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Riverwood Healthcare's Gala with Derby theme, new venue



Nicole Hawkinson and Riverwood Foundation Director Katie Nelson at the 2019 Derby-themed Gala.

Riverwood Healthcare is hosting its annual Gala on Saturday, May 6. This festive event with a "Derby" theme has changed from evening to afternoon with a start time of 2 p.m. at the Ripple Center in Aitkin.

Enjoy fabulous food, plus a specially brewed beer and bourbon for the occasion.

There will be something for everyone, including games of chance, Kentucky Derby horse betting and a horse racing theme game. Adding to the fun will be silent auction and live auctions.

Proceeds from the gala will support Riverwood's surgery expansion and hybrid operating room. This room will offer advanced procedural space,

combining a traditional operating room with an image guided interventional suite, allowing for highly complex advanced surgical procedures in the area.

Tickets are \$75 for individuals or \$100 for a special reserved seat. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available as well.

"With the gala now in its 16th year, we decided to change it up with an earlier time and a new location," said Katie Nelson, Riverwood Foundation director. "The Derby theme and games are going to offer a lot of action packed fun. It will be an out standing opportunity to learn more about Riverwood, net- work, and enjoy excellent food and company."

Nelson added: "If you are unable to attend the gala, please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Each year generous support from local businesses and individual donors plays a huge role in the success of this unique event."

Attire is dressy casual with Derby hats for men and women optional. For tickets, sponsorship and donations in queries, contact Riverwood Foundation at (218) 927-8286 or e-mail peklund-fisher@rwhealth.org



Work is progressing quickly on the new Riverwood Healthcare Center surgery addition in southeast Aitkin. Passers-by have noticed a huge mountain of fill, hereby dubbed Mount Riverwood, and an active crane at the site installing walls.

Ann Schwartz photo

Help sought for Barb Neprud



Barb Neprud has been recently diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer and has started chemotherapy treatment.

To help Barb, a fundraiser

will be held at THE HUDSON at 208 Curtis Ave., Ironton on Thursday, May 11 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a silent auction and food.

Barb is a beloved coach, mentor, and friend who has been deeply involved in the school and her community of Crosby Ironton.

"Whether it be coaching the girls' volleyball team to success, or helping her students learn about the importance of physical education, Barb makes a beneficial and lasting impact to everyone she interacts with," said Mark Hoge in a press release. "Her

life has been spent living in Crosby giving back to her community, and as a community we are asking to give back to Barb.

"We are looking for cash donations and items for a silent auction where all of the proceeds go to Mrs. Neprud.

"We want to give back to the person who has given everything to the town that she loves dearly."

If you feel inclined to donate please contact Mark Hoge at 218-330-4953 or mark.hoge@ceterais.com also Sarah Portz at 218-838-1822 or sarahportz80@gmail.com.

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Aitkin Women of Today fun at Atwater Motors

An Easter Carnival hosted by the Aitkin Women of Today at Atwater Motors in Aitkin on March 26.

Fun included buying tickets for games or prizes, a bake sale and photos with the Easter Bunny.



Jack from Aitkin is excited to be there.



Abbey is one of the tweens at the carnival.



From Onamia, Vanessa, DaLyn, Dion, Brooklyn and McKenna take a great family photo with the Easter Bunny. Ann Schwartz photos

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Brown bag lunch series

On Monday, April 3, noon to 1:00 p.m., local author Carissa Andrews will discuss her newest paranormal and urban fantasy novel, "Midlife Wolf Bite" in the large meeting room of the Brainerd Public Library. Attendees are free to bring a sack lunch or to just enjoy the light refreshments provided. All are welcome.

In the novel, 40-year-old protagonist Ella has two teenage children and has just gone through a messy divorce when she's accidentally bitten by a werewolf. Suddenly she's thrust into the world of the paranormal, and all the drama that comes with it.

Andrews is an award-winning and international best-selling author of mind-bending paranormal and urban fantasy novels. Her number one goal is to write books that stick with her readers for days, weeks, months, and even years after they've read the final page. If her books don't burrow a hole into your heart and mind, she hasn't done her job. Carissa lives in central Minnesota with her husband and brood of five kids, along with their insane huskies, Aztec and Pharaoh.

For more information, contact the library at 218-829-5574 or visit the Friends of the Library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Friendsofthebrainerdpubliclibrary.

