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## Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort kicks off renovation project



Out with the old



In with the new

swimming pools will open to the public in June of 2024. Hibert's, the new bar, is targeted to be completed in time for the resort's annual Oktoberfest celebration in October of 2024.

"Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort is as a one-of-a-kind vacation destination. We are excited to build on that legacy with this project and provide guests even more of what they love about Ruttger's," said Howard Anderson, incoming CEO of Odyssey Resorts. "The cabins, swimming pools and new bar will fit seamlessly into the property and create even more fun family vacation memories for

our guests. It is going to be a great summer at Ruttger's."

Odyssey Resorts added Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort to its portfolio in 2023.

In addition to Ruttger's, Odyssey Resorts manages and operates East Bay Suites in Grand Marais, Caribou Highlands Lodge in Lutsen, Lutsen Sea Villas in Lutsen, the Mountain Inn at Lutsen in Lutsen, Breezy Point Cabins on Lake Superior in Two Harbors, Grand Superior Lodge in Two Harbors, Larsmont Cottages in Two Harbors and Beacon Pointe on Lake Superior Resort in Duluth.

To learn more, visit [OdysseyResorts.com](http://OdysseyResorts.com).



The recent renovation of Ruby's Dining Room windows and exterior façade, still showcase the beautiful view of Bay Lake.



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Odyssey Resorts, Minnesota's largest resort property developer, announced the details of an exciting construction project that will add new guest lodging and recreation opportunities to the historic Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort in Deerwood.

The project was carefully

planned to complement and enhance the classic resort that guests have known and loved for generations in the heart of the Brainerd Lakes area. Ruttger's is replacing several of the lakeside cabins, remodeling the resort's outdoor pools and creating a new bar. With the enhance-

ments, guests will experience updated lodging, more food and beverage offerings and additional recreation options.

Odyssey partnered with Baxter-based Nor-Son Construction on this project.

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On Wednesday, March 20, Mille Lacs Energy welcomed local first responders to learn more about electrical safety. MLEC staff presented various safety topics, including solar panels, electric vehicles,

backup generators, powerline vehicle accidents, and more. Attendees also saw an interactive safety demonstration by STAR Energy Services. There were approximately 70 people in attendance.

MLEC's goal is to keep our community safe. By offering this important training, we hope to help our first responders mitigate the hazards involved with electrical incidents.

# SKYWARN weather spotter training

Be a trained storm tracker. Two free SKYWARN weather spotter classes will be offered on Friday, April 19 from 3 p.m. -5: .m. and a second class from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service in Duluth will host the class. These sessions have been rescheduled from canceled training on March 26 due to a snowstorm.

The class will train and recruit volunteer weather spotters across our region. Learn storm spotting from the meteorologists who issue warnings in our community. The class helps participants understand the difference between a watch and warning, how thunderstorms can produce tornadoes, why a storm rotates and more.

a SKYWARN class to become an official trained weather spotter.

The class will be in the lower level of the Crow Wing County Land Services Building in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 at 322 Laurel Street in Brainerd. SKYWARN is part of the National Weather Service's warning program to establish a network of volunteers trained in the detection and reporting of life-threatening storms. No registration is required. NWS-SkywarnProgram

For those who are unable to attend on April 19, there will be another class offered in Cass County on April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Pine River School, 810 1st St N Pine River2.

Since the program began in the 1970's, the information provided by SKYWARN spotters has helped the NWS issue timely and accurate warnings to protect lives and property. Anyone with interest in weather is invited to attend

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(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, April 6, 13, and April 20, 2024)

**LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 to discuss matters that may come before the board and to continue the Board of Audit meeting that was tabled on March 12, 2024. The April 23 meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Contact Jane Jewett, clerk, at willowsedge.janesfarm@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

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# OBITUARIES

## MAE HEGLUND



Mae Elizabeth Heglund, 97, of Crosby died Monday, March 4, 2024 with her family by her side at her son's home in Ironton.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Cascade United Methodist Church in Deerwood with Rev. Gary Taylor officiating. Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial of the urn will be at the Bay Lake Township Cemetery after the service with a luncheon served at 1 p.m. at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort.

