

Vehicle Price Comparisons

Handout
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New Vehicles - Local Dealers

	Vehicle	Miles	Vendor	Cost
4-Door Sedan				
2015	Fusion SE FWD	0	Aitkin Motor	\$19,699
2015	Fusion S	0	Aitkin Motor	\$18,589
2015	Taurus SE FWD	0	Aitkin Motor	\$21,799
2014	Impala LT	3,406	Brandl Chev	\$26,324

SUV / Van

2014	Escape SE FWD	0	Aitkin Motor	\$23,533
2014	Escape S	0	Aitkin Motor	\$19,962
2014	Terrain AWD	2,379	Brandl Chev	\$25,429

Used Vehicles - Local Dealers

	Vehicle	Miles	Vendor	Cost
4-Door Sedan				
2012	Fusion SEL	5,307	Aitkin Motor	\$18,400
2011	Fusion SE	13,600	Aitkin Motor	\$16,000
2012	Malibu	19,287	Brandl Chev	\$14,962

New Vehicles - State Bid

	Vehicle	Miles	Vendor	Cost
4-Door Sedan				
2014	Impala SE	0	State Bid	\$22,409
2014	Impala Limited	0	State Bid	\$18,362
2014	Fusion SE FWD	0	State Bid	\$19,005
2014	Fusion S	0	State Bid	\$17,400
2014	Taurus SE FWD	0	State Bid	\$19,005

SUV / Van

2014	Captiva	0	State Bid	\$18,700
2014	Equinox FWD	0	State Bid	\$20,500
2014	Equinox AWD	0	State Bid	\$22,100
2014	Grand Caravan	0	State Bid	\$20,550
2014	Escape SE	0	State Bid	\$21,635
2014	Escape S	0	State Bid	\$19,700

AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
DEPOT HIGHLIGHTS NEWSLETTER
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Another busy summer is ahead of us at the Depot museum.

1. We have already started to collect merchandise for our Annual Garage sale that takes place the first weekend in August. Please consider us when disposing of any sellable items. **Items are tax deductible.**
2. Volunteers are busy collecting and assembling information and photos about all the Country schools that were located in Aitkin County. If you have any photos please share them with us.
3. Numerous displays at the depot need to be torn down and replaced with new displays. A temporary display from the Minnesota Historical Society "Electrifying Minnesota" is one of our new displays.
4. I will be working hard to reach my goal of 472 members from now until the end of the year. Our current membership stands at 451, only 21 more members until we reach the goal I set.
5. Trains continue to come in for our display in the railroad room. Ten more needed until we have to build a third shadow box. Don't have a complete train, maybe only a car or two, or some accessories, bring them in. We can always add them to trains already on display.
6. Once the snow has gone away, we need to switch out the old logging sleigh with the one that has been rebuilt.
7. The fence on the east side of the Depot needs to be repaired. Snow plows damaged it this winter.
8. If we are able to come up with the money we would like to add an additional 40' to our second display building.
9. Our land that we lease from the railroad needs to be surveyed and appraised for possible purchase.
10. Cobwebs need to be removed from certain areas of the museum. (hard to reach areas of course)
11. Research, at the County Courthouse, on our new book "Country Schools of Aitkin County" will hopefully be completed this summer.
12. Interviews with residents of Aitkin County that attended a one room school house should be in full swing by this summer.
13. We will have to get the GPS coordinates of all the sites on our "Historical Map of Aitkin County" this summer. There will be 80 to 100 sites around the county that will have to be located. Need volunteers to accomplish this task once all the sites are determined.
14. Need GPS coordinates for our walking tour of the city of Aitkin.
15. Need a volunteer to help put information onto our web site.
16. Volunteers needed to help accession artifacts, information and photographs into the society's collection.
17. Flag poles need a fresh coat of paint.
18. Need help picking up a WWII era Flight simulator and getting it working. Could be a fun addition to our museum.
19. Have some electrical outlets added to the Homestead room. – **(Completed)**
20. Get clean fill for the low area south of building #3.
21. The storage area in our log cabin needs to be cleaned out.
22. Our library needs to be cataloged and set up for easy use.
23. We are wrapping up our obituary files from the Aitkin Age. Now we need scan through the Aitkin Independent and Aitkin Republican for other obituaries that were not in the Age. Hill City also needs to be gone through.
24. New sign advertising the museum south of town needs to be built and installed.
25. The basement of the Depot building needs all of the rotten wood taken out of it and burned.
26. Need to work with the railroad museum in Duluth and see if we can get one of their handcars to put on display.
27. Plant a larger variety of Hastas and other plants around the museum.
28. Have STS build us some benches for outside the museum. (cost around \$75.00 each) Dedicate a bench to a loved one by paying for it.
29. Continue to add different artifacts to our displays to help tell our history.
30. Set up a variety of hands on displays for children to interact with.
31. Assemble more photo albums to tie items into Aitkin County and to tell Aitkin County history.
32. Transfer all our VHS tapes (interviews) onto DVD.

Do you have a skill that would benefit one of our projects or an interest in working on one of our projects? Please contact me at the Depot museum. We have a lot of projects going on right now, so pick one that interests you and give us a hand. With your help we could complete this list this year.

Displays are coming down, moving, and new displays going up

The log cabin display that was located in the Depot building has been torn down and moved to our log cabin at the fairgrounds. We will use it as our fair display. In its place, a Traveling Minnesota Historical Display "Electrifying Minnesota" will be featured at the museum until July 27th. This display is to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of Mille Lacs Energy Coop. There are four interactive items in this display. Come in and check it out.

Our children's display in building #2 will come down and a display about area churches will go up. Hopefully this display will generate some interest in our Churches of Aitkin County book.

The log cabin display that was at the depot has been moved down to the fairgrounds to put on display for the County fair. We will have to move the cast iron stove and then build the display. This will happen sometime in June.

Volunteers are busy making repairs to various display cases, adding wheels under cases for ease of moving them around. They are picking up items for our Annual Garage sale, marking them and putting them in storage until our sale. Several other building projects are also under way. One of our new train displays needs to be taken down and repaired.

On a more serious note, I would like to let the society know that my wife and I have decided to put our home up for sale next spring (2015). When we sell our home, we plan on moving out of the area and back to the cities, get a small apartment, and then travel around the country. There is so much of this country we have not seen and we would like to do it before we are unable to. It is my plan to stay here until we close on the house which is over a year away. During the next year I will continue to work hard to make the society stronger, the museum more fun to visit and complete as many of the projects that I have started as possible. I have truly enjoyed working for the society. Over the past 5 ½ years I have learned so much about Aitkin County and its rich history. I am so blessed that I was able to find a job that I truly enjoyed and loved. Thank you so much for allowing me to be your Administrator.

If we wish to have a research room, it is imperative that an addition is built onto building #2 for additional displays. I am looking into various grant opportunities to accomplish this task. However, if anyone out there knows of a grant giver that could help us please let me know. We need to get some bids for this project, but I am thinking around \$40,000, give or take \$5,000. This addition would give us eight more displays to share our rich Aitkin County History. By adding additional displays, space could be freed up in building #3 (our storage building) to receive some unique artifacts. A research center would draw more people to the museum as the word got out. This project is a top priority for me.

A project that I am working on is the Historical Map of Aitkin County. 100 historic sites in the county will be highlighted on this map with their GPS locations. Visitors to Aitkin County will be able to pick up the map anywhere in the county and then explore this counties rich history (Native Americans, Voyageurs, Railroads, Logging, Riverboats, and Farming). My plan is to have this project completed and sent to the printer by sometime in August. This brochure will be something that can be printed over and over again and enjoyed for generations to come. This will be my legacy to the Aitkin County Historical Society.

What will be your legacy? Did you write book or maybe stories about the County? Maybe, it's your family's genealogy or history in the county. Do you have a unique tool or artifact that was used in one of the industries located in the county that could be donated to the museum? Consider leaving something to the Historical Society in you will. Have you been keeping a diary for most of your life? Did you write about what was going on around you, the weather or local events? That is something the society would be interested in. Do you have the records of a club, church, or organization? Definitely something we would be interested in. Money is always great but, our job is about collecting Aitkin County history. **Do not let our history be thrown away when you are gone.** Go through your house or apartment and see if you are holding a piece of Aitkin history. (Photographs, ledgers, books, papers) Look at the list of books we are working on. Do you have something that should be included in one of those books? If you have something, please share it with the historical society NOW.

Gregory Leach (Administrator)

Members Lost During

2014

Gordon Root

6/20/1939 to 1/24/2014

New Members

Wanda Ball

Connie Gretschnann

Ben Konsor

Donald J. Christianson

Monica Westerlund

Jane A. Humphreys

Ronald & Diann Hendrickson

Peggy & Tom Larsen

Linda Nelson

Janice K. McFarlane Wood

Janice E. Aplin

NEW DISPLAY

"Electrifying Minnesota"

This display is a traveling display from the Minnesota Historical Society. It is here to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Mille Lacs Energy.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

1. Cost only \$30.00 a year.
2. Businesses are listed in our quarterly newsletter for other members to support.
3. Businesses are listed on our web site with links to their web site or email.
4. ACHS uses our business members first.

