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# Aitkin School Board to vote on \$67 million new school April 18 Remodeling, building options mulled over at three-hour meeting March 29

By ANN SCHWARTZ

The Aitkin School Board received a Community Task Force Recommendation on March 29 to build a new \$67.7 million school for grades 5-12.

An alternate recommendation is to remodel and add on to Rippleside Elementary and the Aitkin High School for about \$40 million.

The new school would be built on 60 acres of land, yet to be determined, but within two miles of downtown Aitkin. It would also include areas for community use.

The Community Task Force and the school board, held nearly a three-hour meeting on March 29 in the Aitkin High School auditorium where there was a turnout of 70-100 people. At its last meeting, 21 of 31 task force members attended, and -- at the end of a long meeting -- voted 13-8 to recommend the new school option. If that fails, the remodeling option could be offered in

an election six months later. However, school district voters turned down a proposal for remodeling in January of 2015, and since then, the school board has worked with consultants and the task force to come up with a plan that both it and the voters can support.

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The new grades 5-12 school /community center project would have a tax increase of \$237 on a \$100,000 home; \$778 on a \$250,000 home; \$1,653 on a

\$500,000 home; \$1,705 on a commercial property valued at \$250,000; \$3,057 on a commercial property valued at \$500,000 and \$6,362 on a commercial property valued at \$1 million.

The remodeling option would cost \$136 a year on a \$100,000 home; \$445 on a \$250,000 home and \$945 on a \$500,000 home.

Commercial property valued at \$250,000 would pay \$803 more in taxes; a \$500,000 commercial prop-

erty \$1,748 and a \$1 million property \$3,638.

All the information can be found on the isd1.org website by clicking on the red longrange planning button in the upper left corner. The school board also pledged at its March 29 meeting that those without access to a computer can get written material at the school district office located in the high school.

The tax increase would be

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for 20 years. If the school board votes in favor of holding an election, the referendum question will be put before Aitkin School District voters either in the August 2016 primary election; the November 2016 general election or a special election yet to be determined in 2017.

The tax increase would also apply to seasonal "lake cabin" property.

## Highlights of the March 29 meeting

About 70-100 people attended the special school board meeting on March 29 located in the high school auditorium. The room seemed mostly composed of those in favor of improving school district facilities - school board, task force members.

The meeting, although nearly three hours long, was orderly and civil.

After taking care of a transportation equipment issue, the board turned the meeting over the task force. Board Members Dennis Hasskamp, John Chute, Peter Welshons, Kevin Hoge, Cindi Hills and Jeremy Janzen were all present, with David Burgstaler in contact via computer.

Task force members sat in the front row and were also scattered throughout the audience.

## Highlights of the presentations:

Terry Butenhoff has two children who are AHS graduates working as nurses and one child vet to graduate. Because there was a 10-year gap

in learning. Her youngest daughter does everything on the computer. "I care about the students in the school district," said Butenhoff. She said she's been a school district volunteer for 20 years and will continue to do so even when all her children have graduated.

Kathleen Christy, a present teacher and AHS graduate, noted that enrollment will be dropping over the next 10 years, from 1,175 to 974. She also spoke about a phone survey of 400 residents where 38 percent said they would vote yes to a \$70 million referendum. She referenced 20 community listening sessions that resulted in a list of the 10 greatest school district needs.

Rob Williams, an elementary teacher and parent of three, said: "Regardless of what comes out of this we are a community."

He pointed out that the two buildings are energy-efficient due to upgrades. But a slide on educational adequacy, where each school was evaluated on 17 factors, showed that the high school needed improvement in 16 areas and Rippleside needed improvements in 10 areas (with two areas not applicable at





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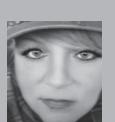
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By Janet Tharpe

