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Vote on Aitkin School \$68.5 million referendum August 9 School board has already approved purchase of 221 acres for \$750,000

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Bernie Novak, Aitkin superintendent of schools, is urging people to vote next Tuesday, August 9, on building a new grades 5-12 school in Aitkin and remodeling Rippleside Elementary. "But I'm not going to tell them to vote yes or no," said Novak in an interview. "I'm asking that they get the facts and vote their heart."

Voters may go on the school district website <http://home.isd1.org>, under the red tab for August 9 referendum information, contact school board members (Dennis Hasskamp, 218-927-3571; David Burgstaler, 218-670-0315; Peter

Welshons, 218-927-4335; Kevin Hoge, 218-549-3337; John Chute, 218-927-3987; Cindi Hills, 218-831-6344 and Jeremy Janzen, 218-927-7999). Or call the district office at 218-927-2115 to get information. Tours of the high school and Rippleside Elementary will also

be offered. The board voted to spend \$750,000 to buy 221 acres in Aitkin Township, a farm owned by Gary and Mary Lindgren. It is on Sixth Avenue Southeast about a mile south of Hwy. 47 along Sixth Avenue. The purchase of this land for future use is approved whether or not the referendum passes next week.

en to fix the present school facilities which are older and need upgrades. "We'll probably reconvene the Community Task Force and see what our options are to upgrade the buildings."

Answers to frequently-asked questions

According to the district's website, the \$68.5 million bond referendum would replace the current grades 7-12 high school with a 5-12 grade building on the new land and remodel Rippleside Elementary to a preK-grade 4 school. Due to retiring debt on recent construction bonds, the new amount would be \$18.75 per month on a \$100,000 home. Goals that would be met

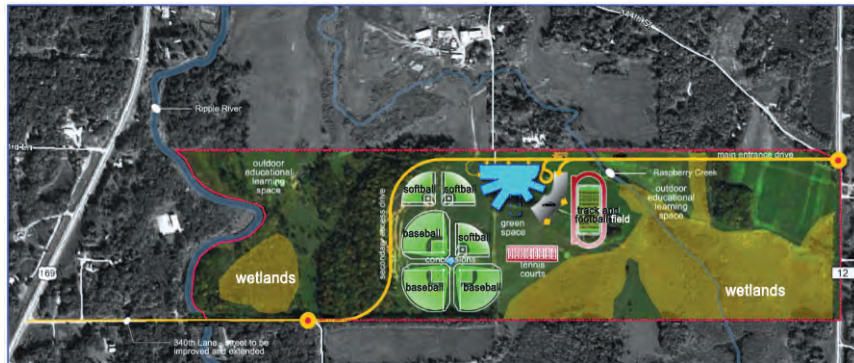
include healthier buildings, safer properties with better traffic flow and secure building entrances, full compliance with state building codes, more efficient operations and more flexibility to meet student and staff needs.

A Community Task Force, formed by inviting some folks and other volunteers, made this recommendation on March 29, 2016.

Although the district has been going through a facilities evaluation process for many years, it says that now is the time when interest rates are low and before construction costs -- still lower than before the recession -- go up. And there are immediate needs at the high school.

Although the buildings

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Paintings, drawings, collage featured in show at Bay Lake area gallery



"Moon Glow" mixed media painting by Sartell artist Judith Bergerson.

A lifelong fascination with shapes, textures, contrasts and relationships drives the work of Sartell, MN, artist Judith Bergerson, who relishes the process of making art. Her acrylic paintings, drawings and mixed media work will be featured at Ripple River Gallery in a new exhibit which opens August 17 and continues through September 18.

The public is invited to meet the artist at an opening

reception on Saturday, August 20 from 2 to 4 p.m.

"Whether I'm looking at a landscape, a city, or a bowl of fruit, it's the interaction among the forms that I find most exciting," Bergerson said. "My work is about the search for order, balance, and beauty, whether it be seeking to discover and reveal an underlying logic and order in the world around me, or creating a balanced but exciting new

reality."

Bergerson added that each piece, whether it be a painting, drawing or collage, is an exploration, and she is often surprised by the results. "I usually begin a piece with a vague idea or concept and then just follow it as it develops." Much of her work is mixed media, which allows each piece to develop freely. "Rarely does the finished piece conform to my original idea, which, to me, lends excitement to the work."

