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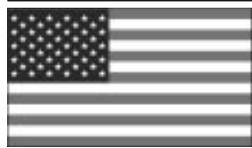
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Heather Gilmer

PINE RIVER -- Heather Gilmer, a former driver for *Response Delivery, Inc.* ("Response") (also a subcontractor for *DHL* courier service), said that it is not uncommon for their deliverymen to have to drive for 13 hours straight, or more, without time for rest or breaks, or face termination. Responses's Brainerd office is operated by Keith Laorange, who also operates *DHL* in areas north of the Twin Cities, in the Dakotas, and per Mrs. Gilmer, possibly in Wisconsin.

So it was on July 5th and 6th, 2005, as her husband, Eric Gilmer, also a driver for Response, had to work a 17-hour day, and then take out another route, with only about 4 hours for sleep in between.

Gilmer died in an accident at approx. 10:30 a.m., July 6th, when, deprived of sleep by the work demands, he fell asleep at the wheel of his Response van. As reconstructed by Mrs. Gilmer from photos and recounts of the accident, the van went off the road, hit an embankment and "went end over", crushing the driver and passenger area. A photo of the vehicle disclosed the flattened and crushed roof and windshield area.

Events leading to the tragedy. On July 5th, 2005, the day before the fatal wreck, both Heather, and Eric Gilmer, were employed by Response Delivery Inc. as route drivers. Heather had the day off, but because another driver had made, as Heather puts it, "a gross error", Heather was called in to work, that evening, by Response manager Brad Benzick. She was to finish the other driver's route, and then drive a delivery to Clearwater, Minn., about 70 miles S. of Brainerd.

Heather's route was normally in the Bemidji area; she didn't know the region to which she was

"They Killed My Husband."

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Wife of courier service accident victim, and former driver for *Response Delivery Inc.*, Brainerd, tells of overworking drivers to exhaustion, unsafe delivery vans.

dispatched, but her husband, Eric, had worked that region for Response and was familiar with it; so Response authorized Eric, after he had finished his normal route, to accompany Heather on the route she had been called in for and assigned that evening. They would deliver to Clearwater in the Response van, then Eric got their personal vehicle at the Response location in Brainerd, and returned to their home in Pine River; Heather had additional deliveries to make between Brainerd and Pine River.

Per Heather, neither of them got home before 11 p.m. They retired, but, "He [Eric] . . . kept looking at the clock all night 'cause he knew he had to be up in just 4 hours" to take his morning Response route, Mrs. Gilmer said.

"He didn't get any sleep, and he was . . . expected . . . to be in Brainerd at 5:30 (a.m.) . . . It's a 40-45 minute drive from . . . [Pine River to Brainerd]," she said.

Heather Gilmer explained that, that morning, her husband called her several times from the road, on his cell phone, telling her that he was "very sleepy". She told him to pull over and take a nap, but Eric replied that he couldn't, because another driver in the relayed delivery had arrived late, causing Eric's van to be loaded late, and that load, pharmaceuticals, had to all be delivered by noon. "The autopsy didn't even show caffeine in his system, ergo he didn't even have a chance to even pull over and get some coffee or anything," she said.

"So he was calling me . . . that he was falling asleep at the wheel; and then the calls stopped," said Heather.

Although Response knew of the accident shortly after it happened, Heather, on a route of

Response Delivery Inc. would deny liability for the wrongful death, fire Heather, deny her worker's comp rehab benefits, and only pay her worker's comp death benefits of \$35.41 a week.

her own, wasn't told. "For the rest of that day I had been trying, to no avail, to get a hold of my husband," Heather said, adding that she called Response, "and they told me that, no, he had not gotten back yet, and that they didn't know what was going on."

Heather recounted that she hadn't gotten much more sleep than Eric. "I woke up when he did," she said, adding that she was also falling asleep at the wheel that day on her route.

Heather said, "There were no 'sub' drivers . . . If he'd have called in and said 'I'm too tired to drive,' they [Response] would have fired him."

She continued, "When I called . . . [Response] . . . asking about my husband, they already knew he was dead. [Later] I got to the Westridge office [of] Wells Fargo [Wells Fargo Bank, Bemidji - one of Heather's delivery stops] . . . at 3 o'clock." Heather recounts that the branch manager brought her into a room where she found Response dispatcher Brad Benzick and some police officers. It was then that she was informed of her husband's death about four hours earlier.

Another driver took the rest of Heather's route (she would normally have driven from 7 that morning to after 7 that night), and she was taken home to Pine River.

Religious violations. Heather Gilmer and her husband, Eric, were of the Jewish faith; Eric by conversion. Heather was concerned because Eric's body (Cont'd, "Death by Driving," p. 3)

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Update: The Bemidji Police Chief Preece Swindle Trials

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MINNEAPOLIS -- In regard to the bankruptcy of Bemidji Police Chief James "Bruce" Preece, amidst adverse claims of fraud and swindle, the Court has scheduled a *status conference* on two of these claims before the United States Bankruptcy Court at Minneapolis, Courtroom 7 West (7th floor), on March 8, 2006 at 11:30 am, before the Honourable Judge Nancy C. Dreher (Case nos. 03-44978; ADV 03-4265; ADV 03-4285).

The status conference is in connection with two adverse claims to Preece's bankruptcy, totalling over \$556,000, due to Preece's allegedly fraudulent dealings in helicopters, while his firm, *Helicopter Flight, Inc. (HFI)*, was located at the airport at Crystal, Minnesota. Generally, debts arising by fraud may be excluded from discharge in bankruptcy. The fraudulent dealings included taking and retaining sales proceeds for helicopters which could not be lawfully delivered to the customers, and delivering of a false FAA Bill of Sale for a helicopter that neither Preece, nor HFI, owned.

Parties. Plaintiffs in the two adverse claims include Ken Schoenfelder, Rochester, Minn. and his aviation firm of Blue Skies, Inc., represented by Michael S. Dietz, Esq., of Rochester; and Central Boiler, Inc. (operated by Dennis Brazier), Greenbush, Minn., represented by Edward F. Klinger, Esq., of Moorhead, Minn. Preece is represented by Thomas Miller, Esq., Wayzata, Minn.

HFI was formerly a *Robinson Helicopter* dealer, and Preece is alleged, in several separate incidents, to have accepted payments in full for Robinson helicopters, which payments were not turned over to the manufacturer (Robinson), causing some customers to have to pay for their approx. \$300,000 helicopters twice in order to take delivery.

Shortly following the first reports of these frauds surfacing in 2002, Robinson cancelled HFI's dealership. It is estimated that Preece's total helicopter swindles (see previous reports, post) exceed \$1 million in the aggregate, including sales to the customers who have made claims, and others.

Preece remains the Chief of Police for the city of Bemidji, Minnesota; no criminal action for the massive and repetitive frauds has been brought against him by prosecutors.

As of early February, there had been no dispositive action on another adverse claim, this one made by the bankruptcy trustee and relating to an allegedly improper payment, outside of the bankruptcy, by Preece, of \$52,000 to his mother's (Norma Preece's) loan account at First National Bank of Deerwood (formerly Northland Community Bank); and the matter is reported to be approaching possible settlement. The trial previously scheduled for Feb. 3rd, 2006, was cancelled and stricken.

An additional objection to Preece's Chapter 13 bankruptcy plan was filed in Sept. 2005 by the Special Asst. Attorney General for the State of North Dakota, on behalf of the North Dakota Tax Commissioner. The objection seeks payment of North Dakota withholding taxes, interest and penalty totalling \$674.50. Preece's original chapter 7 bankruptcy petition disclosed a \$90,000 federal tax lien and listed, as a priority debt, \$41,615.12 as payroll taxes, owed to the Internal Revenue Service.

