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## Cuyuna trails need lots of helpers - Part 2

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## Mountain bike riders bring expansion to the Cuyuna Range

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By ANN SCHWARTZ

Last week we told you that the mountain and fat tire bike trails in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation area bring with them new businesses, property sales and growth to the Cuyuna Range area of Crosby-Ironton, Deerwood and the surrounding towns.

About \$4.1 million in state and locally raised funds will pay for upgrades and expansion to the trails, including an expansion to an area owned by Crow Wing County near the city of Cuyuna.

Many projects are completed and many more are on the horizon. The vision, when it is all complete, is to have enough trails to ride for three days on the Cuyuna Range. For example, a skills area for family fun is complete and set to open this spring.

Under the leadership of Nick Statz, Pillager, a DNR employee who is housed in Ironton, and his crew, a hardy group of volunteers works on hands-on maintenance of the trails.

"If you can pick up a shovel and move dirt, we can use



Volunteers of some of the 12 trail maintenance teams, who are responsible CCSRA's mountain bike trails. Volunteers of every age and every skill level are needed. To get involved or get more information, email pr@cuyunalakesmtb.com. You may also log on to www.cuyunalakesmtb.com/volunteer.html and sign up there.

Photo credit Ron Plinske

you," said Ron Plinske, public relations specialist for the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew. "We need volunteers of every age and every skill level."

Due to the narrowness and backcountry terrain of the trails, the majority of the maintenance work is done by hand.

Plinske describes the group:

"The Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew (CREW) is a volunteered-based group of like-minded individuals who enjoy the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area (CCS-RA). The CREW consists of

mountain cyclists of all ages, abilities, backgrounds and careers. We call ourselves "The Red Dirt Family." We have 12 trail maintenance teams who are responsible for three-to- five-mile segments of the CCSRA's mountain bike trails. As the volunteer maintenance arm for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, we work closely with MN DNR employees designing, building, snow-grooming and maintaining the 30-plus miles of mountain cycling trails."

The group has done massive amounts of fundraising,

bringing in over \$60,000 last year in combination with the Hallett Trust. But now that funds are secured through the Minnesota Legislature via the DNR, the CREW is switching gears. "In the past we raised money to build trails and support the DNR with signage. Now we'll be assisting the MN DNR at the Cuyuna Lakes State Rec area with trail maintenance.'

Such events as this weekend's 45NRTH Whiteout FatBike Race (at the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area and downtown Crosby on Friday and Saturday February 2 and 3) brings visitors

and their dollars to the area.

But it is the huge volunteer effort of the 12 maintenance teams that will keep the trails growing and going onto into the future, with all the expansions, enhancements and connections that will continue to make the Cuyuna Range a great place to live and to locate a business.

For more information, log onto Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew or https://www.facebook.com/cuyunal-akesmtb. See Ron Plinske's photos at touchtheskyblue.

To get involved or get more information, email pr@ cuyunalakesmtb.com.







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April 12. Volunteers are not trained in all areas of income taxes and you may be advised to see a paid preparer. For more information call

218-845-2666.

Volunteers will also be available at the following times and locations:

Friday, February 16, 2018 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pioneer Villa Apartments, McGregor

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. McGregor Angels Office

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Hill Lake Manor, Hill City

Monday, February 19, 2018 1:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Waukenabo Community Cen-

Monday, April 2, 2018 1:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Waukenabo Community Center



# **Notice of Aitkin County** Republican Precint Caucuses As required by MN Statute 202A

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to participate at your local Precinct Caucus to: Elect delegates and alternates, help develop the Republican Party Platform and vote for the Gubernatorial candidate you support for Governor. Sign up to be an Election Judge or Poll Challenger for the 2018 Elections

You are eligible to participate in the Republican caucus if:

• You will be eligible to vote in the fall election – November 6, 2018.

• Live in the precinct.

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Aitkin Westside Church Hwy. 210 W, Aitkin convener-Jim Blakeslev 927-2027

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#### **McGregor Public Library**

convener-Kari Abbott 768-3011 City of McGregor, City of Tamarack, Beaver, Clark, Jevne, McGregor, Rice River, Salo, Spalding, Fleming, Unorg T47-24 (Davidson) Townships

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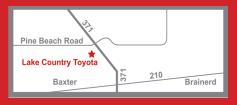


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Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30. Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor

Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St,

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday

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 qualifiv. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.

Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.

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 (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) 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 (Aitkin) 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) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

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

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 &

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 sponsored by AN-GELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd 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.

McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.

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 each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Ait-

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.

Overeaters Anonymous Open Meeting, Sat. 9:35am, Aitkin Library. Everyone welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12-step fellowship of people recovering from compulsive eating. OA is not a diet club. We are dedicated to helping individuals recovering from compulsive eating, anorexia, bulimia, food addiction and obesity. If you are struggling, you are not alone any more. For more info: OA.org, or call Cheryl, meeting contact, 770-576-5984.

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

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

Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Mon.: 10 Glory Baptist Church; 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 Deerwood (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) days 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Deer-

Rd. Deerwood. For more information, please contact Lucy Bartz 218-839-2218 or Gwenn Smith 218-246-2180.

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 Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. 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.

**February** 

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3rd - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Ice Fishing Contest on Serpent Lake in Crosby. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Call 546-8131 for more

3rd - Scorpion Homecoming on Serpent Lake in Crosby coinciding with the Ice Fishing Contest. The Scorpion Whip is the featured sled of the show. Visit www.trailasled.com for more details.

3rd - Palisade Assembly of God Midwinter Craft and Bake Sale 10 am- 3 pm. Come and check out the delicious baked goods and craft items from all the vendors.

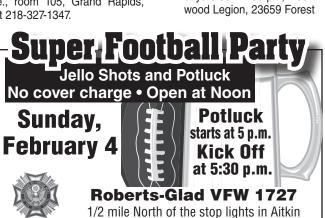
5th - Widow Friends Meeting at 11 a.m. at the Sawmill Inn in Brainerd. This is open to men and women of any age that are widows. For more information contact Linda at 218-829-7289

13th - Ripple River Quilters monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. at the Aitkin VFW (new location). Our program is "Care of our Quilts and Taking Care of Us. An Insurance Agent, Chiropractor and Massage Therapist will be featured. The Aitkin VFW is located 1/2 mile north of the stoplights, just past the Mississippi River on the right.

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#### MERLE AND HELEN PURDY

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Merle and Helen Purdy of Aitkin, passed peacefully in their sleep at Aicota

Health Care Center of Aitkin on January 25, and January 26, 2018 at the age of 96 and 98.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2018 at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin with Reverend Jason Erickson officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial was in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Nordland Township, Aitkin County, MN.

Merle was the son of Ira and Vita Purdy. Merle was born in Madison, MN on October 28, 1921. His family moved to Robbinsdale, MN where he was raised and went to school, and where his family owned a small farm and a country store. Merle helped his dad farming, working at the country store, buying and selling horses, and he was also a race horse jockey. Merle was the president of the Elk River Saddle Club, and was a board member of School District 51 in Robbinsdale.

Helen was the daughter of Thomas and Marie Sullivan. Helen was born in Sauk Center, MN on October 1, 1919 where she attended school, while she was going to school she worked for her uncle packaging cottage cheese and later worked at Dayton's Department Store.

Merle and Helen were united in marriage June 2,

1940 in Garner, Iowa. They lived in Robbinsdale, MN until 1949, and moved to Zimmerman, MN from 1961 - 1970 where Merle drove truck for Medko Stamping and Farming. He loved buying and selling horses, working with cattle, loved horse trail riding with family and friends, spent many hours working and riding in horse shows. Helen loved cooking, baking, canning, gardening, and going on family horse trail rides, fishing and camping. Helen worked for 13 years at Federal Cartridge. In 1970, Merle and Helen moved to Aitkin and bought a large Dairy Farm, that they farmed with their two sons Jack and Mike Purdy until they retired and sold the farm in 1989. Merle and Helen were married 77 1/2 years.

