

"To develop and promote resources for Economic Growth in our community."



August V2 2024



Community Calendar

Add an event to the community calendar

Economic Development Priorities to Invoke Change



Priorities to Invoke Change

Promote Recreation
and Tourism

Improve
Broadband

Support
Childcare

Support Career
Development

Business Retention,
Expansion and
Attraction

Support Housing
Initiatives

County Economic Development What you need to know:

**Did you know it is Naturally Better in Aitkin
County?**



[Listen to all of the reasons why](#)

Aitkin County teams with U of M Extension to request ATV survey information: We need you!

Take our Survey here!

We need to hear from you!

Aitkin County is working with University of Minnesota Extension to understand the ATV and OHV riding experience and impact in the county. We are surveying ATV and OHV riders.

Please consider taking the survey. Questions will address your recent experience riding in Aitkin County.

Your responses will help inform future decisions for communities serving ATV and OHV riders in the region.



Thank you!

To complete the survey, visit
z.umn.edu/atvohv



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Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) available to Aitkin County Businesses

MINNESOTA Declaration 20443 & 20444 (Disaster: MN-20004)
Incident: SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING occurring:
June 16, 2024 through July 4, 2024

What Types of Disaster Loans are Available?

Business Physical Disaster Loans – Loans to businesses to repair or replace disaster-damaged property owned by the business, including real estate, inventories, supplies, machinery and equipment. Businesses of any size are eligible. Private, non-profit organizations such as charities, churches, private universities, etc., are also eligible.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) – Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit

organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans

for Businesses and Non-Profits

Benefits of an SBA Working Capital Loan (EIDL)

- ☐ Up to \$2 million to meet ordinary and necessary financial obligations
- ☐ Low fixed interest rate with terms up to 30 years
- ☐ Automatic **no payments** and **no interest** for 12 months from the date of the first disbursement
- ☐ Apply before insurance is settled
- ☐ Unsecured up to \$25,000

What small businesses and non-profits need to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)



- ☐ Cell phone and contact information for all applicants
- ☐ Social Security numbers and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) for all applicants / owners
- ☐ Financial information (e.g., income, account balances, monthly expenses etc.)
- ☐ Complete copy of the most recent Federal income tax return
- ☐ Insurance information, if available



Three ways to apply

- ☐ Scan the QR Code
- ☐ Visit sba.gov/disaster
- ☐ Call (800) 659-2955 to locate a Recovery Center



Questions? Call (800) 659-2955 (dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services)

[SBA.gov/disaster](https://sba.gov/disaster)

Flood Relief Grants Available for Minnesotans

Minnesota Realtors® is pleased to announce that we have received a \$1 Million grant from the Realtors® Relief Foundation to assist families displaced by the recent flooding. This grant provides up to \$1,000 for any Minnesotan who has been forced to leave their home due to the flooding. Applications are now open.

For more information and to apply, please [click here](#).

The Realtors® Relief Foundation (RRF) is a charitable organization established by the National Association of Realtors® to provide housing-related assistance to victims of disasters. Since its inception in 2001, RRF has distributed millions of dollars to help families rebuild their lives and secure safe, stable housing after natural disasters. The foundation's mission is to support communities in times of crisis, ensuring that everyone has a place to call home.



REALTORS® RELIEF FOUNDATION Application for Disaster Relief Assistance

Type of Assistance

Assistance is available to qualified applicants towards one of the following options: 1) Monthly mortgage expense for the primary residence that was damaged by the Flood Disaster or; 2) Rental cost due to displacement from the primary residence resulting from the Flood Disaster or; 3) Hotel reimbursement due to displacement from the primary residence resulting from the Flood Disaster. Relief assistance is limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per household. Deadline for application submission is October 18, 2024. Please note this assistance is for housing relief only; other expenses including second mortgages (home equity lines or loans), clothing, appliances, equipment, vehicle purchase, rental or repair, and or mileage are ineligible for reimbursement under this program.

Eligibility

Recipient must be a full-time resident and U.S. citizen or legally admitted for residence in the United States.

Confidentiality

All information provided on this form will remain confidential and will be available only to those who need to confirm eligibility for assistance and to those who process the assistance to be provided. This includes providing a copy of this application to the applicant's lender or landlord, if requested. It will not be shared with other parties for any other purpose.

Disbursement of Funds

In order to provide for a reasonable and equitable distribution of funds, assistance will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. All grants are contingent upon the availability of funds

Building the Future of Childcare: Future Childcare Provider summit

The North Central SBDC will be hosting the Future Child Care Provider Summit on October 24th!

This is an action-packed half-day event aimed at educating and empowering those interested in starting their own business and community child care champions. It has been intentionally designed to provide practical, tactical information so that attendees can walk away knowing the next steps they can take and who is available in the region and state to support their journey.

