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## 'Walk-N-Roll So They Can Ride'

By KATHY C. BRYAN

The Mounted Eagles has a strong agenda of annual fund raising events drawing community support from a broad constituency. On September 6th the Mounted Eagles will hold its 6th Annual "Walk-N-Roll So They Can Ride" fund raising event. For a minimum of \$25 pledge participants can walk or roll down the Paul Bunyan trail from Nisswa to Pequot Lakes. Walkers, runners, bicyclists, rollerbladers, wheelchair riders, skateboarders and strollers are encouraged to join in. Children eight years old and younger may join in for free. Several local businesses purchase sponsorships every year. Participants are encouraged to gather pledges and prizes are offered at the end.

The event culminates with a silent auction, spaghetti dinner and live entertainment from 3-7 p.m. at the Trailside Center in Pequot Lakes.

This fall a brand new event will take place on Sat., Oct. 4. It is a benefit trail ride dubbed, "Hoofin' It for Mounted Eagles". For a \$40 fee riders can join others for a trail ride on well-groomed, private trails in the forests south of Pine River. The property, never before available to the public, has ample parking and primitive campsites available. The entry fee also includes a light breakfast Saturday morning as well as a pig roast dinner around the camp fire with live music on Saturday night.

To horse lovers this might

sound like "preaching to the choir" to say that horseback riding is therapeutic, but the impact of therapeutic riding on persons facing physical, emotional and mental challenges in life is immense. It can be magical. The Mounted Eagles, Inc. is based on the belief that every individual, regardless of ability, is an independent spiritual being. Disabilities are treated not as hindrances, but as part of the fabric of human experience. Program participants work in an environment that provides them the opportunity to accomplish what many of their peers cannot or would not - learning the skills of horsemanship. While learning these skills, students also build self-esteem, increase physical strength, enhance



Photo courtesy of Margaret Bollenbacher.

their mental capabilities, make friends who don't judge them and have fun. Since horseback riding gently and rhythmically moves the body in a manner similar to a human walking stride, individuals with poor motor skills are able to experience the natural movements of horse and rider while work-

ing on their balance and coordination. Through riding, individuals with learning disabilities and mental challenges learn to increase concentration, patience and discipline. Riders gain a new sense of accomplishment and even uniqueness.

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## SATURDAY:

- VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
- DANCE: 8:30 PM - 12:30 AM, MUSIC BY PHAT CHANCE
- RAFFLE DRAWING: 11 PM AT DANCE

## SUNDAY:

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# Finding the first workers for the Cuyuna Range, one immigrant's story

BY CONNIE PETTERSEN

## The beginnings of an ethnic smorgasbord

When the Cuyuna Range opened in the early 1900's, they needed hard-working, experienced men. Word of employment opportunities went across the nation and overseas via newspapers and word of mouth. Immigrants already here wrote relatives back home, encouraging them to join them.

Many came because of a



A sign at Croft Mine Historical Park shows some languages needed to communicate in the early years.

better future and a job promise was an opportunity of a lifetime for some seeking the American dream. Immigrants came to the Cuyuna Range from all over Europe, Scandinavia, the Balkan countries, Wales, etc. Most never returned to their homelands and were instrumental in settling this area.

Often immigrants arrived with little to no English skills, causing communication problems in traveling, socialization, and working in the mines. Mining companies held English classes and encouraged American citizenship for workers and families. Most tried hard to learn the language, practiced English at home and educated their children.

Some began mining careers in the east. Others came to Minnesota's Mesabi or Vermillion ranges. By 1911, the Cuyuna Range was a new kid on the block. Mining towns sprang up. Some immigrant

families lived in provided rented boomtown "shacks." Others lived on homesteads that family members helped farm, hoping to leave the underground someday.

In 1918, during the peak of WWI, about 32 mines were in operation. Most of Cuyuna's ore was deep underground. Its rich manganese was in high demand for making steel.

Mining was hard work besides being a dangerous occupation. Accidents and cave-ins caused death or serious injuries. The worst iron mining disaster in the USA occurred on the Cuyuna Range on Feb. 5, 1924 when the Milford Mine flooded after drilling too close to Foley Lake. The incident took 41 miners' lives. (See a three part series on the Milford Mine Disaster in the archives at www.newshopper.net).

Mines were not unionized at first, yet provided steady income for families struggling to make a living. Conditions and equipment improved over the decades, as did mining safety. Sometimes a second generation followed male relatives into underground jobs, despite risks. The following is a Finnish immigrant story:

### Former miner Don Hyytinen recalls his Finnish roots



Gust Andrew Hyytinen.

Don Hyytinen of rural Aitkin is a second-generation Cuyuna Range miner/farmer.

Don and his wife Lois have just celebrated 50 years of marriage. They live on the same land that Don's Finnish immigrant parents, Gust and Selma (Olli) Hyytinen homesteaded in 1918. Gust was the first in the family to work in the Cuyuna Range.

Don grew up along with his

siblings helping on their family farm in Glen Township. Born in 1931, Don is the third youngest of thirteen children born to Gust and Selma. Three sons, Unto, Martin and Don, all worked underground in the Cuyuna Range mines, following Gust's example.

Gust and Selma Hyytinen emigrated from Finland. They married in Lappajarvi, where their first child, Vieno Maria, was born in 1911. However, Vieno only lived four months and the grieving parents buried their baby girl in a homemade wooden coffin in a cemetery in Kannus. Selma planted a small clump birch tree at the head of the grave in loving memory.

In 1913, their oldest son Unto was also born in Finland. When WWI began to simmer in Europe, Finland was under Russian rule and began to draft Finnish men into Russian military service. After Selma's sister Katri, who had been working in New York City, returned to Finland to visit, she told of great opportunities in America. But dreaming of a golden future there meant leaving their homeland forever.

"Fins began leaving by the hoards to avoid being drafted into war by Russia," said Don Hyytinen. "My parents chose to immigrate to America but came over at different times." Gust came over in 1913, landing at St. Johns, New Brunswick and entered the USA at Sault St. Marie, MI on Dec. 30 via Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Gust found work in a Michigan lumber camp near Rock where he received free room and board plus \$1 a day salary. After a time he found better wages in the underground iron mines near Negaunee, saving his money to send for Selma and Unto.

"There is a song about all the

Finish 'widows' left in Finland after Fins emigrated in the early 1900's," Don said. "Men went to Australia, America, etc., and often went into underground mines or other dangerous occupations. A good many got killed, others married in their new country and didn't bring their Finnish wives over. A lot of things happened like that."

But Gust sent money for Selma and Unto to come to America. With war in Europe, planning her trip was complicated. "Mother got out of Finland by train going north and across Sweden to Oslo, Norway," Don said. "She couldn't speak a word of English and had a 3-year-old boy, my brother, Unto."



Selma and Unto Hyytinen.

Selma left in April of 1916, sailing as steerage passengers on the SS United States. Their steamer was stopped by German war ships and boarded by officers who confirmed it to be a passenger ship. The Germans then opened the minefields to allow the steamer through. They arrived in New York and processed through Ellis Island. They also took a train to Michigan where they lived for about two years with Gust working in underground iron mining.

When Selma's sister Sophia from Minnesota came to visit in Michigan, the couple learned about "a paradise of wild clover and woodlands." Gust didn't like underground work, hav-



The Gust and Selma Hyytinen family in 1948. Row 1: Lauha, Selma, Gust, Unto, Aira. Row 2: Don, Olavi, Ann, Bob, Lydia, Paul, Roger. Row 3: Niilo, Martin.

ing "dreamed of fresh air and wider horizons." They escaped the iron mines for farming in Minnesota, arriving in April of 1918 by train to Rossburg. They eventually found 80 acres in Glen Township, paid \$60 down with a mortgage for \$900. They cleared woods, built a two-room tarpaper shack, a log barn, planted crops and a garden.

However, their small farm could not support the family and meet the mortgage during those early years. Gust again went to work in the underground iron mines, this time in Crosby, 30 miles away. He walked five miles to Rossburg where he took the train and then stayed in a boarding house. Gust returned home on weekends often walking it in the dark amongst wolves and other wild animals.

During the week, Selma had charge of three small children in primitive conditions at the homestead. She was isolated with a language barrier. There also was no electricity or running water but they had a well and outhouse. Chores were done in the daytime because wolves had worn a path around their barn, house, and into the

woods. Selma had plenty of Finnish "SISU" (strong will/courage) and kept a pitchfork in a corner for protection.

As the years went by, the Hyytinen family increased to 12 children who helped with the farm. By 1935, the Hyytinen family began raising turkeys, which they did for many years. After Pearl Harbor, Gust and Selma's sons Niilo and Martin served in the Pacific, and Paul was in Europe.

In 1959, forty years after leaving her beloved Finland, Selma returned. She visited Veino's grave. The small clump-birch she had planted was a giant tree. She also replaced the disintegrated wooden marker with a tombstone. Gust died in 1958 and Selma in 1986.

Through personal sacrifices of Gust and Selma Hyytinen, who left their homeland for an American adventure, they gave their children and grandchildren a better chance. It took plenty of SISU, but then, that's a trait found common here, an ethnic blending of many immigrant stories.

To be continued...Don Hyytinen recalls his years as a miner on the Cuyuna Range.

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# OBITUARIES

## EDDIE F. WESLEY



Eddie F. Wesley, 86, of McGregor, died Sun., Aug. 17, 2008, at his home.

Services were held Fri., Aug. 22, 2008, at Holy Family Catholic Church in McGregor with Fr. John Fleischhacer officiating.

He was born May 30, 1922, in Parkers Prairie, to Edward and Augusta (Buethner) Wesley. In 1939, he enlisted in the CCC camps and served at Wilton for two years. He was a US Army veteran serving in WWII in Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and landing at Normandy. He earned an American Theater Campaign Medal, Eamets Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal. He married Lorraine (Hearle) Thurner on Feb. 14, 1949, in St. Paul.

He was a member of the VFW in Stacy and Holy Family Catholic Church, McGregor.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; daughters and sons-in-law: Sharon Thurner, Rimrock, AZ; Yvonne (Ed) Schwartz, Lindstrom; Cathie Jo (Robert) Ortega, Irving, TX; son and daughter-in-law, John (Marie) Thurner, Akeley; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; brother and sisters-in-law: Harry (Bea) Wesley, Detroit Lakes; Ralph (Sally) Wesley, St. Paul; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters: Bertha, Alice, Vera and Florence Mae.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com) to sign the online guest register.

## MEL KUEHN



Mel Kuehn, 73, of Aitkin, died Mon., Aug. 18, 2008, at his home.

Services were held Thur., Aug. 21, 2008, at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. Sarah Cordray officiating. Burial was in the Diamond Lake Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the Aitkin VFW and American Legion Posts.