Each new piece is an entity

in and of itself, the result of the process of exploration. "I am fascinated by the fact that I can bring forth images and relationships that have never before existed." Bergerson says she hopes those who view her work involve their imaginations and contemplate the forms, surfaces, colors and textures of the piece, and then observe and consider those elements in their own surroundings.

Judith Bergerson holds a degree in Fine Art from St. Olaf

College in Northfield, MN, with additional work at The California College of Arts and Crafts, St. Cloud State University, Dominican College of San Rafael, and C.W. Post College of Long Island University. In addition she has participated in numerous workshops with nationally known artists. She has taught art in the public schools as well as in a variety of private classrooms and workshops.

Ripple River Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday

through Saturday; and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays (other times by chance or appointment). The gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail ripplevergallery@gmail.com.

Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Golf tournament winners

A total of \$9,625 was raised to promote area businesses, tourism and economic growth at the Cuyuna Lakes

Chamber of Commerce's 16th Annual Golf Tournament held at Cuyuna Rolling Hills on July 13.



2nd Place team – Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge: Dale Lundgren, Dan Fanth, Dave Sadlowsky, Tim Hill



1st Place Team – Coach's and Oberg Fence: Mike Bodle, Jason Steinke, Curt Bordwell, Steve Perpich



3rd Place Team – Christenson Agency: Erik Christenson, Ryan Kramer, Mikael Christenson, Adam Bartel (not pictured)

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Twenty-one teams participated and generously donated to raffles and contests. First place winners were Coach's/Oberg Fence Team of Jason Steinke, Curt Bordwell, Mike Bodle, and Steve Perpich. The second place winning team of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge included Dave Sadlowsky, Dale Lundgren, Tim Hill, and Dan Fanth. The Christenson Agency won third place with its team of Erik Christenson, Mikael Christenson, Adam Bartel, and Ryan Kramer. The Best Dressed was Mixed Company's team of Johnna Johnson, Ann Flaws, Theresa Lashyro, and Mike Patras.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ongoing Events:

AA- Aitkin - Meeting closed Wednesday 3 pm Aitkin Alano Club

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 St.

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.

Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm "Ask an Attorney," Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 2nd Tue. of month at noon.

Bay Lake Lions Auction - Taking donations every Saturday thru July 30th from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at the Bay Lake Lions building located at 18257 State Hwy 6 for the auction on August 6. If you have larger items that need pickup please call 218-678-9090.

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 Wesleyan 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.

Clothes 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 (follow yellow signs). Call Pastor Stanley Mikles at 218-820-5365 for more info.

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 available to those who qualify. 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.

Food Shelf: Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

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.

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, Mora.

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.

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 - 6:00 pm.

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.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August 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, Intercosy prayer Wed 6-7 pm; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

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

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. 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.

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

TOPS Aitkin (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

TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanual Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 5:45 pm at the Sno-Serpents building in Deerwood at 24197 Mohs St (next to the Deer Stand restaurant). Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.

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

August

2nd- Comic Magician Jerry Frasier Closes Out Read for the Win Library Program at the Aitkin Public Library at 10 am. SPACE IS LIMITED...free tickets may be picked up BEFORE the program. You MUST have a ticket to attend the event.

2nd -6th - Crow Wing County Fair

3rd - Cuyuna Rolling Hills Ladies Golf Association 9 hole Rally For The Cure and 9 hole Memorial Tournament There is a \$20 registration fee for the Rally event. Call Sandy 218-546-6506 or Edie 218-927-2168 to register

5th -7th - Riverboat Heritage Days in Aitkin

6th - Brainerd Jaycees Big Bill\$ Lil' Rubber Duckie Race, Laurel Street Bridge at 1 pm. to raise funds for youth sports in the Brainerd Lakes Area. Duckies are available for purchase at area outlets for \$5.00 and the first 30 duckies to cross the finish line are worth \$10,000 in cash and prizes. 6th- Bay Lake Lions Auction at the Bay Lake Lions building located at 18257 State Hwy 6.

9th - Unlimited Learning: What's in You Water? Preserving Water Resources, 1:30-3:30 pm, Heartwood Senior Living Community, 500 Heartwood Drive, Crosby, non-members welcome \$5. For more info, call Karen Wilson 651-270-1778

12th - Sons of Norway Tusenvann Lodge #1-659 Meeting and Potluck Picnic at 6:30 pm at the home of Becky & Gary Heimark 33683- Dove St. (City,Rd.17) Aitkin, MN. 56431. Bring a dish to share and a folding chair.