Memberships

Senior - \$7.50

Individual - \$15.00

Family - \$20.00

Business - \$30.00

Country Schools of Aitkin County

We are now in the process of collecting photographs and information pertaining to our Aitkin County Country schools for our next book. Do you have any information or photographs of one or more of our Country Schools? Or, do you know someone that does? Please contact the Depot Museum.

GRANT WRITER NEEDED!

Need grants for the following:

- Purchase land under depot.
- Addition to building #2
- Publish Historical map of Aitkin County.
- Purchase Caboose for Depot.
- Purchase scanner for negatives.
- Tables & Computers for research area.
- Book shelves for library.

GOALS FOR 2014

1. Membership surpasses 472
2. Raffle over \$3000.00 again
3. Garage Sale over \$7000.00
4. Publish book about our Aitkin County Country schools.
5. Visitor count over 5000.
6. Research facility set up.
7. Find a Caboose or railroad car for display.
8. Publish Historic map of Aitkin County.
9. Publish GPS walking tour of the City of Aitkin.
10. Find additional funding for the Depot Museum.
11. Add another museum sign south of Aitkin on Hwy 169.
12. Lending Library set up and running.
13. Find additional grant funding.
14. Update Past Perfect Software.

McGrath Historical Committee 5th Anniversary Celebration

And Annual Meeting

Saturday – June 21st at

"Shire in the Woods"

Games, prizes, historical displays

"Fun for the entire family"

2014 PROJECTS

1. Complete Obituary files.
2. Historical Map of Aitkin County published for use throughout county.
3. Research/assemble/publish Country Schools of Aitkin County book.
4. Research Riverboats of Aitkin County for future book.
5. Collect information on all Churches located in Aitkin County for book.
6. Expand information on our web site.
7. Complete our set of AHS yearbooks.
8. Increasing our membership to 472
9. GPS Walking Tour of the City of Aitkin.
10. Developing research facility at Depot.
11. Have land under Depot surveyed and appraised for possible purchase.
12. Increasing local interest in Museum.
13. Create photo albums for each display connecting artifacts to Aitkin County.
14. Build addition on Building #2
15. Find Caboose or railroad car.
16. Interview Aitkin County seniors.
17. Purchase Warren William movies to show at movie night at the museum.
18. Clean out basement of Depot.
19. Go on KKIN monthly.
20. Remove trees South of Building #3
21. Clean fill for area South of Building #3
22. Transfer videos from VHS to DVD
23. Create more hands on displays for children.
24. Label more items in our displays.
25. Big screen TV for movie nights at the museum.
26. Frame photo of backdrop located in building #4 for visitors to see.
27. Send more articles to newspaper.
28. Sell raffle tickets at Paulbecks.
29. Repair fence next to Depot on the East side.
30. Repair shadow box in R/R room.
31. Install new billboard south of town.

WANTED

WWII Red Point Coin
to add to our Military display

McGregor Historical Society

Annual Meeting

Wednesday – May 7th at

Fireside Inn

5pm – 6pm Social Hour

6pm Dinner

Greetings,

A quiet came with the wish to stay indoors due to the harsh winter. Snow, snow and more snow along with the freezing cold air is how this past winter accompanied us in Minnesota. Many stayed indoors these past few months. Out of state members may say differently. Still even with the cold and snow the research on the schools has begun and is in progress. I was checking for information and came across details of one district that had two schools, in the early 1900's, under one district number. Most schools had their own district number in the early years. It is fun looking up details on the schools. If you or someone you know has information from the early schools, please contact the Aitkin County Historical Society. A graduation list may be very helpful, teachers in the past, subjects taken, rides to school or the walk with a shortcut to school. All this will be a surprise to the younger generation's youngsters.

The sheet on how to make a hanger for preserving clothing is attached. With additional reading I found that to keep photos, there is an acid free pen tester that I received from the Minnesota Historical Society that may be used to test the paper to be sure it is acid free (Purple = acid free; Yellow = not acid free). Along with acid free paper, collect photo corners. The photo corners will be placed on the acid free paper and this will keep the photos for a long time. Glue, paper clips, rubber bands and tape are not recommended to retain documents or photos. Newspaper clippings will probably be on acidic paper. Make a photocopy on acid free paper and place in album with photo corners. For each photo, names or events should be label with a No. 2 pencil or pigment ink rather than dyes, which are much less likely to fade.

I received a photo of my aunt with a cowgirl hat, vest and holding a toy six shooter. My first reaction was neat. Secondly, I wanted to know what this was all about. No story was attached so I wrote and asked. Since she is no longer with us, I am waiting to hear from a close family member. Good luck in caring for your treasures. It is never too late to start a photo album or scrapbook for future generations.

Warm Wishes,
Darlene Maciej, President
Aitkin County Historical Society

FIRST QUARTER ACCESSIONS

1/3/2014	14.01	Janet Miller	McGregor Lumber Co. nail apron, Standard Lumber Co. Carpenters apron
1/3/2014	14.02	Carol Hageman	2- IBEW Minutes (1937-1939), Misc. Paper items WWII Japanese Diary plus translation
1/8/2014	14.03	Glen Smeltzer	String Holder
1/8/2014	14.04	Unknown	Tax Ledger 1874 - 1876
1/8/2014	14.05	Boyd Bremner	14 - Pastor Collars (4-soft, 10- stiff)
1/10/2014	14.06	Aitkin City Hall	Aitkin Maps and Brochures
1/15/2014	14.07	Larry Hayes	Hay hook, Jar opener, Model A crank, Minnesota seal
1/17/2014	14.08	Janet Miller	5 - Photos
1/17/2014	14.09	Lois Johnson	Rice River Township Birth & Death Register
1/24/2014	14.1	Janet Humphreys	Canon Electric Typewriter
1/24/2014	14.11	John Hendrickson	Shotgun Cleaning rods, Clothes pins, Draw knife, WWII Blue point, Aitkin Surplus Adver., 2 photos
1/31/2014	14.12	Hallett Library	St. James Church Centennial book
1/31/2014	14.13	Jennie Hakes	Rice River Town school #18 information Doll histories and values
1/31/2014	14.14	Randy Wall	1949 map of Aitkin County, White Oak school information
2/7/2014	14.15	Ardith Kane	8 - school photos, old cards 1924-29 Teacher contracts
2/8/2014	14.16	David & Iris Rogers	Photos & history of Knox & Cluff family
2/19/2014	14.17	Marilyn Elling	2 photos Malmo school, 1 photo Dist. #11
2/20/2014	14.18	Crow Wing Co. H.S.	10 - maps of Mississippi river 1951/52 1 Aitkin Co. Map, 1 brochure
2/26/2014	14.19	Donald Marpe	2 - books, Growing up in Aitkin County My Service in Marine Corps (WWII, Korea)
2/28/2014	14.2	Randy C. Wall	7 Advertising items, 8-photos, photo album, 1935 MN map, 138-post cards, Maria Chapel Tile Aitkin Co. Matchbooks, 1922 Commencement
2/12/2014	14.21	Elaine Kienitz	Wedding dress, Sears catalogs.
3/5/2014	14.22	Marne Jones	photo 1932/33 class, Dec. 1930 Aitkin HiLite
3/5/2014	14.23	Larry Hayes	Climbing spikes & utility belt, meat hook
3/5/2014	14.24	Alice Fageroos	Cookbooks
3/5/2014	14.25	Darlene MacGregor	14 - Double H Club Minute books, metal measuring cup, 6" ruler.
3/14/2014	14.26	Jeff Norman	1910/13 Burroughs Adding Machine
3/21/2014	14.27	Ardith Kane Cuyuna Heritage	7 car train set with accessories
3/26/2014	14.28	Net.	7 post cards Shingwauk Resort
3/28/2014	14.29	DAC Mart	Postal Service Jacket
3/28/2014	14.3	Ruth Hauge	Photos & story of Hillside School
3/29/2014	14.31	Karen Johnson	2 - photos: Rossburg School & Thor school
3/29/2014	14.32	Delmarie Engmark	Photos & information about Sunnyside school

2014 RAFFLE PRIZE'S COLLECTED

Below is a list of prizes that have been collected so far for our Annual Raffle. Part of this list will be given away at our Early-bird drawing in August. When the raffle tickets are sent out to our membership the first of June we will have split the list up.