He was born Dec. 20, 1934, at Richardson, ND, to Carl and Martha (Harmel) Kuehn. He grew up and attended schools in the Washburn, ND area. Upon his graduation he entered the US Army and served from 1954 to 1956, mostly in Germany. Upon his discharge he moved to Minneapolis and went to work. He married Eloise Evenson on March 28, 1959, at Hebron, ND. He attended the University of Minnesota studying engineering. Upon completion of his studies he worked at time for the State of Minnesota Highway Department. He then worked for the Monarch Company for a time and then began making pool tables on the side. This sideline blossomed into a full time business. He moved to Grand Rapids where he continued with his pool table business. He received a patent for the way in which he used taconite

tailings to create the slate table top. He then sold the business and moved to a farm north of Aitkin in 1978. He raised cattle but his creativeness never stopped and he invented a bi-fold hay rake for which he received a patent. In his earlier years he also manufactured water skis, hockey sticks, and flower pots. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; the Aitkin Moose Club, the Cattleman's Assoc. of which he was a past president; and the Minnesota Beef Council where he was the chair of the research and development board. He had also served as a farm foreclosure mediator.

He is survived by his wife Eloise Kuehn of Aitkin; son and daughter-in-law Greg (Angie) Kuehn of Park Rapids. Sisters and brothers-in-law Beverly (Byron) Zingg of McClusky ND, Betty (Lynn) Stark of New Salem, ND. Sister-in-law Carolyn Kuehn of Washburn, ND; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Donald Kuehn and sister Elaine Ivanecky.

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.

## HARVEY P. WAHLQUIST



Harvey P. Wahlquist, 85, of Aitkin, died Wed., Aug. 20, 2008, at his home.

Services will be held at a later date.

He was born March 6, 1923, in St. Paul, to William and Elizabeth (Conley) Wahlquist. He married Pauline Kolling on Aug. 15, 1942 in St. Paul. He was a US Airforce veteran serving in WWII. He worked as a mechanic for Zigler Company and was a member of the 49ers Union for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; daughters and son-in-law: Pauline Wahlquist,

Brook Park; Mary (Everett) Parks, Big Lake; sons and daughters-in-law: Harvey Jr. (Sandy) Wahlquist, Bovey; William (Carol Roberts) Wahlquist, Brook Park; Robert (Berta) Wahlquist, Oak Park; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson; brothers, William and Robert; and his parents.

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## ADDISON WEIMER

Addison Marie Weimer, a girl, weighing 8 lbs., 8 ozs., was born Aug. 20, 2008, at Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin to Ashley Binder and Brandon Weimer of Aitkin. Addison is welcomed home by sibling Ezekiel, and Grandparents: Jeff Binder; Melinda Gauthier, Lakeland, FL; Dean and Helen Weimer, Hill City.

## EZRA RUDE

Ezra Monroe Rude, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 4 ozs., was born Aug. 4, 2008, at his grandparents home in Duluth, to Josh Rude and Natalie Salminen Rude of McGregor. Grandparents are: Jerry and Becky Rude, Crookston; Bill and Barb Salminen, Duluth.

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Hill City — Rev. G. Valley; Worship 10 and 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study Thurs. 7 p.m.  
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Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, Mass: Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 & 10:30  
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Fr. H. Eisel, Mass: Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:30 am; Daily: Mon. & Fri. 8:30.  
Emily — St. Emily, Fr. Roman Spoor, Mass: Sat. 4:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 am; 218-763-2101.  
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass: Sat. 7 p.m.; Sun. 11 am; Confession Sat. before Mass.  
Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. Paul Fruth, Mass Sun. 9, confession before Mass.  
Hill City — St. John's, Fr. Jerry Weiss; Fr. Keith Bertram, asst. pastor Mass: Sun. 8:30  
McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. J. Fleischhacker, O.S.C., Mass: Sun. 11.  
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. J. Fleischhacker, O.S.C., Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9.  
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Aitkin — Worship and SS 10:00; Mtgs. 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m.

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Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Donnie Miller, Br. President, 218-549-0615; Priesthood/Relief Society, 10; SS 11; Sac. Mtg. 11:50

## COMMUNITY

Aitkin Community — Nondenominational; 927-2749; Worship 10; at 219-1st Ave. NE.  
Glen, mile east of Glen — Rev. R. Stauter; 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 p.m.  
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 p.m.  
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.  
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 9:30 at McGregor VFW; Bible study Sat. 7 p.m. VFW basement; Contact: Pat Perrine 218-768-2234  
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Larry Harshman; SS 9:45; Service 11 & 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.  
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, Pastor Ralph Hegman; SS 9:15; Service 10:30; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:30 p.m.  
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 9; Fellowship 10; ContemporaryWorship 10:15.  
Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 8 & 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's Sunday School 9 a.m.; located between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.  
Tamarack — Church of Christ, Pastor Brandt Johnson, 218-768-2965; Service 9:30; SS 10:45. Wed. worship, 6 p.m.  
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

## COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

Aitkin — Community of Christ, Elder S. Wasserzieher, 218-678-2506 for meeting place and time.

## CONGREGATIONAL

Aitkin (UCC) — First, Rev. Richard Celley; Worship 10; Comm. 1st Sun.; Trustees Mtg., 2nd Sun.; Diaconate Mtg., 3rd Sun.; Adult Bible Study Sun. 9 am.

## EPISCOPAL

Aitkin — Rev. Karl E. Bell, plus Rev. John Willms 2nd Sun. of month. St. John's, Holy Comm. or Morning Prayer, Sun. 9

## EVANGELICAL FREE

Crosslake — Pastor Fred Cressman; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email [thelogchurch@crosslake.net](mailto:thelogchurch@crosslake.net)  
Isle — Pastor Charles Visser; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 p.m.; Adult Prayer 6:30 p.m.  
Maimo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10:30; Worship 10:50; Wed. Care Group 9:30  
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Wed., Bible Study, 7 p.m.

## INDEPENDENT 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 p.m.

## LUTHERAN

Aitkin — Bethel\* (CLB), Rev. G. Salmonson; Worship, 9:30; Wed. Wed. Kids Club (starting 9/19) 3:30; Thurs. Bible Study & prayer 7; SS following morning worship.  
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Cindy Gray; Worship 8:30 and 10; SS 10; Holy Comm. 1st Sun. each month.  
Aitkin — First\* (ELCA), Rev. Lance E. Isaacson, Sr. Pastor; Rev. Sarah Cordray, Assoc. Pastor; Sat. Worship 5 p.m.; Worship: Sun. 8 and 9:30; coffee fellowship 9; Contemporary 2nd & 5th Sun., Communion 1st & 3rd Sun.; 9:30 service broadcast live on KGIN (930 AM) & on TV cable channel 8 at 9 am Wed.  
Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9 a.m.  
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sundays, 10:30.  
Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.  
Crosby — Immanuel (ELCA) Pastor Paul Mattson; Sat. 5 p.m. worship; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; fellowship & coffee 10. SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.  
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910  
Crosslake — (ELCA), Pastor Mark Anderson; Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.  
Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Steve Anderson; SS/Bible Study 10:45; Worship 9:30; Fellowship follows; Holy Comm. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays; Confirm./Youth Group Wed. 6 p.m.; 218-692-4228  
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor D. Anderson; Fall Worship: 8 & 9:30 a.m.  
Giese Immanuel — Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. each month 8:45.  
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Chris Hill; Worship 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 10:0 a.m.; Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; 320-692-4773.  
Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (Missouri Synod), Pastor Matthew Ruesch, Bible Study & SS Sun. 8:45; Worship 10; Fellowship 11.  
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor Volkert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.  
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Pastor Cathie Rhodes; Sun. Worship 9:30. 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), Pastor John Lundberg; Worship 9:30; handicap accessible.  
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.  
Jacobson — Carmel, Pastors Loren & Judy Anderson-Bauer; SS 9:30, Service 11, fellowship follows.  
Maimo — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Jim Raisanen; Sat. Informal Worship 5 p.m.; Sun. Worship 8 & 10; Fellowship between services; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.  
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 p.m., Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.  
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor James Sodergren; Worship 9; SS 9.  
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor D. Heath; Sun. Worship 9 a.m. Fellowship hour follows; Sat. Worship 5:30 p.m.  
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Henry Koopman; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 p.m.  
Opstead — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.  
Outing — Our Saviors; Worship 9.  
Palisade — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. W. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; SS: pre-school - 1st grade, 10:00; 2nd grade & up, 10:45; SS also offered for pre-school - 6th grade on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.  
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd Sat of Mo. 9 - 1 p.m.; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.  
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor P. Franz; 1st & 4th Sun. 11; 3rd Sun. 1  
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 Henry Koopman; Worship 10:30; Bible Study Thu. 10.

## PENTECOSTAL INDIAN

Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, 218-768-3585, Pastors Ken and Robin Fairbanks, Praise and Worship, Sat., 11. Everyone Welcome!

## PRESBYTERIAN

Crosby/Ironton — Pastor Norma Spurgin  
1st St. SE, Hallet Ave.; Worship 10 a.m.; SS during worship.  
Crosslake — Pastor John Hill; Adult Education 9; Worship/SS 10, 14444 Daggett Pine Rd., 218-692-4769  
McGrath — Calvary, Interim Pastor - Rev. Bill Chadwick; Worship 9:30; SS 10:30.  
McGregor/Round Lake — Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 9:30.  
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.  
Round Lake — Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 9:30.

## SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Aitkin — Pastor R. Brauer; Worship, Sat. 9:20; Sabbath School 10:20; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.

## UNITED METHODIST

Aitkin — Rev. Judith A. Clark; Adult SS and classes for 3 yrs. to 9th grade, 9; Worship & Nursery 10:30.  
Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Mark Nordell; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.  
Emily — Pastor Lois Hansen; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.\*  
Northern Lights Parish (United Methodist) — Pastor Russ Christensen Cromwell — Worship 11:00; SS 9. Pastor Russ Christensen  
Fleming — Worship 10:30; handicap accessible.  
Hill City — Rev. Russ Christensen; Worship 10:45  
McGregor — Pastor Russ Christensen .Worship 8:45; S.S. 10:15.\*  
Palisade - Pastor Russ Christensen; Worship 9.  
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Judith A. Clark; Worship 8:30; SS 9.

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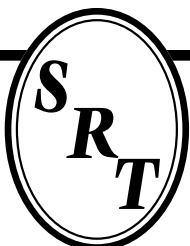
Emily — Rev. Jeff Drake; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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# OBITUARIES

## INEZ NIKKO



Inez Nikko, 100, of Aitkin died Thur., Aug. 21, 2008 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Funeral services will be held Sat., Aug. 30, 2008, at 2 p.m. at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home with Rev. Donald Norman officiating. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the funeral home.

She was born on Sept. 3, 1907, at Onaka, SD, to Hersey and Mary Johanna Louise (Karteus) Iverson. She moved with her family at a young age to the Aitkin area where she grew up and attended schools graduating in 1926. She then attended Teachers College in St. Cloud. She returned to Aitkin County and taught at the Pine Knoll Country School. She married Iverson Shisler on May 13, 1928, in St. Cloud. She then worked for the U.S.

