

Handout

Minnesota Rural Countles Caucus

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January 18, 2016

Commissioner John Linc Stine Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Rd. N. St. Paul, MN 55101

Commissioner Stine:

Recent reports disclosing the discovery of pejorative emails by an MPCA regulator pertaining to the Sandpiper oil pipeline are deeply concerning and raise serious questions about the fairness, objectivity, and ultimate credibility of state agencies on regulatory matters.

The Sandpiper project is a key component to the economies of numerous counties, cities, townships, and school districts along its route. It has strong support in Greater Minnesota not only because of the jobs, sturdy tax base, and other economic benefits it delivers, but for the ecological benefits it provides as a safe, environmentally sound alternative to hauling Bakken light crude by rail through our towns, or over our already congested and aging highway system.

We have wondered with frustration at the delays in approving this project and the benefits it would provide to local communities across the state. If these delays are in any way attributable to the personal beliefs of staff within the department who are actively working in opposition rather than in strict adherence to applicable rule and law, those individuals need to be identified and weeded out of the process.

Our regulatory process relies on the confidence that it is administered by state agency staff who are impartial and not motivated to put personal political philosophies ahead of a strict adherence to the laws of the state.

The revelation that a state regulator would be working in active opposition to a permit application is a startling development that raises a disconcerting but critical question about how deep this problem runs within the agencies of the state.

I hope you can appreciate the gravity of the concern that exists over this discovery. It tempers a notion that is widely held among public and privately held organizations alike, who understand - *but are afraid to say* - a silent wall of disdain exists deep within the regulatory agencies for projects that would deliver positive economic benefits to Greater Minnesota.

There is a clear and growing perception that you cannot build in this state anymore, because it is becoming exhaustive and far too costly - compared to the ultimate benefit - to run the precarious obstacles of the bureaucratic minefield. This is a circumstance that did not always exist and raises real questions about the type of employee the agencies have been hiring over the last 10 to 15 years. Any investigation should take a long look at correcting an imbalance in hiring practices that do not recognize the value of a candidate who understands economic development and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive.

We support the request for a full and independent investigation into this incident by the Legislative Auditor, and into whether other employees are working in advocacy rolls against good projects, rather than abiding by standards established under the law.

I'm sure you agree there can be few issues more important than restoring credibility to the regulatory process. We hope you take these concerns seriously and dedicate your best effort to alleviate them.

Sincerely. Jim Stratton

MRCC Chairman Douglas County Commissioner

Cc: Governor Mark Dayton Sen. Tom Bakk Sen. David Hann Sen. David Tomassoni Rep. Kurt Daudt Rep. Paul Thissen Rep. Denny McNamara Chair Beverly Jones Heydinger, PUC Chair David Fredrickson, EQB

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Brandl Motor Vehicle Quote

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GM Vehicle Locator

Dealer Information BRANDL CHEVROLET BUICK GMC 702 2ND STREET NE 1016EQUINOX **AITKIN, MN 56431** Phone: 218-927-2713 Fax: 218-927-3187 2GNALBEK6G1133157 Model Year: 2016 Event Code: 5000-Delivered to Dealer Make: Chevrolet Order #: STSXW2 Model: Equinox MSRP: \$26,105.00 FWD L/LS-1LF26 PEG: LS Option Package-1LS Order Type: TRE-Retail Stock Primary Color: Black-GBA Stock #: N/A Trim: Jet Black Premium Cloth-AFH Inventory Status: Available Engine: Engine, 2.4L DOHC 4 Cyl SIDI-LEA Transmission: Transmission, 6-Speed Automatic-MX0 Additional Vehicle Information Vehicle Options All Options Air Conditioning, Single Zone, Manual Audio System, Color Touch-Screen-UFU Controls-C67 Black-GBA E10 Fuel Capable-FHO **Emissions, Federal-FE9** Engine, 2.4L DOHC 4 CvI SIDI-LEA Front Floor Mats, Carpeted-B34 Front License Plate Bracket-VK3 Jet Black Premium Cloth-AFH LS Option Package-1LS Mirrors, O/S Rearview, Power, Black-D22 **On-Star Communications-UE1 OnStar 4G LTE WiFi Hotspot-VV4** P225/65R-17 A/S BW Tires-QYZ **Premium Cloth-EAZ Rear Floor Mats, Carpeted-B35 Rear Vision Camera-UVC** SiriusXM Satellite Radio-U2K

"~" indicates vehicle belongs to Trading Partner's inventory

Transmission, 6-Speed Automatic-MX0

Disclaimer:

GM has tried to make the pricing information provided in this summary accurate. Please refer to actual vehicle invoice, however, for complete pricing information. GM will not make any sales or policy adjustments in the case of inaccurate pricing information in this summary.

Wheels, 17" Aluminum-RSB

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This screen allows IVH users to view the Summary of Vehicle Information, Field Actions, Service Information, Applicable Warranties, Transaction History, Service Contract(s) if applicable, Warranty Block, Branded Title information and OnStar and XM Radio information (if applicable).

Vehicle Information

VIN: 3GNFL4E5XCS628732 Service Contract: Yes Branded Title: No Order Type: 50 - FLEET Field Actions: 0 Open

Model: 1LW26-2012 CAPTIVA SPORT AWD Warranty Block: No PDI Status: Yes

Open field actions are highlighted

Required Field Actions

Vehicle has no current record of required field actions.

Branded Title

*The VIN information contained herein and information derived therefrom is the proprietary property of The Polk Company and is to be used only for the purpose of warranty verification and shall not be used for any other purpose whatsoever.

Vehicle has no current record of branded titles.

Warranty Block

Vehicle has no current record of warranty block.

Service Information

Vehicle has no current record of outstanding service information.

OnStar and XM Satellite Radio Information

Refer to Help page for details. For OnStar contact 888.ON.STAR1 (888.667.8271) and for XM Radio contact 877.GET.XMST (877.438.9677 Canada) and in the USA:800-556-3600.