For detailed earlier reporting of this matter and individual incidents, see **THE POLICE CHIEF BRUCE PREECE FILES in Living On The Edge at northernherald.com** and **NH issues of 10/25/04, 05/16/05 and 09/19/05, also at northernherald.com**

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CONSUMER CAUTION

"Crisis Line" Can Create One

LAKE GEORGE -- John Defatte was despondent over the then-recent death of his son. He needed someone to talk to. But the last thing he needed was a team of deputies coming to his home, macing him, and incarcerating him for two days of "observation."



John Defatte, with arm patch (inset)

As Defatte recounts it, on Friday, Sept. 3rd, 2004, at 5:54 p.m., "I called a crisis line," in Bemidji, and he was transferred to a crisis nurse in Thief River Falls. Defatte told her what was bothering him, but at no time indicated that he was in any way suicidal. In interview, he continued, "We talked for about an hour, I did feel a lot better; and she asked me straight out, 'Are you planning . . . to kill yourself,' I said No!"

Defatte didn't give her his name, but supplied enough identifying information in the conversation that deputies were able to pinpoint who he was when, after the conversation with Defatte, the Thief River Falls crisis nurse called them, described Defatte as "acutely suicidal" (per official transcripts of the calls) and related the supposedly confidential crisis call to them.

The next thing Defatte knew, Hubbard County deputies, under the direction of the office of Sheriff Gary Mills, sent what appeared to Defatte to be a SWAT team, to

FBI Alerts Public to E-Mail Scam

by Special Agent Paul McCabe, FBI, Minneapolis

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The FBI is warning the public of a fraudulent e-mail in circulation that requests financial assistance for the survivor of the tragic mining incident in Sago, West Virginia. The e-mail falsely claims to be authored by a physician at the hospital where the survivor received medical attention. It describes the condition of the survivor and the financial assistance that is needed for a full recovery.

The FBI takes these matters seriously and is working with other law enforcement and private industry partners to identify the person(s) responsible. Anyone who has received an e-mail of this nature is asked to contact the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) via the website at http://www.ic3.gov

As was learned after the tragic events of 9/11/01, the Tsunami disaster, and more recently with Hurricane Katrina, unscrupulous cyber criminals have shown the desire and means to exploit human emotion by attempting to defraud the public when they are perceived to be most vulnerable. Computer users are strongly urged not to open or respond to unsolicited e-mails of any kind. Furthermore, e-mails requesting personal information or soliciting funds should be thoroughly verified for their legitimacy before responding.

his residence, to take him into custody. "Hubbard County sent a SWAT team up," he said. "They were in their SWAT uniforms, and one of them came running up to me and maced me," he said. "As I turned, one of the other cops grabbed me, and then the other one did - Homer - so there (Cont'd, "Protective Custody," page 3)



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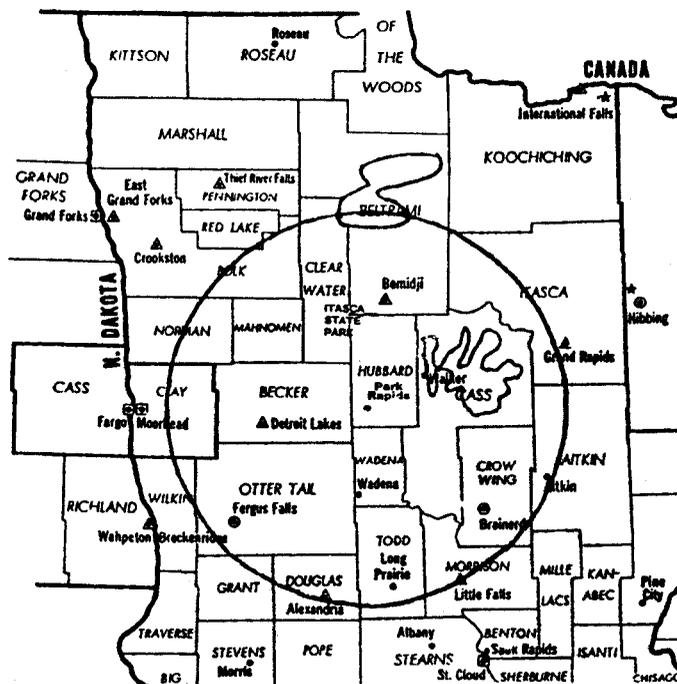
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In Focus



Above, coordinator and church elder Tim Ewert with a pound cake.



Among the many volunteers for the event, Anna, above left, served the wild rice soup, as Zach, of Bemidji, tended the pheasant and goose.



Another Great Game Feed at Becida!

BECIDA -- Yep, it's only March, still, it's not too early to mark your 2006 calendar, in early

November, to remember to call Becida Community Church, Becida, Minn. to get the date of their huge 2006 game feed. If it's anything like the Dec. 3rd, 2005 (shown here) event (and it always is), you won't want to miss it! This year's event may be a bit earlier than last.



Above, Andrew Longtine, of Bemidji, brings the dessert tray.

Each year, the church holds the AYCE feed to raise money for their youth group through free will offerings. This year's event raised about \$500.

Come fall, hunters willing to donate part of their bag are encouraged to contact coordinator Tim Ewert, 218-444-9451.



Above, diners enjoyed all they wanted of wild rice soup, moose goulash, elk, bear, rabbit, venison chili, brats, meatballs & spaghetti, goose, grouse, pheasant, and duck; with coffee, punch, and desserts, including many homemade pies.



Below, Rodney Bahr said the food was, "very good."

Below, guests line up at the serving counters.



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were three cops on me . . . they threw me to the ground, and this other cop that had maced me, maced me again, under my glasses . . . when I was on the ground."

The deputies transported Defatte, in handcuffs, to the Hubbard Co. Sheriff's office. "They pushed me back up against the wall - I had a cut on my forehead from it," he said. The deputies removed the handcuffs, put Defatte in restraints and transported him first to the Park Rapids hospital, and then to the mental facility at Brainerd.

"He claimed I was suicidal and I wasn't," Defatte maintains.

"They threw me into a padded

cell," said Defatte.

Defatte's wife was at work when he was arrested, and had no knowledge of the incident. She came home to find her husband gone, and called the Hubbard Co. Sheriff's Dept. trying to find out where he was, but deputies refused to tell her of the arrest, "They didn't know anything," said Defatte, so Mrs. Defatte spent a good part of the weekend not knowing her husband's whereabouts or condition. Defatte, being held on a 72-hour watch, was not allowed to telephone her, or anyone else.

On Sunday morning, Defatte was finally seen by a physician, who, after speaking with him for about 5 minutes, as Defatte related, told him, "You don't even belong here. . . . What we have is some

deputies that overreacted." The physician called Mrs. Defatte who then had to drive from their home at Lake George, to Brainerd, to pick Mr. Defatte up at the hospital.

"I will never, ever, call . . . [a crisis line] . . . for help . . . again," said Defatte.

Afterward, Defatte attempted to speak to Hubbard Co. Sheriff Gary Mills about the actions of his deputies, but "Sheriff Mills never answered any of my phone calls," and did not return Defatte's calls requesting an appointment to see him.

Defatte indicated that he is presently working with an attorney to bring suit against Hubbard County for the false arrest.

Hopefully, it will be for a few billion \$\$s -- Ed.

