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## Ruttger's to feature three bands at Bluegrass Festival



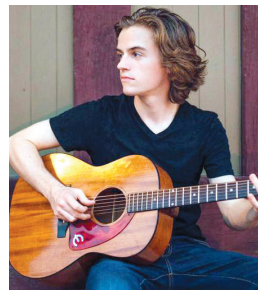
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge First Annual Bluegrass Festival is headlined by the Minnesota-based quartet, *The Barley Jacks*, who will sing original vocals and play jaw-dropping instrumentals starting at 7 p.m.

ta-based quartet, *The Barley Jacks*, fronted by fiddler Brian Wicklund. The band features fiddle, guitar, bass and drums and is a mix of traditional and modern folk bluegrass. *Sloughgrass*, a traditional family bluesgrass band from Birchdale, opens for *The Barley Jacks*. The *Isaac Gadiant duo* will perform on the second stage during the all-you-can-eat all-American picnic.

This all-you-can-eat picnic will include burgers, Wildcraft Meats brats, hot dogs, chicken, corn, watermelon and more. Beer from event sponsor Bent Paddle Brewing

Co. from Duluth will be available for purchase.

Tickets for Ruttger's First Annual Bluegrass Festival are \$25 per adult (\$12 for children 12 and under) and include the picnic and all three concerts. Tickets and can be purchased on the day of the event or at [ruttgers.com/bluegrass-bbq](http://ruttgers.com/bluegrass-bbq).



Isaac Gadiant will entertain at 5 p.m.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- All-You-Can-Eat all-American picnic with music by Isaac Gadient 5 – 6 p.m.
- *Sloughgrass* 6 – 7 p.m.
- *The Barley Jacks* 7 – 9 p.m.

### Ruttger's Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon

The shops at Ruttger's will be unveiling their latest fall and winter fashions at the

Ruttger's Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon at noon on Saturday, August 24 in Ruby's Dining Room.

The fashion show includes a runway show featuring clothes for the fall and winter from designers such as Chalet, Tribal and Charlie B. The event also includes a luncheon, a cash bar, store discounts at all Ruttger's shops and prizes such as a Ruttger's vacation package, golf for four and more.

"It's fashion, food and wine. What's not to love?" Miranda Westhoff, Director of Retail Sales and event organizer said. "We hope to show you that you don't need to go to Brainerd or Nisswa to find great clothes at a good price."

Tickets for the fashion show and luncheon are available for \$16 per person and can be ordered by calling 218-678-4673 or online at [www.ruttgers.com/fall-fashion-show-2](http://www.ruttgers.com/fall-fashion-show-2)



The *Sloughgrass Family Band* are sure to get the crowd off their seats with their music beginning at 6 p.m.

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**This auction listing just scratches the surface. There is certain to be many surprises come auction day!**

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By ANN SCHWARTZ  
JEN EHNSTROM photos  
Student athletes in Aitkin are encouraged to put in sweaty time in the weight room in the off season to strengthen themselves for the

sports seasons. Since 2013, this has culminated in a Strength and Honor Lift-a-thon. It lets student compete with one another based on their own body size and involves the community through donations. This year, \$10,250 was raised for the Aitkin VFW Roberts-Glad post to help veterans in need. The event, held in late July, had 65 sponsors and 46 student athletes who played. Results are figured with a

formula that takes the athlete's size into account so everyone of every size can complete against one another. Males strive to lift four times their body weight, and females, three times. As the competition heats up, results are posted on the weight room wall at Aitkin High School. "Throughout the summer, these athletes put tremendous time and effort into getting faster, stronger, and

more mentally tough," said Sean Smith, Aitkin High School teacher, coach and event organizer. "Big congratulations are in order to all who participated in the Lift-a-Thon and in the Strength, Speed and Agility program throughout the summer!" "And we thank members of the Aitkin Community for donating funds and coming to watch our 2019 Lift-a-Thon," said Smith.

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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 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 1st 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" Workforce Center - 20-3rd St. NE, Aitkin, 4th Tuesday of month at noon Pre-registration required call 218-723-4005

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. 218-927-1383.

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 Roxi 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.

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, 218-824-5228.

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.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 am.

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.

## Highway 47 closes north of Malmo Aug. 26

Motorists to encounter delays on Highway 47 in Aitkin County as the road closes to replace a bridge near Malmo beginning Monday, Aug. 26, a week later than previously reported.