OnStar Equipped: Y XM Radio 1D: 1W4DM2WH OnStar Vehicle Diagnostics: N	OnStar Status: Inactive XM Status: Active DMN Enabled: N
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Appli	cable Warranties	Valid warranties are highlig			
Valid	Description	Start Date	Effective Odometer	End Date	End Odometer
	Bumper to Bumper Limited Warranty	06/19/2012	9 MI	06/19/2015	36.009 MI
	Corrosion Limited Warranty	06/19/2012	9 MI	06/19/2018	100,009 MI
	Emission Select Component Ltd Wty	06/19/2012	9 MI	06/19/2020	80,009 MI
	Powertrain Limited Warranty	06/19/2012	9 MI	06/19/2017	100,009 MI

Warranty 2012 CAPTIVA

For this vehicle:

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 - → Warranty Block
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- View Vehicle Component Summary
- View Vehicle Transaction History Detail
- View Vehicle Delivery Information

January 20, 2016 Global Warranty Management: Main > Interface With Customer > View Vehicle Build INTERFACE WITH CUSTOMER

View Vehicle Build

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This screen allows IVH users to view the initial build information on the selected VIN including option codes with descriptions (where available).

Vehicle Information

VIN: 3GNFL4E5XCS628732 Service Contract: Yes Branded Title: No Order Type: 50 - FLEET Field Actions: <u>0 Open</u>

Model: 1LW26-2012 CAPTIVA SPORT AWD Warranty Block: No PDI Status: Yes

Kelli Frieler

For this vehicle:

-> View Vehicle Summary

Service

- Contract
- → Branded Title
- -> Warranty Block

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- View Vehicle Component Summary
- View Vehicle → Transaction History Detail
- → <u>View Vehicle Delivery</u> Information

Vehicle Build Model: 1LW26-2012 CAPTIVA SPORT AWD Gross Vehicle Weight: 2,296

Order Number: QFMPKW Build Date: 06/18/2012 Build Plant: S

Option Codes

*IVH is not the definitive source of GM Vehicle RPO information and is intended for service reference only. Should there be any questions about the vehicle's original build or RPO information please refer to the original vehicle invoice or window sticker.

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01C - SEAT TRIM LT TITANIUM	1AR - TRIM COLOR DR PANEL
1LZ - 1LZ PACKAGE	4AP - INTERIOR TRIM JET BLACK/ BROWNSTONE
A84 - COMPARTMETN DOOR NON-LOCKING	ADX - BLACK/LIGHT TITANIUM
AE8 - PWR SEAT ADJUST- DRIVER, 8-WAY POWER LUMBAR ADJUSTMENT	AKN - GLASS, TINTED
AL0 - AIRBAG SENSING SYSTEM, PASSENGER	AP9 - CONVENIENCE NET, TRUNK
AR9 - SEAT, FRONT BUCKET	AT8 - RR CHILD SEAT RESTRAINT
ATG - REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY	AWW - CARGO ORGANIZER, REAR
AXP - MPV VIN IDENT POSITION	AY0 - AIRBAGS, DRIVER & FRONT PASS. FRONT/SIDE IMPACT. AIRBAGS SIDE HEAD CURTAIN SENSING SYSTEM, THORAX SIDE- IMPACT, SEAT MOUNTED, DRIVER AND RIGHT FRONT PASSENGER, HEAD CURTAIN, SIDE FRONT AND RR OUTBOARD SEATING POSITIONS
B0B - GM PROD WEEK 20	B34 - FLOOR MATS, FRONT
B35 - FLOOR MATS, REAR	BQ2 - FLT-AVIS BUDGET CAR RENTAL
BTV - REMOTE VEHICLE STARTER SYSTEM	C4G - GVWR RATING - 5057 LBS
C68 - AIR CONDITIONING AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL	CE1 - WINDSHIELD WIPERS, RAIN SENSING
CF5 - POWER SUNROOF	D31 - MIRROR, MANUAL INSIDE RR VIEW
D61 - VISORS, DRIVER/FRT PASSENGER W/ ILLUMINATED VANITY MIRRORS	DCP - 6 MTHS ONSTAR DIRECTIONS & CONNECTIONS W/ AUTOMATIC CRASH RESPONSE AND TURN-BY-TURN NAVIGATION (ASK DEALER ABOUT GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE)
DL8 - POWER HEATED OUTSIDE MIRRORS	EBF - SEAT TRIM, LEATHER APPOINTED
EF7 - COUNTRY UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)	F46 - CHASSIS, ALL WHEEL DRIVE
F82 - AXLE, 3.23 FINAL DRIVE	FE1 - SUSPENSION SYSTEM
FE9 - 50-STATE EMISSIONS	FHO - VEHICLE FUEL GASOLINE E10
FIK - TRIM DOOR	FLT - FLEET PROCESSING OPTION