Postal Service as a Star Route Mail Carrier in the Fleming area. She did that for about 20 years. She married William Nikko on Aug. 23, 1960, in Big Fork. She has lived in Aitkin most of her life. She had a poem published in the Great American Poetry Anthology in 1987 and she was awarded the Golden Poet Award in 1987. She was also a recipient of the WCCO Radio Good Neighbor Award in 1954.

She is survived by her son-in-law: William Cline, Aitkin; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands Iverson Shisler and William Nikko; daughter, Dorothy Cline; brother, Arlie; and sister, Clara.

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.

## MADALIN R. WILDING

Madalin Rose Wilding, 92, of New Hope, formerly of Deerwood, died Sun., Aug. 24, 2008, at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale.

Funeral services were held Thur., Aug. 28, 2008, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Deerwood. Burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born on Aug. 29, 1915, in Albany, to Charles and Margaret (Winter) Hofmann. She was the former owner of Crosby Floral in the late fifties and continued to work as a florist there until into her 80s. She was a former member of the Myrin-James American Legion Post Aux. 443, Ironton; a member of

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Deerwood; and attended St. Gerard's Catholic Church in Brooklyn Center.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Greg (Jan) Wilding, Crosby; daughter and son-in-law, Diane (Donald) Roggenbauer, Maple Grove; sisters: Ruth Virant and Marg Reagan, both of Gilbert; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her Willard in 1989; her parents; brothers: Ralph, Melvin and Dennis Hofmann; and sisters: Gen Wolf, Loretta Lundgren and Ethel Vierzba.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## BETTY J. SWEET

Betty J. Sweet, 85, of Garrison, died Fri., Aug. 22, 2008, at Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin

Funeral services were held Tue., Aug. 26, 2008, at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery in Webster, IA.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1923, in Jewell, IA to Charles and Marie (Madsen) Nelson.

She is survived by her step-son and daughter-in-law, Kevin (Colleen) Sweet, Elk River; step-daughters and sons-in-law: Cindy Hoveland, Webster City, IA; Lynette (Dennis) Holdgrafer, Williams, IA; Walter

Capps, Milaca; sister, Luella Anderson, Story, City, IA; tow grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Earl Smart; second husband, Kenneth Sweet; son, Kenneth Smart; daughter, Patricia Capps; a step-granddaughter; brothers: Chester, Karl, Sterling, Howard and Robert Nelson; and sisters, Tina Johnson and May Ringstad.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

## MARIE W. CLARK

Marie W. Clark, 89, of Talent, OR, formerly of California and Minnesota, died Mon., Aug. 25, 2008, at her nieces home near Palisade.

Services will be held Fri., Aug. 29, 2008, at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin with Rev. David Becker officiating. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Red Bluff, CA. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the services.

She was born Nov. 15, 1918, at Bird Island to Christopher and Ella (Stober) Weimer. She moved with her family to the Palisade area at the age of three. She attended the North Waukenabo School. She worked on the family farm and then moved to St. Paul where she worked for a time and then moved to California where she worked at a diner at the Shasta Dam Project while it was being built. That is where she met Joseph Clark.

She married him on Sept. 21, 1946, at Redding, CA. They spent time in California, New Mexico and was living in Talent, OR prior to her coming back to Minnesota.

She is survived by her brothers and sisters-in-law: John (Viola) Weimer, Palisade; Richard (Elaine) Weimer, Eagle River, WI; Agnes Weimer, Aitkin; Virginia Weimer, Eagle River, WI; Lola Ann Weimer, Hill City; sisters: Ella Kingsley, Hill City; Lorraine Mindrum, Aitkin; Francis Berg, Hill City, Lydia Wiswell, Cologne; two grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; daughter, Virginia; eight brothers and a sister.

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## Peers embrace immorality

Young adults are more likely than their elders to engage in behaviors considered morally inappropriate, according to a recent Barna Group survey of 1,003 adults.

During a typical week, 38 percent of those younger than 25 engaged in sex outside of marriage, 33 percent viewed pornography and 25 percent got drunk.

Robert George, a professor at Princeton University, appeared on the Glenn Beck Show on Friday to discuss the moral challenges facing college students. He was

joined by four of his students who are members of the Anscombe Society, a student-led abstinence club.

"What's impressive about Princeton is that so many students have been involved in actively opposing the hookup culture," he said. "Promiscuity is not a good way to live. It's not a healthy way to live. It's not a morally healthy way to live. And the students here have been willing to make that argument ... not only to their fellow students but to the administration."

George Barna, who di-

rected the survey on morality, said many young adults "have had little exposure to traditional moral teaching and limited accountability for such behavior."

"The consistent deterioration of the Bible as the source of moral truth has led to a nation where people have become independent judges of right and wrong, basing their choices on feelings and circumstances. It is not likely that America will return to a more traditional moral code until the nation experiences significant pain from its moral choices."

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# 'Imaginary Friends' at Ripple River



"Time Traveler" Mixed Media by Tracy McMan.

Blue cats, purple dogs, butterfly girls and dancing elephants — these are a few of the whimsical creatures that artists David Norstad and Tracy McMan bring to "Imaginary Friends," a new exhibit at Ripple River Gallery near Bay Lake. The show of paintings, collage, dolls, toys and mixed media constructions opened Aug. 20 and will continue through Sept. 21.

Both McMan and Norstad work with many different materials. McMan uses air

drying and polymer clays and paper mache; both artists use fabric, paper, wood, yarn and beads among other varied media.

Twin Cities artist Tracy McMan hasn't always considered herself a dollmaker. As a student at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design she tried lots of things — painting, drawing, sculpture, photography and finally printmaking. She was influenced by two instructors who shared an interest in handmade books and often included book making projects in their classes. "The books I made had fabric elements, embroidery and little stuffed characters that fit in paper pockets, so a progression to dolls seemed natural. I have always had a fondness for dolls — first playing with and then collecting them, so I'm amazed it took me so long to figure out I could make them as well." McMan said that no one ever told her that dolls or toy-like objects could fit into the world of art.

David Norstad, a prolific painter, fiber and collage artist lives in the Detroit Lakes area. "Imaginary Friends" marks the sixth exhibit of Norstad's work at Ripple River Gallery. Past exhibits have included his stitched and quilted fabric collage, a series entitled "Saints Preserve Us!", his paintings and an exhibit featuring his signature mixed-media color field collages. "Imaginary Friends" includes a variety of his work, from paintings of colorful cats and dogs, to paper, fabric and bead collages reminiscent of elaborate quilt patterns.

Ripple River Gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Hwy. 6, then 3 mi. east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on Co. Rd. 14 to Partridge Ave.; or south of Aitkin on Hwy. 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 mi. west on Co. Rd. 11 to Partridge Ave. For more information call 218-678-2575; e-mail: ripriv@mlecmn.net; or visit: www.rippelrivergallery.com.

# Outlaw drag racing highlights the Muscle Car Shootout at BIR

Your favorite muscle cars will slug it out on the quarter-mile drag strip this weekend at Brainerd International Raceway (BIR) during the 20th annual Muscle Car Shootout.

Exciting wheel-standing Outlaw drag racing will be featured by more than 400 drag racers from throughout the Midwest and Canada. It's your last chance to see cars compete.

The Muscle Car Shootout, which starts Friday and ends Sunday, will also include a classic car show, live music Saturday night by Uncle Chunk and activities for fans of all ages. But it's the racing on the drag strip that gets all the attention, and it's the last time fans can see watch their favorite muscle cars in action — Chargers, Camaros, Mustangs, GTOs, Chevilles, Chargers, Novas, and more.

"We have a lot of fans who wrap up their summer by attending the Muscle Car Shootout because it features great racing and includes fun on and off the track," said Scott Quick, BIR vice president of operations.

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## Bicyclists, mark your calendars Tour of Cuyuna is here

Mark your calendar for the 5th Annual "Tour of Cuyuna" bike ride on Sat., Sept. 6, 2008, beginning and ending at the Deerstand Sports Bar & Grill in Deerwood. Two routes of approximately 30 and 60 miles are planned.

Three food/rest stops will

be stationed and following the ride, lunch will be served. The fee is \$25/person, which includes snacks, beverages and lunch. For registration information, call 218-545-4545 or visit: [www.CuyunaLakesTrail.org](http://www.CuyunaLakesTrail.org).

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Ongoing Events:

- Aitkin Area Go Green Farmers Market, 1-6 p.m., Fridays, Pamida parking lot.
- Aitkin Singles, meets monthly for various activities such as music, hiking, and dancing. For more info call 218-927-3153.
- Aitkin Women's Tennis, every Tue. & Thur. 8-10 a.m., Aitkin Courts. All levels welcome.
- Blind Lake (Aitkin Area) ATV Club, meets the 2nd Fri. of each month at Aitkin City Hall, 7:30 p.m. New members welcome.
- Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thur. of each month at Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol in Respiratory Therapy, 320-225-3646.
- Cancer Support Group, meets on the 3rd Tue. of each month at Riverwood Hospital conference room "B", 6:30 p.m. Call 218-927-2121 x2257 or 218-546-4302 for more information.
- Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 p.m. If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you. Circles of Support provides an informal, confidential support system. If you are a self-starter and self-motivated, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.
- Deerwood Lions Card Party, 2nd Tue. each month, 1 p.m. social, 1:30-3:30 card playing. \$3 per person. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. Info call Kathy Novac 218-546-5486.
- Dial-A-Ride service in Aitkin. Call for pick up: 218-326-3503 or 1-800-642-6143.
- DivorceCare meets every Wed., 6:45-8:30 p.m. at Glory Community Center, 12 mi. southeast of Aitkin. Call 218-927-3678.
- Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are: Tue. & Thur. from 12 to 3 p.m. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.
- Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meets on the first Thur. of the month at 7 p.m. Sept. 4 & Oct. 2 meeting held at Gampers Supper Club. Open to the public.
- Garrison City Council meets the first Thur. of each month at the City building.
- Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tuesday of month, 6:30 p.m., Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
- Heartland Region, Minnesota Senior Federation meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at Lakes Area Senior Activity Center, Brainerd. For info call 218-927-3395 or 218-963-2298.
- Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, 1st & 3rd Thur., 1 p.m., Access North, 105 4th St. NW, Aitkin, 927-3748.
- Ironton TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Mon. evenings, 7 p.m. at 212 Viola Ave., Ironton. All interested is invited. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for more info.
- Jacobson Busy Bees meets every Thur., 10-2 p.m. at Jacobson Comm. Bldg. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-6652.
- Kids Game and Bible Activity night at Palisade Assembly of God. 7-8 p.m., K-12.
- Legal Aid meets in Aitkin every other month on the third Wed., at Security State Bank, 2nd floor, 402 Minnesota Ave. N, 10 a.m. to noon. Contact the Senior Office, 218-927-3811 for appointment.
- LinkAge Line™, 4th Thur. of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 at Aitkin Co. Senior Office (Security State Bank bldg., 2nd floor). Counselors will assist with Medicare-related issues. For an appt., call 800-333-2433.
- Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Monday of month, 6:30 p.m., Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.
- McGrath City Council, first Thur. of the month, 7:30 p.m. at fire station hall.
- McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thur., 3:30 p.m. at Lake Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.
- McGregor VFW Post dances, 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month, 1-4 p.m.
- MS Support Group, meets the 3rd Mon. of the month at 1 p.m. and the 1st Wed. of the month at 7 p.m., Hope Drop in Center, 210 2nd Ave. NW, Aitkin
- Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tue. of the month at 7:30 p.m. over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.
- North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of the month at Blackberry Town Hall. Worknite, every Wed. night at 6 p.m. on show grounds, throughout summer. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.
- Ripple River Quilters meetings 2nd Tuesday beginning Sept. 9th, 1 p.m., Aitkin Health Services, 301 MN Ave. S., lower level. Use side entrance. Call 218-927-5760.

