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Downtown gains another business as salon opens in Aitkin

By ANN SCHWARTZ
With the onset of fall came the opening of Hello Gorgeous, a new salon in downtown Aitkin.

Proprietors are a mother-and-daughter team, Clair Taylor and Justice Ramos. The summer was spent renovating the building just north of the stoplight in Aitkin which recently housed Duane's Photography.

Clair's vision: "I want to help the next generation launch by supporting the younger stylists and local creative businesses," she said.

The two are prepared to be

the host site for other stylists. In the meantime, they remain busy doing hair, lashes and nails and sugaring, to remove unwanted hair, and selling salon products.

One local artistic duo they support is L & S Handbags, custom purses made by mom and daughter Sandy and Lyndsey Benson.

On a recent weekday afternoon,



Justice Ramos and Clair Taylor have a new salon in Aitkin. Ann Schwartz photos



Kenna Garard, seated, contemplates color options for her hair.

the pristine, new space literally glowed. Kenna Garard, a high school student, was exploring ways to color her hair. Janice Dresch of Blackrock Terrace and her daughter,

Brenda Pearson of Aitkin, were getting their nails done "I get mine done first and mom goes second as it takes longer," laughed Brenda. It was obvious that a day of

pampering was lifting the spirits of all three customers. You can reach the stylists at hellogorgeousstylists@gmail.com

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Janice Drescich gets her nails done by Clair Taylor. "My friends at Blackrock Terrace will get a kick out of this photo," she laughed.



Brenda Pearson models her newly finished nails.

Order delicious hearty pasties now

Orders are now being taken for the Annual Pasty Project sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby available on the following Wednesdays: September 27, October 4, 11, 18, and 25. The pasties sell for \$8 each and are made following a recipe for the pastry-enfolded meat and vegetable treat that dates



back to the days when iron miners on the Cuyuna Range and tin miners in England took them to work in the mines. Each pasty is large enough to serve as a full meal for one or two people.

Gravy is available (12 oz.) for \$2. A reduced number of pasties will be made each week. Please call Kay early to reserve your pasties at 218-232-2312. If necessary, leave a message—your call will be returned. Pasties are picked up on the Wednesday they are baked. St. Joseph's Catholic Church is located at 617 Poplar Street in Crosby.

CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1, 2023

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Nature Notes:

- The white-tailed deer are in their gray-brown coats for the winter.
- Virginia creeper vines are bright red and easily seen winding through the dark green of the conifer trees.
- Tree foliage colors are at their peak.
- Hawks are migrating.
- Bears are starting to move to their hibernation dens.

STARGAZING NOTES, provided by the Minnesota Astronomical Society

What's happening in the starry sky this week?

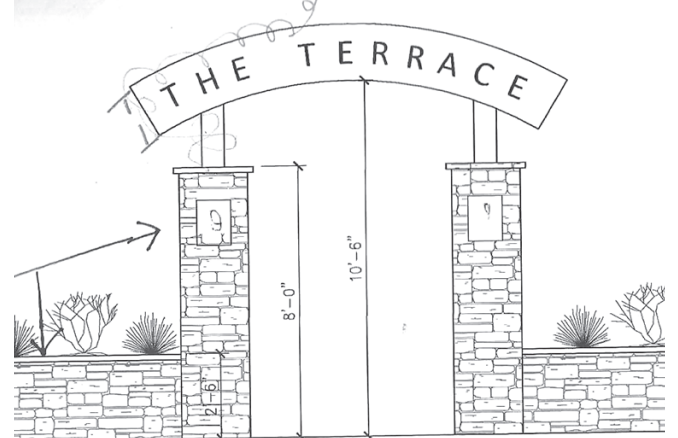
- Sept 26: Waxing gibbous moon located just below Saturn.
- Full moon is on Sept 29. For the Ojibwe people this is the time of Waatebagaa-giizis, or Leaves Turning Moon. Nights are getting longer and colder, and the trees respond with brilliant color.
- Oct 1: Waning gibbous moon located just above Jupiter.