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URETHANE, LONGITUDE GAN - SILVER ICE METALLIC JL9 - ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SYSTEM, 4 WHEEL DISC K34 - CRUISE CONTROL KA1 - DRIVER & FRONT PASSENGER HEATED SEATS KG4 - ALTERNATOR, 150 LFW - ENGINE, 3.0L DOHC, V6 SIDI AMPS MHJ - TRANSMISSION, 6 SPD MX0 - TRANSMISSION, 4 SPD AUTOMATIC AUTOMATIC N10 - EXHAUST, DUAL TIPS N37 - STEERING COLUMN, TILT AND TELESCOPIC NP5 - LEATHER WRAP NT7 - FEDERAL EMISSION SYSTEM TIER 2 STEERING WHEEL NVH - POWER STEERING. PJE - WHEEL 17 X 7.0, J, ALUMINUM HYDRAULIC QMU - TIRES ALL SEASON R6F - B-CODE ASSIGNMENT PROCESSING (NON-RETAIL) BLACKWALL BLACKWALL R9N - PROCESSING CODE - RC9 - SKID PLATES, CHROME FRONT AND REAR SEAT RJA - TIRE SPARE RVZ - WHEEL SPARE 16 X 4.0, T, STEEL DESIGN 1 T135/70R16 SL 100M BW SPR SAL - PLANT CODE RAMOS T96 - FOG LAMPS, FRONT ARIZPE, MEXICO TDK - ALARM HEADLAMPS U2K - XM RADIO + SERVICE SUBSCRIPTION SOLD SEPARATELY BY ON WARNING, BUZZER TYPE SIRIUS XM AFTER 3 MOTHS U61 - AUDIO SYSTEM. UE1 - ONSTAR SERVICE: INCLUDES 1 YEAR SAFE & SOUND PLAN DELUXE 10 SPEAKERS UG1 - UNIVERSAL HOME UH8 - INSTRUMENTATION, GAUGES REMOTE **UJM - TIRE PRESSURE UK3 - STEERING WHEEL CONTROLS** MONITOR UPF - BLUETOOTH FOR **UR3 - INDICATOR, FUEL ECONOMY** PHONE UUI - AM/FM STEREO CD UVC - REAR VISION CAMERA SYSTEM INCLUDES SELF-DIMMING ISRVM PLAYER WITH AUX INPUT JACK V59 - LUGGAGE RACK SIDE V8D - VEHICLE STATEMENT US RAILS, ROOF MOUNTED V9H - MODEL CONVERSION VK3 - FRONT LICENSE PLATE MOUNT CHEVROLET LT AWD VN9 - DAILY RENTAL VT7 - OWNERS MANUAL, ENGLISH **REPURCHASE PROGRAM** VY7 - LEATHER TRIMMED WPF - SALES PACKAGE PREFERRED SHIFT LEVER WPG - CONVENIENCE YB6 - AXLE PACKAGE YD5 - SPRING FRONT BASE YD6 - SPRING REAR BASE EQUIPMENT EQUIPMENT YT6 - FLT-DAILY RENTAL FLAT RATE

Added Option Codes

Vehicle has no current record of SAIO codes.

Global Warranty Management: Site Map

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AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DEPOT HIGHLIGHTS NEWSLETTER WINTER 2016 – Volume 21, Issue 1



The year 2015 flew by and before we know it summer 2016 will be here. With it will come the unveiling of our new book "Schools of Aitkin County". The past two years has been spent researching, and collecting photos and information to be included in the book. Many hours were spent interviewing Aitkin County residents about the early country schools. County and Historical Society records were pored over to determine the number and location of all the schools in the county. Sometimes information from two sources did not agree so a third source needed to be found to determine what was correct. Photos for some schools never materialized. The records for some schools had been destroyed by fires and others thrown away. Information about many schools is gone forever and we will never know. We are busy getting permission to use some articles in our book and a UPC code has been purchased. Information and photographs are being assembled to form our new book.

After seven and a half years I will be retiring as your administrator this spring. I have enjoyed working for you and the Volunteers have been beyond great. They followed my lead, no matter how crazy they thought the idea was, and accomplished many projects to make the museum more fun and interesting to visit. This past year many visitors from around the country expressed their surprise and joy at the number of displays and the quality of them. They felt that our museum was better than most of the other museums they had visited. This can be attributed to our volunteers. Their enthusiasm and dedication for the museum shows through in everything that they do. To our volunteers I say: **Thank You! Thank You!** It is my hope that the new administrator will be embraced by the volunteers and that the society will continue to grow.

Last year 12,700 people visited our museum, web site or one of our events. They came from 37 US States, 10 Foreign Countries and 180 Minnesota Communities. Our museum has a big impact on the local economy. First of all we try to buy everything we need at the museum from local businesses starting with our member businesses. There is a constant stream of visitors who leave our museum and head to local restaurants, gas stations and Jaques Art Center. Another thing that we have been able to do is connect people living in Europe requesting information about their ancestors who traveled to America with relatives living here in Aitkin County. That is always fun when we can do that. It will not be very long before our visitor ship will be more than the population of Aitkin County.

Our Annual Garage Sale has been very successful over the past three years because of all of the generous donations received. This past year we broke the 11,000 dollar mark. When you are cleaning out your basement, garage, closets, drawers, or downsizing don't forget about the museum to receive those unwanted items. **All donations are tax deductible.** You have already cleaned everything out, How about donating some time working the sale. Hundreds of hours are spent setting up and marking everything for the sale. It takes many volunteer hours working the actual sale. Come and join the craziness. I will be gone, but plan on coming up from the cities and working the sale. If this event is going to continue to grow we need everyone's help with collecting, setting up, sorting, marking and working this event. As we grow older (I like to call it maturing) it seems that it takes longer to accomplish tasks and not able to do others. At least in my case, I am not as strong as I used to be.

Volunteers are always needed, not only accomplishing the everyday tasks of operating the museum, but working at one of our events. Check out the event schedule for 2016 in this newsletter and see if there is one that you could help us with. Call the Depot for more information. (218-927-3348)

Gregory Leach - Administrator

Memorials

The following have given a gift to the Society in memory or in honor of friends and relatives. We appreciate their thoughtfulness.

In Memory of Everett Davies



Given By Roy & Virginia Van Horn John Borg Doug & Mavis Olson Michael & Glenda Murphy Patricia J. Killeen Thomas & Jeanne Rikala John & Joyce Leitner **Thomas & Shirley Gravelle Ruth Carlstrom** Barry & Eileen Foss Susan & Michael Friedrich **Rich & Lorraine Liljenguist** Mr. & Mrs. Donald McNevin Paul & Jeanne Switala Mary Klingelhofer Doris Nordean Marv Rea Albert & Elizabeth Tibbetts Terry & Wendy Johnson Robert & Sally Johnson Julie Nordean Paul & Luanne Beyreuther Dorothy Carlberg Janet Miller Christine Bailey Gary Williams D.M. Insley Shirley Olson Greg & Gale Leach John & Julie Solien

Memorials

In Memory of Everett Davies

Given by Tom Betley Ron & Jo White Alan Thornbloom Greg & Laura Thornbloom Beverly & Marvin Midthun Timothy & Judy Killeen Eileen Hallbeck Jerrold Nelson Sophia "Trix" Wyant Jerrold Nelson

In Memory of Mary Cummings Welshons

> Given By Class of 1950

In Memory of Windahl Dragovich

> Given By Class of 1950

In Memory of Algot"Al" Williams

<u>Given By</u> Ron & Jo White Val Toivonen

What legacy have you left? Consider leaving something to the Historical Society in your will. It might be a piece of our Aitkin history or some money as a memorial in your name. A memorial paid for our new research room.