1. Dinner & Show for 2, Chanhassen Dinner Theater – Donated by KKIN radio (\$140.00 value)
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3. Grand Casino Mille Lacs Hotel/Dinner for two – (\$125.00 value)
4. One 18" x 68" Dressing Mirror donated by Aitkin Glass – (\$116.00 value)
5. Ripple River Motel Jacuzzi Room – (\$85.00 value)
6. Gift bag from Jeanie & Co. – (\$55.00 value)
7. Family Portrait sitting donated by Duane's Photography – (\$39.00 value)
8. Oil Change donated by Brandl Motors – (\$35.50 value)
9. 20 LED Camp Lantern – (\$35.00 value) Donated by Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative
10. Squirrel Feeder – Donated by Hyytinen's Hardware Hank – (\$35.00 value)
11. Welcome Bear donated by Aitkin Furniture – (\$34.95 value)
12. A gift Subscription to the Aitkin Independent Age – (\$32.00 - \$37.00 value)
13. Oil Change donated by Cuyuna Country Auto - (\$32.00 value)
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15. Case (12 cans) of Canoe Wild Rice – (\$30.00 value) Donated by Mille Lacs Wild Rice Corp.
16. \$30.00 Visa Card – Donated by Security State bank
17. County Market \$30.00 gift card
18. \$25.00 Rialto Movie Theater Gift Certificate
19. \$25.00 Roadside Restaurant Gift Certificate
20. \$25.00 Gift Certificate for Hometown Building Supply
21. \$25.00 Gift Certificate for Gramma's Pantry
22. \$25.00 Rialto Movie Theater Gift Certificate
23. \$25.00 Roadside Restaurant Gift Certificate
24. \$25.00 off a \$50.00 purchase at Lightning Motorsports
25. 8" DQ Cake – (\$21.00 value) Donated by Aitkin Dairy Queen
26. \$20.00 Gift Certificate for the Office Shop
27. "Barns of Aitkin County, MN" book – (\$20.00 value)
28. "Barns of Aitkin County, MN" book – (\$20.00 value)
29. Universal Remote – Donated by Enberg's TV – (\$20.00 value)
30. 3-in-1 Power Tools for kids donated by Midwest Machinery Co. – (\$20.00 value)
31. \$20.00 Gift Card from CVS Pharmacy
32. \$20.00 Gift Card for Auli Z's & the Bippity Bop Ice Cream Shop
33. \$20.00 Gift Card from Bare's Bootery
34. \$20.00 Gift Certificate for Aitkin Lanes
35. \$20.00 Gift Card from Toby's Thrift Shop
36. 10 ½" X 15" Picture donated by Unclaimed Freight North – (\$20.00 value)
37. First Aid Kit from Riverwood Healthcare Center – (\$20.00 value)
38. ACHS Family Membership – (\$20.00 value)
39. ACHS Family Membership – (\$20.00 value)
40. \$18.00 Gift Certificate for Lorrie's Hair Studio
41. Coombs cuts gift certificate – (\$18.00 value)
42. Tire Rotation – (\$16.00 value) Donated by the Tire Barn
43. 6 cans of Canoe Wild Rice – (\$15.00 value) Donated by Mille Lacs Wild Rice Corp.
44. Stonetech Stone & Tile Cleaner donated by Hudrlik Carpet & Tile – (\$15.00 value)
45. 6 cans of Canoe Wild Rice – (\$15.00 value) Donated by Mille Lacs Wild Rice Corp.
46. 1 Large Take n Bake Pizza from Hot Stuff Foods – (\$11.99 value)
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48. \$10.00 Gift Certificate for Sew Much & More
49. \$10.00 Gift Certificate for the Beanery an Internet Café
50. \$10.00 Gift Card from Aitkin Flowers & Gifts
51. \$10.00 Gift Certificate for Rasley Oil Co.
52. Mohawk Carpet Stain Remover donated by Hudrlik Carpet & Tile – (\$10.00 value)
53. \$10.00 Gift Certificate for Bill's Sportsmans Service
54. McDonalds Sandwich & Happy Meal - (\$8.00 value)
55. Shiperio Card Game of Golf donated by Shiperio games Chanhassen – (\$8.00 value)
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61. Shiperlo Card Game of Golf donated by Shiperio games Chanhassen – (\$8.00 value)
62. McDonalds Sandwich & Happy Meal – (\$8.00 value)
63. Aitkin County Naturally bird book – (\$5.00 value)
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65. Tech Stain Remover 2oz bottle donated by Hudrlik Carpet & Tile – (\$3.00 value)
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68. Tech Stain Remover 2oz bottle donated by Hudrlik Carpet & Tile – (\$3.00 value)

As you can see by the above list, we are receiving a wide variety of prizes for this year's raffle drawing.

Tickets and a final list of prizes will be mailed out on June 4th.

Let's make this year's raffle the best ever!

Return your tickets and money by August 2nd, and you will also be included in our early-bird drawing.

(Early-bird drawing – August 4th, Main drawing on December 6th)

TRAINS, TRAINS AND MORE TRAINS

We still need more trains for our display in our railroad room. Do you have a train stored away in a box that has not been played with in the last decade? Maybe it is time to donate it to the museum for our display. Not quite ready to donate it, bring it in and loan it to the museum for the display so others can enjoy it. Only have one or two cars or some accessory pieces bring them in and we can add them to other trains. We currently have 21 trains or parts of trains on display. This is a permanent display to add more interest in our railroad room. Stop by the museum and take a look if you have not had a chance. There is still room for 10 more trains in our display cases and when that is filled we can put up another display for 8 more. Let's work hard at completing this display.

INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS FOR CHILDREN

Do you have an old fur that can no longer be worn? I am looking for a variety of fur pelts and leather that could be put on a board for children to identify. It is important for us to have a variety of displays for children to interact with. Not only do we want children to learn about our Aitkin County history, but we want them to have fun while they are doing it. Maybe you have an idea for other interactive displays for children. Let us stretch our minds and come up with some new ideas. Help make the museum a place that children want to come to. Can we make learning history fun?

VOLUNTEER

Learn how the museum works. What's involved in accessioning an item into the museum collection? How do we protect our collection? Come to the museum and learn about the museum and Aitkin County.

Minnesota Legacy grants received.

The Aitkin County Historical Society is the recipient of **two grants** financed in part with funds provided by the State of Minnesota through the Minnesota Historical Society from the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

1. \$7,000.00 grant for researching and assembling a book about the Aitkin County Country schools. (This requires researching county records for the history of each school, i.e. formation and closing, teachers and students. Also, this includes the interviewing of Aitkin County residents who went to a one room school houses.) Book will be published sometime in 2015.
2. \$5,325.00 to conduct a Geophysical Survey of the Iron Furnace Ruins located in Aitkin County. (to be completed this spring)

2014 GARAGE SALE

We have already started to collect sellable items for this year's garage sale. Items that are not accepted are: hide-a-beds, computers & accessories, T.V.'s, large appliances or clothes. Items will be marked during May, June & July. We are looking for tools, furniture, books, movies, games, glassware, holiday decorations, household items, jewelry, fishing items, hunting items, toys, etc. On Tuesday after the Aitkin County Fair we will set up tables in the buildings and on Wednesday all of the merchandise will be moved to the Fairgrounds. All merchandise will then be sorted and checked for pricing. The sale will take place on August 1st (9am to 4pm) & August 2nd (9am to 3pm) which is half price day. **All items donated are tax deductible.**

Items Needed at Museum

1. Toilet paper
2. Cleaning Supplies
3. Paper Towels
4. Garrison garbage tickets
5. Multipurpose Copy paper
6. HP 564 Ink cartridges
7. Apple Boxes
8. Model Trains – any size
9. 8 ½ X 11 Photo paper
10. Tall Kitchen bags

Bags Needed

We will need bags for use at our Annual Garage sale. Please start saving plastic and paper bags. They can be dropped off at the Depot museum during regular business hours. Wednesday, Friday & Saturday from 9am to 4pm

Completed Projects 2014

1. Electrical Outlets added in Depot museum homestead room.
2. Glass case repaired for use in depot museum.
3. Past Perfect software updated.
4. Electrifying Minnesota display and signage set up.

MEMBERSHIP

Are your friends, neighbors or relatives members of the Aitkin County Historical Society? We only need 21 more members to reach our goal of 472. Please help us reach our goal by inviting the people you know to join. Family memberships are only \$20.00 a year. Give a gift membership to someone. More membership helps to increase interest in our museum.

We have received Memorial Money for the following:

Larry Turner
Stewart Lehrke
Wilma Holder
M.M. Welshons
Jeannette Zilverberg
Leslie F. Coleman
Gloria E. Coleman

Time To Renew

Watch for your renewal notice in the mail or on line. Most memberships run June 1st to May 31st. If you wonder if your membership is due contact Greg. 218-927-3348

VOLUNTEERS

Many will be shocked to find,
When the Day of Judgment nears,
That there's a special place in Heaven
Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and foot stools,
Where there are no committee chairmen,
No yard sales or rest area coffee to serve,
No library duty or bulletin assembly.
There will be nothing to print and staple,
Not one thing to fold and mail.
Telephone lists will be outlawed.
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And rare treats fit for a king.
You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few
That worked for all they're worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the benefits,
And not once volunteered on earth.

