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Deerwood is readying for Summerfest on August 14 and 15



At a past Deerwood Summerfest: Sarah Haselrud, who has a cabin in the 50 Lakes area, attended the Deerwood Summerfest with her greyhound Groovy. Groovy is a rescue dog who ran 99 races. She must be walked for 30 minutes to an hour a day, but other than that she's content to sit around and be a couch potato.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Well, with the pandemic behind us, families are getting together and looking for things to do. Mark your calendar for Friday and Saturday, August 14 and 15, beginning at 9 a.m., for Deerwood Summerfest.

According to Lee Ann Hohenstein, event coordina-

tor, they are excited to be back. The membership of the Deerwood Civic and Commerce group is meeting on a regular basis, working on logistics, marketing, sales and the raffle. Last year, they had a modified event, with an outdoor concert at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Already on the list of fun are a tractor pull by the Cuyuna Range Lions, special events at the Salem

Lutheran Church, rock painting and other games for the kids, a huge rummage sale at the auditorium, access to emergency vehicles, live music, live broadcasts by the Power Loon Radio, 5k run, Splash Park and more.

Raffle tickets are on sale for

\$5 each and the prizes are fantastic. Three five hundred dollar cash prizes were donated by Roth RV, Deerwood Legion, Northland Smiles and the Deerwood Bank. Other raffle prizes are golf and dining packages and gift cards.

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"We are working really hard to make it a good one this year. I'm just excited to

have Summerfest back the way we all enjoy it," summed up Hohenstein. "It was really missed last year. Summerfest is an event that a lot of people travel to our area for and look forward to and we were really disappointed we couldn't have it last year. We are excited to be back outside, with no restrictions, lining the streets of Deerwood with vendors and activities. Watch for more fun happenings to be revealed."

Multitudes at Crosby-Ironton parade



Although temperatures soared into the 90s, a multitude of residents and visitors swarmed the newly replaced streets and sidewalks from Ironton to Crosby during the Crosby-Ironton 4th of July parade. Construction crews had worked quickly and finished most of the Highway 210 project to allow for the parade to travel its full and traditional route. Above is the ABC Seamless Gutter float entry.

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Where's Munchy? Scavenger Hunt



No one found Munchy at Iron Range Eatery by following Clue #4.

Where's Munchy? is a weekly scavenger hunt where participants search for the Munchy the Miner figurine, which will be hidden at participating downtown businesses

in plain sight.

Clue #6: Week of July 7-13 Myron G. (Munchy) Perpich was known to keep a tidy and well-equipped toolshed where anyone in the neighborhood could go for whatever they needed. In the 1930s, this likely meant to get an axe or saw sharpened, a pig butchered, or a tool repaired. In comparison, this modern-day lakeside stop has ever-changing inventory, a little something for everyone – just like Munchy's toolshed.

Enter to win

1. Read the clues each week
2. Search for Munchy the Miner (hidden in plain sight) at local participating businesses
3. Take a selfie with Munchy

Miner, tag the business (#Business Name), and post the photo on the C-I Sidewalk Scoop Facebook Page. Photos can also be emailed to brielle@cuyunalakes.com.

4. Your name will be entered into the weekly and grand prize drawings.

Prizes Participants have a chance to win some swag from local businesses each week of the promotion. All participants will also be entered into the grand prize drawing for a gift basket of items and gift cards from local businesses. Winners will be notified by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber and the grand prize winner will be announced once the road work is complete.

Last day of Aitkin County Fair July 10

Lots of planning and work has been done to get ready for the 130th Annual Aitkin County Fair which runs through July 10. With a full schedule of entertainment, demonstrations and 4-H and open class exhibition judgings, along with the carnival rides and concessions, there should be something for everyone.

Creative Activities

The Creative Activities Building has scheduled demonstrations and judgings featuring Quilts, Beer & Wine, Yeast and Quick Breads and Pickles. Again this year will be a Fashion Show for Saturday afternoon.

A new feature for this year is Artists in Residence with painter Karen Newton was featured on Thursday and painter Adele McDonnell and wood carver Alan Jensen were featured on Friday.

Acrylic painter Liz Nix will be featured on Saturday, July from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Entertainment

The Watters Pavillion had a full line of musical entertainment each day. The famous Acoustic Smoke will perform from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday with the Classic Tractor Parade circling the grounds at 1 p.m.

The ever popular Bus Races with Hornet and Pure Stock Car Races were at the Grandstands on Friday night. The Baja Races will start at 5 p.m. on Saturday to wrap up the fair.