Charges Urged Against Park Rapids City Attorney John Masog for Check Kickbacks

PARK RAPIDS -- Following an FBI investigation of John Masog's having, allegedly, improperly received over \$38,000 in bad check fees, which would otherwise have gone to the merchant-victims of the bad checks, Mahnommen Co. Attorney

Julie Bruggeman (to whom the case was referred due to obvious conflict of interest by the Hubbard County Attorney) has drafted a criminal complaint against Masog for felony theft, but, due to familiarities, she can't find an officer to sign it; as reported the

(Minneapolis) Star-Tribune. And Park Rapids Mayor Ted Godfrey wants Masog brought to justice.

Full details of this matter can be found in the Star-Tribune of February 21st, 2006, "Mayor wants prosecutor to be prosecuted" by Larry Oakes; and online at <http://www.startribune.com/462/story/259710.html>

For further reading on the antics of City Attorney John Masog, see "Heirs Accuse Fuller, Masog of Estate Looting", in NH of 08/16/2004, in The Library, Vol. 9 at northernherald.com

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had, without her consent, been transported to St. Paul for autopsy, something not allowed by orthodox Judaism, which also requires that the body be buried within 72 hours.

"They had already shipped him off to get him autopsied . . . I did not have a choice in the matter," she said, adding, "I wasn't even allowed to see my husband until well after 72 hours after he was killed." And due to Heather's inability to procure a proper Jewish burial, and also to

there being no Jewish mortuary nearby, the body had to be cremated, which also violates Jewish law. Heather reports that she, nonetheless received excellent service from a local funeral home at Pine River. "Jay Kline was fantastic," she said, "he was very helpful."

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Response Delivery, Inc., however, was far less helpful after the fatal accident that, Heather maintains, their work policies caused. In the end, Response would deny liability for the wrongful death, fire Heather, deny her worker's comp rehabilitation benefits, and only pay her worker's comp death benefits of \$35.41 a week to replace Eric's salary - far less than the approx. \$220 per week to which she is entitled.

A few days after the accident, Heather received a letter from the Minnesota Dept. of Labor, (Cont'd, "Death by Driving," p. 7)

Letters to the Editor

Is Our Road Salt Rusting Crawfish, Too?

Why reinvent the wheel? I am fed up with the fishing on Leech Lake.

Woman Lake was in bad shape 6 or 7 years ago. Now the Walleyes are on the come back. Because of people like Tom Held, Gene Carlson, Dan Krone, Fritz Felton, Ron Felton, and myself, along with others. With people like I mentioned you keep the rusty crawfish limited, and with the Minnesota DNR stocking, the Walleyes will come back.

The rusty crawfish came from the Ohio Basin. By fishermen in the 40s and the 50s [using them] as bait. The rusty crawfish left over were dumped into lakes. That is how they got their start.

The rusty crawfish have multiplied fast over the years. How many more have multiplied in Minnesota lakes? One crawfish will have 500 or more offspring in mid-June. Then the rusty crawfish will molt, and become soft shell and within 3 hours they become hard shell again. The rusty crawfish has destroyed weed beds, wild rice, and has eaten eggs of every kind of in the lakes. They are like underwater loggers on the bottom of the lakes. Destroying everything in their paths. Now the Minnesota DNR wants to study the rusty crawfish.

I don't know why they can't look at Sparkling Lake in Wisconsin or what Wisconsin DNR has already done. (Ref.: The studies on the rusty crawfish - *The role of predators in the Sparkling Lake rusty crawfish and rainbow smelt removal* - <http://limnology.wisc.edu/roth/The%20role%20of%20predators.htm>).

Do we have the time to study what has already been studied? We don't have a good population of Walleyes in Leech Lake now. Can we throw another 12 to 15

years of fishing away? When the study will take 5 to 6 years? That is how long it will take the Walleyes to come back. 12 to 15 years! At Sparking Lake, Wisconsin DNR did a intensive harvest and kept up trapping the rusty crawfish. Low and behold the walleyes have come back!

The Minnesota DNR put a bounty on the rusty crawfish. Like they have with problem beaver. Why give a college a big lump of money when Wisconsin DNR has already studied the rusty crawfish? Give half the money you would spend to the college for the study and the other half to set up bounty on the rusty crawfish. Like 40 to 50 cents a pound to the crawfish trappers. That seems more reasonable then doing what Minnesota DNR wants to do. Let's review the facts Wisconsin DNR has ... [developed at] ... Sparkling Lake.

Besides it would create more jobs in Northern Minnesota which would help out Minnesota DNR, ... and the State economy.

The Minnesota DNR told people at a meeting held in Walker that the rusty crawfish go dormant during the winter months. That is wrong. I went out to Leech Lake and set a trap through the ice on January 28, 2006; and on January 29, 2006, I pulled the trap. What did I see? Crawfish! Then the Minnesota DNR told me the crawfish metabolism slows down. Even if it does, they still have to eat!

In the meantime, I had gotten a hold of some perch eggs, minnows, and rusty crawfish, [and] put them together in a tank. The crawfish started to eat the perch eggs within a minute. So there are a couple studies that didn't cost the State a couple of million dollars. I don't see why the Minnesota DNR has to waste money on the studies that Wisconsin DNR has already done. Why can't they have a meeting with the crawfish



Adam Steele, Editor

trappers like they did about the cormorants and the Minnesota DNR stocking of Walleyes.

The results of this study should be published.

That [to redo the study], my friends, in a nutshell, is re-inventing the wheel!

Bob Felton, Longville, Minn.

Minnesota Woman Must Abandon Home If No Funds For Fuel Fuel Assistance Didn't Adjust For Current Costs

I am a disabled woman aged fifty six, and have lived on Social Security for fifteen years. I have managed to maintain my small home and an old pickup truck for transportation. My home has no running water, no workable plumbing. I live three miles from a small town in an old house trailer. Its not much but I am happy here.

Because of neglect on the part of my government, my home I have lived in for twelve years is now in jeopardy. If I cannot find funds to heat my house trailer I will have to move into the local nursing home. Or a woman's shelter.

I feel that our Federal Fuel Assistance Program has betrayed me and other people like me with neglect. No provision was made in the fuel assistance program for the rapid raise in propane and fuel oil prices.

Living 200% below the poverty limits in this country seems like reaching for a sky hook. It's never there, always out of reach. I scrape by every month with never enough to eat. I make a lot of my own clothes. I have no pets, gave away my dog when gasoline prices got high.

Last month I was very short on food. I had to give up 1/4 of my food budget for a fuel delivery that fuel assistance would not cover. I lost over twenty pounds. . . . I no longer have enough funds to get the food supplements I need to stay healthy. . . .

My financial worker has told me today that I will get some fuel next week. But it will last only for five or six weeks. This is the second week in February. This coming delivery will last only till the end of March. I MUST continue to heat my home until the first or second week in June.

Where do I go? Who do I turn to when my government turns their

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"I ask you to uphold the values of America; ... we are in a fight for our principles and our first responsibility is to live by them. ..."

Still, there are some people that just don't buy it. They hang the flag, but don't believe you should be able to read the news if they don't agree with it. Don't look for *Northern Herald* at these places:

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St. Nick Comes To Hackensack!

Yep. He wouldn't want to have missed the funnest place in Northern Minnesota! So, in December, 2005, he brought his bags of toys and treats and stopped in on his journey, meeting with kids of all ages, at Lucette's Pizza & Pub, Hackensack.



back on me and ignores all the pleas for help from all of us forced to go hungry, or heat our homes.

[Name withheld by request]

Editors Note: Due to time for paperwork, the author of this letter didn't actually receive her fuel in time, and had to endure a couple of cold nights. Notified of this, however, Northern Herald made

an inquiry, and the reader received her fuel the next day; hopefully, enough for the season.