Recipe Redo for Your Next Taco Night, Fried Wonton Tacos

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-Janet

# **Fried Wonton Tacos**

**What You Need** 1 lb ground beef 1 pkg taco seasoning

mix 16 wonton wrappers 1 c Mexican blend

shredded cheese 1 large chopped tomato

1/2 c shredded lettuce 1 small onion, diced 1/2 c water

3/4 c canola oil

# **Directions**

- In a skillet, brown hamburger until no longer pink, drain.
- Add taco seasoning and 1/4 cup water. Let simmer.
- Chop all veggies, set aside.
- Fill wonton wrappers 1 can black olives, sliced with 1 Tbsp hamburger, sprinkle with cheese, fold in a triangle.
  - Brush edges of wontons with remaining water (or egg wash) to seal the seams.
- In a medium skillet, warm oil over mediumhigh heat.
- Add wontons. Brown on each side, about 2 minutes.
- Remove from skillet once golden and crispy. Place on paper towels to absorb any grease.
- Add veggie toppings, as you would a taco.
- Serve with refried beans, rice or as an appetizer.

Submitted by: Mindy Sena, Burlington, IA (pop. 25,663) www.justapinch.com/wontontaco

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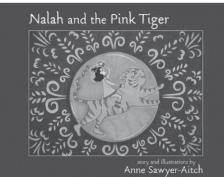


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# Nalah and the Pink Tiger puppet show



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"puppet show will be at the Aitkin Public Library on Friday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. This program is free, open to the public and suited for children pre-K thru Grade 5. It is sponsored by East Central Regional Library and is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

"Nalah and the Pink Tiger" is a book and also a delightful, interactive, original puppet show designed and performed by artist, author and puppeteer, Anne Sawyer-Aitch that will be presented at 11 of East Central Regional Library branches including Aitkin. Sawyer-Aitch has worked with In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater,

Productions, Three Legged Race, Steppingstone Theatre, Artstart, Galumph Interactive Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, and Open Eye Fig-

"Nalah and the Pink Tiger "program is part of the Once Upon a Reader program. Once Upon a Reader, entering its second

one-book program designed for pre-K children and their families. The focus of the program is to promote Minnesota children's literature and authors and encourage families to talk, sing, read, write, and play together - five important practices that build early literacy skills. The book chosen for this year's program is Ten Pigs: an Epic

Barebones Bath Adventure by Minnesota author and illustrator, Derek Anderson.

All East Central Regional Library branches will also be offering the Ten Pigs: an Epic Scavenger hunt contest and Ten Bubbles: an epic early literacy adventure during March and April for children ages 0-6. Check with your local ECRL branch for the dates of each contest. Help us celebrate the Once Upon a Reader by attending the puppet show and participating in these activities at your local ECRL branch.





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# **ETHEL ROSE**



died Thursday, March 17, 2016.

At the family's request, no services were held.

She was born January 21, 1916, to Lewis Tobias Simonson and Lene Oltina

(Gabrielson) Simonson. She grew up in Mc-Grath, along with her nine brothers and three sisters, all of whom are deceased. She married her childhood sweetheart, Merton Clayton Rose, on August 22, 1936. They resided in California for several years before returning to Minnesota, to try their hand at farming. In

Ethel Selina Rose, 100, 1947, they returned to California. In 1977, they retired to Silverton, OR. They were married 62 years until Merton's death on April 5, 1999. Ethel returned to California where she lived for 13 years prior to moving back to Silverton in 2014.

> She is survived by her six children: Joan Carol Rose, Aurora, CO; Judy Grubaugh, Fullerton, CA; Donna Moberg, Hibbing; Charles L. Rose, Silverton, OR; Susan Campbell, Athens, OH; and Lewis C. Rose, Anaheim, CA; 16 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Arrangements were provided by the Unger Funeral Chapel, Silverton, OR.

died Monday, April 4, 2016 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, April 7, 2016 at St. James Catholic Church with Fr. David Forsman officiating. Burial was in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

She was born July 24, 1927 at Lima, WI to Leo and Helen (Komro) Bauer. She attended schools at Durand, WI. She worked as a cook at a café in Durand. She married Stanley H. Johnson on April 21, 1967 at Millbank, SD. They made their home in St. Paul and she worked as a cook and bartender at the Esguire in St. Paul. They moved to the Aitkin area in 1971 and she worked at Carlsona and the Aitkin Moose Club. She has resided at the Aitkin Manor for the past three years. Her first Husband Stanley died in 1991. She married Donald Kalinowski on May 4, 1996

Florence Christina Kalinowsk, 88, of Aitkin in Aitkin. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church and the Aitkin Moose Club. She enjoyed playing cards.