The work is part of two bridges to be replaced—first the Highway 47 bridge north of Malmo, then the Highway 18 bridge west of Malmo. Only one bridge will be closed at a time. The detour will use the same roads for each closure.

**Here's what to expect:**

Aug. 26 to mid-September: Highway 47 will close north of Malmo to replace the Morman Creek bridge with two box culverts beginning Monday, Aug. 26. The detour uses Highway 18 between Malmo and Garrison along northern Mille Lacs Lake, Highway 169 to Aitkin County

Road 28, and County Road 12 to Highway 47 in Glen.

Mid-September to mid-October: Highway 18 will close west of Malmo along northern Mille Lacs Lake at Malmo Bay to replace the Morman Creek bridge with a new box culvert. The detour uses Highway 47 between Malmo and Glen, Aitkin County Road 12 to County Road 28, and Highway 169 to Highway 18 along northern Mille Lacs Lake to Malmo.

Full duration of this project: Through traffic must use the detour, or find their own route. All travelers will encounter a hard closure at the bridge work site. For your

safety and ours, stay out of barricaded areas. Local access will be open outside the closed work site. Visitors traveling to destinations within the area may want to call ahead to know the best route to take.

MnDOT will send another notification when Highway 47 opens and Highway 18 closes in September.

When complete, the new bridges will improve drainage in the Malmo area.

## Open House

**TRILOGY CELEBRATION**

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# OBITUARIES

## WILLIAM BORDEN II



William Edward Borden II, 80, of Aitkin died Saturday, August 17, 2019 at his home.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Garrison with Father Eli Gieske officiating. A lunch will follow the service and then burial will be in Bennettville Cemetery. Military honors will be accorded by Aitkin VFW Roberts-Glad Post #1727 and Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin and will also one hour prior to the service at the church.

He was born March 3, 1939 in Springfield, MA to Robert and Helen (Kohn) Borden. As a

child and his family moved to Canada and lived in Montreal and Winnipeg and then moved to Minnesota where he graduated from Saint Paul Central High School in 1958. He was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in the Vietnam War. After the war, he met Mariann Bobseen in Texas and they were married on January 19, 1973 in Sisseton, SD. He worked as a correctional officer in Georgia, retiring in 1999 and moving back to Minnesota.

William is survived by his wife, Mariann Borden, Aitkin; children, grandchildren, and many other special relatives and friends

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## MARVIN BORGMAN



Marvin John Borgman, 91, of Aitkin, died, Sunday, August 18, 2019 in Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Services were held on Wednesday, August 21 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Aitkin with Reverend David

Becker officiating.

He was born August 11, 1928 in Aitkin to Carl and Dora (Kutcher) Borgman. He grew up in the Cedar Lake/Palisade area. Marvin married Donna Landrus on January 3, 1948 in St. John's Lutheran Church of Aitkin. They enjoyed 68 years of marriage in which they had seven children while living in Aitkin and the Iron Range, where Marvin worked as a Shovel Runner for Hanna Mining Company for 38 years. Marvin also worked for Aitkin Co-op Feed Store, Bob Janzen Auctions as well as the Box Factory and Hatchery. In their retirement, Marvin and Donna purchased an RV. They traveled in the winter for many years to

Laughlin, NV where they met many new friends. When they no longer went south, they bought some land near Effie where they spent time with family and friends enjoying the outdoors. Marvin enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards, cooking, picking wild berries, camping, gardening and time spent with family and friends.

Marvin is survived by his children: Sandra (Bob Scholl) Borgman, Larry Borgman, Gary (Rajean) Borgman, Beverly Borgmann, Terry (Patti) Borgman; 13 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter on the way; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Emery and Ruth Borgman; and Emerson and Yvonne Borgman.

Marvin was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Borgman; parents; daughters: Debbie and Dianne; brothers: Melvin, Hilmer and Willmar; sisters: Donna Crump, Helen Torgerson, Marlys Dragovich and Adeline Borgman.

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## Cuyuna Lakes Crusher race



Ann Schwartz photos



friends and families stayed in the area the entire weekend.



A total of 497 racers participated in the fifth annual Cuyuna Lakes Crusher August 18 on the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area trails. The event was sponsored by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series Race.

"We are very excited to continue our partnership with the Series race, making this an annual event for our area,"

said Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Executive Director Jessica Vukelich. "We received positive feedback about how great our trails are and were told this event is the best community supported race of the Minnesota Mountain Bike Series."