Readers may note that emergency (crisis) fuel funds may be available both through their county's fuel assistance agent (CAP, etc.) and also, if needed, through their county's Family Services or Human Services Dept.

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Enjoying the Hobo Day fest, Cass Co. Sheriff Randy Fisher takes a few moments to talk with his deputies Bob Karbowski and Aaron Ammerman who helped out at the event, and with other festgoers including Seth Raines, of Bena, shown above in his V-neck shirt.

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In Focus FALL FESTS

Labour Day Saturday Is HOBO DAY at Boy River!

BOY RIVER -- Cass County Deputy Bob Karbowski said "I believe it's the best [summer festival] in Cass County," as Sept. 3rd, 2005 marked the 52nd year of Hobo Day at Boy River, Minn. Boy River is located between Federal Dam and Remer; and on this day, this small city of, usually, 38 people, swells to thousands and burgeons with festivity.

Strolling the massive flea market, the distant sound of gunfire could be heard from the annual trap shoot that kicked off the day, which also featured the parade, hobo stew feed, pig roast, bingo, homebaked auction including blueberry, lemon merengue, and many other varieties, and everyone's favourite: rhubarb pie. The afternoon brought lots of games including horseshoes, sack races and the kids' pole climb, followed by the live music and the dance at 8 p.m.
 Said Chris Danielson, of Anoka, "It's a lot of stuff to look through, and eat! . . . We come up here pretty much every year . . . for the food."



Julie Marie, above, who came with her family from Minneapolis, gazes through an antique stereo viewer at the huge flea market and antiques and crafts bazaar that, for this day, consumed most of the town's downtown area!

It was an antiquer's dream! The flea market and antiques and crafts bazaar was noteworthy in that it featured an unusual amount of unique or hard to find stuff that one just wouldn't normally see, and the price was right, usually. Things like Wild Salmonberry (tastes a bit like strawberry) jam from Alaska where they grow, distinctive wood-workings, both



Above, hungry attendees line up with their souvenir Hobo Day mugs for the piping hot caldron of Hobo Stew! There was also a pig roast later in the afternoon.

old and new, cast ironware by Bob Frederickson, of Boy River, and much, much, more. The display tents, tables, and shelves filled the streets and the big city park.

As recounted by local historian Bonnie Weyer, Hobo Day started by a left-handers softball club, which, in 1953, got rained out, so they drove into Boy River and put all their food together in a big stew pot. "That's how it started," she said.

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AN URBAN MYTH
Fiberglass in Chew? Nope.

Sometimes what "everybody knows" just isn't true. So it goes with a lot of the garbage and "statistics" that have been wholesale distributed by the anti-tobacco groups. You really have to check out what you hear, and contrary to popular belief, what can be put on national TV commercials, by law, does not have to be factual. Misinterpreted statistics can be cited, and pressure groups can really say most anything without violating any criminal laws, or, as a practical matter, becoming civilly liable. This is the downside of Freedom of Speech (a good thing in the overall) - you have take what you're being told with a grain of sand.
 Of late, the notion that tobacco companies put fiberglass in snuff has become so widespread and believed that it's even being repeated even by usually knowledgeable professionals such as dentists. Seems that nowadays, everybody knows it.
 But is it true?
 Swedish Match North America (SMNA), manufacturers of Longhorn® snuff, says absolutely not.
 Responding to a Northern

Herald inquiry, SMNA explained, **"Fiberglass in any tobacco product including LONGHORN is an urban legend. All tobacco companies are required to send samples to the government on a periodic basis and if fiberglass were found we would not be allowed to continue making such a product."**
"As for our products the only "ingredient" which is not approved by the FDA as a food grade flavoring is the tobacco itself."
THINGS THAT JUST DON'T WORK
"There is no product that someone cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper. Those who consider price alone are this man's lawful prey."
 This column is cumulative, and provided for consumer awareness. Signed consumer submissions are welcome.
 For review of the following things that just don't work, from past issues, see *Things That Just Don't Work* at northernherald.com:
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Jumping for joy in foreground left, is Cindy Dickson, of Boy River. She's joined by friends, Wendy Blue, of Hill City, Peter O'Fallon (behind Cindy) and Kaye Ostedahl, of Grand Rapids.



The number of participants in the long parade well exceeds the town's population! Above, a procession of motorcycle entries, led by Biker Bob, motors by between the floats.
 People flooded the streets of Boy River for this festive day of fun! Below, kids get ready to dig in the sawdust pile for coins!

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Below, Kids' pole climb. Yep, she made it to the top and rang the bell!



Right, this ornate and attractive cedar lawn mobile - at \$35 - has little sailboats that sail around with the wind. It was displayed at Hobo Days, handmade by Jack's Jigs, Brainerd - 218-829-5496

John Gunther, Paul Romaine, Headline at 33rd Annual BSU Jazz Fest !

The name for great jazz in the Northland is the great *BSU Jazz Bands*. And each year, usually the first weekend of February, their Director, Dr. Steven Konecne, produces the big BSU Jazz Fest, at Bemidji, where high school and college bands from throughout the Midwest and Canada can participate in two days of workshops, including working with the visiting celebrity *clinicians*, and concluding with the Saturday night jazz concert.

Participation is limited by space, and band slots fill fast. This year, the fest was able to accommodate 17 bands. During the workshops, the two clinicians choose the best two student bands, to open the closing concert, followed by the celebrities performing with BSU Jazz Band I.

This 33rd annual fest was February 3rd & 4th, 2006, with clinicians, saxophonist John Gunther and jazz drummer Paul Romaine. From Boulder, Colo.,



Paul Romaine, above, said of his music, and his band, **Convergence**, "What we try and do in the band is really use it as a forum to be as creative as possible with our compositions, and it's all original music."

And of the BSU Jazz Fest and participating schools, said, "We really appreciate being here; and it's great to see so many enthusiastic young people coming in one place to play this music . . . a lot of great music coming from unexpected places like Fargo and Canada. So, it's been a lot of fun - a lot of listening, but very enjoyable. I hope to come back through here again soon." *Convergence* CDs were available after the concert.

Dueling saxophones! At left, **John Gunther** plays a totally improvised duo with BSU baritone saxist **Therese Haugen**. It was an unexpected treat, well appreciated by the audience, during the Saturday concert. In interview after the performance, Gunther said, of the fest's participating bands, "I was amazed at the talent [of] all the students; the enthusiasm with the music; and that they've discovered jazz music and improvisation and creativity for themselves. And it's always inspiring to us [as teachers] to see that and to be around that. . . . We had a terrific time. [In the workshops] we try to focus in on a couple things that they can take with them and apply later." Of the impromptu duo, Gunther said, "Right before we went on, she said, 'you go first, then I'll go, then we'll trade back and forth.' And that's jazz! You know, that's one of the great things about it."



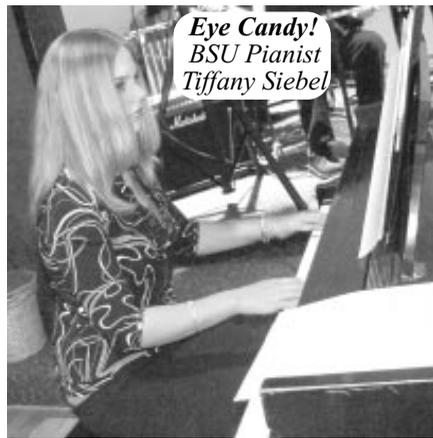
Romaine and Gunther perform regularly in Denver with the 6-piece jazz combo **Convergence**, and also teach music at the University of Colorado. The concert included Gunther's original compositions, *Sketcha*, *An Old Haunt*, and

Gnuble Ooze; as well as *Extra Credit* (Jim McNeely) and the smooth and romantic ballad, *Central Park West* (John Coltrane).