If you have questions call Gary Heimark at 1-218-927-6557, Candice at 1-320-983-2886 or Bill at 1-320-679-2380.
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OBITUARIES

PAUL HENDRICKSON



Paul Jerome Hendrickson, 54, of Crosby died on Monday, July 25, 2016 as a result of a heart attack. A Memorial Gathering was held on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at the Deerwood Town Hall, Deerwood. He was born in Crosby to Carl (Fritz) and Mary Lou (Girtz) Hendrickson. He is survived by his son, Joseph Hendrickson, Byron, MN; daughters: Rachel Leestamper, McAllen, TX; Eva Jarvela and Logan Jarvela both of Crosby; three grandchildren; brothers and sister-in-law: Michael and Darlene Hendrickson, Ironton and Jim Hendrickson, Crosby; sisters and brothers-in-law: Mary and Jim Pryor, Brainerd and Susan and Kevin DeCent, Crosby.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

ROBYN KLUN-PETSCHEN

Robyn Klun-Petschen, 56, of North St. Paul formerly of Crosby died on Sunday, July 17, 2016 at her home. Graveside services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. She was born on March 1, 1960 in Crosby to Frank and Shirley Klun.

She is survived by her husband of 23 years, Bruce; sons and daughters-in-law: Joshua and Leanna Klun; and Jeremiah and Stephanie Klun; sister and brother-in-law, Marylee and Gary Kullhem; three brothers: Greg Klun, Jeff Klun and Richard Klun; seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

DEANNA CROOKS



Deanna Ruth Crooks, 71, of Cuyuna died on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at the St. Cloud Hospital. A memorial gathering was held on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. She was born on June 29, 1945 in Brainerd to Harold and Ethel (Poschke) Rathvon. Deanna married Randall Crooks on July 10, 1965 in Crosby.

She is survived by her husband Randy; son and daughter-in-law, Bradley and Jennifer Crooks, Stillwater; daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Jason Day, Stillwater; four grandchildren: Sierra Day-Wallace, Rilee Day, Mason Day and Kayla Crooks. She was preceded in death by her parents. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

STEPHEN OLSON



Stephen O. Olson, 44, of Aitkin died Monday, August 1, 2016 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin. Funeral service will be held Thursday, August 4, 2016 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Reverend David Becker officiating. Burial was in Bennetville Cemetery. He was born April 17, 1972 in Coon Rapids to Oscar and Marie (Perkkio) Olson. He graduated in 1990 from St. Francis High School and worked in sales and contracting. Stephen

was very outgoing, kind to everybody, and had many friends. He was a loving uncle and loved his son Ethan. He was preceded in death by his grandparents. He is survived by his parents; son, Ethan; former spouse and longtime friend, Kari Lynn Olson; brothers and sister-in-law: Joel and Glenn Olson; and Mark Olson; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.



Launa M. Pietz, 43, of Aitkin died Thursday, July 28, 2016 at Brainerd. A gathering of family and friends was held Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. She was born June 10, 1973 at Wadena, Minnesota to August and Charlene (Amo) Pietz. She attended schools in Isle, Onamia and Elk River, where she graduated from High School in 1991. In 2000, she attended Veterinarian Tech School. She moved to Aitkin in 1991 and had worked at the Holiday Gas Station, Paulbeck's Grocery Store, Freedom Gas Station, Northern Promotions and Nor-Tek Systems. She loved animals, fishing, motorcycle riding, cross stitching, watching football and most

any sports. She also enjoyed watching her children bowl and thoroughly loved being a grandmother. She is survived by her children: Jade A. Carlson and fiancé James Llaguno, Alexandria; Trevon Pietz, Aitkin; grandchild, Harmony Diaz; mother, Charlene Amo of Ogilvie; stepparents, David and Carol Conway, Aitkin; brothers and sisters: Danielle Cheney, Andover; Dallas Stoeckman, Andover; Shane Slater, Big Lake; Ada Pietz, Motley; Matthew Pietz, Rapid City, SD, two nieces and five nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents; grandchild, Skyler and one sister Jennifer. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

