

# Mercer United Methodist Women to host annual Salad Luncheon and Quilt Show

The Mercer United Methodist Women will hold their annual Salad Luncheon and Quilt Show on Wednesday, July 12, at the Mercer United Methodist Church, 2679W Margaret Street in Mercer.

The luncheon hours are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the quilts will be on display from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost of the Salad Luncheon is \$10 per person, there is no cost for the quilt show. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a lovely summer luncheon and take in a local quilt show featuring a variety

of local quilters, including our very own renowned quilter, Jane Zilmer. At the same time you can browse an amazing display of hand sewn and hand crafted items that will be on sale in the fellowship hall.

The Mercer United Methodist Women supports many missions, including Dove and Harbor House, domestic violence escape shelters in Ironwood, Mich. and Superior. The scope of their mission giving extends from supporting local families to drilling wells for villages in Africa.

# After February collision, Minocqua rescue truck is back in service

## Taylor: 'We wanted it back in service'

By Brian Jopek  
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A Minocqua fire truck that was damaged in a Feb. 18 collision with a 2005 Ford Expedition in the town of Hazelhurst is repaired and back in service.

At the time of the crash, Minocqua firefighters and the department's 2002 primary rescue truck were responding to a snowmobile accident.

No one was hurt as a result of the crash but at the time, Minocqua fire chief Luke Taylor said the incident caused some issues for the department, not the least of which was having the fire truck out of service for an unknown period of time.

It was taken to Wausau on March 2 to be evaluated and a cost estimate completed.

A little under four months later, on Friday, June 30, the rescue vehicle was back in service.

"There was some bodywork and a corner of the box was rebuilt," Taylor told *The Lakeland Times* last week. "Zientara (Fleet Equipment) did the work. Parts were a little hard to

come by so they fabricated some of the parts." The Expedition driver's insurance covered the nearly \$25,000 cost to do the necessary repairs.

Taylor said one tire was damaged in the crash and because they were all at least a decade old, they were all replaced at the town's cost.

He said there were graphics on one of the rollup doors on the rescue vehicle's service box that were damaged and will be installed later.

"We wanted the truck right away so we went and picked it up and they'll send a graphics person up at a later date and put the graphics on in our station," Taylor said. "It was one of our busier weekends of the year and we wanted it back in service. Amazingly, we didn't have to use it over the weekend."

The truck being out of commission the past few months pushed back the refurbishment of the department's nearly 20-year-old fire engine, one of its primary pieces of equipment.

"We were waiting for this truck to come back and now, at this point, we'll wait through this summer and in the fall we'll send our engine out for the refurbishment," Taylor said.

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