Members Lost During 2015

Algot (Al) Williams 6/29/1915 – 12/10/2015

Everett Davies 2/28/1934 – 11/5/2015

Dorothy Winegarner 9/30/1935 – 8/2/2015

John Young 8/5/1929 - 2/10/2015

Shirley Meyer 6/14/1927 - 1/11/2015

NEW MEMBERS

Jackie Ritter Edward C. Williams Jason Brezinsky

Township Records

The Minnesota Historical Society has requested that we collect the records from our Townships and put the information on microfilm. Some Townships already store their old records at the Depot Museum in Aitkin. We are requesting that all the Townships in Aitkin County contact us and let us know how many ledgers they have in storage. Once placed on microfilm the information would be available to view at the Depot Museum in Aitkin and at the Minnesota Historical Society. We can store the old records or return them to the Township.

Fourth Quarter Accessions

			2-hats & vest from Aitkin Centennial, baby shoes &
10/2/2015	15.90.	Steve Bare	laces
10/9/2015	15.91	Carlton Co. H. S.	Lawler Creamery information
10/9/2015	15.92	Doug Olson	32" X 42" Aerial Photo of Mille Lakes Lake
10/14/2015	15.93	Tom & Judie Arnold	misc. banks, kitchen utensils, nic naks
10/16/2015	15.94	Marlene Kingsley	LOL Tray, Palisade Coop Pocket knife
10/2/2015	15.95	Janet Miller	3-photos, McGregor Phone Book
10/28/2015	15.96	Cheryl Meld	Tamarack Free Lutheran Church 100 yr. Anv. History & Mug
10/28/2015	15.97	Colleen Bremner	2 photo Post Cards
10/28/2015	15.98	Cherie Holm	Wealthwood Black History
11/13/2015	15.99	Richard Morris	Picture of Morris Farm
12/11/2015	15.100	Cheryl Sorenson	Dennis Day Poster from 1965, McGregor Snr Prom Program
12/11/2015	15.101	John/Marlene Tholen	Stetson box/Top Hat/Spats
12/11/2015	15.102	Barb Lundquist	Veterans Field Dedication 9/11/2015
12/12/2015	15.103	Washington Co. H.S.	1929 Roger Lake In The Pines Business Card
12/11/2015	15.104	John C. Luecke	Book – "SOO Line in Minnesota"
12/12/2015	15.105	B. Thompson - Ait. Co.	Newspapers, Misc. paper stuff
12/16/2015	15.106	Garage Sale items	Various items
12/19/2015	15.107	Ruth (Bunny) Vall	1950's Men's Ice Skates

TRAINS NEEDED!

The Aitkin County Historical Society is still looking for model trains to put on display in our Depot museum railroad room. Do you have a model train of any size that could be donated for this permanent display? Not ready to get rid of it. Loan it to the museum to help fill up our display. We need eleven more to fill our three display cabinets. This train display is becoming one of our favorite displays. If your trains are just packed away in the garage or attic, share them with everyone.

SCRAP COPPER

The society is now collecting scraps of copper as a fundraiser. Pieces of scrap copper pipe, connectors, or electrical wire. Do you have small pieces of wire taking up room in your garage or basement? Not enough to make it worth your while. Please consider donating it to the historical society. Wire or copper plumbing pieces Can be dropped off at the Depot museum during operating hours. (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm.)

Looking for old Plat books

The following list is the books that we have. 1916, 1969, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1983, 1987, 1990, 1992, 1999, 2003, 2010, 2013 If you have an Aitkin County Plat book that is not on this list please consider donating it to the Aitkin County Historical Society

Missing Yearbooks

We are missing the following AHS yearbooks in our collection: Before 1910

Everything between 1910 – 1931/32

1972, 1975, 1979, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Please help us complete our collection of AHS yearbooks.

1916 Plat Book

We now have a high definition copy of the 1916 plat book of Aitkin County on all computers at the Depot and on our website. Check it out. www.aitkincohs.org

Drawing on December 5th at 2pm

1. Emily Greens Golf for 4 + cart – Jackie Ritter – Aitkin, MN

2. Emily Greens Golf for 4 + cart – Harley Elling – McGregor, MN

3. Night Stay at Grand Casino Mille Lacs for two + \$20.00 Grand Play - Samantha Helgerson - Cokato, MN

4. Enbridge Cooler/Gift Box – Elert Johnson – Aitkin, MN

5. Framed picture donated by Aitkin Furniture – Brad Bergerson - Hamel

6. 250 Full Color Business Cards from Tidholm Productions - Dorothy Carlberg - Aitkin, MN

7. 2013 American Eagle coin donated by Neighborhood National Bank - Marilyn Rossi - Aitkin, MN

