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## Arts concerns, boutique and hairdresser in new spaces with vintage design elements Downtown Brainerd revitalization on the 700s of Laurel St.



A view from behind the sales desk of the Crossing Arts Alliance shows the new space, tin ceilings and Van Gogh exhibit. Customer Rhoda Rees, a Crossing Arts member, is helped by Mary Boran, board member and volunteer and Stephanie White, staff assistant. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ  
Those who lived in or visited Brainerd in the 1960s and 1970s can remember a thriving downtown. Sure, it contained a lot of bars, but mixed in were numerous

drug stores, a dime store, department store, hardware stores, clothing boutiques, a shoe store, gift shops and much, much more. It was a pleasant place to shop, have a cup of coffee or a meal.

As the years went on, more and more of the retail activity moved to Baxter -- the Westgate mall area and the 371 strip. Bars continued to thrive in downtown and a few great businesses held on.

But now, with the trend of returning to one's roots and families wanted walkable cities where they can walk or bike to amenities, downtown Brainerd is again on the rise.

Nick and Joe Phelps, who grew up in north Brainerd, have renovated old storefronts on the northern 700 block of Laurel Street. The character of the old buildings came through as, with renovation, hardwood floors, pressed tin ceilings and exposed brick were revealed.

Past shoppers may be interested to know that their old favorites such as Paul's Shoe Store and Chet's TV are trans-

formed to Vaenn Hair Studio, the Crossing Arts Alliance, the Lakes Area Music Festival and The Purple Fern.

### The Crossing

A recent stop into The Crossing Arts Alliance showed it full of patrons taking in the Van Gogh Cherrywood Challenge Exhibit. With this challenge, quilters from all over the world use prescribed fabrics produced by the local fabric maker, Cherrywood, and fashion them into a design that represents the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh.

The Crossing has both gallery space up front and classroom space in the back room. For the large Van Gogh exhibit, the gift shop merchandise was moved to the back room, according to Mary Boran of the board of directors. The Crossing boasts

400 local members and its mission is to "act as a gateway to the arts through access, education, and experiences."

### Lakes Area Music Festival

Next door to the east, the Lakes Area Music Festival now has its own office space in downtown Brainerd. This music organization produces classical music shows of all types in the regional area over the summer season.

Scott Lykins, artistic and executive director, says: "The Lakes Area Music Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2018 with concerts held throughout the summer. From August 4 through 26, 150 all-star musicians from the top orchestras and opera companies across the globe will convene for performances of chamber music, orchestra, opera, and ballet. Kicking

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AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am.

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 IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2 pm

Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd St. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st Tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting

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!

Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.

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, 4th Tues. of month at noon.

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.

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 the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-9271383.

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 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.

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, Brainerd.

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 Meeting is held on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Heartwood Senior Living Complex located in Crosby. Social time is at 5:30 pm and \$10.00 Dinner/Meeting is at 6:00pm. If you would like to

attend one of our meetings to find out more about how our club plans and works on Community programs, please call Lion Nancy at 218-678-4165.

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.

Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd. This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.

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.

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 ANGELS 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 Thursday 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. Aitkin, MN

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 am.

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 Iron-ton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel 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.

**June**

16th - Aitkin County Rivers and Lakes Fair at the Aitkin High School will feature activities, crafts, and educational programs for the young, and the young at heart 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is presented free of charge and lunch for only \$1.50. For more information, or a complete listing of programs, call the Aitkin County SWCD at 218-927-6565.

16th - Everyone is invited to TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Open House on Saturday, June 16 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. 1 - 5 pm. There is no charge. There will be a "give away" and a door prize drawing. You need not be present to win. If you have any questions, please call 218-839-2218 or 218-546-6523.

16th - Beer and Bacon Bonanza at Rutger's Bay Lake Lodge. Enjoy an entire weekend dedicated to beer, bacon and dad! Festivities include: a major beer tasting event featuring more than a dozen local craft breweries, live outdoor concert event by Steele River Band, live pig races, dinner buffet starring bacon, bacon and more bacon, coffee and bacon sampling, beer and bacon activities, Beer and Bacon "try-athlon", pork belly flop contest, Mr. Bacon "Beauty" Pageant, "Piggy" Races and live-action "Angry Birds."