-author, Unknown

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AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Business Members – 36, Individual Members – 29, Senior Members – 113, Family Members – 255,
Life Members – 16, Perpetuity Members – 2
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP – 451

BUSINESS MEMBERS

Aicota Health Care Center
Aitkin Body Shop
Aitkin Chamber of Commerce
Aitkin County Abstract Company
Aitkin Family Chiropractic Center
Aitkin Flowers & Gifts
Aitkin Furniture & Carpet
Aitkin Independent Age
Aitkin Iron Works
Aitkin Lodge #164 IOOF
Aitkin Motor Company
American Legion Post 86
Arvidson Tax & Accounting
Bremer Bank
Crosby Eye Clinic
D.Q. Grill & Chill
Enberg TV
Eyecare Center of Aitkin & McGregor
Garrison Disposal
Gobles Sewer Service
Gravelle Plumbing & Heating
Hasskamp Brox. Well Drilling
Jim Blakesley Enterprizes
K & J C-Stores, Inc.
KKIN-KEZZ Radio
Lundberg Plumbing & Heating
Members Coop Credit Union
Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative
Paulbecks County Market
Peoples National Bank
R & K Cabinets
Security State Bank
Sunset Bay Resort

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

Aitkin Bowling Lanes - 2014
Aitkin Dairy Queen - 2014
Aitkin EZ Stop - 2014
Aitkin Flowers & Gifts - 2014
Aitkin Furniture - 2014
Aitkin Glass - 2014
Aitkin Independent Age - 2014
Aitkin McDonalds - 2014
Aitkin Pet & Farm
Aitkin Rental
Bare's Bootery – 2014
Bippity Bop Ice Cream Shop - 2014
Bill's Sportsmans Service - 2014
Brandl Motors - 2014
Bremer Bank
Cedarbrook Lumber
Coombs Cuts - 2014
Cross Woods Golf Course
Cuyuna County Auto - 2014
CVS Pharmacy - 2014
Deep Systems
Duane's Photography - 2014
Emily Greens Golf Course
Enberg TV - 2014
Farm Island Repair & Marine
Farm Island Store
40 Club/Players
Freedom Gas Station
Grand Casino Mille Lacs
Gravelle Plumbing & Heating
Grandmas Pantry - 2014
Healthy Connections
Hometown Building Supply - 2014

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

Hot Stuff Foods - 2014
Hudrlik Carpet & Tile - 2014
Hyytinen Hardware Hank - 2014
KKIN AM & FM Radio - 2014
Lake Country Auto & Tire Center
Lightning Motorsports - 2014
Lorries Hair Studio - 2014
Lundberg Plumbing
Midwest Machinery Co. - 2014
Mille Lacs Energy - 2014
Mille Lacs Wild Rice Corp. - 2014
Nordlake Reflections
Northern Air Heating & Plumbing
Northwood Equipment
The Office Shop - 2014
Paulbecks County Market - 2014
Rasley Oil - 2014
Rialto Movie Theater - 2014
Ripple River Motel – 2014
Riverwood Healthcare - 2014
Roadside Restaurant - 2014
Salon Inspire
Security State Bank – 2014
Sew Much & More - 2014
Shiperio Games - 2014
Shirts Plus - 2014
Simply Chic
Tire Barn – 2014
Toby's Thrift Shop - 2014
Traditions Mini Golf
Unclaimed Freight North - 2014
Whistling Wolf Mini Golf

SUPPORTING TOWNSHIPS

FARM ISLAND TOWNSHIP - 2014
IDUN TOWNSHIP - 2014
LAKESIDE TOWNSHIP - 2014
CLARK TOWNSHIP - 2013
NORRLAND TOWNSHIP - 2014
BEAVER TOWNSHIP – 2014
PLINY TOWNSHIP - 2014
AITKIN COUNTY

Donations

Elwood Swanson - \$25.00
Judy Turner – Gift ACHS Membership
Greg Leach – 2 - Cases of Water
Jane Humphreys – Typewriter
Aitkin County Land Department –
3 cases Mighty Mississippi boat guide
Bremer Bank - \$200.00
Allan Hakes – Past Perfect Software
Carol Wermter - \$50.00

Resorts of Aitkin County

The Society is starting to collect photos, brochures, and information about **Aitkin County Resorts**. If you have anything pertaining to our resorts, please share it with the Historical Society. Possible book.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

Sixth Grade Tours

May 9, 2014

Sixth graders are invited to visit the museum and learn about the history of Aitkin County and what the museum has to offer.

Raffle Tickets

Tickets and prize list will be mailed out on June 4th.

County Fair

July 9th - 12th

Come and visit our log building during the fair. Wed. 12 - 8pm, Thurs 10am - 8pm, Friday 10am - 8pm and Saturday 10am - 6pm.

Volunteer to sit at our building and welcome guests. Call the depot for more information.

Annual Garage Sale

August 1st (9am to 4pm) & 2nd (9am to 3pm)

Event will take place at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds located in Aitkin. Two buildings will be filled with merchandise donated for our sale. Donate, volunteer, buy! **Donations Tax Deductible!**

JOIN ACHS TODAY!!

MUSEUM HOURS

June thru August

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm

September thru May

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm

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BOARD AND EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

January, February, and March 2014

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Crisis, What Crisis?

There is no doubt that what we witnessed this winter in regards to propane is unlike anything any of us can recall in recent memory. Not since the gas lines of the 70's. Remember those? Add this to a winter that was severe beyond belief and the word crisis can't help but come to mind. Heck, even the Governor was on board calling for action.

One might be tempted to heap praise on the staff for their actions and reactions to "the Crisis". The work got done. Families got served and the staff at Lakes and Pines performed beyond expectations. But tempted as I might be, I just can't do that. Not that they don't deserve praise, because they definitely do, and it is not because of how they handled "the Crisis". It is because they handle crisis every day and they (meaning not just Energy Assistance, but Head Start, Community Services, Fiscal, Human Resources and Technology, alike) go above and beyond expectations every day. On an individual basis, what can be more of a crisis than losing your home or job? What can be more of a crisis than wondering if your child is ready for school? What can be more of a crisis than working with a staff person who is faced with a life changing event and needs help to continue to work and contribute as an employee?

The whole crisis thing was recognized at the statewide level and by the Governor because it reached beyond the low income families that we serve every day. (That in itself is an entirely different topic all together; a sad and infuriating topic that is well beyond a simple FYI article.) The staff at Lakes and Pines deal with these situations every day and they do so with the same can-do, upbeat attitude that was witnessed this winter. So, the praise they deserve is not how they handle the once or twice in a life time situation like floods, fuel, family, housing, transportation, etc., (gee how many of these once in a life time things are we going to see?) but how they handle the once in a life time crisis they see in individual families we serve each day.

So hats off to each of those who have the talent and temperament to do what is so important and what so few could do.

Mission Statement

To build prosperous communities by serving local families and individuals in their pursuit of self-reliance.

Bob Benes

Executive Director



The 50 year War:

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the War against Poverty. The War began in 1964 when President Lyndon B. Johnson passed the Economic Opportunity Act, commonly known as the "War on Poverty." We are proud to say that we are on the winning side of this war that we are continuously fighting.

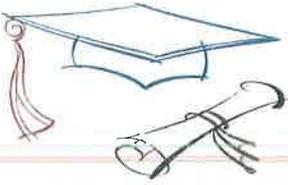
The poverty rating in Minnesota in 1959 was 19.3%; as of 2012 the poverty rating decreased by 9.3% to 10% statewide. Recent county by county statistics released compared the number of people below the poverty line from 1960 to 2012. In 1960, the seven counties served by Lakes and Pines had an average of 20-25% of people living below the poverty line. In 2012 the average was cut in half throughout the seven-county service area, with an average of 10-15% of people living below the poverty line. As you can see we are right on pace with the State average in decreasing poverty in our counties. Through hard work and dedication, Lakes and Pines Board and staff are making great strides against the "War on Poverty," but we still have a fight ahead and are dedicated to continuing our work in the community.

Below are some charts showing the Poverty Threshold/Guideline, current and previous years.

1959 Poverty Threshold	
Persons in Family/ Household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$1,572.00
2	\$2,201.00
3	\$2,496.00
4	\$3,105.00
5	\$3,550.00
6	\$3,952.00
7	\$4,769.00
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1964 Poverty Threshold	
Persons in Family/ Household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$1,650.00
2	\$2,311.00
3	\$2,621.00
4	\$3,260.00
5	\$3,728.00
6	\$4,150.00
7	\$5,008.00
8	-

2014 Poverty Guidelines	
Persons in Family/ Household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$11,670.00
2	\$15,730.00
3	\$19,790.00
4	\$23,850.00
5	\$27,910.00
6	\$31,970.00
7	\$36,030.00
8	\$40,090.00



A Little Encouragement Leads to Possibilities for a Single Mother



Mandi was enrolled in Lakes and Pines, Head Start, Bright Beginnings program back in June of 2012. In September 2012 Mandi had expressed interest in obtaining her GED as a goal on the Family Partnership Agreement. Her Home Visitor was very encouraging and gave her contact information for Adult Basic Education in her area. Mandi works full time and fosters two children in addition to keeping up with her own busy toddler, so it took her a few months to call. All the while the Home Visitor kept asking and encouraging her in her goal. In the spring of 2013 Mandi made the call and started attending classes in May. Every week Mandi attended her GED classes and the Home Visitor would ask how it was going, offering additional resources and support if needed. Mandi was excited about her progress but had anxieties about the math portion. The Home Visitor assured her that she could do it and sure enough Mandi surprised herself by doing very well on the math! In November of 2013 Mandi completed her testing and received her diploma. Because she is a busy single mom she did not plan on attending the ceremony. However, her Home Visitor was persistent in getting Mandi to realize how important it might be to her and her family to be able to wear the cap and gown and be part of the ceremony. Mandi also realized what an impact it would have on her daughter to see her accomplish her education goal! The ceremony is scheduled for May and Mandi plans on attending. Mandi has also completed financial aid applications and will be starting college classes this summer at Pine Technical College. The partnership between the Home Visitor and the parent is a perfect example of how the Bright Beginnings Program not only supports and enhances the parent-child relationship, but also helps the parent to accomplish their goals, strengthening the family in the process.