A huge shout out to the partners who have come together to help plan the summit including **Central Lakes College** Early Childhood Education Department, East Central Regional Development Commission, Initiative Foundation, MAHUBE-OTWA COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP INC, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Region Five Development Commission, and Sourcewell.

The number of folks coming together to plan this event is a testament to both the severity of the child care shortage and to the resiliency and determination of our region.



Building the Future of Child Care

**FUTURE CHILD CARE
PROVIDER SUMMIT**

10.24.2024 | 9:30AM-2:00PM | Central Lakes College

Future Provider Track

Learn the practical steps you need to take to start your own successful childcare business. This track is perfect for anyone considering a career in childcare or who has owned their own business for less than 3 years.

Community Champion Track

Are you ready to do something about the childcare shortage in your community? This track is perfect for elected officials, community leaders, and employers to learn how to help increase the quantity and quality of childcare.

\$50 Visa Gift Card for First 50 Future Provider Attendees | Lunch Provided for All

Register online at www.clcmn.edu/small-business-development-center

Register

**Congratulations Riverwood Healthcare Center on
your amazing Surgery Center Expansion!**





Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin unveiled its new state-of-the-art 72,000-square-foot surgery expansion on Monday with a grand opening ceremony.

Over 100 people were in attendance for the ceremony and program, and many took tours of the new expansion.

The surgery expansion will be fully operational beginning on August 26th.

**Congratulations Riverwood Healthcare Center on
your amazing Surgery Center Expansion!**

**JOIN US FOR THE
ANNUAL MEETING &
OPEN HOUSE EVENT!**

Thursday, September 19th
23483 US Highway 169
Aitkin, MN



welcome
—HOME—

ANNUAL MEETING 2024



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In connection with Single Family Division loan programs, Minnesota Housing is neither an originator of loans nor a creditor and is not affiliated with any Lender. To find out if you are eligible, or to apply for a loan, please contact a participating Lender.



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renovated
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Hire it out or DIY with flexible
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[learn more](#)

McGregor Wild Rice Days

WILD RICE DAYS MCGREGOR, MN

**60TH ANNIVERSARY
AUGUST 31ST, 2024
DOWNTOWN MCGREGOR**

**ACTIVITIES AROUND THE
AREA ALL WEEKEND!**



Aitkin Chamber Clay Shoot

2nd Annual **CLAY** AITKIN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE **SHOOT** **TOURNEY**

Secure your spot by visiting:

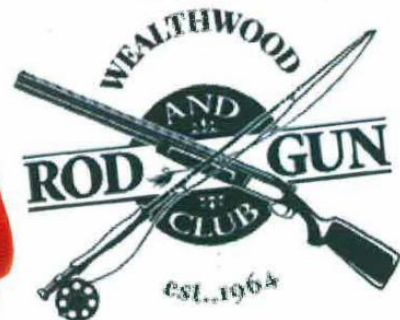
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calling 218.927.2316

OR scanning this QR code



FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER
13TH



COME SHOOT AGAINST YOUR LEGISLATORS

Come Shoot Against Your Legislators!

2nd Annual



Sat., Sept. 14, 2024 - Noon - 7PM

Meet & Compete!

Fundraiser for Disabled Veterans Sponsored by some MN State Representatives & Senators. Compete to see who's the better marksman! More Range Masters this year = less wait time. Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon & have some fun!

Fantastic Prizes & Silent Auction!

Shoot for a chance to win one of 3 rifles or 3 pistols. Top six shooters of the day win the guns! Winners will be announced at 7pm. Need not be present to win.

Great Food!

All You Can Eat Pig Roast with all the fixings & beverage!

Only \$35 Entrance Fee!

Includes meal, beverage, and chance to shoot both rifle and pistol for a chance to win! See website for driving directions.



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23796 450th St., McGregor, MN

www.ForgottenHeroesMN.org

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMUNITY EFFORTS! ENJOY A FREE PADDLE AND PICNIC.
FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

PADDLE YOUR STRESS AWAY

SEPTEMBER 18TH 4 -8 AT PINE/HICKORY LAKES BEACH



Aitkin
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

 **Riverwood**
HEALTHCARE CENTER

AITKIN
COUNTY
EST 1857
Naturally Better.

