

# LIFESTYLES

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## KOOTASCA Community Action recognizes outgoing board members

KOOTASCA COMMUNITY ACTION REPORT

KOOTASCA Community Action recognizes Steve Crosby and Jane Barthell for their many years of service on the KOOTASCA Board of Directors.

Crosby began serving on the non-profit's board of directors in 2005 as a private representative. In 2009, he agreed to serve a second term which ended in 2013. In total, Crosby served eight years on the board of directors. During that time, he served as both the vice-chair as well as board chair. Crosby's leadership qualities were an asset to the agency during times of transition and change.

Barthell first served on the KOOTASCA board of directors from 1995 to 2003. After taking a break, she returned to serve another eight years as a private representative, from 2005 to 2013. During her most recent time on the board of directors, Barthell served as the finance committee chair.

KOOTASCA Community Action, a private non-profit agency, has been providing programming to serve low-income people in Koochiching and Itasca counties for 49 years. KOOTASCA's programs include Head Start, Family Homelessness Prevention, PC's for People, Energy Assistance, and Home Weatherization.

In 2013 KOOTASCA provided services for



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Jim Woehrle, outgoing executive director, presents Jane Barthell, above, and Steve Crosby, below, with plaques of appreciation.



over 10,000 low-income residents. A release stated, services provided through KOOTASCA Community

Action would not be possible without the dedication of community advocates like Crosby and Barthell.

## Lots going on at the library

Don't forget documentary film night on Monday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Backus Auditorium. This month we are showing two short films produced by Engineers Without Borders groups about water projects with which they have helped. One project was in El Salvador, the other in Thailand. Join us for discussion and refreshments following the films.

These films are appropriate for upper elementary students and up. Do you have a student who enjoys helping others and likes science? This would be a great opportunity to encourage them to look at engineering as a career possibility.

The fourth annual On the Edge Film Festival will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. This year's line-up is incredible. We have short films by two local residents, a documentary about canoeing solo from Ely to Atikokan, plus several other wonderful pieces. Come and view these independent films and vote for your favorites. All films are appropriate for youth ages 13 and above. Admission to the festival is \$2 along with a donation to the food shelf and will be held in Backus Auditorium.



Diane ADAMS  
@ YOUR LIBRARY

Come support our local filmmakers!

We have new science kits available for checkout with several more on the way. Many of the new kits are appropriate for early elementary students and maybe even preschoolers interested in science and design. Expose your children and students to the science and technology through hands-on activities that can be used over and over again.

'Pictures and Pens' continues even while we focus on engineering this winter. The photo deadline is Jan. 31, and we need photographers to submit photos for the current story about a teen student's love and appreciation for what his father has taught him, primarily through example. The story is posted in the library and on the library blog at <http://ifallslibrary.blogspot.com>. February

story deadline is Feb. 10. Any writing of less than 1,000 words is eligible for inclusion in the contest. Submit photos (8x10) and writings either in person at the library or via email to [dadams@arrowhead.lib.mn.us](mailto:dadams@arrowhead.lib.mn.us). Contact Diane at the library with questions.

Discover Tech exhibit continues at the library. If you haven't stopped in to see it yet, please make a point to visit. This exhibit is incredible. It rivals what you'd find at a children's museum with interest for everyone. Classes are beginning to visit, so ask your kids if they have come to the library to see it yet.

Most classes won't have time to fully appreciate the exhibit, we just want to whet their appetite and encourage them to come back on their own, especially on Crafty Tuesdays when they can also participate in a crafty science project. We have some really fun projects planned through the end of March.

Contact Diane at the library if you would like to schedule a time for your class or group to tour the exhibit. The exhibit is open whenever the library is open. Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8; Thursday and Friday, 10 to 6; and Saturday, 10 to 3.

## PET OF THE WEEK

Hi, my new name is "Rambo." I don't recall what people used to call me in the past, but I can tell you I like my new name; it seems to fit me. I am big and strong and I suppose my size can be intimidating, but I have the heart of a lion. I am a gentle boy who likes to take it easy and just chill. I enjoy the company of all the people here at the holding facility and I like to be brushed. Simply stated, I like to be pampered. I don't talk much, but I can tell you that I would love to find my forever home, a place that I can call my own where I would have a person I can call my own, who has a lap I would curl up in and just



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relax. — Sincerely, *Rambo*  
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