Crescent City Amusements Midway was open daily until 10 p.m. and will be open on Saturday noon to close. Single day session bands are available for \$20 in advance or \$25 on-site.

Exhibits

Along with all the fun, the

fair offers a platform for all to show off their many talents. Exhibits include 4-H and Open Class along with all types of livestock. The Central Minnesota Cattlemen's Beef Show will round off the final day, Saturday, July 10 for youth 5-21 years of age from all over Minnesota competing for the Best of Show.

Exhibitor books can be found at local business and on-line at aitkincountyfair.com.

Aitkin County Historical Society Annual Garage Sale

The Annual ACHS Garage Sale will be held at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds August 6-7 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Responsibility for business destiny

To the certain Crosby business owners and self-appointed spokespeople who spent years promoting their opinions that mountain biking has saved our little town from extinction, then constantly advertised—even bragged—about their successes, only to go on to publicly express concerns as to why so many other communities are now copying their tourism blueprint, I offer this advice if you are truly as concerned with our towns future due to whether or not bikes are allowed to ride on the business districts sidewalk...Move. Relocate. Seek those greener pastures. Then there would be no need for anymore of your social media plotting or attacks against those who have a different viewpoint than yours. You wouldn't need to pressure city councils to make decisions

on your businesses supposed survival. You wouldn't have time to read my letters, as you could be involved in creating yet another bicyclist fantasy playground in a refreshing new area. You might even run into a former city leader who ran away. But as you go, please take with you the higher property taxes, the over-trafficked nuisance air bed and breakfasts and the apparently entitled bicyclists who refuse to follow the simplest of traffic laws. That would leave us then with enthusiastic, polite bicyclists, humble community-based businesses, neighborhoods with a restored sense of peace, and homes people on pensions could actually afford.

Depending on the circumstances, your relocating might be an opportunity for multiple others to prosper in our

community. Or.. You could just PLEASE stay. Continue to reap the rewards of the many blessings our town offers. But accept that as an entrepreneur, YOU are the risk taker and take responsibility for your own businesses destiny. Don't continue to make the shallow, narrow minded issue of whether bicyclists can or cannot ride on the business districts sidewalk a crutch so you and any other of your associates—who have been so vocal as of late—can continue to play the victims. Remember, we may not all see eye to eye on this issue that was left for the current council to find a solution for, but no matter if you are a chamber member, bike trail volunteer, or a city official, we are all fighting for Crosby in one way or another.

Chris Ryan, Crosby

Bullying should not be tolerated

A certain Crosby councilman seems to enjoy spouting off demeaning things to others on the council during council meetings, especially to the mayor. It appears that this blustering and bigoted councilman likes to

breed negativity and animosity. By his discourteous and oafish comments it is apparent he doesn't have a clue about running a city or the stress involved in making the best decisions for the betterment of the residents

and community. His muddled and loaded comments confirm that he is not qualified to be a councilman. Bullying should not be tolerated; I demand his resignation.
Candi McCartan, Crosby

Cart before the horse

When you speak with local politicians about issues, you might hear them say: "there is nothing I can do," "my hands are tied." Translation, "I don't want to get involved," "I don't care," or "I don't want to get my hands dirty." Politicians are not willing to be the least bit controversial because it may hurt their chances of re-election. Go along, get along—so they may have the opportunity to exercise their wishbones instead of their backbones.

Gazelka and the GOP find it necessary to cooperate with

Tim "the Minnesota Mistake" when they should be demanding his immediate resignation.

As the socialist DFL party takes a victory lap on removing Walz's emergency powers, it is important to remember, it took them 15 months and they used their vote as leverage in the budget negotiations. The DFL needed something before they would do the right thing for Minnesota.

Walz allowed Minneapolis to burn; he gave his adult daughter access to confidential information which she shared with the public and rioters. Every politician must publicly demand Walz's immediate resignation. Those who don't

are the socialists that We the People need to vote out of office when their time comes. You can participate, call 651-201-3400 use your voice to help, contact your local politicians too.

The push to get the Never Again bill passed is the right idea, but the wrong timing. Walz will not sign it, the socialist democrats are still the majority, and it will not survive the political process.

Walz must be stopped today, removed from office, then put the bill in motion. Trying to prevent something in the future while allowing it today is putting the cart before the horse.
Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood

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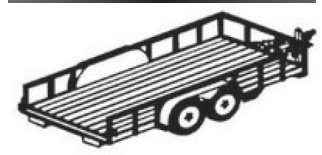
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