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Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.
McGregor/Big Sandy — Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10 Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino;Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; SS 9; Worship 9:30; Wed. 7 p.m.
Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45
Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 pm.
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726
- BAPTIST**
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 — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 6 pm Glory Family night, Kids' Club age 4-6, MAD4Christ grades 7-12.
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
Opstead — 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.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstemily.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. Dale Nau, Mass: Sun 8:30.
Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.; Sat. 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)
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; Mass Sun. 10
McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Larson , Mass: Sun. 11 am.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland
- Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; Sacrament Mtg. 10 , SS 11;10 Priesthood/Relief Society noon
- COMMUNITY**
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert 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 10; 43242 Hwy. 65 N, 2 mi. N of Hwy. 210 on Hwy. 65. Pastor Joel Seibel.
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
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; 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 Sun; Council Mtg.2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.
- EPISCOPAL**
Aitkin — St. John's, Rev. Karl E. Bell, Holy Communion Service 9
- EVANGELICAL FREE**
Crosby — Lifespring Church, 9:30, 30 Hallet Ave NE 218-545-5433, visitlifespring.com
Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake.net
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston;Worship 9; SS 10:15;Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm
Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10;Worship 10:15; Young Families Fellowship 2nd and last Fri. of month, 5 pm
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30;Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.
- HEBREW/MESSIANIC**
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804
- LUTHERAN**
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Cindy Gray;Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
Aitkin — First* Pastors Darrell Pedersen, Melissa Carmack & Bob Munneke; worship Sun. 9;Wed. 6 p.m. at Maria Chapel; Sat.5 p.m.; communion every Sat., and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd and 5th Sun.; nursery staffed. Sunday service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 a.m., Wed. Community meal every Mon., 5:30 p.m.; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each month, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker;Worship Sun. 9, SS 10
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Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.pobpaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
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 - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.llchurch.org)
Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd - Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. - Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct.
Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
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 Fellowship 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;Worship 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 10 am.
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem;Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.
Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS). 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.
Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas;Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor Volkert;Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Jean Megorden;Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz;Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French;Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30;Worship 10:30.
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula;Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10. Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA), 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. 9, Wed. 7 pm
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.
Rossgrub — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte;Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonsom;Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke;Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.
- PENTECOSTAL**
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready;Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Ironton Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut);Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Mishtry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585
- PRESBYTERIAN**
Crosslake — Pastor Kate Stangl;Worship Memorial Day-Labor Day at 9:30;Worship September to May at 10:15 ; Bible Study Wednesdays at 10;14444 Daggett Pine Rd. 218-692-4769
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann;Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley;Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling;Worship 11.
- 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
- UNITED METHODIST**
Aitkin — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 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;Worship 9.
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.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder;Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office:218-546-7656;cell: 218-360-1947
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Minnesota sells \$799 million general obligation bonds for state projects

On Tuesday, August 2, the State of Minnesota sold nearly \$799 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the bonds will fund capital investment projects in the State such as construction of higher education facilities, highway projects,

and economic and redevelopment projects previously authorized by the legislature. The bond sale also included a refunding that refinanced a portion of the state's outstanding debt, saving the State \$40.4 million through fiscal year 2029.

"Today's bond sale stands as an example that investors have confidence in Minnesota's fiscal position. We have a balanced budget, growing reserves, and a healthy surplus. Under Governor Dayton's leadership, Minnesota has taken the necessary steps to

make critical investments throughout the state, while also managing our financing affairs in a prudent manner. As a result, our economy is thriving and the credit markets have responded favorably," said Myron Frans, Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget.

Last week, the credit rating agency Fitch Ratings announced that they upgraded

Minnesota's credit rating to AAA, the highest rating awarded by the firm.

"The interest rates we secured were lower than we had projected. Taxpayers can rest assured that this will mean long term savings for Minnesota," Commissioner Frans said.

The four series of general obligation bonds were sold competitively. The interest

cost on the G.O bond issues ranged from 2.13% to 2.29%. The refunding sale, which refinances a portion of the state's outstanding debt, received an interest rate of 1.57%.

Kutak Rock acted as bond counsel on the transaction and Public Resources Advisory Group was the State's financial advisor for the sale.

Highway 6 north of Crosby reduced to single lane beginning August 8

Motorists on Highway 6 between the Mississippi River bridge, four miles north of Crosby, and Moritz Road, north of Pery Lake, will encounter delays while segments of the road are reduced to a single lane beginning Monday, August 8.