**FLORENCE KALINOWSKI** 

She is survived by her daughter and sonin-law, Lynn and Todd Sisson, Frazee; son, Gary Johnson, Aitkin; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law: Mary Kay and James Hancock, Minneapolis; Carol Kalinowski and Edward Robinson, Virginia State; Karen and Wally Hansen, Minneapolis, daughter-in-law: Donette Kalinowski, Chicago, IL and son-in-law: Earl Smithson, Aitkin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands Stanley in 1991 and Donald in 2015 and daughter-in-law, Patricia Smithson.

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SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45 Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible

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Aitkin — Westside, Pastor D. Smith; Worship 10; Bible Life group 11:11; aitkinwestside.org.

Brainerd — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673, Worship 11, SS 9:45. Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-

562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 9:30. Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45;

Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm

Deerwood\* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.

Glory — 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed. 6 pm Glory Family night, Kids' Club age 4-6, MAD4Christ

Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.

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Opstead - Pastor P. Johnson; 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

# **CATHOLIC**

Aitkin — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am.

Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.

Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.

Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.

Crosby - St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30

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218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am. Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat.

5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483 Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581;

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Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 Grand Rapids - Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Rob-

ert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30: Wed. BS 6:30 pm Jacobson Community Church (the little white church in

Jacobson). Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm

Kimberly - Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30: 218-927-6256. McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship

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Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536. Merrifield — Ossipee Community, Pastor Benjamin Peterson; SS 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study

Prayer, 7:30 p.m.  ${\bf Nisswa-Christ\ Community\ Church,\ Pastor\ Dave\ Uhrich;}$ Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10

Outing - Narrows Community Church, (non-demoninational), Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-820-5365 Worship 11; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm Clothes Closet 8 am - noon, second and fourth Saturday

Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible

Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

# **CONGREGATIONAL** Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun.10; Comm. 1st

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month 9:30-5 pm. Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker;

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Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church-AFLC Affiliated, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, 218-824-3052, Worship at 10 am. Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday's. Wednesday 7pm. Bible Study. Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James

Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st

Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910 Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellow-

ship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.

Crosslake - Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Glen Bickford; Wor-

ship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 10 am. Giese Immanuel — Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month

- Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Garrison Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor Volkert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

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Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd

Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows. Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 pm; Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.

McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11. McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship

9: SS 9. McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship

follows, SS 10. McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue.

Outing — Our Saviors ELCA: Pastor Michael Gustafson. Worship 9.

Palisade\* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed . School classes 4:15 p.m. Pequot Lakes-Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Rev.

Donna M. Olsen, Worship 8 & 10; SS 10; Wed. Worship 5:45 pm; Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm. Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.

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McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; No Sunday Service Worship Sat. 5 pm.

Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11. Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.

# **SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 218-927-4107

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9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.

Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.

Cutler - Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Wor-Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9

Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible. Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship

10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible. Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10 McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.

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Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS). Pastor Jon Rusnak; Worship 10 with communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Jean Megorden;

Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.

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# COMMUNITY EV

**Ongoing Events:** 

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-2651 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am, Friday Night Grape Vine 6:30 pm.

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

Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.

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!

American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. "Ask an Attorney", Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 2nd Tue. of month at noon.

Bay Lake Area Lions are currently collecting items for their upcoming June 13 auction. If you have non-rummage items, please call 218-678-9090 to arrange a pick-up or drop-off. Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets

the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646. Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in

the Weslayson Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295 Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group, meets first Wed., 1-2 pm, Aicota Rehab Center, Aitkin & 3rd Tue., 3-4 pm, DAC, McGregor. 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 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting. Meet in member's homes. Info call Vern 320-684-2244 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Closet is open second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8 am - noon. Free clothing for men and women. Narrows Community Church, 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing (look for yellow signs). Call Pastor Stanley Mikles at 218-820-5365 for more information.

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 Cuyuna Range Community Center, lower level.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids. Dance at Waukenabo the second and last

Wednesday of the month.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 5:30pm social, 6:00 pm dinner/ meeting, at the Heartwood Senior Living. Call 218-831-5683, if you need more information or would like to join our club. Lions affordable hearings aids availalible to those who qualifiy. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.