- Rainbows Grief Support Group meets every 2nd & 4th Wed. of the month, 9:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran (Log) Church. For more info call Mary Ann at 218-426-3491 or Diane Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to noon at 218-426-3343.
- Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 p.m. social, card playing 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments available. For info call Kathy at 218-546-5486.
- Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 p.m., 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.
- Stroke Support Group, meets 4th Mon. of each month at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin, 2-3 p.m. Family caregivers as well as stroke patients are welcome.
- Storytime for Toddlers, meets Wed. from 10:30 -11 a.m. at the McGregor Area Public Library.

## August:

- 29th - Moonlight Madness in Aitkin
- 29-30th - Lake Minnewawa Assoc. annual Garage Sale, Fri.: 9-5; Sat.: 9-3, LMA garage located on Co. Rd. 6.
- 30th - Gospel Concerts, Malmo Free Church, 7 p.m., all are welcome. Jim Lee playing. Hwy. 18 near jcts of 18 & 47, Malmo.
- 31st - Ministry Fair, 10 a.m., The Log Church, Crosslake.

## September:

- 2nd - Aitkin County TRIAD, 10:30 a.m., Security State Bank 3rd floor, Aitkin.
- 2-3rd - Eagle View Elementary open house, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 3rd - Dance at the Eagles in Brainerd, Andy and Stu playing. 2-5 p.m.
- 3rd & 5th - AUDITIONS for Grand Rapids Players upcoming production of "Death at the Debates", 6:30-9 p.m. both nights at the Playhouse, 1/2 mi N. of the fairgrounds on Co. Rd. A. For info call 218-259-0929.
- 5th - In HIS Name concert, South Long Lake Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.
- 5-6th - 15th Annual Folk Jamboree, Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo, 7 p.m., cost \$5, children under 12 free.
- 5-7th - Cromwell Harvest Festival
- 6th - Bicycle Tour of Cuyuna, Deerstand Sports Bar & Grill, Deerwood, visit [www.cuyunalastrail.org](http://www.cuyunalastrail.org) for more info.
- 7th - West Range Country Show, 6:30 p.m., Greenway High School auditorium, Coleraine. Adults \$7, students \$3, door prizes, handicap accessible, use west door.
- 8th - Cub Scout Pack 52 information night, 6:30 p.m., Moose Lodge, Aitkin.
- 9th - Andy & Stu dance at Moose in Grand Rapids, 1-4 p.m.
- 9th - Crosby Area MOPS first meeting & open house, Crosby Assembly of god Church, 10 a.m. to noon, to register call 218-546-6115.
- 10th - Waukenabo Dance, Country Pride, 1-4 p.m., 15 mi. N. of Aitkin on Hwy. 169 to Co. Rd. 3 W., 1.25 mi. on left.
- 11-14th - Forever Plaid, Myles Reif Performing Arts Center, go to [www.reifcenter.org](http://www.reifcenter.org) for more information.
- 12th - Grassroots Concert, Nisswa Community Center, 6:30, \$15 adults, \$10 children under 12 accompanied by adult. Connie Kaldor performing. [www.grassrootsconcerts.org](http://www.grassrootsconcerts.org).
- 12th - Sons of Norway, Isle, 7 p.m. at IREC in Isle.
- 13th - Wild Game Dinner, Jaques Art Center
- 13th - Homemade chicken supper at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church, Garrison, 4-7 p.m., Cost \$8 adults, \$4 children 5-12, under 5 free.
- 16th - Red Cross Blood Drive, Kanabec Hospital, 9-2 p.m., int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora
- 17th - Beginning Felting, 10-noon, fees \$15/ members, \$20/non-members, \$5 materials, Jaques Art Center.
- 18th - Crisis Line 20th Anniversary Celebration, Comedy Stage Hypnotist Blaze Driscoll, Forest Middle School, 6:30 p.m., cost \$5, recommended age 15 and over. Drawings & refreshments at 8 p.m.
- 18th - Aitkin Christian Women meeting, 9:30, American Legion.
- 18th - Italian dinner fund raiser for the Wig Closet at Jeanie & Co., 5 p.m., The Landing in Aitkin, cost \$10.
- 19th-21st - Festival of Adventures, Aitkin
- 20th - Fall Family FREE Day, Hallett Community Center, Crosby, 12-3 p.m.
- 27th - Women's Expo & Fall Arts/Crafts Show, Hallett Community Center, Crosby, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., FREE Admission.

## October:

- 3rd - Grassroots Concert, Nisswa Community Center, 6:30, \$15 adults, \$10 children under 12 accompanied by adult. Sparky & Rhonda Rucker performing. [www.grassrootsconcerts.org](http://www.grassrootsconcerts.org).

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# Riverboat Teacher, continuing with Part 4

BY PHILIP NEESE

This is a continued story about Verna Evens, a Sandy Lake teacher, reconstructed with the help of her daughter, Marjorie Roeschlein.

It was August, in 1913 and Verna was traveling on the Oriole to her job as a school teacher.

There were three more landings of particular interest, Verna explains, "I was standing on the bow when the Oriole's steam whistle blew. I covered my ears and at the same time I loved that sound. A few moments later I heard the sound of a dinner bell vibrating up the river.

The mate explained, "Kullhem's Landing has this dinner bell that they ring to let us know that someone wants to get on the boat. They also have a barn that horses can be left in while folks take a trip. I soon noticed a cable stretched across the river. It appeared that the boat would run into the cable

and snap it which would be very dangerous, however a few moments later the cable dropped into the water and the Oriole passed safely on.

Kullhem's Landing was established by Russell Kullhem's grandfather, Matt.

Russell informs, "My grandfather came to this place in 1890 from Finland, although he was a Swede, and bought a farm along the river. Now my grandson operates this farm, making it a fifth generation Kullhem farm. The ferry was just a mile or so upriver from us and they had a watchman who dropped the cable whenever a riverboat appeared.

"When I was fifteen years old, in about 1935, I got to operate the ferry. Some folks were hollering to get across.

"There was a block and tackle attached to each end of the ferry and these lines were attached to the cable with a pulley. The cable

was stretched across the river. If a person let out the line on the block and tackle nearest the shore so that the ferry was at an angle to the cable, the current would carry the ferry across the river. On a return trip, the river end block and tackle would need to be shortened and the shore tackle lengthened, then the river current would carry the ferry back to the other side. It was a simple plan to use the river power to operate the ferry.

"I followed those procedures and got the people across the river. I think that was probably the last time the ferry was operated."

The ferry crossing was on Peter Wold's property. Roger Wold stated, "My Aunt Myrtle Wold bought a 1930 Plymouth from my father, Edwin (E. M. Wold) who had the Plymouth dealership in Aitkin, at that time. 1930 was a very dry year and Myrtle was an adventuresome



Wold Ferry in operation. Cost fifty cents for a team, ten cents for a person.

girl, in her early 20s. She was a school teacher who decided to try the car out, so she took it to the ferry crossing on her dad's farm, which was on the east side of the river, four miles north of Palisade. She put the Plymouth in second gear, put the pedal to the metal

and never stopped until she had driven across the Mississippi. Why did she try such a stunt? Well, because it was there! Actually, the trip to the Wold farm from Aitkin was over ten miles shorter if you could cross at the ferry landing."

Beverly Wold Burman

stated," In the early 1940s, when we were living in Aitkin and it was time for Thanksgiving dinner, my dad (Ed) would call my grandfather, Peter Wold, and ask if it was safe to drive across the ice on the river. We loved that trip."

To be continued...

## "Walk-N-Roll" So They Can Ride | Continued from Page 1



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was incorporated in the state of Minnesota on May 10, 1990, and obtained its 501(c) (3) status on July 21, 1992. Services are supported through monetary donations, fund raisers, riders' fees and over 2,700 volunteer hours annually. They gratefully accept donations of money, volunteer time and supplies. Volunteers and program participants travel from a wide geographical area including Pine River, Pequot Lakes, Nisswa, Brainerd, Garrison, Aitkin, Crosby, Pierz, Little Falls, Pillager, Crosslake, Motley and Royalton.

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Winds Horse Center south of Brainerd, Mounted Eagles now has the capability to provide services for up to 150 riders per week with seven horses, four NARHA certified instructors and 50+ volunteers. In addition to being certified by NARHA (North American Riding for the Handicapped Association), instructors must also attend 20 hours of continuing education annually, including CPR classes. Volunteers are also well trained and must also attend four educational sessions annually. Riders range from three to 65 years of age with var-

ied diagnoses including but not limited to: mild to severe cerebral palsy, autism, traumatic brain injury, mental retardation, learning disabilities, MS, Angel's Syndrome, seizure disorders, fetal alcohol syndrome and disorders resulting from exposure to drug and/or physical abuse by family members.

For information about events, services and lessons call Margaret Bollenbacher, at 218-838-2629 (marboll@brainerd.net) or Aggie Stroot, at 218-568-5883, 888-828-9920 or by visiting: www.mountedeagles.org.

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# Trying to save their Ponderosa — Local girl's experience at Girls State

On Aug. 22 the Cartwright family was walking the intersection at the stoplight in Aitkin. They were walking for two reasons, the first of which was for diabetes awareness, and secondly to try and raise money to save their home.

Over 16 years ago they purchased a log cabin style home on a small piece of land in Hill City from Harry and Lila Anderson now both deceased. The initial contract less the down payment was in the amount of \$4,750, according to Dean Cartwright. During the duration of the contract Lila Anderson passed away. According to Cartwright, the contract for deed was satisfied in 2004, but before he could transfer the deed Harry Anderson died unexpectedly.

In late 2007, Cartwright received a vacate letter from the Anderson's sons' attorney.



Pictured are the Cartwrights: Toni, Dean, and Dean Jr.

They since have proved all payments they could to the sons' lawyer. Two months ago, Cartwright received a letter stating that they owed the Andersons almost \$6,200 for interest, legal fees, and contract satisfaction costs.

If those costs were not satisfied, the cancellation of contract/vacate order would

stand. Cartwright has been trying to raise money and apply for mortgage loans, so far unsuccessfully due to lack of credit history. Cartwright fears a bank loan may not be approved quickly enough and are taking to the streets of Aitkin to help raise money to save their home.