20th - 22nd - Mega Book Sale at the Hallett Library in Crosby

24th - Malawi Orphan Care Project music, meal, silent auction and raffle benefit 4-8 p.m. at the Woodtick Inn. Featuring music by "Gravel Roads" and "Reverend Raven and the Chain Smoking Altar Boys" featuring Westside Andy. Treewill offering will be taken. For more information about the orphan project or to make a donation, go to <http://malawiorphanproject.org>

27th - Waukenabo Dance, "Frank & Fran" will be performing 1-4 p.m. at the Waukenabo Community Center located 15 mi. north of Aitkin on Hwy. 169 to Co. Rd. 3, west 1 1/4 mi. on left. For more info call Gene at 218-845-2819

29th - True Hope Ministries is bringing Comedian Daren Streblo to the Greenway Auditorium at 7: p.m.. Tickets available at Inspirations Bookstore in Grand Rapids, at the door, or by calling 1-844-466-8673

30th - "October Son" in concert at Rutger's Bay Lake Lodge. Classic rock songs by bands such as the Eagles, Johnny Cash, the Little River Band and more. \$5 for the public. Seating is provided, or you can bring your own lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available.

**July**

6th - Fireworks spectacular at Rutger's Bay Lake Lodge at dusk. One of the best shows in the area. Open and free to the public.

11th - Waukenabo Dance, "Jerry B" will be performing 1-4 p.m. at the Waukenabo Community Center located 15 mi. north of Aitkin on Hwy. 169 to Co. Rd. 3, west 1 1/4 mi. on left. For more info call Gene at 218-845-2819

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# OBITUARIES

## FRANCES JENKINS



Frances Lucille "Nicky" Jenkins, 96, of Crosby died on Friday, March 16, 2018 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

A private graveside service will be held at the Lakewood Cemetery on June 17, 2018 and friends and family are welcome to a celebration of Nicky's life at the Crosby Memorial Park from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

She was born on November 18, 1921 in Hill City and lived in Aitkin from the age of three until her marriage to Lloyd C. Jenkins of Crosby in 1939. Nicky was a bookkeeper for Lloyd's excavating business from 1947 to 1980. She loved hunting,

fishing, ricing, working in her flower garden and sewing. She was a good cook; her barbecued ribs and caramel rolls were the best.

She is survived by her three children; Lloyd P. (Bonnie) Jenkins of Grand Rapids, MN, Sherri McCoy of Alexandria, MN, and Steven J. (Paula) Jenkins of Fort Myers, FL; ten grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Nicky was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd C.; parents, James P. and Amanda Hogan; three sisters: Esther Hendrickson, Mildred Olsen, and Patricia Christensen and two brothers: James E. Hogan and William Hogan.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## PETER PAULSON



Peter C. Paulson, 100, of Aitkin, formerly of Chisolm and Hibbing, died Thursday, June 7, 2018 in Aicota Health Care Center, Aitkin.

Services were held Tuesday, June 12, at Sorensen Root Thompson Funeral Home, Aitkin. Interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hibbing.

He was born May 6, 1918 in Nordland Township to Peter and Isabella (Temperley) Paulson. Peter attended Aitkin County School and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1937. He was a World War II Veteran of The United States Army who served in the Pacific. Peter married

Irene Kangas of Chisolm, in 1947. They lived in both Chisolm and Hibbing. Peter retired from Minnesota Ore Division of U.S. Steel in 1982 after 31 years of service. Irene died in 2002 and Peter returned to Aitkin in 2006.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Mildred Paulson of Aitkin; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Peter was preceded in death by his wife, Irene; parents; three brothers: George, Clifton and Chester Paulson; two sisters, Elsie Paulson and Helen Dragovich.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## RODNEY TILLMAN

Rodney A. Tillman, 77, of Carlton formerly of Tamarack died Thursday, June 7, 2018 at the Inter-Faith Care Center in Carlton, MN.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 1 p.m. from the Grace Lutheran Church at McGregor with Rev. Erika Foss officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Salo Cemetery at a later date.

Rodney was born May 30, 1941 in Tamarack to Joseph and Ellen (Lundeen) Tillman. He attended school at Lawler and then McGregor where he graduated from in 1959. He married Grace R. Thompson on July 15, 1961 in Grand Rapids. They made their home in the Tamarack area and farmed. Rodney also had worked for the telephone company, Yukon Industries in McGregor and then Arrowhead Blacktop operating heavy equipment before starting his own company

doing dirt work. He had served as president of the Son-Flyers club in Tamarack. He loved to snowmobile and groom trails. He played football in high school and enjoyed watching football and wrestling on TV.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses: John and Natalie Tillman, McGregor; Peggy and James VanHoever, Wrenshall; and Tracy and Daniel Gullick Twig; two grandchildren: Jacob VanHoever and Suzanne VanHoever; brothers and sisters-in-law: Roger Tillman, Moose Lake; and Richard and Nancy Tillman, Champlin; and sisters: Jane Hutar, Minnetonka; and Karen Luer, Moose Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Jack and Lawrence.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home.