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: Community Food Shelf 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.

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Food Shelf: Garrison Area Community Food Shelf open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Gamblers Anonymous meets each Mon., 7 pm, First Lutheran Church, Aitkin, for info call 218-393-0935.

Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4. Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23,

Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, every Thu., 1 pm, 210 2nd St. NW, suite A, Aitkin, 927-3748.

Ironton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Tue., 4 weigh-in, 9-9:30 a.m. Meeting 9:30-10:30 a.m.. at Immanual Lutheran Church Crosby Men & women invited. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

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.

Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

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 served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the Third Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30

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.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & Auqust 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 September through May and 2nd Tuesday in June and 4th Tuesday in August at 7:30 PM above the Eye Care Center in Aitkin; dark July, January & February.

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.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 pm; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

RSVP Bone Builders Tue. & Thu from 10-11 am First Lutheran Church, Aitkin;11:30 a.m. to 12:30 at Black Rock Terrace. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments. For info call Kathy at 218-546-5486.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance , First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

April

Chris Dotzler Benefit, Aitkin Moose Lodge, silent auction & raffles begin at 2 pm, spaghetti dinner 5-7:30 pm, Ben's Hot Country Karaoke 8 pm. Dotzler was diagnosed with degenerative disc disease. After four back surgeries, severe scar tissue has formed leaving him with no feeling in his hands and below the knees. He has had severe infections which have caused him to lose toes on both feet and the little finger on his right hand. Dotzler cannot walk far and gets around in a wheelchair.



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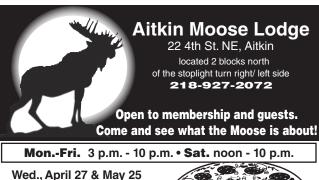


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TRACTORS: Ford 555A Loader/ Backhoe w/ Extend-a-hoe, excellent condition, Ford 8N Tractor with brush mower & back blade, 1954 Ford Jubilee excellent condition FARM IMPLEMENTS & RELATED: Grain Drill 8 ft Hydraulic 3 bottom plow (trailer style) Sickle mower, Two bottom plow, Field Cultivator 8 ft., Collectible dump rake VEHICLE: 1994 Cadillac Seville 134,000 miles, 2 door, leather, power, (very good condition) BOATING RELATED: 2000 Lund Rebel 1650V w/40 HP Evinrude 4 stroke (2001) on good karayan trailer (water ready), 1980 Lowe 14 ft, aluminum boat w/ 9.9 Evinrude on good trailer Numerous collectible outboards names like Johnson, Evinrude, Sea King & others, ATV'S. 1989 Yamaha Pro Hauler 4 wheeler w/utility box (excellent condition), older Yamaha 3 wheeler CAMPING PACKAGE: 1993 Coachman Catalina 27 ft. travel trailer, 1976 Javco 22 ft travel trailer LAWN & GARDEN: Yardman lawn tractor 22 HP Kohler engine 46 in deck (83 hrs), Cub Cadet 682 riding lawn mower, Murray 13 HP 40 in. cut riding lawn mower, Yard Machine 14 HP 38 in. cut riding lawn mower, Troy Built rear tine tiller, Troy Built 8 HP Chipper, Husqvarna model 10530 snow blower with electric start body shield & brakes, John Deere 732 Snow blower 7 FIREARMS: names like Ruger, Winchester Remington & Savage GARAGE & SHOP RELATED: Jet band saw w/extra blades (excellen condition), Coleman Powermate air compressor, Porter Cable compound mitre saw SHOF TOOLS: compound mitre saw. Craftsman 15 in. drill press (floor model). Sears 10 in. radia arm saw. Ryobi scroll saw COLLECTIBLES: Hamm's half barrel lighted sign. Hamm's lighted beer sign, Hamm's 3 foot Styrofoam display bear, Early 1940's custom built fish spear (made by Leo Briol, Freeport MN), Collectible Popcorn maker (1920's possibly out Rialto Theatre). Two man saws & others. Collectible 7 UP cooler. Ford wrenches ITEMS OF INTEREST: 500 Plus square bales consisting of natural grasses/clover (will be sold at auction to be picked up off site, some will be on display at auction). Numerous quarter Candy machines. Large Trampoline with sides PLUS SPORTING GOODS, TOOLS HOUSEHOLD RELATED, FURNITURE