LEGAL NOTICE

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LIBBY TOWNSHIP MEETING

The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11 to discuss matters that may come before the board. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Please contact Jane Jewett, clerk, to request the Zoom link: jane@janesfarm.org or 218-670-0066.

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Crow Wing County Landfill hours

As of April 1, the Crow Wing County Landfill will move to its summer hours of operation. The landfill will be open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 15732 State Highway 210, just east of Brainerd. During these expanded hours the landfill is open to accept household garbage, household hazardous waste, mattresses, furniture, and other items for proper disposal.

Customers utilizing the landfill must stop at the landfill office and speak with the attendant to discuss the items to be disposed of, pay any fees, and receive directions to

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The following items can be recycled or properly disposed of in the landfill for FREE:

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- Oil, used oil filters, and anti-freeze disposal is available at the landfill and several drop-off locations within the County.
- Residential recycling

such as cardboard, paper, plastic, and glass

o For oil and recycling locations visit: Recycling | Crow Wing County, MN - Official Website

- Residential compost, lawn, and garden material
- Brush and branches

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For a nominal fee the following items can be recycled or properly disposed of in the landfill: demolition materials, large appliances, electronics, tires with or without rims, scrap metals, and mattresses. For the full fee schedule please visit www.crowwing.us/727/Fee-Schedule

COMMUNITY EVENTS

April

- 1st - Easter Egg Hunts at Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby. The 11am hunt is for all ages. Depending on the weather, it may be held inside or outside. The 1pm hunt is for older kids; it will be inside the library it'll be a little harder to find those eggs. Both hunts will have empty eggs, which can be redeemed for a bag of goodies. Volunteers are also needed to hide eggs, fill goodie bags or donate candy.
- 1st - Northland Arboretum presents Stress/Anxiety Release Workshop, 14250 Conservation Dr., Baxter, 6pm-7:30pm. Be guided through methods to let go of recurring or chronic stress due to negative life experiences. During the session, participants will learn and practice an expressive writing method, TELL, that will encourage the reduction of stress and/or anxiety. After quiet writing time, participants will engage in a guided coaching session of yoga breathwork and stretching, which can reduce stress, decrease anxiety, lower blood pressure/heart rate and stimulate the relaxation response. What to bring/wear: Comfortable clothing and a beach towel or yoga mat. Class size is limited! Call 218-829-8770.
- 6th - Business After Hours at Unity Bank in downtown Crosby from 5 to 7 p.m. Hosts are Unity Bank and Jame Koop Insurance. For more information contact the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218-546-8131.
- 13th - Business After Hours at Common Goods on Main Street in Crosby, 5-7pm. For more information contact the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218-546-8131.
- 13th - Free movie night at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby at 5:30p Bring your own blanket for comfort. The movie will be *The Iron Giant*.
- 15th - Legacy Chorale performance at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood at 7pm. Tickets are offered at legacychorale.org.
- 20th - Northland Arboretum presents Journaling, 14250 Conservation Dr., Baxter, 10am - noon. Learn how to use common ingredients from your kitchen to dye eggs naturally.

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OBITUARIES

VELORES FILER



Velores J. Filer, 94 of Aitkin, died Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at her home on Nord Lake.

The Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 31, 2023 at Saint James Catholic Church in Aitkin with Father Mike Patullo officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Spring of 2023 at Saint Thomas Cemetery, Aitkin.

Velores was born February 22, 1929 in Halstad, MN, the daughter of Richard and Minda (Larson) Olson. The family left the farm in 1939 and moved to Rockford, IL where her father worked for a machine tool company during the War. Vel attended schools in Rockford and graduated from West High in 1946, she was working for the Bell Telephone Company as an operator when the War ended. The Olson family moved to California where they built their home in Costa Mesa. She worked in marketing and advertising and was the

Secretary of the California and Nevada Bottlers Association. Vel met the love of her life, Paul Filer, at the Pepsi Cola Company in Santa Ana and they were married June 5, 1957 in Las Vegas, NV. Paul and Vel lived in Dallas, Kansas City and back to California at the Pepsi Cola parent company in Los Angeles. While visiting relatives in Aitkin, they purchased the Farm Island Store in 1970 and moved to Nord Lake in 1976. Among their many talents, Vel was a competition Ballroom dancer and Paul was famous for his wonderful Irish tenor singing voice.

Vel is survived by her sister Joanne Birtcher of Napa, CA and many other special relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul in 2010; parents; brothers: Cleburne and Rayder and sister, Yvonne.

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to leave a message of condolence.

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