BY ALICE BROWNING

I attended the 62nd annual Minnesota Girls State sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Minnesota. From June 8-14, 2008, I was housed with approximately 350 other girls from different regions in Minnesota. The primary purpose of Girls State is to educate the next generation about the government of America, give them hands-on experience with the government system, and promote patriotism.

This was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our government from the inside out. We were able to listen and question government officials such as Lieutenant Governor Carol Molnau, Paul Marquart from the Legislative Branch, and Jan Parker a County Commissioner as well as an FBI agent, sheriffs, state troopers and numerous lawyers. Their lectures and advice have taught me a lot.

The first few days of Girls State are dedicated to lectures and getting acquainted with our cities and counties. We had to choose a city, county, or state position to campaign for, then everyone went back to their own city to vote. It was very interesting to meet, listen to and debate with girls from all over Minnesota that are interested in running for "government positions".

Near the end of the pro-



Alice Browning, Aitkin American Legion Auxiliary 2008 Girls State Representative accepting framed print and bouquet from Past President Agnes Weimer.

gram an entire day is spent at the Capitol. Girls State is the only program allowed to sit in and use government property at the State Capitol. I was elected for the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Because of my position I was allowed to tour the Capitol's courtrooms as well as the Judicial building where Justices of the Supreme Court of Minnesota work. I met and talked with Associate Justice Gildea and Chief Justice Andersen. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to them and their thoughts about government.

Girls State also offers other opportunities to young ladies. A Samsung scholarship was awarded at the end of the week, the Ed Viehmen award was given for an essay on

"Americanism", and girls are given the opportunity to campaign for a position at Girls Nation, which is held in Washington later this summer.

I wrote an essay on "Americanism" and to my surprise received the Ed Viehmen award. My essay highlighted the fact that we have the freedom to disagree with our government, but we also have the responsibility to respect our country and how we could encourage others to pay respect to our country's symbols — The American Flag and the National Anthem.

This was a very educational and challenging experience, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

## Helping others feels good

On Fri., Aug. 1 and Sat., Aug. 2, a few of the youth from the Cuyuna Range Youth Center combined a weekend camping trip with painting a house for Mark and Sarah Coady of Grand Rapids.

Not only did the youth have fun, but they feel good when they can do things for other people who can't do projects for themselves.

The kids realize that not everything they do will result in a donation but the object of the lesson is to do for others that need help and not to expect anything in return. When and if a donation results from their actions, the fact remains that they feel good about being able to help others. The community services these young people are doing are helping them



Pictured from L-R: Youths - Tammy Ferrier, Nicole Miller, Norma Guitterrez and Director, Leona Miller. Not pictured Director, John Miller.

become good and productive citizens in our community. The Coady's made a \$1,700

donation to the Youth Center as a result of the excellent job the kids did.



### Veterans visit

Marion Liljenquist receives her 65 year American Legion Auxiliary 2009 membership card from Dorothy Inasley, Aitkin Legion Auxiliary membership chairman. Marion is also Past President, 1954-1955 of Aitkin Unit 86.

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# Red Cross returns to Emily

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be returning to the Emily City Hall on Wed., Sept. 10, 2008, from noon until 6 p.m.

Area donors have supported the Red Cross blood program through the 46 drives, over the past 20 years and have saved countless lives and impacted families, co-workers and neighbors of patients in need.

Donors need to be 16 years or older, no upper age limits, at least 110 pounds and in general good health. The new eligible 16 year olds

will need to have their parent or guardian sign a Red Cross permission form to allow them to donate.

Double Red Cell Collection will be available to donors with O+, O-, A- and B- blood types. To qualify, men need to be at least 5' 1" in height, and weigh a minimum of 150 pounds. Women need to be a minimum of 5' 5" and weigh at least 175 pounds. This automated method of donating blood lets the donor give two units of life-saving red blood cells in one donation, while the other blood components

are returned to the donor, during the donating process. The red cells, from these identified donors, are in great demand.

This allows more blood to be available for patients such as trauma victims requiring emergency transfusions, or for surgeries requiring massive transfusions. Donors of the double red cell collection will be given credit for donating two pints of blood, on their way to earning their gallon pins. The blood drive will also receive credit for two pints of blood, from each

double red cell donor.

The American Red Cross is committed to making sure no patient goes without the blood they need, so they have set a goal of 115 pints for the Emily blood drive. With the

increased goal, Red Cross will also be sending along extra staff to assure that the blood drive runs smoothly and without long waits.

All presenting donors will receive root beer floats in the

canteen area, as a form of appreciation for being a dedicated blood donor. Please call bloodmobile coordinator, Nancy Moritz at 218-763-3097 and make an appointment to give blood.

## OPEN HOUSE

In Honor of National Assisted Living Week, Sept. 7-13-2008,

Aicota Assisted Living will host an Open House on Friday, September 12, 2008 from 1:30 - 4 p.m.

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Isaac Johnson (L) and Joseph Lambrecht (R) are pictured with the ox that they named – Oxagraph.

The new ox at the Welcome Center has a name — Oxagraph!

Isaac Johnson and Joseph Lambrecht submitted the name as part of the "Name the Ox Contest," drawing inspiration from the many "autographs" that the ox received at the Art in the Park celebration where it was displayed over the 4th of July. The winning name was chosen from approximately 120 entries on Mon., Aug. 18. For their winning name, Johnson and Lambrecht won an Oxtrot t-shirt.

On Sept. 6, the Ox Auction will wrap up the successful summer campaign. In addition, prizes will be awarded to five winners who took the "trot" and submitted their registration form to the Brainerd Lakes Chamber.

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# How to make your home green and healthy

You can just smell it. You install new carpeting in your home, and the air in your living room takes on a brash, chemical scent. That can't be good.

The health and safety of our families is a top priority for all of us, yet it's surprising how common it is to neglect easy ways to protect them. If you are planning to remodel, redecorate or even build a new home, what should you consider?

### Breathing Easy

There's growing evidence that indoor air can be more seriously polluted than outdoor air, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.gov/iaq). And with 90 percent of our time spent indoors, health risks from airborne pollutants inside the home may be much higher than you think.

When you are remodeling, considering installing hard-surface flooring rather than carpeting to protect indoor air for the long term. If you

decide to go with carpeting, you can now find products that meet the Carpet and Rug Institute (www.carpet-rug.org) air quality standards for low emissions through its Green Label program. And, ask for carpet manufacturers with recycling programs; many will accept their used carpets for recycling or re-manufacture. An estimated 5 billion pounds of carpet go to landfills annually because its synthetic components prevent easy recycling.

Repainting as well? Request paints that do not use volatile organic compounds, known as VOCs, which are used in paints, lacquers and cleaning supplies. VOCs emit gases with significant health effects. Low- or no-VOC paints (and cleaning products) are now widely available.

Other common sources of indoor air pollution include cabinetry and insulation (formaldehyde), improperly vented fireplaces, and poorly installed or maintained heat-

ing and cooling systems or home appliances, such as gas ranges, stove hoods or water heaters. Quality builders and contractors can source green and healthy products for you, and the U.S. Green Building Council provides up-to-date information on safer and greener products and building techniques.

### Conserving Energy

A foundation element of green building or remodeling is energy conservation. To reduce household energy consumption, replace regular light bulbs with compact fluorescents which reduce power consumption.

Other easy ways to lower household energy use are programming your thermostat, plugging air leaks and upgrading your appliances to Energy Star products. New, energy-efficient windows can also significantly reduce energy used for heating and cooling older homes or apartment buildings, and there's some evidence that double-

paned windows can also reduce fire damage.

If you are building a new home, work with your architect to site and design the house with energy consumption in mind, and maximize the benefits of natural daylight (so you'll need fewer electric lights). Also consider passive ventilation, which will promote the flow of fresh air throughout your home when you need it. And, of course, install energy- and water-efficient appliances.

### Green (and Healthy) Remodeling

If you are updating your home or building a new one, you'll be astounded at the array of green options available.

Consider bamboo flooring. It's contemporary, durable and comes in a variety of finishes -- and it's not even wood. (Bamboo is actually a member of the grass family and grows like a weed). Cork and eucalyptus flooring have similar ecofriendly qualities.

Resources abound for other green flooring options, including reclaimed wood from rivers and lakes. Especially for historic homes, reclaimed wood can provide unmatched appeal.

If you prefer traditional wood, you can still go green by purchasing products certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (www.fscus.org). Flooring, structural lumber, cabinets and a wide range of furnishings are available from FSC suppliers nationwide. You can be assured that these products are made from woods that are responsibly managed, harvested and manufactured.

Cabinets, tile, plasters and countertops are available with green advantages as well. Cabinetry without toxic glues and formaldehyde is widely available and can be finished with low-VOC paints and lacquers. Lead-free tiles are also available, with significant recycled content. And for countertops, the options

cross all boundaries — from recycled glass, concrete or plastic to finely made FSC-certified white oak butcher block. Even wallpaper makers are introducing elegant grass cloth products with more fiber, recycled backing paper and nontoxic laminants.

In the interest of protecting policyholders from damage to their homes and property — and also educating customers about the health benefits of a 'green' home environment, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company has introduced green homeowners insurance. This innovative coverage is offered to homeowners who currently own green homes or who want to upgrade their residences with green features after a loss using environmental safety and efficiency standards. If a home is completely destroyed, it can be rebuilt to green standards, certified as having Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design status (LEED, www.usgbc.org/leed).

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## Autumn is best time to seed and repair lawns

Contrary to popular thought, spring is not the best time to start new lawn or patch bare spots in our lawns. Spring is actually the second best time to plant grass seed. In Minnesota, planting some time between mid-August and mid-September gives you the best chance of success.

Why is August or early September a better time to plant grass seed? First of all, weather is usually cooperative. Warm daytime temperatures encourage rapid sprouting and at the same time, nights grow longer and cooler. This means there will be plenty of time for good roots to develop before hard frosts and as we move into September, the likelihood of rainfall increases.

Weeds are one of the worst problems when you plant grass seeds. Many weed seeds lie dormant in the soil for years,

just waiting for the right conditions to germinate. The tender care you give to newly seeded areas provides just the right conditions for those weed seeds to germinate and they will compete for moisture and nutrients. Fortunately, most weed seeds are programmed to sprout early in the season. Therefore, if you seed in autumn, grassy weeds like crabgrass and foxtail, as well as broadleaf weeds will not compete with the grass seedlings and they will have a greater opportunity to become established before winter.

Perennial weeds, like quackgrass, tall fescue and ground ivy, are a different story. Not only do they sprout from seeds like annual weeds, they grow back every year from roots and rhizomes that have survived over winter. Since there are no selective grass weed killers

and broad leaf herbicides will damage or destroy young grass, it is necessary to rid the area of perennial weeds before you plant. If you are overseeding a thin lawn, spot spray with a non-selective herbicide such as glyphosate (Roundup and others) a week or ten days before seeding. If you are starting a new lawn or completely renovating an existing lawn, it will probably be necessary to spray the entire area before seeding the new grass.