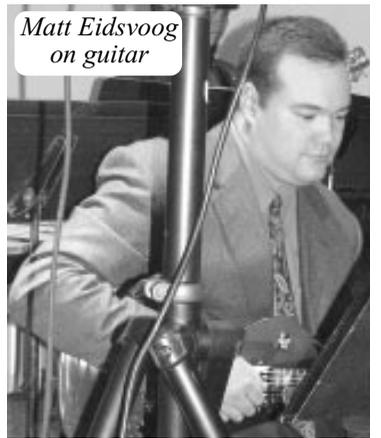
BSU Jazz Band I: Saxes: **John Konecne**, **Amy Johnson**, **Karissa Korbelt**, **Beth Holzheuter**,



Therese Haugen; Trombones: **Ellen Burns**, **Clint Valnes**, **T.J. Chapman**, **Alex Carlson**; **Trumpets:** **Eric Johnson**, **Davin Rosenberg**, **Graham Steeds**, **Shayla Schaefer**, **Betsy Danielson**; (con't below)



Eye Candy! BSU Pianist **Tiffany Siebel**



Matt Eidsvoog on guitar

Dr. Steven Konecne conducts BSU Jazz Band I

Tiffany Siebel, piano; **Lee Foster**, bass; **Doug Quance**, drums; **Anthony Bown**, drums; **Matt Eidsvoog**, guitar



Graeme Nickerson



Director Orv Anderson

Among the 17 student bands that participated in this year's jazz fest, "we had four combos, which is a record for the festival. I'm trying to promote that because it's really important to what jazz is about - you know, the improvisation, the communication - a small group," Dr. Konecne said.

So it was as from Winnipeg, the **Ft. Richmond Combo** was selected to perform Saturday night, playing, "Work Song" and "Nature Boy" and their great sound drew a standing ovation.



Ian Walker



Byron Wood



Michelle Wylie



Chris Craigen



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Conductor Bill Kristjanson



The Vincent Massey Collegiate Senior Band; **Chris Wood** on piano

a welcoming event and an engaging atmosphere for all the students, and it's just an absolute highlight of our year; and we're just so grateful - I want to publicly thank Steve and all the students and all the staff of Bemidji State University for making this possible."



Below, on sax, Rachel Smith

In interview, Kristjanson said that the band had developed their great sounding repertoire tunes only "since Christmas".



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Death by Driving
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notifying her that she would be entitled to benefits. But Response Delivery Inc., only allowed her unpaid leave while she was recovering from her husband's death. After about two weeks of grieving, she was forced, financially, to return to work.

The day she returned to work, Heather was given, by Response, a paper to sign entitled, "Authorization Form For Consumer Reports". The paper, essentially a broad release form, authorized Response to procure from "any party or agency contacted by this employer" including financial institutions, various personal information, including credit and medical information and worker's comp claims. Heather was told that all employees, now, had to sign the form or be terminated. Heather found the form to be an invasion of her privacy, so, per her attorney's advice, she amended it, striking many items, so to include only such items as were related to her job, namely driving and criminal records, if any; and she otherwise completed the form and turned it in. "I dropped it off at the job . . . when I got back, . . . I was terminated."

After conferring with her attorney, Heather believes that she was given the release in an attempt by Response to develop evidence to use against her, should she bring a court action against Response for the death of her husband. She said that two other employees balked at the release; one was given another opportunity to sign it, and did so; the other refused to sign and was terminated, but was rehired two weeks later. Only Heather was summarily terminated without recourse.

Unemployment. Heather made an unemployment compensation claim, which, she said, Response contested, maintaining that the termination was due to "employee misconduct". Per Heather, however, at her administrative hearing, almost three months later - in late October 2005, Response's claim of employee misconduct was found to be without merit, and

~ ~ A Northern Herald Restaurant Review ~ ~
Great Meal Deals for Twilight Diners at Arthur's



★★★★★ (Q3 \$+) **Arthur's Ten Mile Lake Inn**, Hackensack. (On 371, midway between Hackensack and the "Y" of Hwy 371 at 200) Arthur's is the Northland's only five star restaurant, and that fifth star is hard to get. Great quality and price alone won't do it - there has to be something extra. Arthur's rates it by the exceptional ambience, surroundings and view,



Above, Arthur's Apple Cider Glazed Boneless Pork Chops, with broccoli and baked potato; and a tad of cream sherry, of course.

coupled with the elegance of pianoside dining and dancing Friday and Saturday nights. This is first-class all the way!

Funny thing is, those who come a bit early can have it during the winter season at coach prices, and one doesn't even have to commit to it three weeks in advance - just walk in, between 5 and 6 p.m., Thurs. - Sat., and enjoy!

What Thrills Await? Twilight diners will find a hearty and ample menu - seven of Arthur's best entrees, from \$8.99 to \$12.95 including veggies and choice of potato, or wild rice pilaf (where appropriate) and rolls; a salad, to start, can be had for \$1.75 more.

Arthur's *early-bird* menu includes their Angus beef sirloin steak, \$10.95; fresh salmon filet, \$9.95; chicken fettucini, \$8.99, tenderloin beef kabobs served

Above, Arthur's Ten Mile Lake Inn

over wild rice pilaf, \$12.95; homemade lasagne, \$9.95; boneless grilled pork chops with apple cider glaze, \$10.95; and 21 shrimp basket, \$8.99.

Our reviewers found the steak to be a truly satisfying strip - it was ordered medium rare, and was prepared perfectly - seared on the outside and pink in the middle - and served with mushrooms and red bell pepper garnish. The meat was full flavoured, with very much that delectable right-off-the-grill taste. The broccoli was crisp, bright and fresh - cooked just enough but not too much. Our choice of potato was Arthur's delightful fried cheese and potato patty made with parsley and just the right herbs, which was festive



Pianist Nina Burke

and also excellent. A breadbasket contained both white and wheat rolls having a wonderful home-baked essence and flavour.

We also tried the glazed pork chops, upon which the flavour of the apple cider glaze was deliciously apparent, and well complemented the hearty and succulent chops. The baked potato was available, of course, with sour cream and chives.

This restaurant is clearly worthy of it's five stars!

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A visitor's or resident's guide to the better sit-down dining in Northern Minnesota. These are Northern Herald rated establishments; as such, except as noted, all are hospitable to all guests, whether or not they smoke. These are ALL outstanding establishments, run by the kind of hospitable people you like as your hosts. If they didn't rate at least three stars overall, they're not here.