She was born on September 14, 1926 in Crosby to Alexander "Alec" and Myrle (Fuller) Ruttger and during her early years lived with her family at their home at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge.

In her younger years, Mae enjoyed riding horses and working at the horse stables at Ruttger's. She attended and graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School—class of '44, attended the Junior College in Crosby for one year, and completed her B.A. degree in Business and Economics at Grinnell College in Iowa in 1948. She briefly worked as a secretary at the University of Minnesota and then returned back to Bay Lake to work for her family managing the Paul Bunyan Trading Post. In 1956, she married John Arnold Heglund at Ruttger's Lodge. She continued to work at Ruttger's as a Bookkeeper/Payroll Administrator throughout the years. She also filled in as a baker when needed at the resort. To mark the 100th anniversary of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge in 1998, Mae even authored a book "The First 100 Years." Mae was honored for her years of service by having the Auntie M's

Kaffeehaus at Ruttger's named in her honor in 1997. She worked at Ruttger's until 2009 when she retired at the age of 83.

She was a life-long member of the Deerwood and Crosby United Methodist churches and was integral in helping to establish the Cascade United Methodist Church when both the Deerwood and Crosby churches merged. She was the Financial Secretary for both the Crosby and Cascade churches for many years and was also a dedicated member of their choirs. Mae was also a Bay Lake Lioness.

Mae loved animals so any donations in her honor can be made to the Garrison Animal Hospital's "Wild and Free Wildlife Program" at [www.wildandfree.org](http://www.wildandfree.org). To donate, please click on the "donation" button on the main webpage and indicate that it is a memorial is for Mae Heglund and type in the donation addressee email address as [ljheglund@msn.com](mailto:ljheglund@msn.com). Or a check can be mailed to Wild and Free Wildlife Program, P.O. Box 241, Garrison, MN 56450. Please indicate on the check that the donation is made in memory of Mae Heglund.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Laura Heglund, Ironton; daughter, Laura Heglund, Plymouth; two grandsons and granddaughter-in-law: Adam and Lacy Heglund, Little Falls and Alex Heglund, Royalton; great-granddaughter, Janie Heglund; brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Ann Ruttger, Brainerd; sister, Jane Bobich, Grand Rapids; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, John Arnold Heglund in 1990.

Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to [www.koopfuneralhome.com](http://www.koopfuneralhome.com).

## GREGORY KOSBAU



Gregory Wallace Kosbau, 57, of Palisade and Blackduck, died on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

A celebration of Greg's life will be scheduled in the summer.

He was born June 15 of 1966 in Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada.



From the age of 3, Greg lived in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba with his foster family, Irene and Walter Talpash and siblings: Boris, Harry, Sonia, and Daria, all of whom he

loved and remained in contact with throughout his lifetime. In 1974, Greg (along with sister Tammy) was adopted by Betty and Harold Kosbau and siblings Hal and Cathie of Grand Rapids. Greg loved growing up with his new family in Grand Rapids as well as living and working on the Kosbau Brothers wild rice farm near Aitkin. Greg enjoyed school and was an exceptional student who excelled in all subjects, especially math. He was quick to learn and often helped others by tutoring. He loved spending time with his dad, brother, and Uncle Franklin Kosbau on the farm, and enjoyed working on equipment and learning mechanics. Greg's hobbies when he was young included working on model cars and planes, creating his own versions of models by adding spare parts gathered from previous projects and pens and other little objects he would find. For several years Greg had dreams of becoming an architect and his parents supported him by giving a full set of architectural tools including a drafting table. He would spend his free time drafting plans for office buildings and homes. After graduating from Grand Rapids Senior High School in 1984, Greg attended both Itasca Community College and Bemidji State University before joining the US Air Force in 1987. He was stationed at Loring Air Force base in Maine. Greg worked on both generators and the arresting barriers on the tarmacs. In his spare time he continued to hone his skills of working on engines and vehicles of all kinds. After the death of his brother Hal, Greg left the Air Force with an Honorable Discharge to return home to help on the family farm. In 1990, Greg met the love of his life, Susan Lowe, and they married in 1991. Susan and Greg started their long and happy life together in Aitkin, eventually also having homes in Blackduck and Palisade. Greg decided to return to college and graduated with his B.S. in

