

Minnesota Design Team visits area



DEERWOOD COUNCIL MEMBER Josh Voller was one of the many speakers who presented information to the Minnesota Design Team on Friday morning in the Forum room of the high school. He spoke of a sense of community. Other groups or organizations presenting information to the MDT included the Crosby-Ironton School District, Cuyuna Regional

Medical Center, Hallett Center of Crosby, Cuyuna Range Youth Center, Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce, the cities of Ironton, Crosby, Deerwood and Cuyuna, Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew, Cuyuna Iron Range ATV Riders and the Cuyuna County State Recreation Area Advisory Council.

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A TABLE OF community members and one Minnesota Design Team member make a list in answer to questions posed by the MDT about what residents see as

important in their communities. From left to right are Dee Dee Lemieur of the MDT, Doug Arndt, Paul Kirkman, Rick West, Jim Traylor and Jenny Smith.

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THE EVENT CENTER of the Taconite Canteen in Ironton hosted about 100 people both Friday and Saturday nights for a Community Meeting on Friday night and a

presentation on Saturday night by the Minnesota Design Team with suggestions for the communities in the area.

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STUDENT WYATT JURACEK answers questions for Minnesota Design Team member Paul Ragozzino about the CNC machine

he is working with at Crosby-Ironton High School Friday when the Design Team visited the CTE wing in the school.

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SHELLY BESEMAN, WHO is on the board of the Cuyuna Range Youth Center, spoke to the Minnesota Design Team about renovations to be done at the Youth Center and explained it plans on renting the space out when not being used by the youth.

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STUDENT AMBASSADOR JAYDEN Wodarz gives the Minnesota Design Team members a tour of the Crosby-Ironton High School's CTE labs. She also let them know the continental breakfast they ate during their morning meeting was prepared by the culinary class at the school.

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DEERWOOD MAYOR JOHN Taylor and former Mayor Mike Aulie answer questions about the Deerwood Auditorium with (left to right): Minnesota Design Team member Scott Holmgren, CREDI board member Matt Steele, Crosby City Administrator Matthew Hill and MDT member Nichole Kain.

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JEFF BORDWELL, VICE President of the Cuyuna Range Historical Network, talks about cemetery renovations and having a future goal of a new space for the museum.

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WYATT GREELER AND Levi Anderson chat with Minnesota Design Team member Zachary Zweifler during their lunch period Friday at Crosby-Ironton High School.

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IRONTON MAYOR JOSH Jacobson shows Minnesota Design Team members Paul Ragozzino, Zachary Zweifler and Cuyuna Range Economic Development, Inc. (CREDI) President Johnna Johnson the upstairs of the Ironton City Hall and explains the renovations the city would like to do Friday when the Design Team toured area cities. A bus tour of the area Friday afternoon included such places as Cuyuna Cove, Milford Mine, Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, downtown Ironton, the old school lot in Ironton, Ironton Industrial Park, Ironton City Hall, the Spina Hotel, Ironton 40 acre lot, Ironton pickleball courts, Crosby City Garage and the Raap Building, True North Basecamp, Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, Crosby Main Street, Crosby Lofts, Crosby DMV and Visitor Center, Deblock Drive, Croft Mine Park, Cuyuna Cabin Collection, Hallett Center of Crosby and the community gardens, Cuyuna Range Elementary School and the bike trail behind the school and outdoor classroom, the roundabout at Highway 6/210 and County Road 31, Deerwood commercial property for sale, Deerwood public beach, Deerwood Auditorium, three land developments on County Road 30, the city of Cuyuna and the Cuyuna City Hall.

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PERRY MAY OF the Over the Hills Gang ATV Club was one of the three clubs to talk with the Minnesota Design Team about trail connections and diversified recreation when the team gathered in the Crosby-Ironton School District Forum Room Friday for community presentations.

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CUYUNA RANGE ECONOMIC Development, Inc. (CREDI) President Johnna Johnson welcomes the audience to the Community Meeting Friday night at the Taconite Canteen. The Minnesota Design Team was in the area Thursday through Saturday to make recommendations on where improvements could be made in the communities.