They are survived by their daughter Darlene (Lynn) Nelson of Rochester, Indiana; son, Jack (Darlene) Purdy of Aitkin; son, Michael (Carol) Purdy of Aitkin; and son-in-law, David Hipsag of Zimmerman; nine grandchildren: Brian (Kerry) Nelson, Kevin (Shannon) Nelson, Lisa (Mike) Allman, Sheryl (Scott) Wold, Deb (Scott) Beneke, Chris (Dave) Neil, Jill (Steve) Janzen, Wendy (Wayne) Wagner, and Shane Hipsag. 21 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Merle and Helen are preceded in death by their daughter, Charlene Hipsag; granddaughter, Tonya Nelson; great-grandson, Nicholas Janzen; great-great-granddaughter, Brooklynn Beiringer; Merle's parents: Ira and Vita Purdy, brother and two sisters; Helen's Parents: Thomas and Marie Sullivan, and seven brothers.

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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#### **CHARLES RATH**



91, of Outing died on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at his home.

Services will be held a later date.

He was born on July 17, 1926 in Wayzata to Andrew and Anna (Schligclmich) Rath.

He was a WWII Army veteran. Chuck was a retired Operator

Charles M. "Chuck" Rath, Engineer Local 49 employee. He was a member of the Emily-Outing Over the Hill ATV Club and the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443,

Chuck is survived by one son, Vern Rath of Excelsior; one daughter Sue Scepurek of Sobieski; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

wife, Virginia in 2005; two sisters and a brother. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home

Preceding Chuck in death are his parents; his

#### **LELAH ENDRIZZI**



Lelah Margaret Endrizzi, 96, of Crosby died on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby from 1 pm.

She was born on February 19, 1921 in Ironton to Harry and Charlotte (Phelps) Wood. Lelah was a retired employee of the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby with 20 years of service.

Lelah is survived by three sons, David (Mary) Endrizzi of Richfield, Steve (Pat) Endrizzi of Cuyuna and Robert (Bonnie) Endrizzi of Brainerd; two daughters, Charlotte (John) Larson of Crosby and Mary (Tony) Novotny of Ironton; Twenty grandchildren, thirty nine great grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, David; one son, Jerry; four brothers:, Cecil, Lloyd, Glen and Robert Wood; and one sister, Fern Huntley.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

#### **DEAN FLETCHER**



Dean Curtis Fletcher, 69. of Emily died at his home on Monday, January 15, 2018. A Memorial Service was

held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Wesleyan Church in Emily. Burial was in the Pinewood Cemetery in Emily. He was born on June 16,

1948 in Crosby to Ronald and Aileen (Atwood) Fletcher. He was the owner and operator of Dean's Welding in Emily. "He could weld anything

but a broken heart."

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law: Patricia and Glade Nelson, Wasilla, AL; three sisters: Diane Nathe (Larry Levigne) of Longville, Connie Fedrizzi of Bettendorf, IA and Vickie (Tom Geer) Hanson of Deerwood; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Merl Fletcher.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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#### **ALLIANCE**

Aitkin\* - New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; Youth Group, Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.

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

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#### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aitkin - Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; Sunday Morning Service 9:30

Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30 Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45

Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-

Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

### **BAPTIST**

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9 and 10:30, the journeynorth.com

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com

Brainerd\* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.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 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 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.

Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.

Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sun 8:30. Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Con-

fession 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. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr.

KK), Mass: Sun. 11:15 am.

McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:45 am

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

Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffev Sunday worship at 10:45. SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005

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 — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George

Collins, 218-252-5938, 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; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) 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 10; Service 11; 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, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon 4th Saturday, 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge

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

### CONGREGATIONAL

9:30; SS 10:45.

Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

## Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9

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\*Brainerd - St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10 **EVANGELICAL FREE** 

#### Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake.

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 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

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Kari Foss; Worship 9:30;

Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month. Aitkin - First\* (ELCA) Pastor Darrell Pedersen, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 8:15 & 10am, Wed. 5:30pm w/supper; communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed

nursery during 10am Sun. & Wed. services. Sun. school 10:30am, Wed. night youth activities grades 3rd - 9th. Sunday service broadcast on KKIN (94.3FM) at 10am, and on TV cable channel 181 at 9am on Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9:30am - 5pm.

Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10

Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www. christbaxter.com.