Bright Beginnings is a birth to three Home Visiting Program funded by the Greater Twin Cities United Way.

SUMMER IS FINALLY HERE, MAYBE. IF YOU'RE PLANNING YOUR SUMMER VACATIONS USE THESE TIPS TO SAVE ENERGY/MONEY WHILE YOU'RE AWAY:

- Turn down your water heater to "vacation mode." Because water heating can account for 14%–25% of the energy consumed in your home and a large percentage of the cost of running a water heater is due to the "stand by" losses, this is probably the easiest and most cost effective money and energy saving tip I can recommend.
- Set your programmable thermostat at a higher temperature than usual or just simply turn it off.
- Unplugging "energy vampires," electronic appliances that even when turned off utilize a small amount of electricity, called phantom loads, including a coffee maker and grinder, headset chargers, laptop computer, TV, rechargeable toothbrush, and a printer.
 - * According to the Department of Energy, Americans waste approximately one month's electricity bill each year on vampire energy.
- Keep your window shades drawn to help keep the house cool from the afternoon sun.
- Make sure all lights are turned off. For lights on a security timer, use CFLs, which have about 75% energy savings.

From the Weatherization Department to you: Have a fun and safe vacation this summer.



WANTED: Updated Information on All Area Food Resources

Local knowledge is the key to local solutions. Too many of our neighbors are missing meals each day. Hunger Free MN has Community Close-Ups that outline the number of missed meals for each county.

⇒ For example, In Pine County 3,624 people are food insecure and those people miss a total of 730,700 meals throughout a year. That averages 200 missed meals for each person who is food insecure. That includes children, senior citizens, disabled people and working families who are missing a meal nearly every other day.

The Community Services Department within Lakes and Pines has partnered with local soup kitchens and food shelves, senior dining sites and senior service providers, county human services and public health, churches, school food service directors, hospital dieticians, University of Minnesota Extension, farmers and Head Start to develop a listing of all area food resources, but we're only as strong as the information we can collect and keep updated. If you know of area food resources please share that knowledge with Lakes and Pines. We are working with funding from Hunger Free Minnesota to create a website that will be a one-stop site for all food-related resources in East Central Minnesota.

This website will include information about where to find and how to access all area food resources. Let Lakes and Pines know about food distribution sites in your area, community and church sponsored meals open to the public and all other food related resources (farmer's markets that accept EBT cards, community gardens, afterschool snacks, etc.).

Contact us if you are willing to fight hunger and help reduce area food insecurity. Call 800.832.6082 and ask for Dawn in Community Services or email updated information to lap@lakesandpines.org.

Like Us? Then please do on Facebook

Lakes and Pines is now on **facebook**! Become a fan and "like" us!

Worried about compromising your privacy?

You can adjust your privacy and page settings so the only thing we know about you is that you "like" us.

So what's the incentive?

Lakes and Pines utilizes **facebook** as an outreach source to spread the word about what we do, what resources are available and new programs, projects or events that are on the horizon. It is a great way to receive updates without having to do anything but "like" us.

How?

You first have to be a member of **facebook**. We're not encouraging anyone to join **facebook**, but if you already have, it's easy to become a fan. Just do a search for Lakes and Pines Community Action Council and then click "Like" it's that simple. Once you have "liked" us, you will receive updates whenever something new is posted on our site, in your news feed.

Addressing Youth Homelessness



Recently, Lakes and Pines was granted Homeless Youth Act (HYA) funding through the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Office of Economic Opportunity to work with at-risk and/or homeless youth. These funds are continuing to make it possible to work with youth and help them address their needs and locate and maintain affordable housing and provide youth with the resources and life skills that they need to become productive members of our communities. The staff of Lakes and Pines is steadfast to provide youth the support, guidance, and the voice they need to fulfill their daily needs, and along the way, hopefully some of their hopes and dreams. Here is one successful story:

My name is Megan, and I am one of the Community Services Department Advocates specializing in the

youth program. The HYA program is crucial for our community's youth. A young couple got married at 18 years of age and has an infant. This is the couple's first time living on their own and on a one parent income. The family has been struggling in all areas of their life and did not know where to turn or how to get on their feet and be responsible parents. They began working with Lakes and Pines in 2013, at first by requesting financial assistance to help pay for their rent, which they fell behind on because of a change in the husband's job to make more money in hopes of providing more financial stability for his family. The family was three months behind on their rent and on the verge of eviction. They felt like they would never get out of the debt that they had fallen so fast into. Through the HYA program, Lakes and Pines was able to provide rental assistance and help the family get caught up on their rent, preventing eviction and homelessness. Through case management (budgeting, life skills, setting goals, and providing referrals and resources), the family was able to acquire knowledge in other areas of their lives so they could build a stronger family unit. They acknowledged that when they first contacted Lakes and Pines they were afraid of losing their housing and having enough money to buy groceries. They also indicated that they had dreams of finishing high school, going to college and learning to cook. So, they set goals to start paying bills on time and always paying their rent first, learning how to categorize their needs versus their wants and learning how to save for an emergency. As of today, the family has successfully accomplished each of their goals and is now debt free, ahead on their rent, able to buy food each month, have an established emergency fund, have a savings account for their son, and are working on their education. They have also added the goal of saving and taking the steps necessary to buy their first home together.

None of this would have been possible without the HYA funding. This program is continuing to grow and develop with each at-risk or homeless youth that Lakes and Pines can reach and serve. If you or someone you know is at risk or homeless youth, please call or email the Community Services Department, Megan B; @320-679-1800 Ext 161, or at meganb@lakesandpines.org.



MNSure is still open! (But not for everyone)

MNSure's first open enrollment period drew to a close at midnight March 31st, ending the first six-month enrollment. People who have had a life event that affects their insurance coverage may enroll after the March 31st deadline.

Some qualifying life events are:

- The birth of a child.
- A job change that affects health insurance.
- A change in marital status.

Minnesotans who are eligible for coverage through a public program such as MinnesotaCare or Medical Assistance, small business employers using MNSure's SHOP program, and members of federally-recognized Indian tribes are also able to enroll now, even though the deadline has passed.

Lakes and Pines would like to help everyone in our service area who is still eligible to get insurance and avoid the tax penalty scheduled for 2015. The projected tax penalty for not having insurance is paid on your federal income taxes at the end of the year. If your taxable income is below 133% of the federal poverty level you are exempt from this tax penalty.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
133% of Poverty	\$15,521	\$20,921	\$26,321	\$31,720	\$37,120	\$42,520

If you do not have health insurance in 2014 the penalty is \$95 per person per year or 1% of your income, whichever is greater. If you do not have health insurance in 2015, the penalty will be \$325 per person per year or 2% of your income. If you do not have health insurance in 2016, the penalty will be \$695 per person per year or 2.5% of your income.

Things to keep in mind:

- Health insurance plans provide proof of coverage to their customers, so as long as you have health insurance you don't have to worry about the details.
- If you have to pay a penalty, it is pro-rated for the number of months you are without health insurance, which means you pay a percentage of the penalty based on the number of months without coverage (12 months without coverage = maximum penalty, or 1/12 of the yearly penalty applies to each month you're uninsured).
- There is no penalty for a single gap in coverage of less than 3 months in a year.
- The maximum penalty per family is capped at 300% of the minimum penalty (e.g. maximum penalty = \$695, $\$695 \times 300\% = \$2,085$).
- Children under 18 are assessed at 50% of the minimum penalty.

If you know someone who needs help applying through MNSure, individuals, families or small businesses, please have them contact the Community Services Department within Lakes and Pines to set up an appointment with one of the Navigators on staff.



SNAP To It!

Why should we encourage people to apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as food support or food stamps?

It helps people buy healthier food; it opens up the household's income for other needs (rent/house payment, utilities, gas, vehicle repairs, clothing, etc.) and comes with a card which looks just like a credit or debit card.

Most people don't realize that SNAP also benefits the local economy because it brings in money that is spent locally at grocery stores and farmer's markets. That means grocery stores can provide more jobs and it stabilizes the jobs of the distributors and farmers.

SNAP isn't a form of "welfare". It is a bridge for people that don't earn enough to buy food. A lot of people who use SNAP are families, who are working but just don't make enough per hour to keep up with the rising costs of living. Sound familiar?

If you want to learn more about SNAP, contact the Community Services Department within Lakes and Pines. We have staff that are happy to come and share with you or your group about this program and even help with the application process if needed.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) News



This tax season has been a busy one for the Lakes and Pines VITA program with clinics in Mora, Milaca and Pine City. There have been some obstacles to overcome, but the program's volunteers are a hardy bunch and have once more shown us how valuable this program is to them and the people we serve!