Education from St. Cloud State University in 2003. He held several positions in schools including Kelliher, the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, Cass Lake, and most recently in Walker Hackensack Akeley Public Schools. Along with various subjects, Greg mainly taught industrial technology (shop) classes. He was able to combine his natural talent of teaching with his love of building, creating and fixing. When Greg received his cancer diagnosis, many students, parents, and fellow teachers reached out with words of support and gratitude. After a benefit held at the Walker school, he received many touching tributes including several hundred handwritten cards from those he impacted throughout the years. Students from previous graduating classes would come back to visit Greg and share with him how special he made them feel and what they learned from him about working hard and contributing to the world in a meaningful way. Greg loved to laugh and was a great story teller and gifted public speaker. He was called upon to preach at several churches through the years and at many functions including graduation ceremonies, family weddings and celebrations of life. Not enough can be said about the kind of man that Greg was and his capacity to love and be loved. He was strong in his faith throughout his lifetime and we know for certain that he is with his family in heaven.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 32 years, Susan; children: Jeremy (partner Cryssi Schild-Krause), Kimberly Hanna, Krista Kosbau (partner Dwight Hill), nine grandchildren: Ethan (Maddie) Lehman, Mason Monson, Dawson Monson, Kennedy Monson, Carson Lehman, Joshua Hanna (fiancé Tasha Nelson), Micah Hanna, Makayla Hanna, Nicolas Gravidahl, three great-grandchildren: Aloha, Dean, and TZion; sisters: Cathie (Rob) Dahline, Tammy (John) Rassier; sister-in-law, Judi Kosbau; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and relatives including brother, Michael Demcheson, cousin, James Demcheson, and nephew Jake Andrews.

Greg is preceded in death by his brother, Hal Kosbau; parents, Harold and Betty Kosbau; foster parents, Irene and Walter Talpash; brother, Orrin Andrews; and in-laws, Glenn and Dave Lowe.

Arrangements were with the Sorenson-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### April

4th - Local author Jill Hannah Anderson will be at the Author Talk at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library on her fourth stand alone novel "Closer to Home" at 6 p.m. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event. Anderson will be available to sign books at 5:30 p.m. and after the Author Talk. Please call the library if you will to attend.

8th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning: Campfire in the Basement: Reflections from a Northwoods Lake 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. in the Forum Room of Crosby-Ironton High School. Programs are free for members and \$10 for non-members. For more information about joining, contact Sally Ihne at [sihnecharter.net](mailto:sihnecharter.net) or call 218-829-2544.

11th - Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby Free Movie Night, 5:30 p.m. Popcorn and refreshments are provided, but bring your own blanket for comfort. Call 218-546-8005 for the movie showing or for more information.

12th - The Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library Friends Foundation meeting, 9 a.m. in the library's meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

13th - Lakes Area Homeschool Conference, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Deerwood Auditorium with four Heppners Legacy Workshops: where to start homeschooling; exploring homeschool methods; time and home management while homeschooling and homeschooling throughout high school. The cost for all four workshops is \$25. Workshop tickets may be ordered at <https://calendly.com/cuyunalakesacademy/lakes-area-homeschool-conference?month=2024-04> or for more information visit <https://legacy-homeschool.com/>

