney's office has an obligation to the taxpayers to understand why his office lost three jury trials, had over thirty court appearances, and had to dismiss some of the charges against one person.

County attorney's seldom get involved in city business, the Crosby chief got involved in the county attorney's business and left his office with mud and shame all over it, having to defend itself from participating in a politically motivated trial of a person trying to do the right thing.

Crosby will defend the chief, but the county attorney doesn't have to. Instead, they should defend the taxpayers of Crow Wing County from such a despicable display of police work, investigate the chief for criminal conduct, and label the chief a Brady/ Giglio officer.

The Crosby city council and mayor continue to fail its community by allowing the destructive employment to continue; and they fail to terminate the chief.

The city of Crosby and the county attorney need to stop making excuses for themselves



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Cuyuna Lakes Business After Hours

Grand Casino Mille Lacs will host the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's Business After Hours on Thursday, July 18 from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The networking portion of the event will run from 5-6 p.m. in the Spring/Summer ballroom where Chamber members and their guests can enjoy hors d'oeuvres and complimentary adult beverages. Attendees may enter in a drawing for two free rooms and a \$30 food voucher! Parking is available in the convention center parking lot, the closest access to the

ballroom.

A complimentary sightseeing launch is scheduled from 6-8:30 p.m. at Eddy's Resort on Lake Mille Lacs. The launch is complimentary, but reservations are required and are only available to the first 25 individuals to sign up. If boats and the water aren't your thing, you are welcome to stay at Grand Casino Mille Lacs for an exciting behindthe-scenes tour of the restaurants' back of the house.

"Everyone is invited to learn more about Grand Casino Mille Lacs and gain exposure

for their business by attending Cuvuna Lakes Chamber's Business After Hours," said Chamber Director Jessica Vukelich. "Our members have the opportunity to pass the microphone, introduce themselves to the group, and talk about their businesses and upcoming events. Bring your business cards and get ready to network and build relationships!"

As a courtesy to the host, advanced registration is required. To make your reservation, call the Chamber office at 218-546-8131.

cause of loon mortality. Loons frequently nest and rear their young in areas where boats move at higher speeds.

Loon chicks are not able to fly until they are more than two months old; they're also unable to dive for safety as mature loons and other birds can.

Mature loons are heavy birds, enabling them to dive as deep as 250 feet to search for food. They can stay underwater for up to five minutes. Loons in Minnesota range throughout the busiest boating areas of the state, inhabiting lakes across almost all of northern, central and eastern Minnesota.

Other facts about loons:

Minnesota has more loons (roughly 12,000) than any other state except Alaska.

Loons can fly more than 75 miles per hour.

The red in the loon's eve

helps it to see under water. Scientists think loons can live for 30 years or more.

In addition to fast-moving boats, threats to loons include human disturbance and pollutants such as lead and mercury. The DNR monitors loon populations with the help of volunteers to improve understanding of what our state bird needs to maintain a strong, healthy presence



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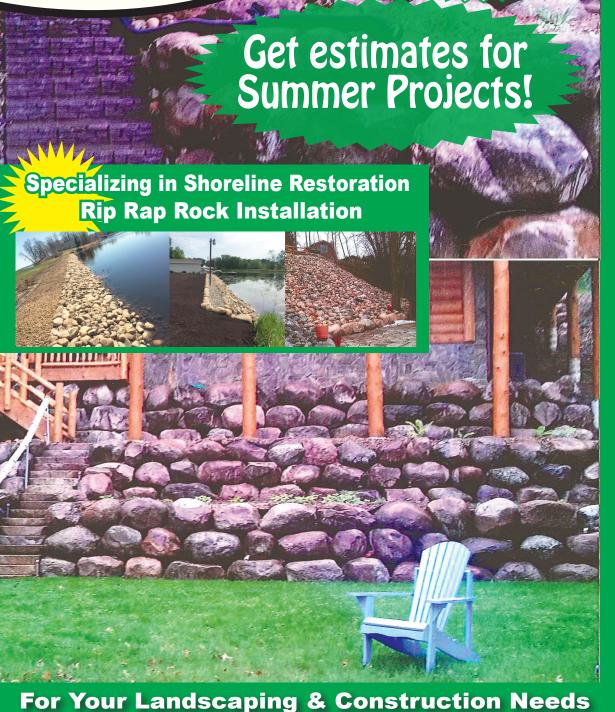
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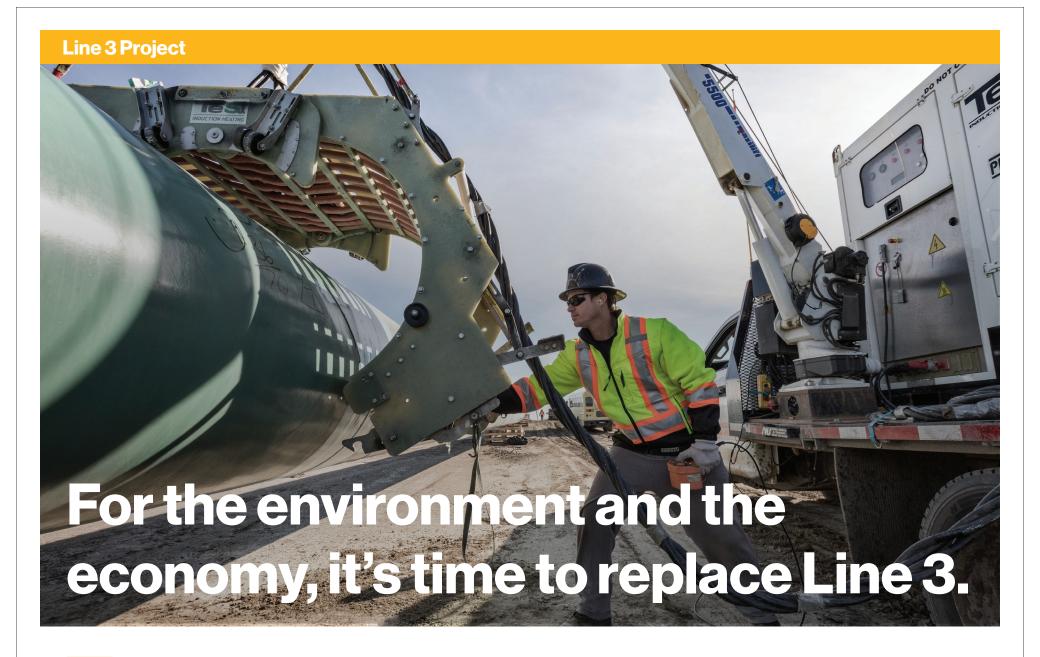
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