When the season started we were not being able to e-file returns for seven or eight days due to the last minute changes in the software

program provided by the IRS. This wasn't so terrible, but then our volunteers' hours started to dwindle because they started new jobs and had other obligations. Then, with the late Minnesota tax law changes, (changing two weeks before the filing season ended) we were not able to e-file some Minnesota returns right away!

As of April 1st:

- Total number of *federal* returns filed is 571. This number does not reflect the taxes that have been prepared but have not been e-filed yet for one reason or another.
- Total Earned Income Credit refunds from all three of our sites totals \$436,029.
- Total of all refunds is \$879,132. Unfortunately, this year has been a record year for people *owing* tax with that total being \$26,859 so far.

The volunteers have also been rewarded with meals, snacks and food prepared by numerous Lakes and Pines employees, and made possible through area donors, like the Grandy Lions, Carlton Area Lions, East Central Energy, Grand Casino – Hinckley and First Light Health System.

Lakes and Pines CAC, Inc. Provides Two Donated Vehicles to Families in Isanti & Mille Lacs County

"It is our mission to assist people in obtaining reliable transportation so they can get to work."

Lakes and Pines CAC, Inc. received a donated vehicle from a person from Kanabec County. In January, this donation was granted to a Braham family. The mom is employed and needed reliable transportation to continue to work and drive her children to regular medical appointments. She was referred to our program by her Jobs and Training Employment Specialist. Since receiving the vehicle she was able to accept a second job and further increased her family's income.



Lakes and Pines CAC, Inc. also received a donated vehicle from a person from Mille Lacs County. This donation made it possible for a woman from Princeton who is employed and in need of reliable transportation to continue to work and also increase her income. She was also referred to our program by her Jobs and Training Employment Specialist. This mom is looking forward to helping others progress as they work toward greater resilience and self-sufficiency.

This program can only continue to be a success if additional vehicles are donated. Vehicles that need repairs are welcome. Donated vehicles are repaired by the Sandstone

Federal Prison's Vocational Automotive Training 'students'. These men learn a skill that they will be able to use to make a living upon their release and have a great sense of accomplishment to be able to contribute something like this back to society.

By donating a vehicle you may claim the value of the donation on your taxes, help your neighbors continue to move forward with their goals to become self-reliant and productive members of our communities and help inmates learn a skill and contribute to society. Where else can one donation provide so many rewards? Contact Lakes and Pines, 1-800-832-6082, extension 115 or visit our website www.lakesandpines.org for more information or if you have a vehicle to donate.



Community Homeless Discussions

Lakes and Pines will be holding "**Community Discussions**" on the causes and the effects of homelessness on individuals, families, and youth in this area (Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine counties).

Through these discussions communities will examine what their local resources are, identify the needs and gaps in services in their community, and determine if further homeless programs are needed, or how existing programs could be adjusted to become more effective.

Who should attend: Residents, business owners, chamber office, local and state and tribal government, religious community, youth serving groups, homeless advocates, mental health professionals, health and wellness professionals, educators, and any who are interested in resolving to end homelessness in their community.

We are currently working on establishing locations and dates, so watch for posters and advertisements in your local newspapers. Contact us to get onto our email list or like us on facebook.

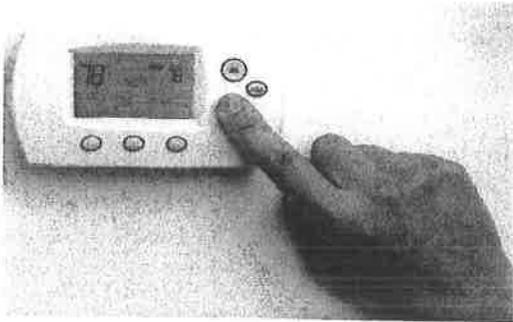
If you would like to be a part of these discussions, contact Chassidy @ 1-800-832-6082 Ext. 163, in the Community Services Department or by email at chassidy1@lakesandpines.org.

Crisis Program 2013-2014



When a household qualifies for Energy Assistance Program (EAP), they also qualify for Crisis benefits should there be a need. Energy Assistance Program Crisis benefits are used to prevent the shut-off of residential energy sources, to reinstate service of residential energy sources, or to enable delivery of residential fuel. Crisis funds may only be used after a household has used all of their Primary Heat Benefit, has a disconnect notice, is disconnected, is out of fuel or low on fuel.

The Crisis Program experienced some changes this season due to an extremely cold winter (coldest in 30 years), a shortage of propane, and a substantial rise in propane prices. We saw prices over \$6 per gallon at one point. As a result, Governor Dayton authorized raising the income guidelines for the EAP Program to 60% State Median Income (SMI) (up from 50% SMI), increased the maximum Crisis benefit from \$500 to \$1000 for households that use propane or fuel oil as their primary heat source, and increased the crisis definition from 20% or less to 30% or less fuel remaining to initiate a Crisis benefit. Crisis benefits for connected utilities remained the same at a maximum of \$500. As of April 5th, we have served 3,396 households in Crisis with a total of \$2,146,813. Last year at the same time, we had served 1,491 households in Crisis with a total of \$559,759.



Energy Assistance Program (EAP) 2013-2014

The Energy Assistance Program opened October 1st, and runs through May 30th, 2014. On November 4th, 2013 the State received \$98.7 million followed by almost \$16 million January 30th, 2014. The Minnesota State Legislature approved an additional \$20 million in Energy Assistance Program funding at the beginning of the 2014 session. These funds were very important, otherwise the EAP program would have run out of funds in early March.

As of April 5th, we have received 8,896 EAP applications. EAP Certifiers continue to work hard to get all of the EAP applications processed in a timely and accurate manner. We have approved 7,589 applications, denied 585, and have 386 applications logged and waiting to be processed. We have awarded \$4,901,354 to households in need with an average Primary Heat Benefit of \$645.

This year's Energy Assistance Program experienced a few changes due to an extremely cold winter, a propane shortage, and a subsequent rise in the price of propane. Governor Dayton raised the income guidelines for Energy Assistance in February from 50% State Median Income (SMI) to 60% SMI and the Crisis benefit available for households that claimed propane or fuel oil as their primary heat source was raised from \$500 to \$1000. As a result, the Energy Assistance staff was faced with not only a larger than usual number of households seeking help with Crisis funds, but also a higher than average amount of applications for Energy Assistance coming in. More demand for help meant more money needed to keep the program afloat. Fortunately, the Minnesota State Legislature approved an additional \$20 million in Energy Assistance Program funding at the beginning of this year's session. Without it, the Energy Assistance Program would have run out of funds the first week of March and unable to help many households. Energy Assistance staff spent most of February and March working overtime to meet the increase in demand.

Households can request that EAP applications be mailed to them directly or they can print them off of the Lakes and Pines website. We've also made applications available at each county's Family Services Department within our seven county service area. If you, or anyone you know could benefit from the Energy Assistance Program, don't hesitate to contact the Program.



Energy Related Repair Program (ERR) 2013-2014

The Energy Related Repair (ERR) benefit is a Crisis benefit that addresses hazardous and life-threatening situations, or cases where a home has no heat due to a malfunctioning or nonfunctioning heating system. If a household has qualified for Energy Assistance and is having furnace problems, we may be able to help. We work closely with Weatherization staff and local Furnace Technicians to repair or replace furnaces. As of April 5th, we have served 446 households with ERR services for a total of \$578,618.



East Central Energy (ECE) Caring Members

Caring Members is a program started by East Central Energy (ECE) in 1993, and administered by Lakes and Pines on their behalf. Caring Members funds are provided through donations by ECE customers. East Central Energy matches funds donated, doubling the amount available to help families in need. Caring Members funds allow us to help households with up to \$200 to resolve an energy crisis on their ECE account once every three years. Households do not have to qualify for Energy Assistance to receive Caring Members funds, but are responsible for a co-pay amount. Caring Members funds cannot be used until the co-pay has been made. As of April 5th, \$1,392.52 of Caring Members funds have been used to help seven households avoid disconnection.

Reach Out For Warmth

The Reach Out For Warmth Program continues to be an important resource for households experiencing an energy related crisis. Up to \$400 in Reach Out For Warmth funds are available once per lifetime to qualifying households. To qualify, households must meet the following guidelines:

- Have an income at or below 70% of the State Median Income
- Have a current disconnect notice, be out or low on fuel (20% or less), or be disconnected
- Have a denial from their county Social Services Department
- Have a denial from Salvation Army Heat Share
- A completed EAP application
- Income verification within three months
- Have a recent extenuating circumstance (*only needed if household has exhausted all EAP Benefits*)

The Reach Out For Warmth Program is funded solely through private donations. As of April 5th, Hope Lutheran Church of Moose Lake has donated \$2,513 to the Reach Out For Warmth Fund. We also did a Reach Out For Warmth fundraiser in February at the Cambridge Medical Center, raising \$557.50. We encourage anyone who is interested in donating to the Reach Out For Warmth Program to contact the Energy/Housing Department for more details. As of April 5th, \$1,200 of Reach Out For Warmth funds have been used to help households in need.



stands for "FOR YOUR INFORMATION." It is a quarterly newsletter provided to the area's seven county officials and personnel of Lakes and Pines CAC, Inc.