One of the greatest causes of failure when overseeding existing lawns is lack of good seed to soil contact. Seed simply cannot germinate and grow if it is not in contact with receptive soil. Rake out the dead grass and debris in the area to be overseeded and then rough up the soil using a steel garden rake. After preparing the soil, sprinkle some seed over the

area and then cover it lightly by pulling a flexible tine leaf rake in one direction across the seeded area. Use fresh seed and seed with bluegrass and fine fescue mixtures at the rate of 3 to 4 ounces per 50 square feet or if pure Kentucky bluegrass seed is used, seed it at the rate of 2 to 3 ounces per 50 square feet.

Though excessive amounts of fertilizer can burn grass, it is necessary to incorporate a starter type fertilizer into the soil when you plant grass seeds. You need not wait until the grass is up and established. In fact, the best opportunity to work phosphorus and potassium into the root zone is before planting since these two nutrients don't move much in most soils. Remember that although we have legislation prohibiting the use of phosphorus containing fertilizers

on our lawns, starter fertilizers containing phosphorus can be used when seeding a new lawn. This would be a good time to have your soil tested to learn exactly which nutrients you need to add for good grass growth. Do not use any weed and feed products in areas where you plan to seed or on young grass plants until the following spring.

Contrary to popular belief, you do not need to keep grass seeds constantly wet. For best germination, be sure that there is moist soil to a depth of 4-6 inches before seeding. After seeding keep the surface soil moist by watering lightly a couple of times a day and then as seeds germinate and begin to grow, gradually shift to deeper but less frequent watering. Keep the newly seeded areas moist until you are ready to mow for the first time and then

gradually increase the interval between waterings until the soil dries slightly before you water again. Overwatered, saturated soil not only leads to root rot and other lawn problems, but also wastes water.

Don't be afraid to mow young grass. When newly planted grass reaches a height of three and a half to four inches, cut it back an inch. It is important that your lawnmower blade is always sharp when mowing grass, but even more important when the grass is young. Gradually reduce the mowing height as temperatures cool, but never cut the grass shorter than two and a half to three inches. If you are overseeding into an existing lawn, keep the existing grasses mowed fairly short until the newly seeded grasses have had a chance to germinate and catch-up with the other grasses.

## Check with manufacturer before canning on smooth cooktop

It is important to do research before deciding whether or not to use a smooth cooktop for home canning. If we surveyed 10 people about canning on a smooth cooktops we would get 10 different responses with some success stories, but also some horror stories about jars not sealing and damaged cooktops.

The National Center for Home Food Preservation encourages home canners to

consider the following issues:

Smooth cooktop technology varies and can influence how the heat is transferred and maintained. Some manufacturers tell customers not to can on them. Others provide recommendations on the diameter of the canner compared to the diameter of the burner. Some recently designed canners have a curved bottom, so the portion of the canner touching the cooktop is the same

diameter as the burner on a smooth cooktop.

High heat over a long period of time can damage a smooth cooktop because heat is reflected back down on the burner. Damage can vary from cooktop discoloration, burner damage, cooktop cracking or fusion of metal to the glass top. Canning many batches in one day may also damage the heating element or cooktop.

If a heavy canner is slid or

pulled across the surface, the cooktop may be scratched. The scratches may lead to cracking over time.

Many cooktops have automatic cut-offs when heat gets excessive. If the cooktop burner under a canner shuts off during processing, the product will be under processed and could cause a foodborne illness. Also, if the pressure drops suddenly, liquid and food can siphon out of the jar.

Many water bath canners do not have flat bottoms and it can be difficult to maintain a full boil during processing. It may be possible to use a flat-bottomed stockpot with a bottom rack to hold jars if there is at least 1 inch of water over the tops of the jars.

Before making a decision to can on a smooth cooktop, contact the cooktop manufacturer. Do not rely only on the advice

of an appliance salesperson. Today's manufacturers know their cooktops and may have suggestions. When visiting with the manufacturer, explain what you will be doing, describe the canner size, what the canner is made from and how long the canner will be on the burner.

*Carol Ann Burtness is a food science educator with University of Minnesota Extension.*



# ANNOUNCING the Great River Garden's PICKLE CONTEST

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# LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Aug. 16, 23, 30; Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2008)

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALEPRIVATE

**THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 15, 2001

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$58,020.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Robert A. Thompson, a single person  
MORTGAGEE: Abstract & Title Services of Carlton, Inc. dba The Carlton Loan Company, a Minnesota corporation

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed November 20, 2001, Aitkin County Recorder; Document No. 335362

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Flagstar Bank, FSB; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston MBS 2002-26

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 of NW 1/4) of Section 30, Township 49, Range 22, described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of the plat of Big Round Lake Addition extended North with the North line of Government Lot 1, of said Section 30; Thence East along the North line of said Government Lot 1 and the North line of said NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, a distance of 990.00 feet to the actual point of beginning of the tract to be described; Thence continuing East along said North line of the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 to the East

line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 30, Township 49, Range 22; Thence South along the East line of said Forty to the South line of the North 660.00 feet of said NE 1/4 of NW 1/4; Thence West along said South line of the North 660.00 feet to a point 990.0 feet East of the East line of Big Round Lake Addition; Thence North parallel with the East line of the plat of Big Round Lake Addition to the actual point of beginning.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Aitkin County, Minnesota

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$60,409.46

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.  
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Minn. Stat. § 580.025

**(1) Street Address, city and zip code of mortgaged premises:** 15469 480th Street, Tamarack, MN 55787

**(2) Transaction agent; residential mortgage servicer; and lender or broker:** Abstract & Title Services of Carlton, Inc. dba The Carlton Loan Company, a Minnesota corporation

**(3) Tax parcel identification number:** 100049401

**(4) Transaction Agent's mortgage ID number (MERS number):** none

**(5) Name of mortgage originator:** Abstract & Title Services of Carlton, Inc. dba The Carlton Loan Company, a Minnesota corporation

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 1, 2005

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$223,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Michelle B. Pundt and Wesley A. Pundt, wife and husband

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware Corporation as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., a Delaware Corporation

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 3, 2005, Aitkin County Recorder; Document No. 365772

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North One Hundred Eighty-one (181) feet of Lot One (1) of the Plat of "Weistroffer's Subdivision," according to the filed plat thereof.

AND  
That part of Government Lot Seven (7) of Section (16), Township Forty-nine (49), Range Twenty-six (26), described as follows:

Commencing at the meander corner of the shore of Round Lake between Sections 16 and 17, Township 49, Range 26; thence North along said Section line 219.5 feet to the road right of way; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes East 496.6 feet along said road right of way; thence South 85 degrees 45 minutes East 441 feet along said road right of way; thence South 64 degrees 53 minutes East 657 feet along said road right of way; thence South 62 degrees 34 minutes East 905 feet along said road right of way; thence

South 40 degrees 28 minutes East 1030 feet along said road right of way; thence South 22 degrees 12 minutes East 609 feet along said road right of way; thence South 3 degrees 03 minutes West 1302.8 feet along the road right of way to the South line of said Section 16, the place of beginning; thence North 85 degrees 29 minutes West 149.7 feet along said section line to the meander corner on the shore of Round Lake; thence North 9 degrees 32 minutes West 112.6 feet along the shore of said lake; thence South 86 degrees 38 minutes East 174.1 feet to the road right of way; thence South 3 degrees 03 minutes West 112.8 feet along the said road right of way to the place of beginning; Tract extends to the water's edge.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Aitkin County, Minnesota

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$219,919.46

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Aitkin County Sheriff's office, 217 Second Street NW, Aitkin, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

"THE TIME ALLOWED

BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: August 18, 2008  
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC

Mortgagee  
REITER & SCHILLER, P.A.  
By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.  
Sarah J.B. Adam, Esq.N.

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**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

**FORECLOSURE DATA**  
Minn. Stat. § 580.025

**(1) Street Address, city and zip code of mortgaged premises:** 48979 373rd Pl, Palisade, MN 56469

**(2) Transaction agent; residential mortgage servicer; and lender or broker:** Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware Corporation as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., a Delaware Corporation

**(3) Tax parcel identification number:** 35-1-066100

**(4) Transaction Agent's mortgage ID number (MERS number):** 100131020501370249

**(5) Name of mortgage originator:** Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware Corporation as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., a Delaware Corporation

27.96

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## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALEPRIVATE

**THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 2, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$184,928.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Michael J. Rust and Christina E. Rust, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 9, 2006, Aitkin County Recorder; Document No. 373879

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: none

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Outlot E of the plat of "Lake View Heights", according to the filed plat thereof

AND

All that part of Outlot D of the Plat of "Lake View Heights" lying easterly and northerly of the following described line: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Outlot D and proceeding thence South 59 degrees 58 minutes 37 seconds West a distance of 270 feet to the point of beginning

of the line to be described; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point on the South boundary line of said Outlot D that is 162.64 feet westerly, as measured along said South boundary line, from the southeast corner of said Outlot D and there terminating.

Together with an easement for road purposes over and upon Outlot B of said plat of "Lake View Heights."

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Aitkin County, Minnesota

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$187,037.36

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Aitkin County Sheriff's office, 217 Second Street NW, Aitkin, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time al-

lowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: July 17, 2008  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
Mortgagee

REITER & SCHILLER, P.A.  
By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.  
Sarah J.B. Adam, Esq.  
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**FORECLOSURE DATA**  
ADDRESS: 33713 399th Place, Aitkin, MN 56431

PID No.: 24-1-122501 and 24-1-122600

MERS No.: none  
SERVICER: Wells Fargo 877-216-8448

20.35

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## WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the day of the regular meeting for the month of September will be changed from the 9th to the 10th at the same time. Also the regular meeting for the month of November to be changed from the 11th to the 12th at the same time.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2008

LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk  
Wealthwood Township  
2.79

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., Aug. 30, 2008)

## LAKESIDE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING CHANGE

Notice is here by given that the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2008, will be changed to Thursday, September 4, 2008, at the regular time of 8:00 p.m., at the Malmo Community Hall.

CHRIS SPRINGER, Clerk  
Lakeside Township  
2.24

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# Ironton opts to continue with police protection with City of Crosby

By KATHY C. BRYAN

The Ironton City Council met Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. at Ironton City Hall. Present, Mayor David Hicks, Council Members, Laura Ukura-Leir, Dean French and Bill Thoms. Absent Bill Wynn. Also present, Rosemary

Caddy.

Jeff Ledin and Mike Darrow from Short, Elliott, Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) appeared before the council to discuss Ironton's comprehensive plan as it relates to updating the plan and the rezoning pending

on Jeff Olson's and surrounding properties. Ledin recently met with the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) from Ironton to update them on the process of rezoning. SEH will handle the drafting of legal documents needed and strongly recom-

mends Ironton follow through with the requirements. Ledin also stated that before rezoning can be done, an amendment to the comprehensive plan is needed. SEH will prepare a staff report and present it to the council and P&Z for review before the city takes any steps concerning either the rezoning or the amendment to the plan. Once the staff report is approved, SEH will follow-up on the amendment and rezoning. A motion was carried to allow SEH to proceed with preparing a staff report not to exceed the budget amount of \$5,000. The approximate cost of updating the comprehensive plan is \$10,000 and Ledin recommended seeking grants from the Initiative Foundation. SEH is also working on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet that is required by the State for the demolition of the old water tower and distributed a document to the council listing the steps required in taking down the tower.