As part of its ongoing mission to educate the public about wise use of natural resources, Long Lake's team of Environmental Educators will share simple, everyday Conservation Tips that everyone, including kids, can do. If everyone makes the effort to consume resources more wisely, we can help ensure a brighter future for the planet and make life better TODAY!

Terrace outdoor venue



(above) Workman continue to hammer away at the Terrace in downtown Aitkin. The outdoor patio and events venue is under construction on Minnesota Avenue North. The bright pink Tiny Store was removed from the site last year. The new space will include a covered stage. Aitkin County Friends of the Arts is sponsoring the project. Ann Schwartz photo (below) Artist rendering of The Terrace.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

September

23rd - Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group presents Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Expo. Area residents, property owners, and visitors are all invited to learn how they can help preserve the water quality at a FREE event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McQuoid's Inn, 1325 Highway 47 North, Isle. Free lunch at noon from Smokin' Mortars BBQ & Meat Market. The lunch will be accompanied by a presentation about aquatic invasive species by AIS detector Tom Hubbard.

27th - Verse Like Water: The visiting poet program of Central Lakes College, at noon in the Central Lakes College Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus. The event is free and open to the public.

30th - Emily Wesleyan Church Community Market in the church parking lot from 9 am-2 pm.

30th - Cascade United Methodist Church Harvest Supper, 4:30- 6 p.m.

October

2nd - Grief Support Group, 5 p.m. at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby

4th - United Way Chili Cook-off, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Northern Pacific Center at Brainerd

4th - Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Walk with a Doc, 4:30 p.m. free at Hallett Community Center

6th - Thank a CRMC PA at Physician Assistant Day at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center

7th - Jaques Art Center's Gala Harvest Dinner, 5-8 pm, Heartwood Conference Center, Crosby. Call 218-927-2363.

7th - Lakers Lions' Famous Pork Chop on-a-Stick during Autumn

Cascade Church Harvest Supper



Cascade United Methodist Church of Deerwood will be serving their annual Harvest Supper on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the church located on Hwy 6/210. The menu consists of meatballs w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, seasonal vegetables and dessert. All are welcome to attend this fall celebration of the harvest. A free will offering will be accepted for the meal. Proceeds are used for the local missions of the church.

READER RIBBETS

Health and freedom in Minnesota

I went to the presentation "EXPOSING INJUSTICE - Empowering Parental Rights & Health Freedom in Minnesota" with Attorney Aaron Siri on Sept. 10. Aaron Siri sued the CDC and WON and continues to do so with his team of 60 attorneys.

A HUGE Shout out and THANKS to Mark Bee (maskoffmn.org) Wayne Rhode (author The Vaccine Court) Patti Carroll (Vaccine Safety Council of Minnesota) for what they did to put together this wonderful presentation here in Minnesota.

Aaron spoke on our rights as Minnesotans and presented facts that many may not know about. Two things really stick out to me.

#1 the number of "required" vaccines in 1962 was FIVE doses. The current (2023) list of

doses for children up to age 18 is now SEVENTY-TWO.

#2 Who is responsible for vaccine safety? Answer: FDA, CDC, HRSA and the NIH, the same people/organizations that hand out the vaccines and they have "substantial ties to the pharmaceutical industry"

I am so proud to be part of this tribe that is helping to educate others on the truth the CDC & WHO try so desperately to keep from us.

"Mandates are the tool of bullies, criminals, and dictators. If a patient refuses a medical product after being conveyed its benefits and risks, then that is called informed consent. They were informed and did not consent. Mandating over this objection is immoral and illiberal." Aaron Siri

Coming up Sept 30, Global Health Freedom Summit in

Alexandria ~ another must see, it will be available to view WORLDWIDE. Visit wellness-myway.org

Last year Dr. Peter McCullough shared a memory from Bobby Kennedy when he said "The Kennedy's were taught as kids there was no greater honor than to be alive at the time of a great controversy, and to play a role in the resolution of the crisis."