We hope our Newsletter will present you with timely, interesting, and sometimes lighthearted information. In turn, we hope that you will present us with your thoughts and suggestions.

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May 8, 2014

Honorable Mark Dayton
Governor of Minnesota
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

MAY 12 2014

Dear Honorable Mark Dayton,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Morrison County Board of Commissioners to ask for your support and assistance in obtaining a more equitable funding structure for community corrections supervision statewide in Minnesota.

Morrison County is a partner with Aitkin and Crow Wing counties in Central Minnesota Community Corrections to provide probation supervision in our three counties under the authority of the Community Corrections Act. As you know, Community Correction Act counties supervise approximately 71 percent of probationers in communities within the State of Minnesota. The Department of Corrections supervises approximately 16 percent of that same population. This issue was brought before the legislature this year in an attempt to bring forth an equitable funding structure for the entire State of Minnesota. It is our understanding that Commissioner Tom Roy testified before the legislature against said funding structure.

It has come to our attention that a letter was written to Commissioner Tom Roy of the Department of Corrections by the Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act counties detailing the lack of commitment towards addressing the antiquated and inequitable funding structure for community supervision of offenders that currently exists in Minnesota. The Commissioner of Corrections should be working for the betterment of corrections statewide which includes eliminating disparities in funding from county to county regardless of which delivery system they are operating under.

This Board fully supports the proposal introduced in the current legislative session to implement a single probation funding stream to make the process fair and equitable for all Minnesota counties. We encourage you and Commissioner Roy to participate in meaningful discussions with the membership of Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act to address the concerns regarding inequities in funding for probation services.

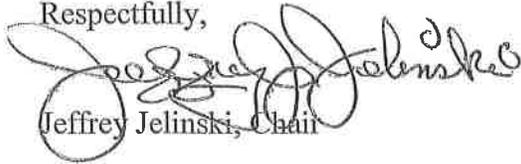
Please contact us if you have any questions.

Kevin Maurer District #1
Jeffrey Jelinski District #2

Randy Winscher
Don Meyer
Duane Johnson

District #3
District #4
District #5

Respectfully,



Jeffrey Jelinski, Chair

cc: Commissioner Tom Roy, Department of Corrections
Senator Paul Gazelka
Representative Ron Kresha
Nicole Kern, Central Minnesota Community Corrections
Honorable Mark Wedel, Chair, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Honorable Rosemary Franzen, Chair, Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners
Morrison County Board of Commissioners



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MEMO

TO: Don Meyer
Duane Johnson
Laurie Westerlund
Mark Wedel
Paul Thiede
Rachel Nystrom
Jerry Negen

FROM: CMCC Management Team

DATE: May 12, 2014

RE: **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Central Minnesota Community Corrections Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on **Monday, May 19 2014, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Land Services Building, **Meeting Room #2**, Brainerd, Minnesota.

Attached is the agenda for the May 19th meeting, and the minutes from the April 16th meeting.

Please let us know if you are unable to attend this meeting. Thank you.

cc:

Vic Moen, DOC District Supervisor
Therese Norwood, Crow Wing County
Nicole Nordlund, Morrison County
Sue Bingham, Aitkin County



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

April 30, 2014

Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners
Aitkin County Courthouse
217 2nd St. N.W.
Aitkin, MN 56431

MAY 07 2014

Dear Chairperson:

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is now conducting its review of county single audit reports for the year ended December 31, 2012. This review is the result of federal regulations imposed on state and local governments by the Single Audit Act as amended in 1996. Our letter to you, dated March 7, 2013, introduced the procedures DHS and County Boards use to comply with these federal single audit resolution regulations.

DHS is responsible for monitoring the resolution of audit findings that impact human services federal programs and is also responsible for verifying the resolution of cross cutting audit findings for the counties in Minnesota. A cross cutting finding is a finding that affects the federal programs of more than one state agency. Resolution of any other findings which may appear in your report is the responsibility of the state agency administering the federal programs affected by those findings. All single audit findings that affect federal programs must be resolved no later than six months after receiving the audit report. Single audit reviews are performed by DHS annually.

If a county audit report includes human services or cross cutting audit findings, DHS will request that the County Board submit a written corrective action plan describing how the county intends to resolve the finding. If no human services or cross cutting findings appear in the audit report, DHS will confirm to the Board that no corrective action plan is required to be submitted.

DHS has reviewed the single audit report of Aitkin County for the year ended December 31, 2012. Our review indicates that there are no applicable unresolved human services or cross cutting audit findings requiring a corrective action plan response at this time, and therefore, we will not be requesting you to submit a corrective action plan to DHS.

We will continue to monitor the single audit reports of Aitkin County annually. If you have any questions concerning this letter please contact me at (651) 431-3622 or by email at margaret.brotherton@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Margaret Brotherton
Single Audit Coordinator

cc: Thomas Burke, Director
Aitkin County Health & Human Service Agency

Aitkin County Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2014
Annual Meeting, Aitkin County Courthouse

Members Present; Don Kitzrow, Judy Blomberg, Franklin Turnock, Laurie Westerlund, Carroll Janzen, Ross Wagner, Mark Jacobs, Scott Rian, Rich Courtemanche.

Call to Order; The meeting was called to order by Mark Jacobs at 5:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda; The agenda was approved on a motion by Janzen, 2nd by Kitzrow, all aye.

Approval of Minutes; Motion by Turnock, 2nd by Janzen to approve the 2/10/2014 minutes, all aye.

Election of Officers 2014; For Chairperson of the Aitkin County Park Commission, a motion to elect Carroll Janzen was made by Turnock, 2nd by Kitzrow, all aye. For Vice-Chair, a motion to elect Judy Blomberg was made by Janzen, 2nd by Westerlund all aye. For Secretary, a motion to elect Ross Wagner was made by Janzen, 2nd by Westerlund, all aye.

Review of Projects for 2014; Jacobs and Courtemanche provided a synopsis of the 2014 Parks work program. Projects are the River Trail Grant Projects for the Aitkin, Berglund Park and Jacobson Campgrounds, River Signage and Spencer and Verdon Township Canoe accesses to the Mississippi River. Also included in the work program include new stock piles at the Rabey Line, Red Top and Lawler Loop ATV Trails, Parker Road improvements, N Soo Line culvert at Rock Lake, Cross Country Ski Trail work at LLCC and Vispo, Crow Wing Connector Trail and McGregor North Parking lot off the Soo Line improvements. It was also noted that the County has closed on the purchase of the gravel pit adjacent to the Soo Line between McGregor and Palisade for an ATV Riders Park.

Archaeologist Proposals for Phase 1; In regards to the River Trail Grant Project, eight estimates were received for the DNR required Phase 1 Archaeology Survey. Estimates included Phase 1 to Phase 2 work should a Phase 2 be required. After evaluating all of the estimates and how the pricing differed on Phase 1 & 2 a motion was made by Blomberg, 2nd by Turnock to accept the quote from Duluth Archaeology Center of \$6,142 for Phase 1 and the Curation per site cost of \$1,084.00, all aye.

LLCC Report; Commission reviewed the January – February Revenue and Expense Comparison, revenues are down from 2013. Rian then reported that the Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce Sport and Commerce Show went well with positive feedback on LLCC.

-The Northwest Sports and Commerce Show will be held March 26th – 30th.

-Non-Profit and other similar organizations are being solicited to come to LLCC and a CD is being developed for a mailing to quilting groups.

-Rian is looking into details to make LLCC a Disaster Response Site.

-Discussions have been held on the possibility on sharing a Naturalist with the Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge and will continue.

-Using Legacy Funding to help finance more schools to attend RELC's was discussed; Rian will also discuss this with the other RELC's.

Other; Commission agreed to continue with meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month at LLCC at 6:45

Adjournment; Motion to adjourn by Blomberg, 2nd by Westerlund all aye, time 6:30 PM

Minutes submitted by, Ross Wagner

Aitkin County Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 14th, 2014
Long Lake Conservation Center

Members Present; Don Kitzrow, Tim Warnest, Franklin Turnock, Laurie Westerlund, Carroll Janzen, Ross Wagner, Mark Jacobs, Scott Rian.

Call to Order; The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carroll Janzen at 6:45 PM.

Approval of Agenda; The agenda was approved as presented by consensus.

Approval of Minutes; Motion by Turnock, 2nd by Kitzrow to approve the 3/10/2014 minutes, all aye.