John Maatala appeared before the council concerning the recycling program. The Attorney for the City of Crosby sent a letter to Deerwood and Ironton expressing concerns over the proposal/contract for the recycling program. Crosby has elected not to engage in the three-city program unless certain issues are addressed. A motion was carried to proceed with the City of Deerwood in the recycling program without Crosby's participation. A concrete slab is needed for the containers and the location will be behind the maintenance garage in Ironton with containers

set in place in November.

A resolution was passed to amend Section 401 of the City Code concerning city water supply listing property owners on existing water bills.

Police Chief Coughlin appeared before the council to discuss police protection and the police department's budget for 2009 of \$168,000. A discussion ensued about whether the county should take over police protection or whether Ironton should continue with their own police department. Coughlin stated the county does not have the manpower to patrol the streets of Ironton on a regular basis and the best crime deterrent has proven to be the existence of city/townships police departments. Council Member French indicated he and Council Member Wynn recently met with Coughlin and two city council members from Crosby under the Police Advisory Committee and the meeting was very productive. The Ironton City Council adopted Coughlin's 2009 budget and agreed to continue in the same manner for police protection with the understanding that Coughlin will present another report in the fall with the intention of expanding the one-year contract to three years.

The street department's budget for 2009 in the amount of \$2,000 was adopted.

Brian Blom, Fire Department Chief, appeared before the council to present his 2009 budget. A line item discussion ensued wherein Blom explained the purchases and items listed on the budget. The council will take the fire

department's proposed budget of \$28,394 under advisement and decide whether to accept it at the next meeting. At present Ironton has 22 firefighters and Crosby 35.

Jack McAllister, a resident of Riverton appeared to demonstrate a game he invented called Bunker Ball. McAllister is requesting a backboard be placed at the park for area youths to play the game. Council Member French will speak to the appropriate people concerning the back board and have them get back to McAllister.

Council Member Thoms was added to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

A motion was carried to issue a Charitable Gambling License to Cuyuna Range Ducks Unlimited for the purpose of conducting raffles at their location in City of Ironton.

The City Clerk informed the council her office has received three complaints of tall grass or yards not being mowed at area properties. Caddy believes the houses to be vacant at this point but will follow up with letters where appropriate. A water pipe burst at the pump house causing some damage. Public Works will investigate and report to the council.

Council Member Ukura-Lier wants a dead tree outside City Hall taken down.

With further business, the meeting was adjourned. The Ironton City Council meets first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m. at Ironton City Hall. The meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged.

## LEGAL NOTICES CONT.

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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 26, 2007

MORTGAGOR: Angela M. Peterson, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded April 30, 2007, Aitkin County Recorder, Document No. 380857.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc., Dated: July 20, 2008.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100112065745862563

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Mortgageit, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: CitiMortgage, Inc.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 512 4th Street Northwest, Aitkin, MN 56431

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 56-1-054500

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 11 and 12, Block 46, "Hungerfords Addition to the Village of Aitkin", According to the filed plat thereof.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Aitkin ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$94,500.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$97,306.56

THAT prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 9, 2008 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Aitkin County Jail, Aitkin, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys'

fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: August 11, 2008 CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Mortgagee/Assignee

Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 10-899 2004456587

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/ CROSSLAKE - 6 Month Membership - \$245 Value For \$139 ♦ CUSTOM FITNESS - 3 Month Membership - \$125.85 Value For \$65 ♦ EINSTEIN CELLULAR - \$30 Value For \$15 ♦ ENDLESS SUMMER TANNING - \$20 Value For \$12 ♦ FRAMING CONNECTION - \$50 Toward A Complete Custom Frame Order For \$25 ♦ FURNISH IT FURNITURE - \$100 Certificate For \$50 ♦ HALLETT COMMUNITY CENTER - 10 Time Pass Valued At \$70 For \$42 ♦ HUDRLIK CARPET - \$100 Off 20 Yards Or More For \$50 ♦ ITSY BITSY - \$15 For \$8 ♦ JB WESTERN WEAR - Toward Regular Merchandise - \$25 Value For \$10 ♦ LAKE COUNTRY JOURNAL - 1 Year subscription valued at \$19.95 For \$10 ♦ LAKE MASTER - \$300 Toward Lake Art For \$150 ♦ LIBERTY TAX - \$100 For \$50 ♦ MARLENE'S SALON - Cut And Style - \$20 For \$10 ♦ MATTIE AND ME - \$10 For \$6 ♦ MEYER'S CLEANERS - Dry Cleaning Services \$10 Value For \$6 ♦ MIDWEST SECURITY & FIRE - 1 Complete security system installation - value of \$1,134.75 For \$499 ♦ MN FISHING MUSEUM - Family Season Pass - \$25 Value For \$13 ♦ MR.TUBS - Deluxe Car Wash \$6 value for \$3 ♦ NORDIC INN - Friday And Saturday Night Stay In The Look Out - Value Of \$125 For \$75 ♦ NORTH COUNTRY FLORAL - \$15 For \$10 ♦ OBERG FENCE - 6x10 Custom Chain Link Kennel (Delivery Not Included)

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# AITKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Booking Report: 7/28/08 - 8/3/08** Four for probation violation, four for DWI/UI, one for order for protection violation, one for theft of checks, one for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance, one for procuring liquor for a minor, one for burglary, one for terroristic threats, one for escape and one failure to appear.

**July 31:** Possible stolen snowmobile was reported 110th ave. Finlayson possible terroristic threats on Minnesota Ave. S., Aitkin... vehicle was reported traveling on wrong side of Deer St., Aitkin... missing jet ski was reported on Big Sandy Lake, McGregor... suspicious vehicle was reported on 197th Ave., McGregor... warrant arrest was made in Aitkin... driving complaint was made on Hwy. 210, McGregor... burglary was reported on lone Ave., Hill City... padlocks were reported cut off on 484th St., McGregor... breaking and entering was reported on Goshawk St., McGregor... disturbance was reported on 440th Ave., Aitkin... breaking and entering was reported on Hwy. 18, McGrath... dog issue was reported on 326th Ave., Isle... DWI arrest was made on Co. Rd. 12, Aitkin... probation violation was reported on Co. Rd. 12, Aitkin.

**Aug. 1:** Driving complaint was made on 186th Pl., McGregor... suspicious activity was reported on Main St., Palisade... assisted Illinois State Patrol in an attempt to locate on 240th Pl., McGregor... possible order for protection violation was reported in Aitkin... warrant arrest was made on Hwy. 65, McGrath... breaking and entering was reported on Lake Ave., McGregor... no proof of insurance violation was reported on Hwy. 210, Aitkin... DWI arrest was made on Hwy. 65, McGregor... hit and run was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... accident was reported on Hwy. 210, McGregor... welfare check was requested on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... ATV accident was reported on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... braking dog complaint was made on 5th St. NW, Aitkin.

**Aug. 2:** Unwanted person was reported on Minnesota Ave. So., Aitkin... vehicle in ditch was reported on Co. Rd. 30, McGregor... accident was reported on Hwy. 210, Aitkin... breaking and entering was reported on 197th Ave., McGregor... trespass complaint was made in Finlayson... gas drive off was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... child custody dispute was reported on Pioneer Ave., Aitkin... burglar alarm was reported on Hwy. 47, Aitkin... suspicious vehicle was reported on 520th Ln., McGregor... male resident left Aicota Healthcare in Aitkin... theft and trespassing complaint was made on Hwy. 18, Finlayson... exposure was reported on Co. Rd. 4, Aitkin... fire complaint was reported in Palisade.

**Aug. 3:** Theft was reported in Tamarack... accident was reported on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... burglar alarm was reported on

Hwy. 169, Aitkin... attempt to locate was made on 280th Pl., Aitkin... alarm was reported Jacques Art Center, Aitkin... warrant arrest was made at Holiday in McGregor... burglary of ATM was reported on Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin... arson was reported on 192 Pl., McGregor... disturbance was reported on 1st Ave. NE, Aitkin.

**Aug. 4:** Property damage complaint was made on Pike Ave., Aitkin... loose cow was reported on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... theft of computer equipment was reported on 370th Ln., Aitkin... 911 hangup was reported on Andrew Ln., McGregor... vehicle damage complaint was reported on 197th Ave., McGregor... disturbance was reported at County Attorney's office, Aitkin... Palisade Fire Department responded to a ATV fire on 480th St., Palisade... dog bite was reported on 370th St., Aitkin... child abuse was reported on Oak Ave., Aitkin... trespass complaint was made on Hwy. 210, Aitkin... accident was reported on Hwy. 47, Aitkin... 911 hang up was reported on 339th Ln., Aitkin... vandalism was reported on 2nd St. NE, Aitkin... damage to Greyhound bus was reported on Airpark Dr., Aitkin.

**Aug. 5:** Accident was reported on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... disturbance was reported on Great River Rd., Palisade... alarm was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... alarm was reported on 170th Ln., Isle... 911 hang up was reported on 329th Pl., Isle... welfare check was requested in McGregor.

**Aug. 6:** 911 hang up was reported on 408th Pl., Aitkin... disturbance with 18 yr. old son was reported on 422nd St., Tamarack... child custody dispute was reported on Pioneer Ave., Aitkin... warrant arrest was made on Goshawk, McGregor... warrant arrest was made at Savanna Pallets, Aitkin... accident was reported on Hwy. 210, Aitkin... sunken jet ski was reported on 409th Pl., Aitkin... threatening calls were reported on Minnesota Ave. S., Aitkin... accident was reported on Hwy. 18, Aitkin... burglary was reported on Hwy. 65, Jacobson... burglary was reported on 193rd Pl., McGregor... man walking on Hwy. was reported near Jacobson... assisted Itasca Co. in Warba.

**Booking Report: 8/4/08 - 8/10/08** One for burglary, four for probation violation, three for failure to appear and 13 St. Louis Co. boarders. Two for DWI. One for vehicle theft. One for controlled substance.

**Aug. 7:** Suspicious person was reported on 4th St. SE, Aitkin... suspicious person was reported on 198th Ave., Jacobson... assistance was requested on 389th Ave., Swatara... property dispute was reported on 210th Ln., Isle... traffic stop was made in White Pine Twp... burglary was reported on 1st Ave., McGregor... trespass was reported on 305th Pl., Aitkin... assisted other department on Co. Rd. 18, Foreston... theft

was reported on 5th St. NW, Aitkin... complaint was made on 5th St. NW, Aitkin... Aitkin Fire Department responded to a fire alarm with visible smoke on Minnesota Ave. S., Aitkin.