Baxter - Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.popbaxter.org

Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30 Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC,

Sunday School 9, Worship at 10, followed by coffee fellowship. Wednesday 7pm Adult Bible Study. Located at 5878 Pine Beach Rd, Brainerd, 218-824-3052,www. goodshepherdfreelutheran.church. 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 Breezy Point\* - Eagles Nest, Pastor Jonathan Lemaster,

218-562-5252, Worship 10:30 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. 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 Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15.

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), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. 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 Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

Hillman - Immanuel, (ELCA) 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.

8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10. Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows. Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Inter-

Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship

lachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N) Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st

& 3rd Sun. McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.;

Worship 9.

SS 10; Worship 11. Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship McGrath

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,

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. Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed - 10:15 am. Wed. Worship 5:45 pm. Free Community

Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month. Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and

Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte;

4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210 Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; 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 Irondale Town Hall\*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, 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.

McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

**REFORMED** Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

**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

### **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**

Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

### **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

Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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Darrold "Darry" V. Burr, 62, of Aitkin died Sunday, January 28, 2018 at the Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 1 p.m. from the Fleming United Methodist Church with Dianne Brenan officiating. Visitation will be from Noon until the 1 p.m. service at the church. Interment will be in the Fleming Cemetery.

He was born November 16, 1955 at Aitkin. Minnesota to Vernon and Lavina (Hansen) Burr. He grew up in the Fleming area and attended schools in Aitkin graduating from the Aitkin High School in 1974. He worked for a short time but was disabled most of his life. He loved hunting, fishing and 4-wheeling. He was a member of the Wealthwood Rod and Gun Club and the Fleming United Methodist Church. He had served on the Fleming Town Board for a number of years. He loved his dogs that he had throughout the years. He is survived by a sister and brother-in-law: Cathy and Bill Graham, Brainerd; two nieces:

Tammy and Angie and 13 cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and parents.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest

# READER-RIBBETS

# **Crosby police lieutenant responds**

In response to your request for comments (or as you so eloquently phrased it "What you think?) in your January 26 edition, I would like to submit the following:

As an employee, and a new resident of Crosby, I would NOT like you to continue covering the City of Crosby Council meetings. Your coverage of these meetings is at best misleading, and at worst, blatant lies. You have been publicly reprimanded repeatedly by the Council and the City Attorney for your false statements that have been printed in your paper, yet you consistently refuse to retract your errors.

Your inflammatory coverage of major criminal cases and various confidential personnel issues handled by the City, have been extremely detrimental to the morale of Crosby. The constant one-sided distortions that were printed by you, show that you have no interest in accurate, fair reporting, but instead choose to show Crosby in the worst possible light regardless of the truth. Worse yet, your reporting has been detrimental to the average citizen's faith in their local government and their police department. This makes for a hostile and dangerous environment for those responsible for public safety.

As a police officer, it is an important part of my job to make quick, accurate judgments of people and their intentions, but at the same time giving everyone a fair chance to prove themselves one way or another. I pride myself on doing this well, and my career success has proven this skill. Everyone makes mistakes, but repeated wrongdoing with no attempt to change can only be seen as intentional. I have sat in every City Council meeting except two since I started with Crosby, and I have watched as you have twisted, slanted, and outright changed the conversations and events that have taken

place in these meetings. You have made no attempt to correct these errors or to change your reporting style. Your blatant bias against Lisa Sova, most of the Council Members, and the Crosby Police Department, could hardly be more transparent.

As for suggestions for "other interesting story ideas," how about reporting on your OWN council meetings? Or better yet, some of the myriad of positive changes that have or will be occurring in the Cuyuna Range area? The people of Crosby and the surrounding cities are tired of being made the laughing stock of the rest of the state of Minnesota, and are ready to become the prosperous tourist destination that is our destiny. Anyone who attempts to hinder that bright future by falling back on old politics and petty grudges will themselves become a relic of Cuyuna Range's past.

Lt. Kevin Randolph **Crosby Police Department** 

## Lueck announces re-election bid

Representative Dale Lueck announced he will seek re-election to a third term in the Minnesota House of Representatives, representing House District 10B.