The closures will occur from sunrise to sunset, Mondays through Saturdays, and will be complete by Friday, September 2.

Flaggers and a pilot car will control traffic through the

daily work zones. Motorists approaching each work zone must slow down and prepare to stop, obey the flagger and follow the pilot car through the work zone. Motorists entering the work zone from an intersecting driveway or road must wait for the pilot car to pass, then follow the pilot car through the work zone.

The lane closures are needed while crews resurface the roadway, replace an existing culvert and install turn lanes. When complete, the proj-

ect will result in a smoother ride, extend the life of the road and improve safety and drainage.

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To learn more about pilot car safety, visit <http://www.mndot.gov/workzone/pilot-car.html>.

For real-time travel information anywhere in Minnesota, check www.511mn.org.

Clarence Darrow at CLC theatre

The Brainerd Community Theatre invites you to spend an evening with him in "Clarence Darrow", a one-man production featuring Patrick Spradlin and directed by Erik Steen. It's written by David W. Rintels and is based on the Irving Stone book "Clarence Darrow for the Defense." "Clarence Darrow" runs Sept. 7-10



Director Erik Steen works with actor Patrick Spradlin.

at 7:30 p.m. in the Dryden Theatre, at Central Lakes College's Brainerd campus. Tickets are \$12. To purchase tickets call 218-855-8199 or go to www.clcmn.edu/arts.

Meet Clarence Darrow. He's a fiery lawyer who pioneered the way in defending causes like labor unions, civil rights, and the right for teachers to teach evolution in the classroom. Often considered one of the most famous lawyers and civil libertarians, he made a name for himself during the early 20th century.

Spradlin and Steen are a dynamic team. The two have worked together on several productions, including "Art," "The Woman in Black," and most recently "Bill W. and Dr. Bob." For "Clarence Darrow" they are focused on capturing the true spirit of the man who fought against many of the issues we're still battling today. Issues like civil rights, labor and fair working conditions.

"One hundred years ago, he was talking about the gap between the rich and middle class long before Bernie Sanders," Steen said.

He was a progressive thinker, fearless in taking up those causes. Of all his efforts, Darrow is perhaps best known for the Scopes Monkey Trial, which challenged the right of teachers to teach evolution in the schools. The trial pitted Darrow against William Jennings Bryan, a three-time Republican candidate for the presidency. Their clash was followed by the entire nation.

Come get to know Mr. Darrow through his humor and sharp eye for the law, and perhaps re-examine your way of thinking.

According to Steen, every play tells a story. Spradlin and Steen will tell the story of this incredible man's life in a way that goes back to the very beginnings of theatre: a single storyteller on a stage without the flashy scenery and large

supporting cast.

"There's just something fascinating about an evening totally devoted to one character," Spradlin said. "You get to know a lot about them from their perspective."

Spradlin is the director of Brainerd Community Theatre. He has directed in college, community, and professional theatres in Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota. Before that role, he himself considered becoming a lawyer after years battling on his college debate team. With this production, Spradlin wants to bring Darrow back to the forefront after the attorney may have been fading from the memory of the public. He'll do that through his meticulous work at capturing the right accent and body language of the historical figure. Spradlin sees a lot of himself in Darrow.

"I hate injustice. Even in small things like people cutting in line."

Steen is both a seasoned actor and director. Previous productions under his direction have included "The Mousetrap", "I Hate Hamlet" and "The Diary of Anne Frank" at CLC, and "Morning's at Seven" and "Arsenic and Old Lace" at Pequot Lakes Community Theatre.

Big Bill\$ Lil' Rubber Duckie Race

Over 4,000 little rubber duckies will launch from the Laurel Street Bridge on Saturday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m. Organized by the Brainerd Jaycees, the sixth annual event will raise funds for youth sports in the Brainerd Lakes Area. Duckies are available for purchase at area outlets for \$5.00 and the first 30 duckies to cross the finish line are worth \$10,000 in cash and prizes. "We are really excited to host the event again this year," said event organizer Gabe Johnson, "and we couldn't do it without the help of our sponsors and the entire Brainerd Lakes Community." The duckies are collected and prizes awarded at Kiwanis Park but those adopting duckies need not be present to win.