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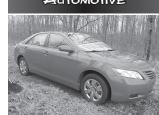


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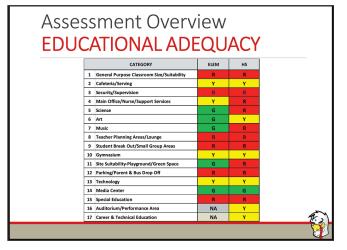
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based on stoplights, with areas colored as red or yellow when deficient and green when up to par. Much talk throughout the evening centered on "turning them all the green."

"At Rippleside we are emptying storage rooms to put people into." Williams said that Rippleside lacked adequate square footage while the high school had adequate square footage but lots of outdated spaces.

He and teacher Scott Miller, who spoke next, talked about how education delivery has changed drastically. With the 21st Century learning models, students work in small groups with teachers providing a "compass" not a "map."

"Ultimately, that's why we need renovation of current buildings or a whole new building," said Miller, a high school social studies teacher with children in the district. "Education has completely changed. "

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ativity are the skills modern-day employers are looking for.

Bob Cummings, a school district parent and insurance agent, was in favor of a remodeling option. "This creates a viable option that is using our current facilities. We felt we need to keep costs down. It turns red to green on the chart."

Secure entrances at both buildings and a safe car and bus drop-off area at Rippleside were task force priorities.

The remodeling option would cost \$40,527,770: about \$12.2 million at Rippleside and \$28.3 million at the high school. It would necessitate removing the varsity baseball field from north of Rippleside to make more space and relocating it and acquiring property adjacent to the high school for expansion there.

"Lots of this is renovating that probably should have been done over the last 30-40 years," summed up Cummings. "It's a good plan, it meets our needs and wants, and it turns the reds into greens. It gains the support of the Task Force and gains the support of the School Board and most importantly, we want a plan that is acceptable to the taxpayers. In the words of Donald Trump: 'Let's make Aitkin High School great again.'"

Brian Leitinger and Henry Palm, both parents of school-age children, made the case for building new.

"A new school is a good-long term solution," said Leitinger. The school would be sited on 60 acres within two miles of town. The old high school would be sold or demolished. The present ball fields and tennis court on the edge of town would be sold for new development.

The new school could consolidate everything and include a community center, athletic space and an auditorium. An elementary wing could be added at a later date. This plan would include an estimated \$9.8 million to remodel Rippleside, a new \$36.9 million school; \$1.95 million for the site; \$1 million for utilities and \$18 million for a community center and auditorium for the grand total of \$67.7 million.

"If we are going to build a new campus, let's do it right the first time." said Leitinger.

# Community Task Force **REMODEL: High School**



He noted that this would be safer for students and gives an opportunity for retired people and everyone in the community to use the school. He highlighted that the dedication of the football field as Veterans' Field last fall brought the whole community together for a school event. Land prices and interest rates are favorable now, it was noted, and a new school will attract families and new businesses.

## **Audience comments**

Many spoke positively about the project when the meeting was opened up to the community. Pros and cons were given on holding the election in conjunction with the primary or general elections. The county will absorb the cost of this election if it is not a stand-alone special election. One man said if he had walked into the Crosby High School first before he came to Aitkin he would have picked Crosby because the school is so much nicer.

Aitkin Street Commissioner Bob Nicko cautioned the board that if they aren't in the city limits it will cost three times the regular rate to hook up to the sewer and three times the regular rate to dump into it. Also, the city council could possibly deny the project if it is located in an area where the city doesn't have the capacity to take the utilities on.

"How much can downtown cover for taxes, how much can new families afford? Think about that before you make a decision," said Nicko.

The school board will vote on April 18. In the meantime, more defined information on possible sites will be pinned down.

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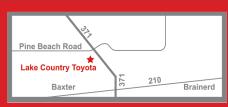








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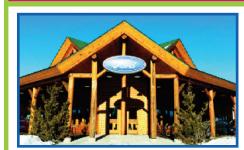
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