Parks Report; Aitkin County Land Department has solicited quotes from area contractors for Sewer, Satellite Portables and Mowing Services for the County Parks, Swimming Beaches and accesses as appropriate. Following are the low quotes for each service;
Sewer: Kangas \$120.00 for Jacobson Campground & Wayside Rest, Snake River Campground. Gobles \$130.00 for Aitkin Campground.
Satellites: Gobles \$115.00 for Swatara & Blind Lake parking lots and \$150.00 for Round Lake Beach. Kangas \$180.00 Lone Lake Beach and \$90.00 for Lawler, McGregor and McGrath parking lots.
Mowing: Twistol \$125.00 for Aitkin Campground and \$128.00 for Jacobson Campground & Wayside Rest. Ottos \$170.00 for Snake River Campground, \$95.00 for Berglund Park and \$35.00 for Round Lake Beach. A motion to accept the low quotes was made by Westerlund, 2nd by Warnest, all aye.

Trails Report; Jacobs reviewed with the Commission the formula to distribute 2014 Grant-In-Aid (GIA) funding to the local clubs for ATV Trail Maintenance. Jacobs explained how funding from the state comes in differently now than in the past and due to various factors, the Counties share of GIA has decreased over 2013. Jacobs's goal is to be sure that the trails with the highest maintenance needs receive the highest amount of maintenance funding. To do so, trail miles were designated as High, Medium and Low "degree of difficulty" and a points system was developed ranking each trail. This formula will then be used to distribute GIA funds by the percent of points each trail receives. For example, Blind Lake Trail is 19% of the total points. Therefore they will receive 19% of the 2014 budget of \$95,500 or \$17,906.25. Jacobs will explain the new formula at the upcoming ATV Alliance.
-Approximately 550 ATV Maps were given out at the NW Sportshow along with many other items.
-Second Annual Mud Nationals will be held June 6 – 8 at Quadna.
-Aitkin County has tweaked the criteria for the Tourism and Development Grants to include ATV Clubs and activities.

LLCC Report; Commission reviewed the January – March Revenue and Expense Comparison, revenues are down from 2013. Rian reported that the Northwest Sportshow was successful for LLCC.
-Aitkin County Disaster Preparation Unit toured the LLCC facility for a possible Disaster Response site. Tour was a success and could result in getting proper designation for LLCC along with appropriate improvements.
-Non-Profit and other similar organizations are being solicited to come to LLCC and a CD is being developed for a mailing to quilting groups.
-Using Legacy Funding to help finance more schools to attend RELC's will continue to be pursued

Other; Discussed holding a Facility Tour later in the year for the southern portion of the county.
-A situation with a non-compliant billboard on the Soo Line has been resolved. However designated areas for signage will need to be developed.

Adjournment; Motion to adjourn by Westerlund, 2nd by Warnest all aye, time 7:30 PM

Minutes submitted by, Ross Wagner

Aitkin County Park Commission Meeting
May 12, 2014
6:45 PM
Long Lake Conservation Center
Palisade, Mn. 56469

- A. Call to order
- B. Approve agenda
- C. Corrected Minutes of March 10th meeting and April meeting minutes
- D. Parks report
- E. Trail report
- F. LLCC report
- G. Other

**STATEMENT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDER, AITKIN COUNTY
DURING April 2014**

DEPOSIT OF CHECK OR CASH \$ 20,751.30 TO AITKIN CO TREASURER

NATURE OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED	AMOUNT OF FEES RECEIVED
UCC	0
NOTARY	80
NOTARY SURCHARGE	9.2030 Expired 8/1/10
TORRENS	91
TORRENS ASSURANCE	*** 9.2031 10.5
COUNTY GENERAL FUND	5234.5
STATE GENERAL FUND	*** 9.2036 3864
RECORDER TECH FEE	3680
UNALLOCATED	4048
STATE WELL CERT.	*** 9.2027 595
COUNTY WELL CERT	105
AMENDED DEATH	0
BIRTH CERTIFICATES	380
CHILDREN'S SURCH.	*** 9.2024 129
BIRTH/DEATH SURCH. (172/248)	*** 9.2022 420
DEATH CERT.	229
2010 LEG. SURCH 144.226 SUBD 3 (b)	*** 430
COPIES & C/COPIES	1455.3
TOTAL	20751.3

**WORK DONE FOR VARIOUS COUNTY AGENCIES
FOR WHICH NO PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED**

RECORDING HONORABLE DISCHARGES	0
AITKIN COUNTY	92
AITKIN CO ROAD & BRIDGE	92
OTHERS	0
TOTAL	184

AITKIN, MN April 30 , 2014

*Diane M. Lafferty Co Recorder
by Ade C Hoppe, deputy*

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April 30, 2014

Honorable Mark Dayton
Office of the Governor
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Governor Dayton,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners to request your assistance in obtaining a more effective and equitable funding structure for community corrections supervision in Minnesota.

Aitkin County is in partnership with Crow Wing and Morrison counties which comprise Central Minnesota Community Corrections to provide community supervision under the authority of the Community Corrections Act. The attached letter from the Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties to Department of Corrections Commissioner Tom Roy addresses the lack of the commitment towards addressing an outdated and inadequate funding structure for corrections supervision in Minnesota. It appears to this Board that the state department needs have been prioritized over those of Community Corrections Act Counties. These counties provide the bulk of the state's community supervision. We see no reasoning that validates having a disparity in funding from one county to the next based on the corrections delivery approach. Therefore, we are hopeful this inequity can be repaired as soon as possible.

This Board fully supports the proposal introduced in the current legislative session to implement a single probation funding stream to make the process fair and equitable for all Minnesota counties. We encourage you and Commissioner Roy to engage in sincere discussions with the membership of the Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties to address the funding concerns as outlined for the betterment of corrections in Minnesota.

Please contact us if you have any questions in regard to this issue.

Kind Regards,


J. Mark Wedel, Chair

Cc: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Commissioner Tom Roy, Department of Corrections
Honorable Senator Carrie Rudd, District 10
Honorable Representative Joe Radinovich, District 10B
Honorable Representative John Ward, District 10A
Elizabeth DeRuyck, Central Minnesota Community Corrections
Honorable Rosemary Franzen, Chair, Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners
Honorable Jeffrey Jelinski, Chair, Morrison County Board of Commissioners

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Minnesota Association of
Community Corrections Act Counties

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763.323.5830

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(Counties: Carlton, Cook, Koochiching, Lake, and
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218.726.2650

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320.269.6513

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507.332.6290

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952.496.8267

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(Counties: Norman, Polk, Red Lake)
218.281.6363

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CORRECTIONS
651.430.6900

April 3, 2014

Commissioner Tom Roy
Department of Corrections
1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 200
St. Paul, MN 55108

Dear Commissioner Roy,

We are writing to express our deep disappointment that we were not able to make more progress toward what should be our shared goal of an equitable funding structure for community supervision in Minnesota. We firmly believe that issues related to financing this function are due in no small part to the broken structure the state uses to fund these services.

The response we have received from the DOC on our proposal for a single probation funding stream has caused us to question the department's ability to be our partner in advocacy for funding the system that provides the bulk of the state's community supervision. The DOC's desire to prioritize their own funding need over the needs of counties is troubling to us as it creates an environment where it will become disadvantageous for counties to continue their participation in the Community Corrections Act.

There are many areas of cooperation that have benefited the DOC and CCA counties alike. However, all areas of our business, including how we request our funding, should be truly structured as a partnership. MACCAC counties are currently evaluating their commitment to other areas of this partnership in light of the lack of commitment we have seen in this area. We believe that the partnership has been damaged and we are unable to settle for the continuation of "business as usual".

It is our urgent request and desire that the DOC affirm its commitment to the Community Corrections Act model by joining us to establish an equitable funding model and move away from a process that encourages competition among us for the resources that are available.

We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Kay Arola, Director
Arrowhead Regional Corrections
MACCAC President

Dylan Warkentin, Director
Anoka County

cc: Julie Ring, AMC

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April 28, 2014

Honorable J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County
515 6th Avenue SE
Aitkin, MN 56431

APR 30 2014

**RE: FISCAL YEAR 2014 (FY14) SECOND HALF SCORE BLOCK GRANT
AITKIN COUNTY: NOTICE OF DISBURSEMENT**

Dear Commissioner Wedel:

I am pleased to inform you that your county has satisfied the requirements for distribution of the Second Half of the FY14 SCORE block grant. Electronic payment representing the Second Half of your county's total FY14 SCORE payment will be processed to the county treasurer.

In order to receive disbursement of future SCORE grant funds, your county must continue to satisfy all of the following requirements:

- establish a separate general fund account for the grant,
- match the grant with at least 25 percent local funds,
- spend the grant funds and matching funds only on eligible programs,
- submit an annual report on county expenditures and resulting improvements in waste management, and
- have in place an approved county solid waste management plan and required updates.

If at any time the county does not meet all of these requirements, the block grant funds must, by law, be withheld.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency looks forward to assisting your county in the implementation and operation of SCORE programs. We anticipate distribution of the first half of the FY15 SCORE Block Grants in October 2014.

If you have any questions regarding the disbursement of SCORE funds, please contact Mary Baker at 651-757-2208 or call toll-free 1-800-657-3864.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David J. Benke', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David J. Benke
Division Director
Resource Management and Assistance

MB:ld

cc: Terry Neff, County SCORE Contact

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Board Meeting Attendance Record

Date: May 13, 2014

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Dave Kohaneck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Theresa Bittersfeld	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		