The Brainerd Jaycees started Big Bill\$ Lil' Rubber Duckie Race in 2011 as a means



to support to youth sports in the Brainerd Lakes Area. The Jaycees partnered with Lakes Area Youth Soccer Association (LAYSA) and other youth sports organizations to help sell the duckies. The Jaycees have donated over \$75,000 dollars to LAYSA (Lakes Area Youth Soccer Association), Brainerd High School Rodeo, Brainerd Wrestling Club, Brainerd BMX Club, Brainerd

Public Schools Foundation, youth baseball teams and other youth athletic groups after the past five events. Duckie sales locations are Pine Square, College Square, Raceway Square, and Nitro Square. Tickets will also be available on Friday, August 5th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Gander Mountain parking lot and on Saturday, August 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in front of the Brainerd Fire Department. For more information, visit www.lilrubberduckie.co.

The Brainerd Jaycees is a volunteer organization for young men and woman ages 18-41. The Brainerd Jaycees are well known for the \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza, Run for the Lakes Marathon, and Street Fest on 7th. For more information on the Brainerd Jaycees visit www.brainerdjaycees.com.

Brainerd Lakes microbrewery and taproom hosting law enforcers

On Saturday Aug. 13, Noon-3 p.m., the owners of Gull Dam Brewing at 23836 Smiley Rd., Nisswa are opening their hearts -- and their beer garden and spacious event room -- and will host Law Enforcement Officers Appreciation Day as their way to say thank you to the men and women who put their lives on the line so Minnesotans can be safe and flourish in their communities.

Oddly enough, the idea grew out of an encounter that Gull Dam Brewing co-owner Barb Anderson had a couple weeks or so ago with a police officer that she would just assume have not happened.

"I got into a little fender-bender," Anderson said, recalling that thoughts of the violent difficulties so many officers are having around the country of late, "as he was giving me my driver's license and insurance card back, I just looked at him and said, 'You know, I've got to tell you, thanks for your service.' I'm sure it kind of floored him."

From that innocent and sincere comment, Anderson said, she and the officer talked a while "about the toll and stress officers and their families go through on a daily basis. One of my staff is married to a police officer; another's daughter is a police

officer, so it is personal." As an added gesture of appreciation, the Gull Dam Brewing festivities will also act as a fund-raiser for the Minnesota 100 Club, a non-profit that has been offering financial assistance to the families of law enforcement members killed or severely injured while on duty.

Donations will be collected during the brew house gathering, and "100 percent of the contributions go to the Minnesota 100 Club," said Mark Anderson, a Gull Dam co-owner and Barb's husband. "Nothing that is donated is covering the food or beverage costs."

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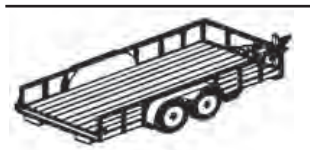
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Aitkin County Republicans show their support to area law enforcement



Kari Abbott, Sheriff Scott Turner and Carol Shields.

Ann Schwartz photo

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Kari Abbott, chair, and Carol Shields, secretary, (of the Aitkin County Republicans) tiptoed around the Aitkin County sheriff's office recently like the cats who ate the canary. They lugged a bouquet of blue and white flowers and a bag of red, white and blue candy. "Are those flowers for the sheriff?" I asked. "Yes," Carol replied. "We

want to show him he is appreciated. Another officer, in a different state was shot last night." The two made their way back to the Sheriff's Scott Turners office and presented him with the bouquet and candy, which he planned to share with the whole office. "This is from the Aitkin County Republicans," said Shields, who was obviously an old friend of the sheriff's.



Dave Lange of the Aitkin County Republicans shows Mark Blanchard, a Hill City Police Officer, that the community is supports him. Submitted photo

"You keep us safe and you keep our firemen safe when they are working. We lost another one last night."

The large card on the flowers read:

"To our men and women in uniform
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Aitkin County Republicans."

The two made rounds to the



Kari Abbott, Aitkin Police Officer Dustin Byrnes and Aitkin Policy Secretary Amy Dotzler.

Dave Lange, a Fifth District Republican Delegate, in tow. They also presented gifts at the Aitkin Police Department to Officer Dustin Byrnes and Secretary Amy Dotzler.