Rep. Lueck said, "It is an exciting time for Aitkin and Crow wing County." Lueck added, "We have made excellent progress in improving our local economy. I am especially proud that we finally reduced and in many cases completely eliminated the state income tax on senior's social security pension benefits. Our small businesses have been helped by a major reduction in the state general business tax. We put new money into roads and bridges, invested in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area and ensured that education and public safety were properly supported."

Lueck represents House District 10B, which includes all of Aitkin County and a large portion of Crow Wing County. He serves as vicechair of the House Mining, Forestry and Tourism Sub-Committee and is a member of the Agriculture Policy, Environmental Finance and Policy, Capital Investment and Veteran's Affairs Committees. He also serves as chair of the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission and is a member of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.

"It is a privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Aitkin and Crow Wing County. With all state constitutional offices on the ballot in 2018, we will see a new governor elected. I want to be in the legislature next year to work with the new governor, regardless of which party's candidate is elected as our next governor." Lueck said. "We have made substantial progress in creating opportunities here in rural Minnesota, but we still have issues like the Mille Lacs Lake Fishery to resolve, much more work remains to be done."

Dale and wife Linda have two grown children, five grandchildren and one greatgrand child. Dale graduated from Aitkin Public High School in 1967. While serving in the US Navy earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupation Health & Safety and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. After 28 years of active duty service Dale retired from the US Navy in 1997. Dale and Linda currently raise beef cattle on their 340-acre farm in Aitkin County.

## Heintzeman announces re-election bid

State Representative Josh Heintzeman announced he will seek a third term in the Minnesota House of Repre-

sentatives. "I have been extremely blessed to serve the people of 10A since 2015, and look forward to continuing to be a voice for our community in the legislature," said Rep. Heintzeman. "I hope to build on the many accomplishments this past year including providing middle class tax relief, strengthening Minnesota schools, lowering health care costs, and increasing investment in Greater Minnesota roads and bridges."

Heintzeman represents House District 10A, which encompasses a little more than one third of Crow Wing County including Brainerd and Baxter. He serves as Vice-Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance Committee, is a member of the Health and Human Services Finance Committee, and the Higher **Education Policy and Finance** Committee, as well as the Subcommittee on Mining,

Forestry, and Tourism.

"These committees represent some of the things that are most important to Crow Wing County residents," said Heintzeman. "The issue areas have a direct impact on local residents which helps me bring unique, personal stories from back home to each committee hearing."

Josh received his degree in business management from Central Lakes College and is the owner of Up Country Log. Josh and his wife Keri have six children and live in Nisswa.

# **City of Crosby Council meetings**

City of Crosby Council meet- fourth Monday of each month

ings are held on the second and and are open to the public.

The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 12 at 6:00 p.m.

# **Unlimited Learning speaker**

Kim Coughlin became Chief of Police in Crosby after 15 years of experience with the Minneapolis Police Dept. in investigations, vice and internal

Originally from this area,

she returned to Crosby with an interest in making the area safe for residents and visitors. She will discuss the challenges of her office and issues she has faced in the last 13 years. Attend for this opportunity to ask the Police

Chief Coughlin questions.

Sponsored by Lakes Area Unlimited Learning, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Heartwood Senior Living, 500 Heartwood Dr., Crosby. Everyone is welcome, non-members \$5.00.

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(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Jan. 27 & Feb. 3, 2018) **BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELEC-TION OF OFFICERS** 

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Bay Lake Township, County of Crow Wing, and State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed until March 20,

2018. The Election Poll hours will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters

will elect: 1 - Supervisor (3 year term) previously held by Justin Smith

1 -Treasurer (2 year term) previously held by Carol Pundt The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:30 p.m. to

conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. Board of Canvass will convene after the annual meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location: Bay Lake Town Hall 13861 Co Rd 10 Deerwood, MN 56444

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# East Central Regional Library Play and Learn kits stimulate learning

Looking for a unique way for the early learners in your family to learn the alphabet or about people in their community? Or perhaps learn about odd and even numbers or ending sounds while having fun?