## CURTIS RADMAN



Curtis "Curt" Radman, 78, of Fifty Lakes, died on Friday, March 30, 2018 of complications from surgery.

A memorial service will be held at 1 pm on Friday, July 6, 2018 at Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Visitation will be for one hour, prior to the service.

A Celebration of Life potluck will be held at the municipal pavilion in Fifty Lakes, MN (40430 County Rd 3) after the service and interment.

Curt was an electrician with People's Electric before retiring to his beloved home on Mitchell Lake, up north, and was a lifelong member of

the IBEW #110. He was also a retired, volunteer firefighter for Inver Grove Heights. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, trapper and loved making and sharing his maple syrup.

He is survived by his daughters, Marni Patzer, Hugo and Jill Radman, Rochester; four grandchildren: Miranda (Rory), Cassidy, Rylee and Leyton; one great-granddaughter, Lizzie; siblings: Richard (Dianne), Gayle (Tom) Davis and Sharon; and by "Love of [his] life," Sandy Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Grace Radman.

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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 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

### 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; hillcityagchurc@gmail.com; 218-697-2662

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, [thejourneynorth.com](http://thejourneynorth.com)

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, [thejourneynorth.com](http://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](http://fbcbrainerd.com)

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 [www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org](http://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. 5 p.m.

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

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; [www.ihmstamilys.org](http://www.ihmstamilys.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; 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. 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 McGaffey 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 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, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 \*Brainerd - St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

### EVANGELICAL FREE

Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, [email.thelighthouse@crosslake.net](mailto:email.thelighthouse@crosslake.net)

Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm

Malmö — 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

### LUTHERAN

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. 10am (coffee fellowship at 9am); communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary service 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed

nursery for Sun. service. Sun. service broadcast live on KKIN (94.3FM) 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 Ingelwood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. [www.christbaxter.com](http://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.pobpaxter.org](http://www.pobpaxter.org)

Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.

Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, 5878 Pine Beach Rd, Brainerd - Pastor David Franz. Summer Schedule Worship 9, Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. ([www.lchurc.org](http://www.lchurc.org))

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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](http://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](http://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 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; handicap 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.

Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)

Malmö — 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.; 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. Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed - 10:15 am. Wed. Worship 5:45 pm. Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm.

Rosburg — 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; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi.

# OBITUARIES

## HAROLD JEFFERS



Harold F. Jeffers, 81, of the Garrison area died Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at his home.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the Garrison Community Alliance Church with Rev. Mike Palkie officiating. Military honors were provided by the Garrison VFW Post.



Harold was born May 21, 1937 at Genesee, PA to Raymond and Nina (Knickerbacher) Jeffers. He grew up and attended schools in Elkland, PA graduating in 1954. He then served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1958 having spent three years in Germany. He married Gisela Zink on June 21, 1958 at Elkland, PA where they made their home for a time. They

lived in Iowa, Alabama and retired to Garrison, Minnesota 19 years ago. He worked as a steel foundry manager for many years. He was a life member of the Garrison VFW Post. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, anything to do with the outdoors, making spaghetti dinners and visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Gisela Jeffers, Aitkin; children and spouses: Cindy and Ron Cochran, Stateroad, NC; Kelly and Ron Lingwall, Garrison; Mark and Lara Jeffers, Baxter; nine grandchildren: Dan, Michael, Katie, Stacy (Kyle), Nickolas, Shana (Calvin), Dakota, Makenzie, and Madison and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Kathleen Jeffers.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).

## JOSEPH BRANDEN



Joseph Arnold Branden, 62, of Aitkin died on February 3, 2018 at the Estates of Roseville.

A Memorial Gathering will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby. Burial will be at the Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township.

He was born in Minneapolis on September 17, 1955 to Arnold and Mary (Pape) Branden. Joe married Debra Minarich on November 30, 1996

in Crosby.

Joe is survived by his wife, Debbie; three sons: Scott Durant, Sartell; Terry Durant, Andover; and Brian Durant, Aitkin; two daughters: Angela Christian-Nelson, Redwing and Angela Steuber, Aitkin; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren and one sister, Gerriane VanDenboom, Blaine.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Michael Branden.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## THOMAS NELSON

Thomas Robert Nelson, 67, of Aitkin, died Saturday May 19, 2018 at his home.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, May 24 at Glory Baptist Church, Aitkin. Burial was in Pinewood Cemetery, Crosslake.