Closer to home, on October 7 in Deerwood, Sheriff Richard Mack, founder of CSPOA (Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association). Teaches in regards to the authority and responsibility that exists under our US Constitution. Visit csboa.org

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MLEC's new facility groundbreaking



Groundbreaking with (left to right) Sarah Cron, Aileen DeMenge, Don Appel, Bruce Robinson, Mark Anderson, Derik Midthun, Mike Reem, and Harold Harms.

MLEC leadership along with other integral members of McGough Construction, Architectural Resources Inc., and Tegra Group gathered to celebrate the beginning of Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative's new facility project.

Located near the junction of Highways 169 and 18, the new site is positioned to more effectively and efficiently serve MLEC members. Since its creation in 1939, MLEC has evolved into critical infrastructure, serving more

members with more offerings in a more connected world.

"Growth is good, but it had constrained our existing facility's ability to serve MLEC's expanding business needs," said Sarah Cron, CEO of MLEC. "This new facility positions MLEC for success in its next 80 years."

Cron said this long-term investment will help MLEC more competitively meet the needs of community members in Aitkin, Crow Wing, and Mille Lacs counties for affordable energy, efficiency services and high-speed Internet.

The estimated \$16 million project will replace the current MLEC facility, located one mile east of Aitkin. It is expected to be complete in the fall of 2024.

"What's best for our members guides our strategic decisions," said Harold Harms, board president of MLEC.

"Our needs have evolved since the 1960s. However, our communities and members will remain at the center of the project and our future goals. The building will be a gathering place that will serve our communities for years to come. The time is right for Mille Lacs Energy to make this change and step into our next era of growth."

For more information and updates throughout the construction process, visit mlecmm.net/TheNext80Years and read The Outlet newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call the MLEC office at 218-927-2191. scron@mlecmm.com

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Healthy land/lake expo

Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group will present Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Expo on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Area residents, property owners, and visitors are all invited to learn how they can help preserve the water quality at the free event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McQuoid's Inn, 1325 Highway 47 North, Isle.

This year's Expo includes a free lunch at noon from Smokin' Mortars BBQ & Meat Market. The lunch will be accompanied by a presentation about aquatic invasive species by AIS detector Tom Hubbard.

The public may stop by for some or all of the activities. Advance registration is not required.

From 10 a.m. to noon attendees may:

- Bring in mystery plants that are growing on their land. We'll give them our best shot at identification and advise whether they're friends or thugs. We'll also provide tips on native plantings that will support pollinators and other wildlife.
- Exchange lead-containing sinkers and lures for free samples (while supplies last) of tackle made with modern materials. Lead tackle is deadly for loons and other wildlife, and it is toxic to handle, especially for children. We'll see that the lead brought in is safely disposed.
- Explore the Keep It Clean Wheelhouse, fresh from the

state fair. Attendees will learn how to be "Nice to the Ice" and find out about new regulations that will help reduce the polluting waste left on our lakes in winter.

From noon to 2 p.m. visitors may:

- Enjoy a free lunch at noon and learn about the presence and management of invasive species in our waters. Presenter Tom Hubbard is an AIS detector trained by the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center.
- Sign up to win one of ten birdhouses made by Isle woodworking students.
- Attend a short MLLWMG meeting after lunch including an informal conversation about land stewardship and a sharing of personal experiences among those present.

This will be an especially valuable opportunity for anyone interested in making their property more inviting to native flora and fauna. Visit <https://MilleLacsWatershed.org> for further details about the Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Expo.

The Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group helps area landowners manage their property in ways that support the water quality of Mille Lacs Lake and nearby waters. Formed in 1997, the group connects interested citizens with local and state agency experts and resources, provides educational materials, and inspires simple actions that can have a positive impact.

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