8. \$50.00 Verizon Gift Certificate – Lisa Irwin - New Brighton, MN

9. \$50.00 Shopko Gift Card - Mark Bliss - Aitkin

10. \$50.00 Verizon Gift Certificate – Richard Schmidt – Onamia, MN

11. Honeywell FocusPRO 5000 Thermostat from Gravelle Plumbing – Joan E. Christensen – Aitkin, MN

12. \$50.00 Verizon Gift Certificate – Kalea S. - McGregor

13. \$50.00 Verizon Gift Certificate – Bob Wold - Aitkin

14. Bird Feeder donated by Hyytinen Hardware - Barb Mathison - Deerwood, MN

15. One Year Subscription donated by Aitkin Independent Age - Kyle Kittleson - Aitkin, MN

16. Duane Photography gift certificate – Jeremy Finke – Hill City, MN

17. Oil Change from Brandl Motors - Phil Vandervegt - Olivia, MN

18. Oil Change from Brandl Motors - Susan Sass - Palisade, MN

19. Grill Set from Pine Insurance - Robert Brandt - Aitkin, MN

20. Oil Change from Cuyuna Country Auto - Marty Tolvanen - Jacobson, MN

21. Fish Wind chime from Aitkin Pet & Farm – Laurie Rupp – Breezy Point, MN

22. BRK Carbon Monoxide Alarm donated by Northern Air – Jeff Tidholm – Aitkin, MN

23. First Aid Kit donated by Riverwood Health Care - Roger Howard - Aitkin, MN

24. First Alert Fire & Smoke Alarm donated by Northern Air - Donna Larson - Aitkin, MN

25. Farm Island Repair - Blue Collared T-shirt - Dr. Paul Kuiken - Aitkin, MN

26. Farm Island Repair – Blue Collared T-shirt – Mary Larson – Willmar, MN

27. \$25.00 Gift Certificate to the Rialto Theatre – Leeann Hohensein – Aitkin, MN

28. \$25.00 Gift Certificate from Roadside Restaurant – Dick Dahners – Green Valley, AZ

29. Stadium Blanket from Bremer Bank - Mary Peterson - Aitkin, MN

30. \$25.00 Gift Certificate from The Office Shop - Florence Tarr - Aitkin, MN

31. 12-Golf balls donated by Security State Insurance – Doug Husper – Deerwood, MN

32. \$25.00 Gift Certificate from Birchwood Café – Karen Klennert – Swatara, MN

33. \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Paulbeck's donated by Woods & Shores Real Estate – June Flier – Aitkin, MN

34. \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Sew Much & More – Drew Boland

35. Folding Chair donated by Security State Bank - John Hendrickson - Aitkin, MN

36. Freedom Gift Certificate for \$25.00 – Joel Hyytinen – Aitkin, MN

37. Hometown Building Supply gift certificate for \$25.00 - Sandi Wolf - Blaine, MN

38. Necklace donated by Jessica's Treasure Chest - Aloha Buchert - Aitkin, MN

39. T-shirt & Gift Certificate donated by Shirts Plus - Lane Fischer - McGregor, MN

40. Universal Notebook Case - Lyle Klinghagen - Altkin, MN

41. Dairy Queen Gift Certificate for one 8" D.Q. Cake - Barb Gellatly - Minneapolis, MN

42. Family Membership to the Aitkin County Historical Society - Katherine Ella - Aitkin, MN

43. \$20.00 Gift Certificate from Aitkin Flowers – Ruth Lofgren – Aitkin, MN

44. \$20.00 Gift Certificate for The Green House – Dawn Huffman – Aitkin, MN

45. Family Membership to the Aitkin County Historical Society - Rodney Sparks - Aitkin, MN

46. \$20.00 Gift Certificate donated by Paulbeck's - Tom Parkin - Aitkin, MN

47. 40 Club Gift Certificate for \$20.00 - Lori Gingerich - Aitkin, MN

48. Family Membership to the Aitkin County Historical Society – Edward Williams – Aitkin, MN

49. \$20.00 Gift Certificate to Aitkin Lanes – Jeremy Goble – Aitkin, MN

50. \$20.00 Gift Certificate donated by Paulbeck's - Sean Fleming - Aitkin, MN

51. Family Membership to the Aitkin County Historical Society – Jackie Ritter - Aitkin, MN

52. Farm Island Repair - camo t-shirt - Judy Peysar - Aitkin, MN

53. Baseball cap donated by Aitkin Glass – (\$20.00 value) – Deb Johnson – Aitkin, MN

54. Family Membership to the Aitkin County Historical Society - Jason Brezinsky - Aitkin, MN

55. Carpet cleaning supplies donated by Hudrlik Carpet - Mike EisenBraum - Aitkin, MN

56. 3-in-1 John Deere Power Tools – (\$19.99 value) – Rich Fannemel – Aitkin, MN

57. Framed Swan picture donated by Unclaimed Freight North - Clint Host - Aitkin, MN

58. Barns of Aitkin County donated by ACHS - The Landing - Aitkin, MN

59. The Money Hungry Hound donated by Kathy's Kitchen – Julie Hansen – Aitkin, MN

60. Cardinal Wind Chime donated by Crossroads In Time - Cindy Cheehane

61. Barns of Aitkin County donated by ACHS - Joel Sydues - Aitkin, MN

62. Coombs Cuts Gift Certificate - Jon Hanson - North Branch, MN

63. Tire Rotation donated by the Tire Barn - Abbie Christian

64. Mag Rain Gauge donated by Midwest Machine – Jason Brezinsky – Aitkin, MN

65. 2 Rounds of mini-golf at Whistling Wolf in Crosslake – Dorothy Glidden – Aitkin, MN

66. 40 Club Gift Certificate for \$15.00 - Bob Carlson - Aitkin, MN

67. Folding Chair donated by Greg Leach – Dr. Paul Kuiken – Aitkin, MN

68. Set of 4 Frosted Glasses donated by Members Coop Credit Union - Harley Weimer - Palisade, MN

69. \$15.00 off retail gift certificate from Lorrie's Hair Studio - Peggy Larsen - Aitkin, MN