East Central Regional Library received a donation of 13 Play and Learn kits from the Cambridge-Isanti Early Childhood Coalition funded by the Initiative Fund. The kits include: Even Numbered Counting Tubes, Odd Numbered Counting Tubes, Bugs Building Game, pair of Soft Dice, two Rhymes with

Sorting Houses, Pop and Match **Ending Sound** Game kits, Unlock it Alphabet Keys, Unlock it Number Match Keys, Number Robots, and two My Community Sorting Houses.

According to research there are five basic literacy skills that help chil-

dren learn to read and learn. They include read, write,



sing, talk and play. The Play and Learn kits offer young children an avenue to practice their logical thinking, problem-solving and gross and fine motor skills by using one of the five basic literacy skills – play. The kits are available for three-week checkout. If you can't find the kit you want at your local ECRL branch, simply place it on hold at your ECRL branch library or online at ecrlib.org by simply doing a keyword search for "play

and learn kits."

Interactive plays makes learning fun. With the Play & Learn kits for ages 3 and up, early learners can engage with rhymes, colors, numbers and more to stimulate learning.

Area ECRL branches include the Aitkin Public Library at 110 First Ave. NE,

Aitkin; McGregor Public Library at Center Ave. and Second St., McGregor; Mille Lacs Lake Community Library at 285 Second Ave. S, Isle; Milaca Community Library at 235 1st St. East, Milaca; and Mora Public Library at 200 Maple Ave. W., Mora, MN 55051.



# Ruttger's Lakes Area Yoga Festival

Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge will host the first annual Lakes Area Yoga Festival - a celebration of the innovative, life-affirming yoga and wellness available in the Brainerd Lakes Area - from 8 a.m. -4:30 p.m. on Sat., April 28.

"Ruttger's has offered yoga classes for our guests for a number of years," Ruttger's President Chris Ruttger said. "We are proud to take our support of voga to the next level by hosting this event."

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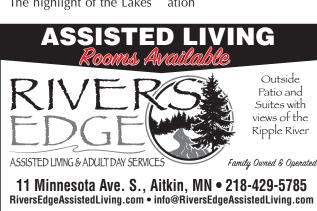
Area Yoga Festival will be a day-long Lakes Area Yoga Expo – a day of workshops and instruction provided by local instructors and teachers. The event includes three class sessions, a vendor area for the latest gear and yoga merchandise, plus lunch, beverages and snacks throughout the day. There are three class choices during each session. Classes for all levels will be available and will focus on:

· Meditation and Relax-

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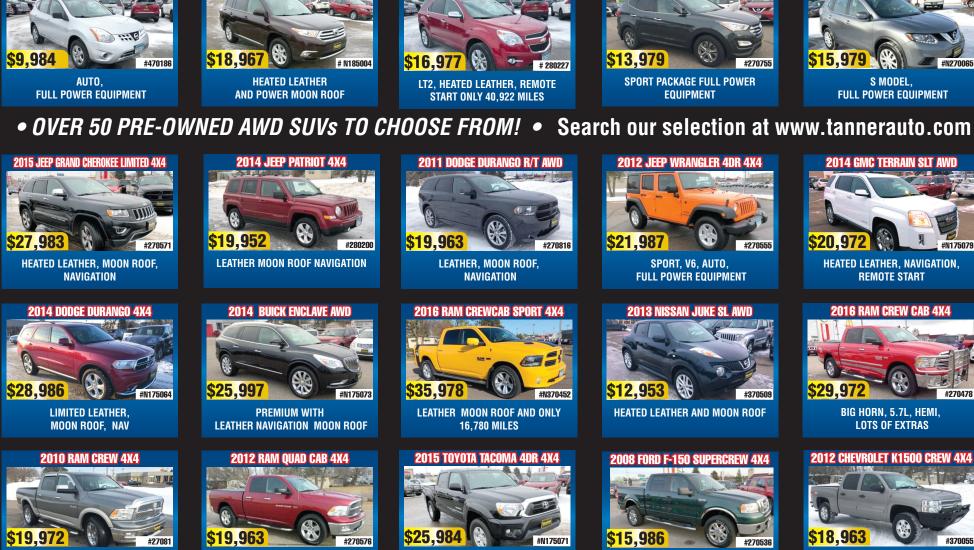
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