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EMILY NORTHEY AND Richard Baker, co-leaders of the Minnesota Design Team, explain what the Community Meeting on Friday night at the Taconite Canteen in Ironton would accomplish. Five questions were asked and answers summarized. Those in attendance then had an opportunity to prioritize the answers.



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CANDACE DOW OF The Minnesota Design Team shares ideas about housing possibilities the team developed for the area during the community meetings.



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JULIE FRITZ OF Deerwood puts her sticker on the poster of what she ranks as the most important of multiple suggestions made by the audience. The Minnesota Design Team asked the audience for answers to five questions and those in attendance voted on which answers best described their views on the questions.



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MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM member Dan Hartman, who grew up in Crosby, graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School and is the son of Peggy Hartman and the late Larry Hartman, suggested making Deerwood the "gateway" to the Cuyuna Range during the MDT presentation Saturday night.



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AMBER EGOFSKE TALKS about information the Minnesota Design Team developed in response to audience answers for the question asked Friday night, "Briefly describe what your city looks like in 20 years."



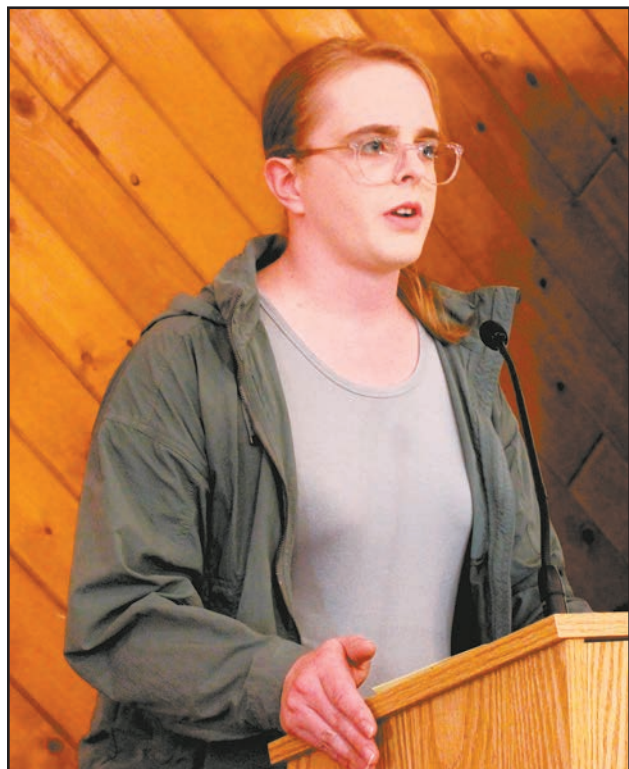
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BRITA CARLSON, A Minnesota Design Team member, talks about how those in attendance at the Community Meeting determined the one word best describing the Cuyuna Range is "evolving."



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GEORGE B. FRAHM TALKED about regional coordination during the Minnesota Design Team presentation Saturday night. Examples of regional coordination include the Serpent Lake Santiary Sewer District. Suggestions include a Regional Trail Advisory group.



THE MINNESOTA DESIGN Team's illustration of examples of infill which could include a Nature Center near Cuyuna Range Elementary School with a daycare center.



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CLAIRE RUNG EXPLAINS the ideas for housing and parking solutions Saturday night when the Minnesota Design Team presented their suggestions. Rung talked about using public and tax forfeited land for housing and parking lots.



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JENNY SMITH OF Crosby signs up to help make one of the ideas suggested by the Minnesota Design Team become a reality after the MDT's presentation Saturday night at the Taconite Canteen in Ironton.



THE MINNESOTA DESIGN Team suggests a Lazy Lounge be constructed on the green space across the street from the Ironton City Hall on the old railroad grade.



SUGGESTIONS FOR CROSBY'S parks from the Minnesota Design Team include adding sculptures in the George H. Crosby Memorial Park on Main Street and replacing the Crosby City Hall and police stations with a building with retail space on the ground floor, a hotel on the upper stories and a roof top deck overlooking Serpent Lake.

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