70. Farm Island Repair - T-shirt - Joe Jameson - Aitkin, MN

71. Farm Island Store - 14" two topping Pizza - Bob Cummings - Aitkin, MN

72. Farm Island Store - 14" two topping Pizza - Diane Baldwin - Mora, MN

73. Bar-B-Q set donated by Kay Olson – Sherril Jones – Blaine, MN

74. Mini Maglite donated by Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative - P. Barker

75. Forestedge Rhubarb Blend Wine donated by Aitkin Municipal – Jill Blanchell – Aitkin, MN

76. Rasley Oil Company Gift Certificate for \$10.00 - Roy Klennert - Swatara, MN

77. Bginagins Used Clothing Store gift certificate for \$10.00 - Laura Hernandez - Merrifield, MN

78. Cedarbrook Lumber Company gift certificate for \$10.00 - Paul Magnuson - Aitkin, MN

79. \$10.00 Gift Certificate donated by Bills Sportsman's Service - Vanessa Brockway - Burtrum, MN

80. \$10.00 Gift Certificate donated by Gramma's Pantry - Peg Lundberg - Aitkin, MN

81. \$10.00 Gift Certificate donated by the Beanery – Lyle Klinghagen – Aitkin, MN

82. Forestedge Rhubarb Blend Wine donated by Aitkin Municipal – Andy Peterson – Deerwood, MN

83. \$10.00 Gift Certificate to Rasley Oil Company - David Knosalla - Olivia, MN

84. \$10.00 Gift Certificate to Bginagins Used Clothing Store – Loa Nelson – Crosby, MN

85. Umbrella with light donated by Greg Leach - Lisa Wigand - Aitkin, MN

86. Umbrella from Pine Insurance – Vanessa Prince – Tamarack, MN

87. Bottle of VENDANGE White Zinfandel donated by The Landing - Heide Benedick - Brainerd, MN

88. Leather Measuring Tape Holder – Adam Holder – Carver, MN

89. McDonald's Sandwich & Breakfast Sandwich – Kelly Blake – Aitkin, MN

90. Subway 6-inch Fresh Value Meal - Jay Stuart - Aitkin, MN

91. Shiperio – The Game of Golf donated by Bruce Leach – Chris Duffney – Aitkin, MN

92. McDonald's Sandwich & Breakfast Sandwich – Ardis Ivory – Aitkin, MN

93. Subway 6-inch Fresh Value Meal – Vic Keil – Aitkin, MN

94. Shiperio - The Game of Golf donated by Bruce Leach - Christine Bailey - Aitkin, MN

95. McDonald's Sandwich & Breakfast Sandwich – Connie Pettersen – Aitkin, MN

96. Subway 6-inch Fresh Value Meal – Brian McCall – Crosby, MN

97. Shiperio – The Game of Golf donated by Bruce Leach – Michelle Hanson – Aitkin, MN

98. McDonald's Sandwich & Breakfast Sandwich – Suka Paulson – Aitkin, MN

99. Subway 6-inch Fresh Value Meal – Doug Olson – Aitkin, MN

100. Shiperio – The Game of Golf donated by Bruce Leach – Phil Vander Vag – Ogilvie, MN

101. McDonald's Sandwich & Breakfast Sandwich - Dana Kangas - St. Cloud, MN

102. State Farm Insurance - Coffee Mug - Dan Gordon - Aitkin, MN

103. State Farm Insurance – Coffee Mug – Kalea S. – McGregor, MN

104. Midwest Machine baseball cap – Betty Young – Eden Prairie, MN

105. Goodyear racing baseball cap – Beverly Midthun – Aitkin, MN

106. Steak & Chop Marinade donated by Kathy's Kitchen – Vicky Dangers – Aitkin, MN

107. Midwest Machine baseball cap - Gail Wyttenback - Aitkin, MN

108. Case of Pepsi donated by EZ Stop - Ole Thornbloom - Aitkin, MN

109. Case of Mountain Dew donated by EZ Stop - Louie Clemenson - Aitkin, MN

110. 2015 Road Atlas from State Farm Insurance – Jana Frailing – Aitkin, MN

111. \$5.00 Gift Certificate from Aitkin Secondhand – Donna Hasskamp – Aitkin, MN

112. 2015 Road Atlas from State Farm Insurance – Kirk Peysar – Aitkin, MN

New in our Gift Shop: AitkinCountyopoly - 2002 Edition

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
January	30	24	40	40	86	45	92
February	18	22	22	55	29	46	55
March	30	61	23	187	99	307	379
April	28	36	48	153	48	61	175
May	77	72	50	100	110	116	141
6th Graders	84	109	101	91	91	74	104
June	84	157	472	183	127	180	208
July	149	229	266	356	251	294	383
County Fair	1331	1441	1171	0	1500	1695	1741
August	202	201	214	202	248	213	224
Garage Sale	1232	1356	1423	1814	1723	1825	1843
September	42	68	128	118	132	126	184
Rendezvous	0	0	0	1077	0	0	0
October	77	141	75	72	102	95	167
November	30	43	93	41	150	75	69
Open House	77	60	83	71	66	81	67
December	13	23	48	50	132	112	78
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VISITORS The graph to the left shows our attendance at the museum and events over the past seven years. During 2015 we had visitors from 37 U.S. States, 10 Foreign Countries, and 180 Minnesota communities. Our Web site: www.aitkincohs.org averages around 600 additional visits per month. What that means is that 12,700 people visited our museum, one of our events or our web site last year.

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2015 Web Site Visits

6790 people visited our web site in 2015 but only 1022 returned. What can we do to create more interest in our site so people visit again? Would you have interest in collecting and assembling information to place on our site? Please check out our site and let us know what we are missing. www.aitkincohs.org

Call the Depot with your ideas. 218-927-3348

2015	Page	Unique	First Time	Returning
	Loads	Visits	Visits	Visits
January	1,103	569	488	81
February	989	435	370	65
March	1,119	576	471	105
April	1,093	509	449	60
Мау	1,289	616	493	123
June	1,193	604	523	81
July	1,376	596	513	83
August	1,413	762	636	126
September	1,402	640	505	135
October	1423	714	647	67
November	943	353	297	56
December	764	416	376	40
Totals	14107	6790	5768	1022

WEB SITE - Should we put a list of the people we have obituaries that are available at the museum? Maybe we should put a bigger variety of photos on our site. Maybe, photos of unusual events in the county. More histories of the towns and areas of the county could be added. All of the above suggestions take a lot of time and effort digging through our files and assembling the information to put on the site. What we need are volunteers to assemble the information for our site. Volunteer Today!!!!