Ratings: ★★★ Very good overall; good food and/or value ★★★★★ Superb food, plus exceptional value or ambience/extras ★★★★★ Exceptional as to cuisine as well as value, plus ambience or something extra. (Detail: Q2 or Q3 is the quality rating (top is 3 stars); \$ denotes exceptional value; + denotes ambience; extras)

WALKER AREA

★★★ (Q3) **Charlie's** Charlie's famous ribs, steaks, chicken and seafood. Certified Angus Beef. Boathouse bar open in summer. Excellent quality - this is where a lot of local people eat. 6241 Hwy 200 (near the "Y" of 200 & 371) 218-547-0222

★★★★ (Q3 \$) **The Ranch House**, Walker. Daily AYCE specials served homestyle. Salad bar. Giant popovers (excellent) with all meals. Specials: Su: Roast turkey, baked ham & fried chicken, \$10.99; Mon: Tenderloin & sirloin tips, \$12.99 ;Tu: Stemed shrimp, \$17.99; Wed: Ribs & chicken, \$13.99; Th: Alaskan snow crab - \$29.99 (4 clusters, \$20.99); Baked chicken \$10.79; Fri: Fish Fry, \$8.59, w/soup & salad bar \$12.54; Sat: Steamed shrimp, \$17.99 9420 Hwy 371 NW, 218-547-1540

★★★★ (Q3 \$) **The Wharf**, Walker. Walleye swim all the way from Alaska to jump into Marie's secret recipe beer batter to be in her AYCE Walleye feed every Friday 'til 10. Other excellent quality, good value, daily specials (not AYCE) include: Wed.: GIANT Tacos, Sat: Prime Rib, Salmon. Full bar, nautical ambience. 218-547-3777

HACKENSACK AREA

★★★★★ (Q3 \$+) **Arthur's Ten Mile Lake Inn**, Hackensack. Very excellent food amidst lakeshore ambience. Live pianist and dancing weekends. Nautical motif with lots of glass for the lake view. This is where you'd bring your wife on that special anniversary or occasion. Open Thursday through Saturday in winter. Daily AYCE specials: Th: their own smokehouse Ribs, \$12.99; Fr: Fish fry, \$9.95; Sa: Prime rib, \$19.99 Winter early bird specials Thurs.-Sat. 5-6 p.m. \$8.99-\$12.95 - 7 great entrees including Angus sirloin, & apple cider glazed pork chops, to choose from. Full bar, well stocked, including sherry and cognac. 4777 Hwy 371 NW, 218-675-6576

★★★★ (Q3 \$) **Up North Cafe**, Hackensack. Open for breakfast and lunch. Summer and Fall weekend brunch buffet is rated: It's *the best* weekend buffet in the Northland with egg & cheese bake, corned beef hash, creamed chipped beef (loaded with *lots* of beef) on biscuits, Toast of France with strawberries; fresh fruits, kielbasa, much, much, more. This is a real feed and a great way to start a weekend morning! Rotating daily specials with the same good Up North quality for Breakfast and Lunch all year long. 105 Hwy 371 S, 218-675-5300

★★★★ (Q3 \$) **River House**, Hackensack. Daily AYCE specials served home-style: M: Ribs, \$13.99; Tu: Deep fried chicken, \$10.99; W: Steamed peel 'n eat shrimp, \$15.99 Th: Baked chicken, \$9.99; F: Fish fry, \$9.99; Sa: Crab legs, \$27.99; Su: Roast turkey, \$9.99 All dinners include their lavish salad bar and popover or dinner roll. Full bar. 222 Highway 371, 218-675-6200

EMMAVILLE

★★★★ (Q3 \$) **Emmaville Cafe**. This is *unquestionably* THE place to eat in Emmaville (pop. 4). This rustic cafe is set amongst the picturesque woods and country - it's a great place to enjoy the AYCE, 9 am - Noon, Sunday buffet which features scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, bacon, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, hotcakes & syrup, and toast; price of \$5.95 includes coffee, milk, or juice. Cafe hours (winter): Mo. - Sat.: 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Sun.: 9 - Noon. Daily lunch specials. Occasional authentic German cuisine specials. In summer: AYCE Taco Tuesday 5-8 p.m., \$5.95 On Co. 4 (the Lake George road), at 24, midway between Lake George and Park Rapids. 218-732-4858

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NISSWA-PEQUOT LAKES AREA

★★★ (Q3) **Tasty Pizza North**, Pequot Lakes. A very good thin crust pizza at usual market prices. Pastas, sandwiches, including their Dago Italian sausage. Daily specials. Domestic Chianti. Open 3 - 10 p.m. every day except Mondays. Rustic ambient motif; smoking area is best seating. This is the only pizza restaurant in the Nisswa-Pequot Lakes area that remains hospitable to smokers and non-smokers, alike. 28889 Hwy 371 (midway between Pequot Lakes and Nisswa), 218-568-4404

CASS LAKE AREA

★★★ (Q3) **North Country Junction Bar & Grille**, Cass Lake. Tasty food, good service. Live entertainment Wed. & weekend evenings. 106 Aspen Ave SW (Hwy 371 on S end of town), 218-335-6324

BEMIDJI AREA

Note: All of Beltrami County is non-smoking, by law. These listed Bemidji restaurants are exceptional, and remained hospitable to all right up to the end when the law took effect. If one has to be here, these are good places to eat.

★★★★ (Q3 \$) **The Great Wall**, Bemidji. Outstanding AYCE buffet every day for lunch and dinner at great prices (adults:\$6.95/\$8.95, including beverages and desserts). Mandarin & Szechuan (hot) as well as traditional Cantonese. Four big buffet tables of selection. Includes peel 'n eat shrimp every night, AYCE Crab legs on M,W, Fr, & Sa dinner buffet. 102 1st St W (in Union Station shopping center) 218-751-7085

GRAND RAPIDS-DEER RIVER-REMER

★★★ (Q3) **Pasties Plus**, Grand Rapids. This is a wonderful hot meal of meat, potatoes, and veggies wrapped in a delicious baked pastry crust, with gravy. It's quite the treat! Stop in and take a whiff - the homestyle quality is obvious. All pasties (including breakfast) \$3.99; w/gravy just a few cents more (get it!) 1407 Hwy 2 W (next to Jerry's Liquors), 218-326-2234

How we rate: We don't rate by request - we have to stumble onto the good establishment. We don't accept free food, and try to be anonymous, like any other guest, when sampling the restaurant. After being rated, restaurants listed here pay for the space - the rating and editorial commentary, though, is ours and can't be bought.

Heather was found eligible for unemployment if she pursued the required job search.

Worker's comp. Heather said that, initially, her worker's comp claim was summarily

denied by Response's insurer, American Home Insurance Co., acting through AIG Claim Services, and represented by the offices of Johnson & Condon, (Cont'd, "Death by Driving," p. 8)

Something's Always Happening at HACKENSACK!



In Focus



It's BACK-TO-HACK 2006 !!

HACKENSACK -- If it's fun you're looking for, you'll find it at Hackensack. Something is almost always going on, from their summer fests, Sweetheart Days and the Anniversary of Paul & Lucette, to weekly kids' fishing contests, to live theatre presentations, regular lavish wine tastings (both domestic and imported), and of course, their annual winter fest, Back-To-Hack!

As thousands watched, fireworks, shown at left, burst across the Northern sky over Birch Lake marking the first day of this year's *Back-To-Hack*, Jan. 13th - 15th, 2006.

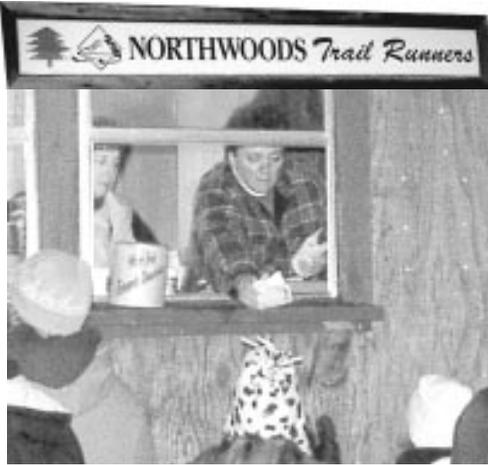
A festival packed and brim full of activities and entertainment, this 2006 event kicked off, Friday, with a movie matinee, and towards evening, the Parade of Lights led by Police

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Below, a Parade of Lights Float



Below left, Friday evening's well attended and huge community bonfire followed the parade, with free hot dogs and cocoa served by the Northwoods Trail Runners snowmo club, shown below center. They were real grilled hot dogs with that good hardwood taste, grilled on the spot by Brian Schultz, below right. Mr. Schultz said that they'd served over 600 dogs, so far that night, and expected to top 1,000 by the finish. The dogs, other food, and beverages, were donated by Mark's Market, Hackensack, and by Dan, at the Cass Company.