**Aug. 8:** Complaint was made in McGregor... breaking and entering was reported on 213th Ln., Aitkin... paddle boat was found on Farm Island Lake, Aitkin... check was issued on a closed account on Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin... wallet was found on 435th Ave., Aitkin... break in to shed was reported on Hwy. 18, McGrath... cow on the road was reported on Co. Rd. 1 by Aitkin VFW... DWI arrest was made on Hwy. 65, McGregor... 2 vehicle accident with no injuries was reported on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... breaking and entering was reported on 380th Pl., Aitkin... noise complaint responded to a ATV fire on 480th St., Palisade... dog bite was reported on 370th St., Aitkin... child abuse was reported on Oak Ave., Aitkin... trespass complaint was made on Hwy. 210, McGrath... suspicion complaint was reported on Big Pine Lake, Aitkin... loud party complaint with possible fight was reported on Fleming Lake, Aitkin... male with head laceration, possible assault was reported on 508th Ln., McGregor... theft of money was reported in McGregor... property dispute was reported on Hwy. 18, Aitkin... welfare check with message was requested on 1st St. NW, Aitkin... accident was reported on Southgate Dr., Aitkin... assistance was reported on 290th St., Aitkin... alarm was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... Aitkin Fire Department was responded to a vehicle fire on Hwy. 169 and 210, Aitkin... accident was reported on Co. Rd. 5, Aitkin... McGregor Fire Department responded to a fire on Hwy. 65, McGregor... Hill City Fire Department responded to a possible heart attack... accident was reported on Hwy. 47, Aitkin... barking dogs was reported on 5th St., Aitkin... patrol request was made on Hwy. 47, Aitkin... alarm was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... possible accident was reported on Hwy. 18, Aitkin... burning complaint was made on Elm Island Lake, Aitkin... harassing phone calls were reported on 1st St. NW, Aitkin.

**Aug. 9:** Noise complaint was made on Hwy 18, McGrath... suspicion complaint was reported on Big Pine Lake, Aitkin... loud party complaint with possible fight was reported on Fleming Lake, Aitkin... male with head laceration, possible assault was reported on 508th Ln., McGregor... theft of money was reported in McGregor... property dispute was reported on Hwy. 18, Aitkin... welfare check with message was requested on 1st St. NW, Aitkin... accident was reported on Southgate Dr., Aitkin... assistance was reported on 290th St., Aitkin... alarm was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... Aitkin Fire Department was responded to a vehicle fire on Hwy. 169 and 210, Aitkin... accident was reported on Co. Rd. 5, Aitkin... McGregor Fire Department responded to a fire on Hwy. 65, McGregor... Hill City Fire Department responded to a possible heart attack... accident was reported on Hwy. 47, Aitkin... barking dogs was reported on 5th St., Aitkin... patrol request was made on Hwy. 47, Aitkin... alarm was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... possible accident was reported on Hwy. 18, Aitkin... burning complaint was made on Elm Island Lake, Aitkin... harassing phone calls were reported on 1st St. NW, Aitkin.

**Aug. 10:** Burglar alarm was reported on Lily Ave., McGregor... driving complaint was made on Long Point Pl., McGregor... attempted theft was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... breaking and entering was reported on 450th St., McGregor... vehicle and ATV accident was reported on Hwy. 47, Isle... dog bite was reported on 150th Pl., Sturgeon Lake... theft of catalytic convertors was reported on Hwy. 18, Aitkin... possible theft was reported on 370th Ln., McGregor... McGregor Fire Department responded to a report of a propane leak on 206th Pl., McGregor... suspicious vehicle was reported on Co. Rd. 2, Finlayson.

**Aug. 11:** Dog complaint was

made on 195th Ln., Aitkin... arrest was made on Co. Rd. 38, Isle... unwanted parties were reported on property on 487th St., McGregor... harassing calls were reported in Aitkin... theft was reported on Lake Ave., McGregor... disturbance was reported on Main St., McGregor... DWI arrest was made on Hwy. 47, Aitkin.

**Aug. 12:** Disturbance was reported on 223rd Pl., McGregor... routine paper service was executed on Great River Rd., Palisade... fraud complaint was made on 310th Pl., Palisade... assistance was requested on 3rd St. NW, Aitkin... complaint was made on Pioneer Ave., Aitkin... warrant arrest was made on Eagle Pt., Aitkin... theft was reported on 486th Ln., Palisade... assault was reported on 3rd Ave. NE, Aitkin... accident was reported on Great River Rd., Aitkin... cow was reported on Co. Rd. 36, Aitkin.

**Booking Report: 8/11/08 - 8/17/08** Five for DWI/UI, one for sale of Cocaine, three for probation violation, eight for failure to appear, one for order for protection violation, one for motor vehicle theft and counterfeit checks, one for property damage, one for assault and two for traffic violation.

**Aug. 15:** Suspicious activity was reported on Hwy. 210, Aitkin... welfare check was requested on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... search warrant was executed on 2nd St., NW, Aitkin... property dispute with boat house was reported on 526th Ln., McGregor... welfare check was requested on 207th Pl., Aitkin... lost purse was reported at McDonald's, Aitkin... lost car keys were reported at 40 Club, Aitkin... breaking and entering was reported on Hwy. 18, Aitkin... burglary alarm from storage shed #37 was reported on Hwy. 47, Isle... driving complaint was made in McGregor... jet ski complaint on Vanduse Lake was reported on 182nd Pl., Jacobson... gas drive off was reported at Holiday on Hwy. 210, McGregor... disturbance was reported on Hwy. 18, Aitkin... child custody issue was reported in Aitkin... male was reported rolling alongside Hwy. 47, Aitkin... missing boaters were reported on 155th Pl., Sturgeon Lake.

**Aug. 16:** Rollover was reported on Hwy. 210 one mile west of Aitkin... alarm was reported at the Junction on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... warrant arrest was made on 5th Ave. S., Aitkin... theft was reported on 214th Pl., McGregor... Palisade Fire Department responded to a traffic fatality on Co. Rd. 3, Palisade... alarm was reported on Hwy. 47, Isle... fireworks complaint was made on 170th Pl., McGregor... vehicle in ditch was reported on Maddy St., McGregor... tickets were issued for minor consumption in McGregor... tickets were issued for minor consumption in Tamarack.

**Aug. 17:** Party in the water was reported on 380th Ave., Aitkin... shooting complaint was reported on Hwy. 18, Finlayson... shooting complaint was reported on 450th

St., Aitkin... Aitkin Fire Department responded to a fire alarm on Dove St., Aitkin... accident was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... assistance was requested on 156th Ln., Tamarack... welfare check was requested on 402nd Pl. Aitkin... McGrath Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Hwy. 65 and Co. Rd. 2, McGrath... jet ski complaint was made on 182nd Pl., Jacobson... unwanted person was reported on 305th Pl., Aitkin... DWI arrest was made on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... disturbance was reported on beaches on north Mille Lacs... ATV traffic and arrest was reported on Hwy. 200 and 65, Jacobson... assistance with property exchange was made on 2nd Ave. NW, Aitkin... suspicious activity was reported on 117th St., Finlayson... suspicious activity was reported on 236th Ln., Aitkin... traffic stop was made on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... assault was reported on 292nd St., Aitkin... disturbance was reported on 5th St. NW, Aitkin.

**Aug. 18:** Accident was reported Co. Rd. 22 and 440th Pl., Aitkin... driving complaint was made on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... shooting complaint was made on Dam Lake St., Aitkin.

**Aug. 19:** Animal was reported on Co. Rd. 1, Aitkin... welfare check on child was requested on Kestrel Ave., McGrath... mailbox tampering was reported on 360th St., Aitkin... order for protection violation was reported on Maddy St., McGregor... vehicle in ditch was reported on Nature Ave., Aitkin... theft was reported on 486th Ln., Palisade... minor 2 vehicle accident was reported on Goshawk St., McGregor... suspicious person was reported on Summit Ave., Hill City... dirt bike complaint... property damage to parked

vehicle was reported at VFW on Delling Ave., McGregor... unsecured load was reported on Hwy. 65, McGregor... assisted other agency with welfare check on Kestrel Ave., McGrath... property damage complaint was made on 480th St., Palisade... order for protection service was made in Aitkin... possible stolen vehicle was reported on Dam Lake St., Aitkin... ticket was issued for driving after revocation on 4th St. NW, Aitkin... assistance was requested on Bunker Hill Dr., Aitkin... Aitkin Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Rippleside School, Aitkin... harassment was reported on 313th Ln., Aitkin,

**Aug. 20:** Vandalism to flower garden was reported on 313th Ln., Aitkin... dog complaint was 455th Ave., Aitkin... traffic stop was made in Hill City... warrant arrest was made in McGregor... property dispute with neighbor was reported on 337th Ln., Aitkin... traffic stop was made on Hwy. 169, Aitkin... lost power takeoff shaft from baler was reported on Great River Rd., Aitkin... dead dog complaint was made on 310th Ave., Aitkin... breaking and entering to shop was reported on 310th Ln., Aitkin... property damage complaint was reported on 446th Pl., Aitkin... welfare check was requested on 492nd Ln., Palisade... disturbance was reported on 364th Ln., McGregor... harassment complaint was made on Hwy. 200, Hill City... vehicle tampering was reported on Elm Island Lake, Aitkin... warrant arrest was made on 3rd St. NW, Aitkin... assault was reported on Paddy Ave., Aitkin... barking dog complaint was made on 5th St., NW, Aitkin... warrant arrest was made on 370th St., Aitkin... disturbance was reported on 1st St., McGregor.

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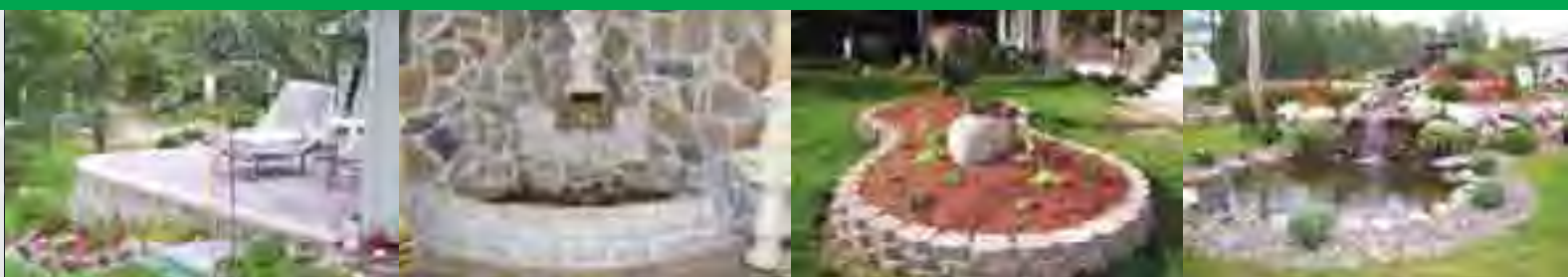
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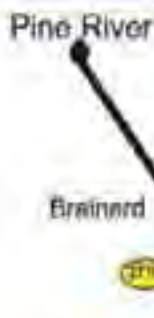
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