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



September 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



Training opportunities for Minnesota child care providers





Financial Basics and Taxes

Guest Presenter: Kelly Nokleby

Learn basic financial terms, and about income and expenses for your family child care business. Review the forms and schedules involved in tax preparation, how to organize your records and more. Learn and discover practical tools that will help keep your business taxes organized and make the process simpler.

Tuesday, December 3, 6:30-8:30 pm; Event ID: 431271

Injecting Quality into your Family Child Care Business

Explore new opportunities for quality in your individual professional development, program offerings, and business operations. Using the case study of Angie's Daycare – walk through Angie's own evaluation of where she is at and how she can improve her outcomes with quality.

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30-8:30 pm; Event ID: 431272

To register, search the Event ID in Develop (https://app.developtoolmn.org/v7/trainings/search).

Questions: Email infoMN@firstchildrensfinance.org



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Thursday, November 7, 6:30-8:30 pm; Event ID: 431268

Managing Enrollment in your Child Care Center

Learn how to understand enrollment in a child care center and develop your skills to create realistic enrollment projections and how to track current enrollment and future openings. Create action steps to maintain and grow enrollment.

Tuesday, November 19, 10 am-noon; Event ID: 431269

Planning for the Future: Annual Budget and Cashflow for your Child Care Center

Learn basic budgeting concepts. Explore income and expense sections of a budget. Discuss purpose of budgeting and the different types of budgets. Understand the purpose of projecting cash flow. Break down the sections of a cash flow statement. Analyze a child care business case study to identify strategies to manage cash flow. Identify strategies to manage cash flow using First Children's Finance business management resources.

Tuesday, November 26, 1-4 pm; Event ID: 431270

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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.



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

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OPTIONS

9:45AM - 3:00PM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024 IN GRAND PORTAGE, MN

9:45AM - 3:00PM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024 IN TOWER, MN

9:45AM - 3:00PM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024 IN CLOQUET, MN

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- Utilize financial tools, with hands-on practice using an income and expense tracker
- Create and analyzing cash flow projections, with practical experience in forecasting

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OPTIONS

9:45AM - 2:00PM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 IN CLOQUET, MN

9:45AM - 2:00PM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 IN GRAND PORTAGE, MN

9:45AM - 2:00PM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024 IN TOWER, MN

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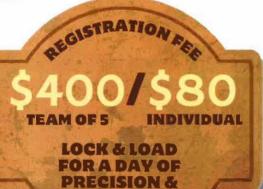
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Aitkin Public Schools Listening Session Data Presentation

Join Aitkin Public Schools for a review of the Listening Session Data - Presented by ICS - AHS Auditorium Thursday September 26 at 6:30 pm

If you can't attend in person you can watch via Zoom at: https://ics-builds.zoom.us/j/82835799281

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/

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Properties Available in the Aitkin Area

Tour the Properties

151 Lake Avenue E

151 Lake Avenue E, Hill City, Minnesota 55748 - Aitkin County



Property Details

Latitude/Longitude: 46.9923, -93.5981

Type of space: Commercial Min Size: 1,340 sqft Max Size: 1,340 sqft Last Updated: 6/12/2024

Availability

For Sale: Yes Sale Price: \$134,900.00

Description

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! Hill Lake Cafe - long standing restaurant in Hill City, located RIGHT on Hwy 169 and Lake Avenue! Hill City is one of the best multi-activity towns in MN. You can walk to Hill lake, city park/campground, and the guests at the local motel can walk right to the restaurant. Destination town for ATVs and snowmobiles - they will pull up right in front of the restaurant (they can ride on the streets of Hill Cityl). Because of their great food and customer service the restaurant has consistent repeat local/out of town clientele year round. Set up for a capacity of 65, there is a large kitchen for in house along with catering opportunities. Don't want to own a restaurant? Well, with the fantastic location that can't be missed by travelers on Hwy 169, this 4 city lot property would be fantastic for a multi-use setting or, for this price, remove the bldg and build specific to your needs - business office?, retail/consignment? opportunity is endless!!

From Aitkin, 36 Miles north on Hwy 169 to right on Lake Avenue. Property on the left. From Grand Rapids, 18 miles south on Hwy 169 take left on Lake Avenue, property on the left. Very visible on Hwy 169.

Site Details

Total Acres: 0.08 acres

Transportation

Nearest Airport: Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport

Distance to Airport: 16.9 miles

Port: Ye

Distance to Port: 79.0 miles
Nearest Interstate: I 35
Distance to Interstate: 70 miles
Nearest Highway: Hwy 2

Distance to Major Highway: 16.1 miles

Utilities

Electric Service Provider: Lake Country Power

Contacts

Company: Timber Ghost Realty LLC

Name: Jane Roth-Bristow Phone: 651-329-0873

151 Lake Avenue E, Hill City

Contact me directly for any details and additional opportunities: mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us.

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