Chief Mel Rateike, huge community bonfire, free hot dog roast, fireworks, HOWA family night and karaoke at the Senior Center, and Comedy Night at Lucette's.

Saturday brought the Craft Fair & luncheon, hay rides and treasure hunt for the kids, the annual Chili Feed, courtesy of the Hackensack American Legion, a HOWA Halo Tournament, movie

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attorneys at law. "They were

really trying to prove that my 35 year old husband had had a heart attack and died of natural causes," Heather said. Then they

got the autopsy report, and Heather Gilmer hired an attorney, Dean Margoles, Esq., of St. Louis Park, Minn.

Eventually, Response admitted liability for worker's comp payments. But Johnson & Condon, Esqs., in a letter dated November 2nd, 2005, misfigured the benefits at only \$35.41 per week. The computation contained an offset based upon an assumption that Social Security Survivor's Benefits would be paid; trouble is that neither Mrs. Gilmer, nor her two children by Eric, are eligible for same.

Considering this, the correct computation would be \$218.33, but at this writing, Heather continues to receive only the \$35.41 per week. Per Mrs. Gilmer, she is supporting herself and the two children primarily with a one-time lump sum benefit of \$3,000, and \$20,000 from the vehicle insurance for the van that Eric was driving; but that won't last forever.

Kaye, with AIG Claims Services, was contacted by phone and refused to discuss the case, notwithstanding that Mrs. Gilmer was present and authorized same.

Mrs. Gilmer has also claimed benefits for job rehabilitation (education), but was denied. This matter will be taken up Feb. 17th, and March 23rd, 2006, when her attorney will contest this determination, and try to get \$3,500 as rehab benefits for Mrs. Gilmer. But there's a catch-22: If she gets the rehab benefits to go to school, she won't be able to work, then, to support her family.

Need for preventative action. Eric Gilmer's widow, Heather, primarily, has now mounted a campaign to bring about safer driving standards for van and light truck drivers, like those that apply to other over-the-road workers. "This is my *mitzvah*," she said, adding, "If my husband would have been driving something over 10,000 pounds, they [Response] would have

broken a law by making him drive a second shift. . . . there's no governing standards whatsoever by the State or the federal government for any courier who drives something less than 10,000 pounds. . . . The courier company is getting away with murder. . . ." Mrs. Gilmer has contacted various representatives, including Minn. Senator Carrie Ruud, to have these lighter vehicles made subject to the same driver's standards as other over-the-road trucks; as of this printing, however, she has not been aware of any legislative action having been taken, and calls to Ruud for comment have not been returned.

Wrongful death provision; Minnesota attorneys. An employer who is recklessly neglectful of employees' safety may become liable for his wrongful death, but Mrs. Gilmer said, "No lawyer whatsoever, that I have talked to, will go for that. . . . Every one of them says that I do not have enough of a claim to sue for wrongful death; but my husband would be alive if it had not been for their [Response's] gross neglect. . . . I know that I am not the only widow for a courier company that has suffered from this very same [type of] loss. . . . One of the other drivers said that . . . [there was] a DHL driver, just a couple years previous, that was killed on the job as well. . . . I can sue for wrongful death, but no lawyer in the country wants to take it."

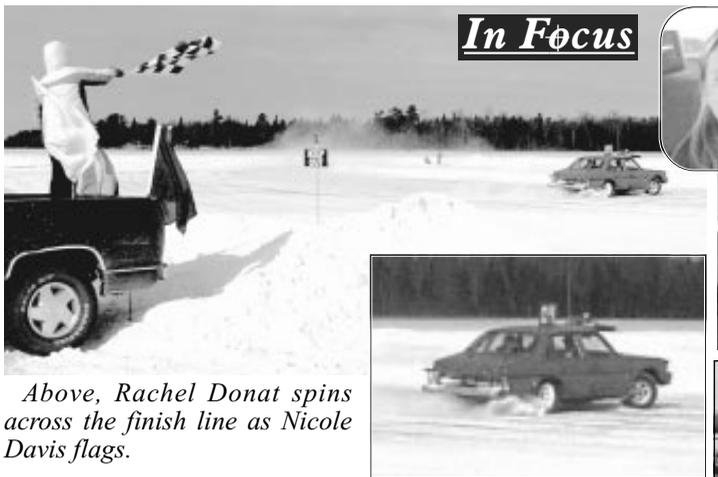
Mrs. Gilmer's attorney, Dean Margoles, Esq., in a telephone interview, explained the problem under current law, "[There's an] *exclusive remedy* provision or doctrine of the work comp law. . . . [It] basically says that if someone's injured on the job, you cannot sue the employer for negligence; work comp is your

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Exciting Finish on the Laporte Ice!

LAPORTE -- Winner Rachel Donat brought a dramatic finish to the day's last Powder Puff derby, as the Garfield Lake Ice Racers (GLIR), at Laporte, Minn. ended another racing Sunday, Feb. 19th, 2006.

Her car, #09, began to skid as she approached the chequered flag, and spun across the finish line. Racing judges, nonetheless, determined it qualified - it didn't matter that the car was going sideways as it crossed.



Above, Rachel Donat spins across the finish line as Nicole Davis flags.

In Focus



Below and left, Rachel Donat with the #09 car she drove

What's it like to win? "It's Awesome!" said Rachel.



At least a fluffy snow bank makes for a soft landing! Above and below, racer Will Klaus extricates his car, #1313. He could have just waited for the spring thaw when the embankment would have melted!

Racing official Jerry Davis explained that they try to do a Powder Puff every other race. GLIR races every Sunday while the ice is safe; this year, racing is expected to continue at least into early March. Spectator admission is free (you watch from your warm car), and hot cocoa and food is available, courtesy of the Lions' Food Booth on the ice.



At far left, GLIR President Kurt Honer, with head flagger Jerry Davis, relax with the racers at the Westside Bar & Grille, Laporte, after the racing day.

The Powder Puff race is when the wives, daughters, sisters and lady guests of the regular racing members get to drive their cars, and Mr. Davis said that even lady spectators can ask a racer to use his car, and if it's OK with him, they can race too!

In his third year of head flagging for the GLIR, Davis said of this season, that, due to warm weather, got off to a late start, "It's been excellent. . . . we've had excellent racing. . . . We've had super side-by-side racing - four or

five cars, altogether, you don't know what position they're going to be in until the chequered flag. It's been excellent racing - bumper-to-bumper, side-to-side, good clean racing [and] . . . safe.

While Jerry flags, Mrs. Davis keeps the racers' scores and maintains the standings.

President Kurt Honer agreed that it's been a good season. "Some of the nicest driving I've seen. . . . we've got some of the best drivers around. . . . Club's getting bigger - we're now non-profit status, so

everything we make goes back to the town."

Honer said that the GLIR now has a 4 cylinder class, with or without studs (depending on how sexy the driver and his team are), as well as the big block class. And he said that the Laporte GLIR club is getting "bigger and bigger;" they teamed-up with the Walker club, the Back 40 Ice Racers (B4IR), to make for bigger races with the GLIC members racing at Walker on Saturday, and then B4IR coming to Laporte to race on Sundays.