He was born on January 21, 1951, to Robert and Lillian (Ryden) Nelson. Tom spent his career as an Anesthetist working at various hospitals and was talented and proud of the work he did. Through the years he went on medical mission trips to Haiti and always enjoyed opportunities to help others using his skills. He enjoyed spending time with family, working outdoors, boating, tinkering with automobiles, playing on ATV's and anything motorized. His favorite sport was tennis and he continued to play throughout his life enjoying any opportunity to be competitive and get out and exercise while enjoying the weather.

He enjoyed every opportunity to make someone laugh or get them going, he had a great sense of humor. He was very involved in his church throughout the years and his faith was very important to him.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Jason Duval, Duluth; Andrew and Amanda Nelson, Stillwater; their mother, Cheryl Nelson, Duluth; three grandchildren: Lilly, Cruze, and Isla DuVal; sisters and brother-in-law: Judy and Tom Connolly; and Mary Riedemann, all of Dallas, TX; nieces; nephews and friends.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## MONTE TIBBETTS

Monte James Tibbetts, 57, died Friday, June 1, 2018 in Aitkin.

Memorial services were held on Friday, June 8, 2018 at Glory Baptist Church, located at 28053-360th Ave., Aitkin, with Pastor Glen Browning officiating. Honorary Pallbearers were Dan Swanson, Mike Lane, Troy Fairchild, Chuck Montgomery, Greg Parker and Roy Egstad.

He was born Sept. 6, 1960, in Aitkin, the son of James F. Tibbetts and Carol L. Tibbetts. He attended Aitkin High School and graduated in 1979. He married Cheryl Nielsen Aug. 4, 1984, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin. He lived and worked in Aitkin as heavy equipment operator, most recently for Thompson Excavating and for 15 years with Mike Johnson's Excavating. He also had a side business of logging and cutting firewood. He had a passion for restoring vintage vehicles and loved watching NASCAR racing. For a period of time, he enjoyed racing his own cars in Brainerd at the North Central Speedway. His other interests

and hobbies were beekeeping, making maple syrup, raising chickens, turkeys and ducks, gardening, camping and traveling. Monte also enjoyed archery and trap shooting. He was an active member of Glory Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cheryl (Nielsen) Tibbetts; sons and daughter-in-law: Shawn Smiley, Kamron Tibbetts, Corey and Shannon Tibbetts, Ryan Tibbetts and Jason Tibbetts; daughters: Robin Tibbetts and Jillian Tibbetts; three granddaughters: Hailey, Mirya, and Brooklynn; four grandsons: Michael, Shawnathan, Lucian and Daken; sisters and brothers-in-law: Pamela and Kevin Maus and Debbie and Troy Fairchild; brother and sister-in-law, LeRoy and Lori Ruth Tibbetts; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Carla Marie Tibbetts; infant grandson, Kayden Joseph Tibbetts; and niece, Carmilla "Carma" Jo Maus.

Services were provided by the Cremation Society of Minnesota.

## Downtown Brainerd revitalization | Continued from Page 1



The exterior of the Lakes Area Music Festival space.

off the season is an inaugural Symphony Under the Stars gala with full symphony on the Pines Golf Course playing John Williams' film score classics. Other highlights of the season include Copland's ballet Appalachian Spring, Mozart's enchanting opera The Magic Flute, symphonies by Mozart and Mahler, and more!" (For a full schedule of events visit: [lakesareamusic.org](http://lakesareamusic.org).)

What does the new space on Laurel Street mean to the organization? "The Lakes Area Music Festival is proud to be a part of the redevelopment of downtown Brainerd," enthused Lykins. "We have been in our Laurel Street office space

for about a year. Along with our neighbors, the Crossing Arts Alliance, we are bringing the arts and notice of our organization to the downtown community. Between the walking traffic stopping by to look in our window and pick up our materials and our close proximity to bars, restaurants, coffee shops, and our home venue of Tornstrom Auditorium, our new home has enhanced our presence and visibility in the community while serving our needs. As new businesses move in along our street we look forward seeing the potential and new opportunities that await!"

### Purple Fern

Moving down the street, Brenda Billman-Arndt has

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### Phelps brothers

Joe and Nick Phelps are leading a charge to renovate Brainerd. They have redone downtown buildings and apartments and also own several previously foreclosure homes on Brainerd's north side.