Vukelich added that those attending the race were anticipating and planning their next trips back to the Cuyuna Lakes area. Most racers and their

# READER RIBBETS

## Protect and serve our citizens?

When an entire city administration, from the mayor to the police chief, can't even handle a nuisance pigeon infestation problem, it makes me start to wonder what makes any of these people capable of running the vital daily city operations that are supposed to protect and serve our citizens.

So far, excuses, shifting blame, playing ignorant and passing the buck are the city's answers regarding these pesky pigeons. But if you want to get technical, that just mimics all other forms of governance and ordinance enforcement that has occurred here in recent Crosby history.

Our uninformed, apparently near blind, city leader, who believes he's so in tune with our residents, chooses to continue to promote pet projects, such as a now downtown hotel. This

second swing at a hotel here is a sad attempt at a biased administration trying to save face after the failed phantom hotel efforts, largely due to lengthy and misguided support that led to the land being sold out from under this favored development team.

The city administrator should have also researched the fact that the potential phantom hotel developers didn't even have a legally binding purchase agreement in place on the potential site before tax payers paid for the pursuing of a water infrastructure grant. On a side note, our mayor's stern rebuttal letter writing, inadequate economic development and failed downtown bicycle trail efforts, along with jawing with tourists and customers takes a lot of time, so its no surprise our mayor ignores these silly matters that daily effect the

common folk, such as pigeon poop. He, after all, has to create a supportive tourism base that directly benefits his business and rentals.

After some sort of research, the city has come to the conclusion that since the disease spreading vermin spend most of their time on private property. Its not their problem. I was kindly told there's really nothing they can do. But its really nothing they care to do.

So when citizens have enough of the pigeon poop — the fecal matter, not the mayors politics — and take matters into their own hands, while keeping to their own private property, do they get the same privilege, or perhaps 'ethical treatment,' as our pigeons enjoy? If so, I'm going to be in my yard pigeon hunting!

**Chris Ryan, Crosby**

## Retrial of former mayor is over

The *Courier's* retrial of the former mayor has come to an end. It was never our decision to make; the jurors and the former mayor's attorney did their job well.

Publishing the county attorney's papers further proved the Crosby chief of police is incompetent and can't be trusted.

An interesting part of the story was the final charge of falsely reporting a crime that was dismissed. The *Courier* described the actions of the two investigating officers involved. Their techniques indicate the chiefs biased, prejudiced, flawed investigative techniques have found their way into those two officers. The officers failed to follow through. They stopped when they believed they were right — they were not. Beliefs do not hold up in arbitration or court — evidence does. The officer's actions indicate a complete lack of supervision, training, and professionalism — all failures of the chief of police.

Arbitrators found the chief lies, distorts the truth, alters documents, makes three ring binders disappear. It's possible

the chief altered information for the officers, improperly advised them, and allowed the officers to place their careers at risk by not insisting on facts, but solely on chief's flawed methods.

The report drafted to bring charges against the mayor was filled with what the chief and the former lieutenant believed.

It was not filled with evidence or provable claims. It was all hearsay, or their beliefs. The chief and former lieutenant used a jilted, non-credible, husband, a distraught child, and people with an axe to grind, as the key people to bring the onslaught of false charges. Overzealous to get a conviction, the chief and lieutenant felt the need to coach witnesses.

Two failed wrongful termination lawsuits, eight failed attempts to prosecute two former mayors — and only one council person, not the mayor or others, have taken proper actions to remain uncompromised by the chief of police, city administrator and the city labor attorney who broke the law, intentionally and maliciously lied to tell their version of confidential

information and libeled the city further.

The council and mayor are not in Kansas anymore, they need to find the courage, heart and brains fast to get Crosby back on the yellow brick road they think it's on, because the road they are on is lined with pigeon poop:

The first of many potential lawsuits has begun. The residents of Crosby will continue to pay for the chief's actions long after they have been rewarded with retirement.

The city administrator has perpetuated the chief's hostile workplace environment by implementing daily, weekly reporting requirements for department heads and managers that has brought about the announced retirement of the public works foreman.

Beliefs are important. If they're going to be used in court, they must be able to stand scrutiny. When charging any person with a crime, it would be prudent to have evidence — no hearsay — and keep what one believes out of it.

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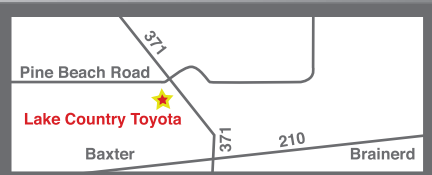


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