Dean Johnson's impression of the night manager at Hardees



Comedian Bob Larson at Lucette's

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matinee, and games; and in the evening, the famous and notorious Snowflake Queen Pageant and dance.

Sunday saw the Lions' Pancake Breakfast, Snomo radar runs on Birch Lake, and the raffle drawing with a fish house as top prize.

Great comedy at Lucette's. Lucette's Pizza & Pub, Hackensack, has been known to bring in very excellent stand up comedy from time to time, and this was no exception as comics Dean Johnson and Bob Larson appeared back to back Friday night. Although with contrasting styles, both were side-splittingly funny.

Dean Johnson performs, mostly, traditional family-oriented humour, sometimes enhancing his act with a guitar as prop. "I joined a health club. It's the 'Budget Health Club'. Whenever I get off the Exercycle, the lights get dim," Johnson quipped. Based in Minneapolis, Johnson has done stand-up for "over 20 years", throughout the United States, in Canada, and the Cayman Islands, and now has a CD available at his website, www.deanjohnsoncomedy.com which also has his booking info.

Bob Larson, also based in Minneapolis, recently headlined in Las Vegas at the Riviera Comedy Club and his comedy leans more to the adult-oriented side. He told the audience, "Before the show I had a happy meal - three beers and a Prozac." Booking info: 651-503-3841.



Above, Deb Charnley dips up chili at the American Legion feed, while, at left, Jim and Mary Ellen enjoy a bowl. Charnley said that they served about 17 gallons that Saturday.



THE CROWN JEWEL OF BACK-TO-HACK

THE SNOWFLAKE QUEEN

It's a most unusual beauty contest. - It's the 6th annual **Snowflake Queen** Pageant, which concludes the Back-To-Hack Saturday fun and packs the fire hall to standing room only - and even that was tight - at 7 p.m. (best to be an hour early to be sure of getting a seat) to raise money for the Hackensack Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept. No, they're not strange (at least not more than other Hackensackians). Often their wives put them up to this night of fun, and one has to be pretty secure in his masculinity to say, "OK, I'll do it." Over 400 attended this year's Pageant, which was themed, **Hollywood!**

THE CANDIDATES



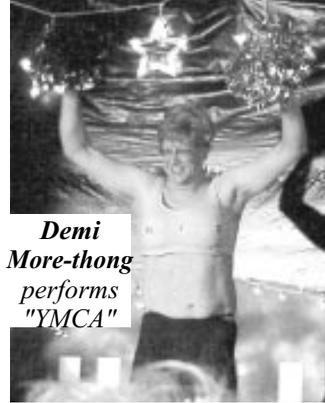
Princess Lay Yu with escort Jay Cline.



Shirley Dimple



Share (no, not Cher) is joined for a song by Sonny



Demi More-thong performs "YMCA"



Drew Hairymore



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

was accorded two contestants who happened to be Hackensack volunteer firefighters. Demi More-thong shown left, and Princess Lay-Yu, each received the medallion, also shown at left, for their prompt and diligent response to the fire, the night before (Fri., Jan. 13th, 2006) that destroyed the Scamp trailer factory at Backus, 8 miles south of Hackensack.

Far more than just a costume show, Snowflake Queen is a very well written and hilarious spoof. Raucous laughter filled the hall for well over two hours.

GROUP ENTERTAINMENT

The boa-clad contestants ascend the stage to perform the song, "Chain Of Fools".



THE AUCTION



Above, Demi More-thong, and right, MC Jake Howard. Each contestant auctioned off an item of their clothing, with proceeds to Fire and Rescue. Within a few minutes, the auction raised \$1,045.

CROWNING GLORY



Above left, as reigning 2005 Queen Linda Day was unable to perform her duties, runner-up Pinky Swivelhips presented the crown, per the audience applause, to Shirley Dimple, above right.



Dancing the night away! Near right, the first dances each year are dollar-dances with the contestants; followed by dancing 'til midnight, at far right.



Music for the Pageant and Dance was provided by **The Has-Beens**

THE DANCE



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THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY,
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BOB POLLOCK, Deceased.
Plaintiff,
vs.
A. W. CHESTERTON, INC.,
et al.,
Defendants.

No. 04-L-1274

Amended Motion to Appoint Special Administrator
Now comes SimmonsCooper, L.L.C., to suggest the death of BOB POLLOCK, and does hereby move this Honorable Court to appoint a Special Administrator pursuant to 740 ILCS 180/2.1 and in support thereof, states as follows:
1. On or about April 18, 2005, this Court entered an Order appointing Mary Pollock, as the Special Administrator of this case. Said Order is attached hereto and marked as "Exhibit A".

2. Appropriate notice was not given to one missing heir, namely, Jacqueline Pollock.

3. Notice of this Amended Motion to Appoint Special Administrator has been published pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/9-10 and 755 ILCS 5/9-5.

WHEREFORE, Movant prays that this Honorable Court enter an Order appointing MARY POLLOCK, as Special Administrator of the Estate of BOB POLLOCK, and further grant Movant any and all relief as this Court deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,
SIMMONSCOOPER, LLC
s/ Christopher R. Guinn
Christopher R. Guinn, #6284849
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
707 Berkshire Blvd. East Alton
IL 62024 Phone: 618/251-2222

continued, "They [Response] have sent a lot of the drivers out in very unsafe vehicles." She recounted how both she and her husband had to finish routes in Response vans with "no brakes"; that the brakes failed in the middle of a route, and rather than pick up the driver, or send another vehicle, Response instructed the driver to finish the route in the vehicle with failing or failed brakes. How did they stop? "Well, after so many years of being a courier, you learn how to do certain tricks, like slow down a long time before you have to stop [and] pray that you don't have a deer run in front of you," she said. She said that both she and her husband, on separate occasions, have had to stop and buy brake fluid, repeatedly, and continuously install it, while on a route, "because it was leaking" from the Response vehicle. She recalled a van to which her husband had to add 6 containers of brake fluid "just to get home."

"We've had vehicles [which had been making noise for some time] that the total back end of the vehicle has fallen out in the middle of the road. There's no protection, by the government standards, for anything under 10,000 lbs. . . . And OSHA

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BOB W. POLLOCK, Deceased,
Plaintiff,
vs.

A. W. CHESTERTON, INC.,
et al.,
Defendants.

Cause # 04-L-1274

ORDER

Cause coming on to be heard on the Motion to appoint MARY POLLOCK as Special Administrator, and the Court having considered the Motion and being fully advised in the premises, hereby orders as follows:

1. MARY POLLOCK is appointed as Special Administrator pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-1008 and 740 ILCS 180/2.1, with full powers to prosecute, compromise and/or settle these claims.

2. MARY POLLOCK shall within 90 days hereof mail a copy of this order to the persons listed in the Motion to Appoint Special Administrator.

DATED: 4-18-05
ENTER: s/ Judge Stack
JUDGE

doesn't see it as necessary to protect us. - The federal . . . [and State] government does not see that there's a need for protection," Mrs. Gilmer said. She added that when another Response driver refused to take an unsafe vehicle out, he was fired.

The condition of the Response Delivery, Inc. vehicles, and the state of their drivers, of course, poses not just a serious threat to their drivers, but to the driving public on the road, as well.

Concluding the interview, Heather said, "I am wanting this to become public so that no other widow has to go through the same thing that I'm going through. . . . I have it also on the Internet at bestclickinglinks.com"

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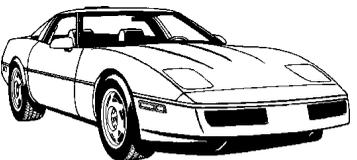
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