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## Suicide in Aitkin County Jail

A 57-year-old Aitkin man died in the Aitkin County Jail on Friday, June 1 as the result of a suicide, according to the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office.

Monte James Tibbetts was in the Aitkin County Jail awaiting arraignment on felony charges. Corrections officers noted that Tibbetts was

up and walking around in his cell area at 4:57 a.m. and was discovered to be down on the floor at 5:24 a.m. He had apparently twisted a bed sheet around his neck after anchoring it to the desk. Resuscitation efforts by corrections officers and North Memorial Ambulance Service were unsuccessful.

He was pronounced dead in the jail. Also responding to the scene was the Aitkin Police Department.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office assisted the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office with the investigation. An autopsy was conducted by the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office.

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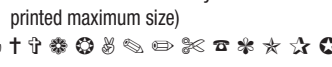
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Two of the world's most delicious things collide in one zany weekend when the resort hosts the second annual Beer and Bacon Bonanza June 15-17. The event is open to the public.

"Is there such a thing as too much beer and bacon?" Ruttger's President Chris Ruttger said. "I guess we'll find out, but there will be a lot of both. I mean a lot a lot. It should be fun. It will not be a great weekend to be a vegetarian or on a diet, but it'll be worth every calorie."

Billed as a weekend-long celebration of bacon and beer, the event features beer samplings from 12 area and regional craft breweries, bacon-themed buffets, a pig feast (a PIGNic), a concert from Steele River Band and a collection of zany fun and games, including a bacon "try-athlon," a pork belly flop contest, a Mr. Bacon pageant and pig races, and live-action Angry Birds among other events. New to the 2018 lineup is live pig races.

"I'm particularly excited about the pig races," Ruttger said. "Anyone who has seen the show up in Leader knows how exciting and entertaining watching piglets race around the track can be. It's going to be great."

For more information and complete details about Ruttger's Beer and Bacon Bonanza, including time and costs, people can call 800-450-4545 or go to [www.ruttgers.com/beer-bacon-bonanza/](http://www.ruttgers.com/beer-bacon-bonanza/)

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Winners of last year's Beer and Bacon 'Try-athlon'. Photo courtesy of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge.

# Inaugural Cuyuna Off-Road Triathlon highlights



Volunteers inaugural Cuyuna Off-Road Triathlon. Photo courtesy of Touch the Sky Blue Photography

Clayton and Camille Lang, a couple from Brainerd, topped the leader boards at the inaugural Cuyuna Off-Road Triathlon on Sunday, June 10. Clayton, a physical education teacher, was the first of 147 racers to cross the finish line with a time of 1 hour, 32 minutes, 55 seconds while Camille, a family medicine physician at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, was the fastest female, with a final time of 1 hour, 52 minutes, 45 seconds.

Held at the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, the event was a fundraiser for the Cuyuna Range Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization (CRES PTO). A 15-person committee volunteered their time to organize

the event and were joined by over 70 community members, including many CRES staff, who helped during the race.

The event began on Saturday evening when 40 kids participated in a casual kid's triathlon, hosted by the Hallett Community Center of Crosby. Then, beautiful weather greeted triathletes the next morning as individuals, teams, and relay teams paddled for nearly three miles on Huntington Mine Pit Lake, biked about eight miles on beginner and intermediate mountain bike trails around Huntington, and ran on three miles of trails surrounding Pennington Mine Pit Lake.

Of the 161 people that registered for the event, about 40

percent were from the Twin Cities metro area, and the remaining racers traveled from as far away as Iowa, South Dakota, Florida, Washington, Indiana, and Manitoba.

Profits from the triathlon will be used to support the CRES PTO's mission and to fund things like field trips, special classroom activities, invited speakers and demonstrations, and other parent teacher lead initiatives. The committee intends for this to be an annual community event where families can compete and celebrate a healthy, active lifestyle.

For event results, photos, and more information visit [CuyunaOffRoadTri.com](http://CuyunaOffRoadTri.com).

# Trek bicycle winners



Crosby Mattress and Tesoro of Crosby sponsored a contest to give away one women's and one men's Trek mountain bicycles and each winner was announced on the Community Connection Show on KKIN Radio on Friday, May 25. The winner of the men's bike was Clayton Lingh of Deerwood (above) and Nancy Raymond of Minnetonka. (photo not available.) Each bicycle was professional assembled at Easy Riders in Brainerd and come with a free fitting. There were 550 entries at both businesses. Both businesses were thrilled with the response and look forward to more promotions in the near future.

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