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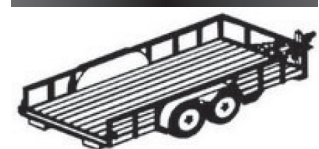
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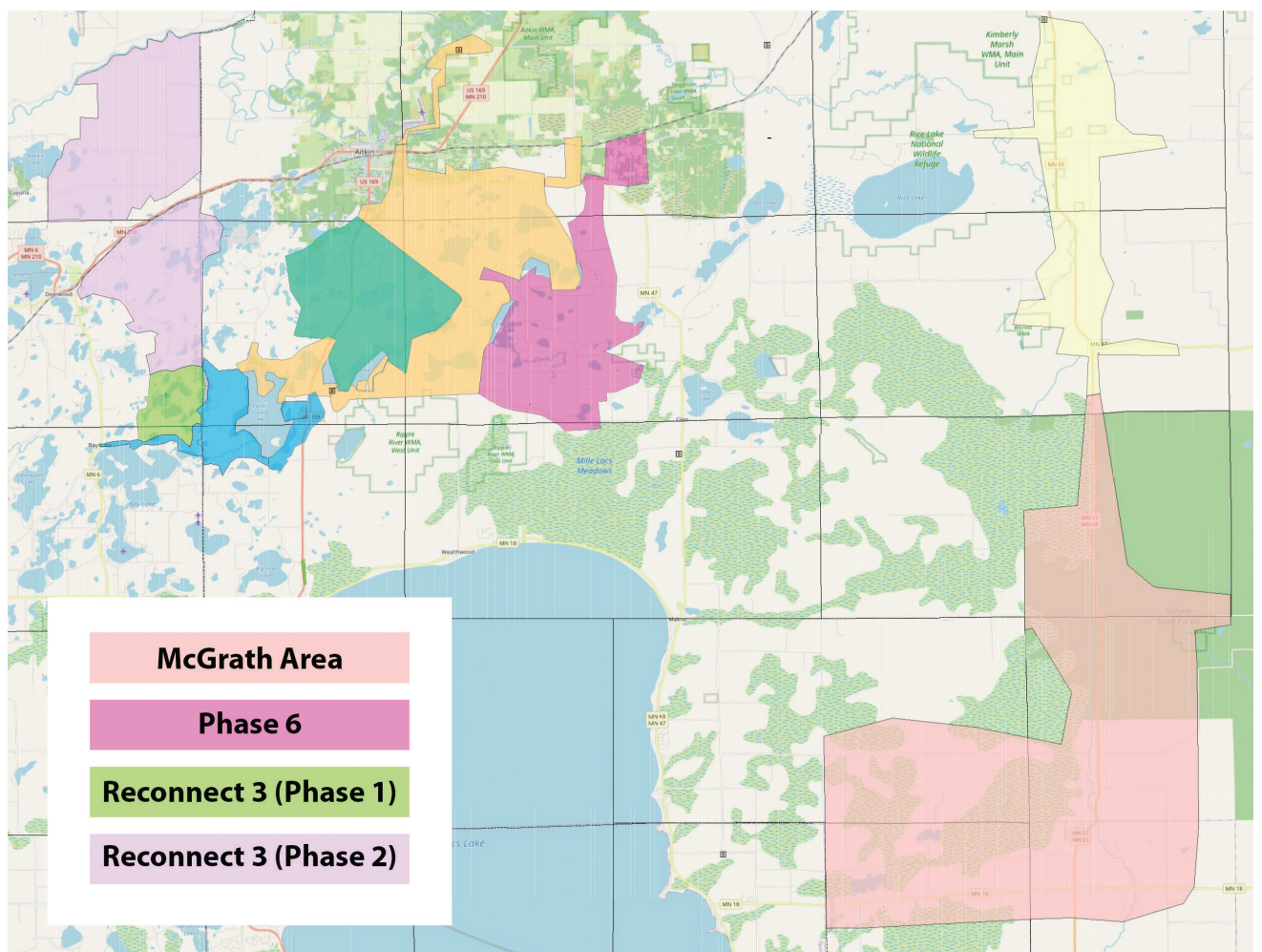
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