2016 PROJECTS

- 1. Continue to look for a Caboose to put on display
- 2. Publish "Schools of Aitkin County" book.
- 3. Add list of obits to our web site.
- 4. Add additional photos and content to web site.
- 5. Copy obituaries out of Aitkin Republican Newspaper.
- 6. Continue to pursue new members.
- 7. Collect information and photos of Churches, Resorts and Riverboats.
- 8. Clean out basement of Depot building.
- 9. Transfer VHS video's to DVD.
- 10.Catalog and organize research library.
- 11.Continue to put wheels under display cases for ease of mobility.
- 12. Purchase Warren William movies to show at Depot.
- 13.Continue to fill area South of Building #3 with clean fill.
- 14. Continue to repair plaster walls in Depot and repaint.
- 15. Publish Historic Map of Aitkin County.
- 16.Complete our set of AHS Yearbooks.
- 17.Continue to collect Yearbooks from McGregor, Hill City and McGrath.
- 18.Remove trees on the South side of Building #3
- 19. Create more hands on displays for children to interact with.
- 20.Clean out storage area building #4
- 21.Label unique items on display in museum.
- 22.Frame remaining two depot prints.
- 23. Build addition on building #2
- 24.Build cold storage building South of Building #3.
- 25.Seal coat all wood items outside.
- 26.Continue to collect trains for display.
- 27.Add second computer to research room.

28.Assemble informational book about items on display in research room.

- 29.Add high speed internet.
- 30.Build 5 shelf unit in Building #3 for boxes.
- 31.Purchase pallet jack to move pallets around.
- 32. Repaint outside of Building #3.
- 33.Start putting Township records on Microfilm.

AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DEPOT MUSEUM

EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2016

January 27th – Annual Meeting/Dinner – This year's event will take place at the 40-club. The cost this year will be \$15.00. Event starts at 5:30pm – Social time, 6pm – Dinner, 6:30pm – meeting.

March 12th & 13th - Sports and Commerce show – We will need volunteers to sit at our booth, visit with people who stop at the booth. Watch for news about our new book "Schools of Aitkin County" book.

March 29th & 30th – Aitkin Pre-school Tour – The Aitkin pre-school children visit the museum. One morning and one afternoon tour each day. This event gives us an opportunity to show young children the museum.

<u>May 11th – 6th Grade Tour</u> – Volunteers guide the sixth graders to different areas of the museum where presenters explain the areas. Two shifts of children (8:45-10:15 and 1:20-2:50) come to the museum. A lunch is provided for the volunteers.

<u>June – County Commissioner Lunch -</u> Every year we serve lunch to the County Commissioners and show them the progress made over the past year. The County provides around 40% of our Annual budget.

July 6th – 9th – Aitkin County Fair – Visit our Log Cabin, located on the S.E. corner of the fairgrounds. Nine display cases feature different communities in Aitkin County. Volunteers will staff the building from 10am to 8pm during the fair.

<u>August 5th & 6th – Annual Garage Sale –</u> Held at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds during Riverboat days. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and will again use two buildings on the fairgrounds. We have already started to collect items for the sale. Items can be dropped off at the Depot. **Remember, all donations are tax deductible.**

December 3rd – Spirit of Christmas Open House/Cookie Walk/Raffle Drawing – Join us as we open our Depot Museum to cookie buyers and guests. Consider donating a prize for our raffle drawing. Bake some Christmas cookies to be sold at our Cookie Walk. Our special Christmas displays created by member and volunteer Jo White are always a treat.

MUSEUM HOURS

<u>Summer Hours</u> – June, July & August Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday – (10am – 4pm) <u>Winter Hours</u> – September thru May Wednesday, Friday & Saturday – (10am – 4pm)

> Phone: (218) 927-3348 Email: <u>achs3348@embarqmail.com</u> Web: http://www.aitkin.com/achs/

Business Members – 35, Individual Members – 30, Senior Members – 130, Family Members – 276, Life Members – 20, Perpetuity Members – 4 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP – 495 (NEW GOAL IS 500)

BUSINESS MEMBERS

Aicota Health Care Center Aitkin Auto Body Aitkin Chamber of Commerce Aitkin County Abstract Co. Aitkin Family Chiropractic Aitkin Flowers & Gifts Aitkin Independent Age Aitkin Lodge #164 IOOF Aitkin Motor Company American Legion Post 86 Arvidson Tax & Accounting

Bremer Bank

D.Q. Grill & Chill Evecare Center of Aitkin & McGregor Garrison Disposal **Gobles Sewer Service Gravelle Plumbing & Heating** Hasskamp Bros. Well Drilling Hometown Building Supply Hudrlik Carpet & Tile **Jim Blakesley Enterprises** K & J C-Stores, Inc. **KKIN Radio** Lundberg Plumbing & Heating Members Coop Credit Union Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative Neighborhood National Bank Northern Air Plumbing & Heating Paulbecks County Market R & K Cabinets Security State Bank Sunset Bay Resort The Tire Barn, Inc. **Tidholm Productions** Woods & Shores Real Estate Please Support Our **Business Members!** They Support us.

Board Members

Chervl Meld – President. Jennie Hakes – Vice President Colleen Bremner – Secretary Susan Benson **Carol Bailey Ron Kemmett** John Hendrickson Robert (Bob) Lake Jodi Johnson Pam Brand Allen Ladd Hakes **Russell Peterson Darlene Maciej** Mark Wedel – County Com. Sherry Arvidson – Accountant Greg Leach – Administrator

Supported by: Aitkin County Supporting Townships Farm Island Township Beaver Township Lakeside Township Libby Township Pliny Township Macville Township Nordland Township Idun Township

Pennies for History

Help us raise money to build interactive displays for children by donating your pennies. Pennies can be turned in at the Depot Museum.