THIS IS A BIT OF A HIDDEN GEM IN PLAIN VIEW
6 MILES SOUTH OF AITKIN

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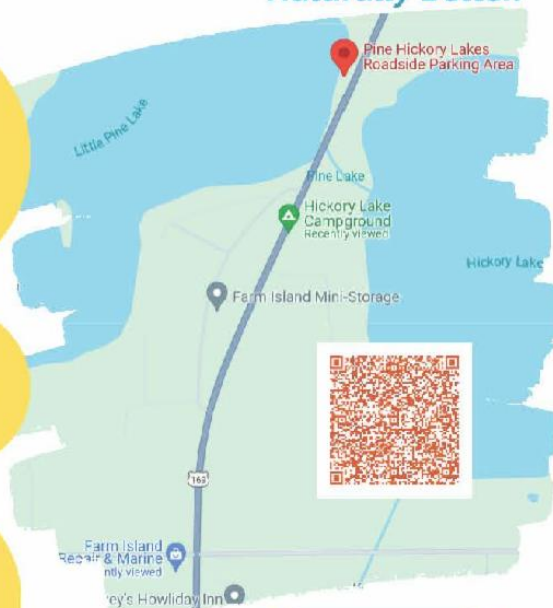
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OR BE LIKE STEW AND JUST FLOAT.
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RSVP BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 13TH AT
AITKIN.COM OR AT
THIS QR CODE

JET OFFERS INTERACTIVE CAREER FAIR



Aitkin High School INTERACTIVE CAREER FAIR



September 26, 2024



9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.



**Aitkin High School
306 2nd Street NW
Aitkin, MN 56431**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

www.nemojt.org/northeast-career-edventure/

- NO VENDOR FEE
- INTERACTIVE BOOTHS
- INSIDE OR OUTSIDE SET-UP
- FIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS INVITED
- LUNCH & BEVERAGES PROVIDED



Scan the QR code
to register.



For more information contact:
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Properties Available in the Aitkin Area

[Tour the Properties](#)



COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE

Offered at
\$1,500,000

Features & Amenities

45,504 SF industrial building located on a 21.57 acre +/- site at 36559 US Highway 169, Aitkin, MN. The building functions as the headquarters for Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative.

- Highway traffic, visible location
- High-speed Fiber-to-the-Premise Internet
- Spacious yard and maintained landscaping
- Semi truck assessable driveway
- 2 large storage buildings
- Fenced equipment yard
- Recent interior renovations



About the property

Take the opportunity to move your business or add another location! Office spaces with a combination of heated and cold storage. This industrial site provides room for large trucks and equipment to keep them out of the weather.

The property includes a main office/shop and two pole buildings. The main office shop (100 ft. x 125 ft.) constitutes about 60% of the total Gross Building Area, with concrete block construction and a mix of office and shop space. The pole buildings include one 60 ft. x 120 ft. insulated storage building with in-floor heat and one 60 ft. x 170 ft. cold storage building with concrete floor. The quality/appeal and condition of the improvements is rated average. The property includes a fenced/secured outdoor storage area and significant frontage on US Highway 169.

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momentum. We are confident once you visit, you will live here!

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Aitkin County Business Spotlight



River View Lodge Aitkin, MN

701 Minnesota Avenue South
218.429.0012

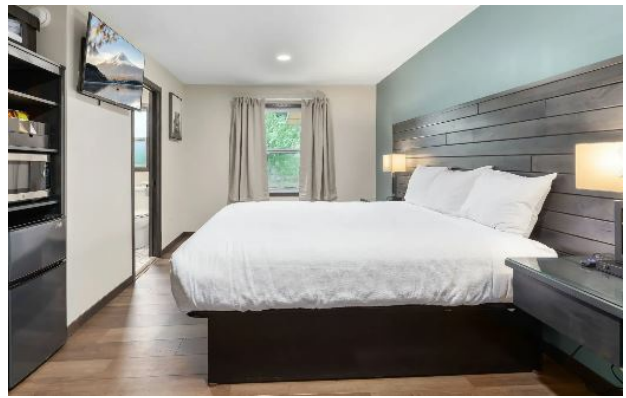
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Welcome to our ongoing journey of transformation in the heart of Aitkin, MN, where family ownership meets the promise of modern rustic luxury. Situated alongside the tranquil banks of Ripple River, our story began with a vision to rejuvenate and revitalize an aging motel into a stunning lodge that celebrates both comfort and elegance.

Currently, our lodge continues to evolve with each phase of renovation. Meticulously designed rooms seamlessly blend contemporary amenities with rustic charm, ensuring every guest enjoys a comfortable stay. In the future, we are excited to unveil inviting communal areas offering guests sweeping views of the river.

Our mission remains unwavering: to provide unparalleled hospitality that exceeds expectations and to create lasting memories for our guests. Whether you're joining us for a weekend escape or celebrating a special occasion, we invite you to be a part of our journey and experience the warmth and beauty that define our lodge.

Thank you for choosing to embark on this adventure with us. We look forward to welcoming you to our family-owned retreat.



River View Lodge

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