Aitkin School \$68.5 million referendum | Continued from Page 1

have been maintained over the years, the high school has had eight additions with the oldest portion built in 1936. The current high school will be sold or demolished, if a new one is built. If it is not sold in two years it will likely be demolished.

The final design of the new school won't be completed unless the referendum passes as architectural plans are very expensive. Estimates are based on actual costs of other school districts.

The district says that building a preK-12 building on one site would be "cost

prohibitive and unrealistic." However, they expect to save operating costs with a new building.

They plan is to reuse and recycle as much existing furniture and fixtures as possible with only minimum new furniture allocated in the new budget.

Unfortunately, the district has too high of property values to receive any state aid for this project.

Vote at your regular polling place for this election. Call the Aitkin County auditor at 218-927-7354 for information on absentee voting.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that the Wealthwood Township regular meeting will be on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. due to the Primary Election on August 9.

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Winds pack wallop and shut down Hill City

Small community recuperating from devastating late July storm



Volunteers in the kitchen.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

About 2 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, a windstorm caused severe damage in Hill City but no one was killed nor injured said Aitkin County Sheriff Scott Turner.

The storm hit the hardest in the small city's core, where trees were down, blocking roads and hitting structures, and power lines were down.

There was some structural damage and three families had to go to motels in Grand Rapids. The storm continued

to the southeast, hitting the Big Sandy and Minnewawa areas and south of Jacobson.

At one point, Lake Country Power had 30,000 people without power and some local residents were without power for up to a week.

Aitkin County set up a cooling station in Hill City at the city hall. A heat wave followed on the heels on the storm and for the next week the city staff, the sheriff's office, Aitkin County Public Health, Salvation Army and

Red Cross worked together to feed and cool the residents of Hill City.

Generators got the power and air conditioning fired up and meals were served and water and ice offered.

A lot of people lost food due to the extended power outage and the Assembly of God Church in Hill City administered grant dollars to allow families to collect food vouchers for the Roadside Market so they could replace their perishables. The Hill City Food Shelf also offered non-refrigerated food.

How they did it

First, Health and Human Services and the sheriff's office made contact to local residents making sure everyone was safe. According to Erin Melz, public health supervisor, by noon the day of the storm the Cooling Center in the Hill City Hall was open, running on generators and staffed -- with lunch arriving at 12:40 p.m. Sher-

iff's boat and patrol officers picked up 20 cases of water at Paulbeck's County market in Aitkin and brought them to Hill City.

On Friday, public health organized for officers to bring up 160 pounds of ice and three coolers from Paulbeck's (half of the ice was donated). It was determined that the Center would need to be open through the weekend. Planning began for staffing 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Sunday.

Educational materials were developed and printed to be distributed regarding "Food Safety after a Power Outage," "Stress in Times of Crisis" and "Preventing Heat-related Illnesses." Other donations came in, including water from the Walmart in Grand Rapids, a thousand pounds of food from Second Harvest in Grand Rapids and Subway. Meal planning was bumped up to 200 people.

By Sunday, coordination

and planning began to have the Cooling Center open Monday-Wednesday with

reduced hours, 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., with two meals a day.



Going through the lunch line at the Cooling Center.

Funds and food fishing



Emily Emergency Food Shelf volunteers Diane Olds and John Ryder took their two hour shift of "Fishing for Funds and Food" at the Lake Country Foods grocery store in Emily. This was a fundraiser for the Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless 2016 Fundraising July Challenge sponsored by Hunger Solutions Minnesota. This matched grant was proportional to funds that the Emily Food Shelf raised during the month of July with a minimum grant reward of \$150.

Brainerd Street Fest

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Barbeque smoke and music filled in the air in down-

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Organizers say: "Street Fest is an energetic event that brings the Brainerd Lakes Area community together. The event hosts a variety of

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On Saturday there was a downtown walking tour, fire department demonstration, kids' games, live music by Mikayla Jackson, bean bag tournament, pie-and-ice-cream eating contests, more live music and a Rib Fest. The day included awards for the best ribs, door prizes and more music into the night.



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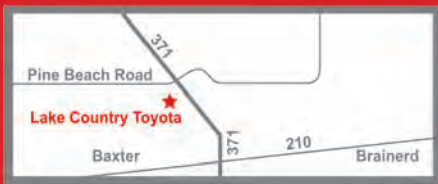


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