Total Pennies Collected! November - January

1205

Great News Thrivent Members!

The Aitkin County Historical Society has been approved to participate in the Choice Dollars. <u>Any member of</u> <u>Thrivent Financial</u> may decide to donate the "Choice Dollars" to ACHS. This could be the only selection made or one of several.

Thanks for your support.

2015 Event Numbers

<u>Garage Sale</u> Sales - \$11,001.00 Customers – 1843 Best Ever

> Annual Raffle \$3664.00 Best Ever

<u>Cookie Walk</u> Sales - \$1008.50 Sold out in 2 hours

I want to thank everyone who donated something for one of these events, worked one of these events and bought items at one of our events. Without all of you these numbers would not be possible. These funds help us to operate the Depot museum and update our equipment.







1916 Northern Pacific Depot Original Depot located to the right of train.

AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 20 Pacific Street S.W. / P.O. Box 215 Aitkin, MN 56431

We are located just 2 blocks south of the stoplights in downtown Aitkin, south of the railroad tracks and west of highway 169 on Pacific Street S.W.

Phone: 218-927-3348 Email: <u>achs3348@embargmail.com</u> Web Site: <u>www.aitkincoasa431126999</u> Aitkin County Board of Commissioners 209 2nd Street N.W. Aitkin, MN 56431

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

Commerce & Outdoor Show

March 12th & 13th We will once again have a booth at the **Commerce** show. Volunteers will be needed to staff our table during this event.

Aitkin County Fair

July 6th Thru 9th We will have nine display cases featuring different areas or events in Aitkin County.

Annual Garage Sale

August 5th & 6th

Table set up and merchandise will be moved to the fairgrounds on Tuesday July 12th and sorting and pricing will begin on July 13th. Once again we will use two of the fair buildings for our sale. Volunteers will be needed for setup, we sorting, pricing and working the sale. Merchandise for the sale can be dropped off at the Depot Museum.

MUSEUM HOURS

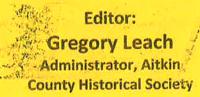
June thru August

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

September thru May

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm

> THE PRESERVATION OF OUR HERITAGE DEPENDS ON <u>YOU</u>



2016

AMC 20045 POLICY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – AITKIN COUNTY

Opp

DELEGATE
Brian Napstad
Anne Marcotte
Tom Burke
Laurie Westerlund
Don Niemi

Each county can appoint one commissioner or county official to each of five policy committees. Each county must have at least one member appointed to a policy committee. No policy Committee member can be on more than one Policy Committee.

INDIAN AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL DELEGATE: Tom Burke

Eighteen counties are located in federally recognized Indian Country and a substantial Native American population resides in Hennepin County. Each of the 19 counties may designate a delegate to be a voting member of the Indian Affairs Advisory Committee.

	2016
	AMC 2015 DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS
1.	J. Mark Wedel
2.	Laurie Westerlund
3.	Don Niemi
4.	Brian Napstad
5.	Anne Marcotte
6.	Tom Burke
7.	Nathan Burkett
8.	Terry Neff

ARTICLE 8: ASSOCIATION DELEGATES & DISTRICTS

Section 1. Association Delegates Each member county shall be entitled to a number of delegates equal to three more than the number of persons on the board of county commissioners of the member county. Delegates shall be appointed annually by the county board from among the officials and employees of the county. Each delegate so appointed shall be eligible to vote at any meeting of the Association or to be elected an officer or director of the Association. The right to vote at any meeting of the Association or to hold an office or directorship in the Association shall terminate when such person ceases to be a delegate from a member county or the county that delegate represents ceases to be a member of the Association. A vacancy in the office of delegate shall be filled by the county board for the unexpired term.

County Administrater 1/12/1

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ANGELS LAH/BNP P.O. Box 35 7 S. Maddy St. McGregor, MN 55760 Office: 218-768-2762 Fax: 218-768-3895 <u>Angels1@frontiernet.net</u> Angelsofmcgregor.com

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January 4, 2016

Davidson, Esquagumuh, Jewitt Townships Attn: Kirk Peysar, Aitkin County Auditor 209 2nd St. NW Aitkin, MN 56431

To: Davidson, Esquagumuh, Jewitt Townships

ANGELS is proud to announce we are now in our 12th year of operation as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. ANGELS (Area Neighbors Giving Elderly Live-in Services) offers assistance to help seniors live safely in their homes with independence and dignity.

ANGELS has a staff of three employees: Kevin Oslin, Director and Joan McFarland, Volunteer Coordinator and Deb Hagen, Office Assistant. We are governed by a 7-member Boad of Directors, with Nancy Jacobson as the President. Our organization provides medical and personal transportation, and coordinates volunteers to do chores; such as light housekeeping, yard work, and minor repairs. We offer socialization, education on senior health issues and activities for seniors such as game days, day trips, and luncheons. These services are in high demand, and vital to keeping our seniors independent and in their homes longer. Seniors who live in your township are included in our service area and we hope that everyone who needs assistance is aware of what ANGELS has to offer. With your help, we will be able to continue serving the seniors within your township.

ANGELS is funded through grants, donations, fundraisers, and our used goods store, Angels Attic. To remain a self-sustaining organization we at ANGELS find it necessary to reach out to the townships for additional funds.

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We would appreciate you remembering ANGELS in your 2016 giving decisions.

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Oslin

Director of ANGELS LAH/BNP

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Board Meeting Attendance Record

Date: January 26, 2016

	Please check the boxes that apply.					
Name	Aitkin County Citizen	Aitkin County Employee	Company Representative – please list.			
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Mike Damapics		X	Aitkin County CARE County ASSESSOR			
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